

The Messenger

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October 2017

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
*EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES*

Come Worship With Us

Saturday:

5:30 pm – Chapel Worship

Sunday:

8:00 am – First Word
Worship

9:05 am – Education for All

10:15 am – Foundation &
Praise Worship



**Confirmation
Worship Service:
Sunday, October 8
11:30 AM**

Lutheran - Catholic Unity

Martin Luther's (1483–1546) posting of his "Ninety-Five Theses" on Oct. 31, 1517 is said to have started the Reformation. Luther began by criticizing the selling of indulgences, insisting that the Pope had no authority over purgatory and that the Catholic doctrine of the merits of the saints had no foundation in the gospel.

Lutherans and Catholics together have come a long way since 1517 and in preparation for the 500th Reformation anniversary ***The Declaration On the Way*** was developed. It is the result of ecumenical dialogue since 1965. The goal of this document is to promote Christian unity and to highlight the areas of ministry and theology where Lutherans and Catholics find agreement.

The heart of the *Declaration* is the Statement of Agreements. On church, ministry and Eucharist, the *Declaration* draws together 32 statements, where Catholics and Lutherans already have said there are not church-dividing differences between them.

You can also find more information and resources about The Declaration On the Way here: <https://www.elca.org/Declaration-on-the-Way>

To celebrate this work, and to remember, give thanks and grow in unity, the Catholic churches of St Mary in Willmar and Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer have invited the members of Lutheran faiths and other protestant traditions to a Service of Common Prayer.

I invite you to mark this very special event on your calendars and join us on Reformation Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 PM at the Church of St. Mary, Willmar as together we celebrate "One Lord, One Faith, One Birth!"



Pastor
Naomi Mahler

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MUSIC Ministry

October Special Music

- October 1-** 8:00 AM— Calvary Choir
10:15 AM— Brita and Cathie Helland
- October 8-** 8:00 AM— Jean Berg
10:15 AM— John Zaske
11:30 AM— Calvary Choir
- October 14-** 5:30 PM— Anna Rice
- October 15-** 8:00 AM— Calvary Choir
10:15 AM— One Accord
- October 21-** 5:30 PM— Grace & Sofia Lynum
- October 22-** 8:00 AM— Grace & Sofia Lynum
10:15 AM— Tim & Connie Larson
- October 29-** 8:00 AM— Calvary Choir

Singing in Worship:

Sunday, October 29

Sunday and Wednesday school children in 1st – 6th grade sing at the 10:15 AM worship service.



WITNESSES

One Actor * Eight Characters * A Fresh Look at Jesus

A stingy Innkeeper with a Bronx accent, an Italian Lazarus who likes pasta, and a joyful Simon Peter on Easter Morning... all these characters and more come to life **Wednesday, October 11, from 6:30—8 PM at Calvary Lutheran Church** with the dramatic presentation, *Witnesses*. Written by Curt Cloninger, this one-man, multiple character performance will feature Christian actor and speaker, Rev. Jonathan Swenson. In this innovative and inspiring re-telling of the Gospel, Swenson portrays eight different characters as each responds to Jesus. Through these eye-witness accounts, both comedic and serious, the audience is encouraged to see Jesus from fresh perspectives; not cold and distant, but as one who was intimately involved in the "nitty-gritty" of life.

Swenson is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and Luther Seminary. He has served as an ordained minister for over 15 years, and is currently the Founding Director of Paraphrase Theater as well as the Director of Programming for Mount Carmel Ministries in Alexandria, MN. As a part of Paraphrase Theatre, Swenson travels throughout the country sharing a unique blend of drama, teaching, music, and story-telling.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

For more information on Jonathan Swenson, visit www.paraphrasetheatre.com.



Sunday & Wednesday School Offering

This year our Sunday/Wednesday school offering (through December) will go to support the **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Selian Lutheran Hospital located in Arusha, Tanzania** where our missionaries, Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson serve. Help us support them as they continue to develop the only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Tanzania. Offering envelopes are available in your child's classroom or at Kids' Corner. Please send an offering each week with your child!



Wednesday School Announcements

October 18–
NO Wednesday School classes due to fall break (MEA week)!

Early Childhood Family Sunday school — Sunday, October 1

Meets from 9:05-10:05 AM in the Youth room (1st floor education room).

Kaylee Jahraus leads this class. This month's lesson is on "Creation."

ALL children, birth – pre-Sunday school age and their parents are invited to attend!

Volunteer Training

All volunteers who work with children and youth under the age of 18 must complete a required training as stated by Calvary's Child & Youth Safety policy and by our insurance company.

The training will be held on the following dates:

- **Thursday, October 5 from 6:30-8:30 PM.**
- **Monday, October 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM.**

Each volunteer attends one training. Choose which date works best for you.

We will meet in Paradise Pictures (the movie room).

*If you attended a training last year, you do not need to attend.

Family Sunday school:

Sunday, October 29

Meet in Bethany Hall @ 9:05 AM

ALL Children and Families are invited to join us for a

Reformation Celebration!



Jr. High Youth Gathering

November 17-18 at the Willmar Conference Center

Grades 6-9

Cost: \$55/person

Registration deadline- Oct. 1

More information/forms available online or by Ashley's office.



Confirmation Announcements-

Oct. 4- Confirmation banquet for 10th graders, their small group leaders and parents
9th grade serves the banquet

7th & 8th grade meets with small groups

Oct. 8- Confirmation Sunday, 11:30 AM Worship Service



5th Quarter :

When: October 6

Where: Vinje Lutheran Church (1101 Willmar Ave, just a couple blocks from the football field)

Time: 9-11 PM

Who: Grades 6-8

What: Games, Snacks & Activities

Cost: \$3 to cover cost of pizza, beverages and snacks

Lots of activities: bonfire, s'mores, Gaga Ball and more!

Contact Ashley if you have questions or are interested in chaperoning! (235-2508)

ELCA Youth Gathering Registration

ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas

June 27-July 1, 2018

For Grades 8-12

Registration deadline is Sunday, October 15!

Non-refundable deposit of \$150/person is due upon registering



High School Breakfast Club

High School Youth* on Wednesday mornings!

October 4, 11, 18 & 25

7:30-8:30 AM @ the Goodness
(downtown Willmar).

FREE rolls!

Beverages on your own.

Come to be a part of community, pray together & start your day off right!

* Transportation to school is not provided.



Service Squad

For Grades 6 and up
Thursday, October 26

From 3:00-5:00 PM

Go out into the community to help our neighbors.

This month we will be helping with some yard cleanup for some of our older Calvary members.

Questions? Contact Ashley: 320-235-2508
or via email at ashley@calvarywillmar.org



Date: Sunday, October 29

Time: 1 to 3 PM

(Trunks set up by 12:45 PM)

Location: Calvary Lutheran Church Parking lot

Who: Everyone welcome

We will need two things to make our **Trunk or Treat** a big success. First, we need "trunkers" who will decorate their car, truck, mini-van, and/or host a simple game for our kids to play. If you are willing to be a "trunker", please contact Sara Bennett at: sarabennett26@gmail.com or 444-3769.

Second, Sweet Treats! We, also, need candy and we mean lots and lots of candy! **October 1**, a candy donation bin will be available by the welcome center for candy collection. You can also make a money donation for the event if that is more convenient.

Questions? Need an idea for a game? Contact Sara.

Boy Scout

Pancake Breakfast

The Boy Scouts Pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 7-11 AM in Bethany Hall.



Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

The Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn outside the Welcome Center on **Sunday, October 15**. They will be set up before the 8 AM service and continue selling until 11:45 AM!

Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

To highlight our Reformation 500 Celebration Calvary is hosting the following guest preachers during the anniversary month of October:

Sat, Sept 30 & Sun, October 1

Dr. Chris Croghan, Director & Founder
Luther House of Studies
Sioux Falls, SD

Sat, Oct 14 & Sun, Oct 15

Pastor Jon Anderson, Bishop
Southwestern MN Synod
Redwood Falls, MN

Sat, Oct 28 & Sun, Oct 29 (Reformation)

Dr. Paul Dovre, President Emeritus & Professor
Concordia College
Moorhead, MN

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation the Catholic Churches of St. Mary in Willmar and Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer invite members of the Lutheran and other Protestant faiths to a Service of Common Prayer gathering to remember, give thanks and grow in the unity of our "One Lord, One Faith, One birth!"

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017

4:00 PM

at the Church of St. Mary, Willmar

NTY: Not Through Yet

When: Friday, October 6 from 12-2 PM in Bethany Hall

Program: "Out Scamming the Scammers"

Presenting: Doug Kveene and Jeanne Ashburn

Calvary will be hosting Community Meal on Sunday, October 15 at 6 PM in Bethany Hall.

Community Meal will be served by Tripolis & Ebenezer.

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw and Dessert.

Our Parish Leadership

President: Dion Warne
Vice President: Bill Fenske
Secretary: Amanda Newberg

Our Parish Staff

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Check out Calvary's web site at: www.calvarywillmar.org



Grief Care Group will meet Monday's
 from:
 September 11 - December 11.
 5:15- 6:30 PM in the Friendship Room.
 For more information, please contact
 Pastor Dean at 235-2508.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

Thanks to everyone that donated to both the school supplies drive and the personal needs drive this late summer and early fall. They were both very successful campaigns and many individuals were helped by your generosity!

We have barely seen some leaves change color and we are already planning for the Giving Tree in December! The organizations have already been notified for lists of individuals and gift suggestions. We have plans of putting the tree up in the Narthex by November 18. The gifts are due back in the office by December 10. The youth are already planning on helping us again this year! Before you know it the time will pass and we will be celebrating the time of the year when giving is so abundant and needed! Watch for more details in the bulletins and in a poster we will have by the tree when the it goes up.

Calvary very much lives by this message from the bible, "God loves a cheerful giver!"

—SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Family Promise

Calvary will be hosting Family Promise the week of December 17. As we prepare to host this week please consider stepping forward to help, it is a very SMALL commitment but it makes a BIG difference in the lives of our Family Promise guests. There will be opportunities to serve as a van driver in the evening or morning, to serve as an evening host, to provide an evening meal or portion of a meal, to provide food articles for lunches and snacks, or to spend a quiet evening as an overnight host. Watch your e-mail and sign up to help, or call 320-894-2614 to let us know how you would like to assist in this Outreach Ministry at Calvary.

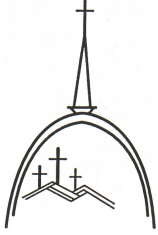
We also want to update you on both the families we hosted in August: each of them have moved into permanent housing.

Thank you for making this ministry work!

—Calvary Family Promise Committee

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Eight Months Ended August 31, 2017

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Eight Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 47,536.66	\$ 17,776.67
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	54,182.90	499,299.95
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	808.50
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	3,518.00	33,295.50
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	6,352.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	-	990.00
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-	202.33
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	-	350.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	225.00	1,990.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	63.50	728.45
2016 TRANSFERS NOT MADE	-	12,983.50
	<u>57,989.40</u>	<u>557,000.23</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-	11,350.68
COMMUNITY MEAL	-	60.25
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	159.15
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	25.00	6,518.25
THRIVENT CHOICE	98.00	1,940.00
MISSION OFFERING	150.00	220.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	-	50.00
	<u>273.00</u>	<u>20,298.33</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	58,262.40	577,298.56
EXPENSES		
FIRST FRUITS	5,418.29	50,601.38
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	7,696.82	63,982.04
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	718.25	3,218.72
EDUCATION	5,787.17	44,110.78
YOUTH	4,900.80	43,006.44
LIBRARY	-	504.63
STEWARDSHIP	-	325.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	8,638.87	79,770.27
ADMINISTRATION	34,145.38	251,037.16
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	273.00	20,298.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	67,578.58	556,854.75
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(9,316.18)	20,443.81
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 38,220.48</u>	<u>\$ 38,220.48</u>



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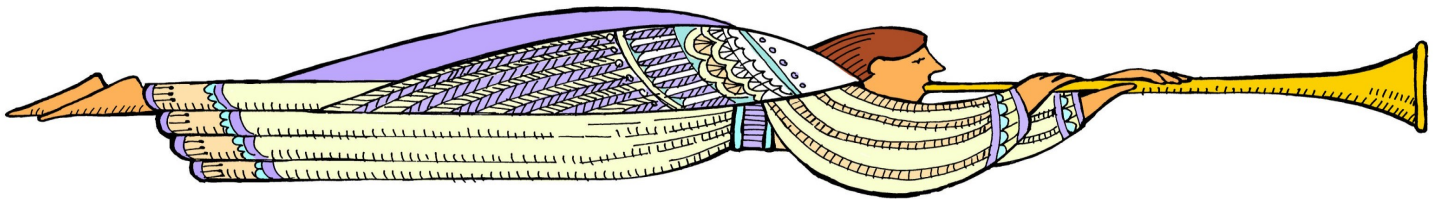
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CALVARY ADVENT FESTIVAL 2017

“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”

DECEMBER 1 & 2 FROM 1- 6 PM

DECEMBER 3 FROM 12 - 4 PM

Help us celebrate! This event has been a tradition for more than 50 years, designed to be a gift to the community. It has something for every age and is a great way to remember the true reason for holiday season. Join us by volunteering to decorate, host, or lend a hand. Also, feel free to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to save the date.

Please contact us with any questions:

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