

**IN CHRIST'S NAME
WELCOME TO CALVARY**

KIDS CORNER

A place where you can find kid-friendly items to use during worship. Located in the Narthex next to the coat room.

CALVARY'S NURSERY

Our nursery is located on the west side of the Sanctuary and is available for your use.

A nursing lounge is available in the Prayer room located on the north end of Bethany Hall (in the basement).



BAPTIZED TODAY in the Christian faith and into the life of the Church is **Mannix Patrick Coleman**, son of Patrick and Andrea Coleman. Mannix's sponsors are Corey and Courtney Piekarski.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Bill Bannon, UMN Hope Lodge;
Robbie Hjelle, St. Mary's, Rochester;
Mike Gimpl, St. Cloud; Charles Erpenbach, Ed Quenomoen, Rice.

CALVARY THANKS Dorothy Freese and her Family for providing the new chancel Christmas trees on each side of the altar in memory of Dorothy's husband Joe.

Congregational Forum

The first Congregational Info. Meeting will be held this Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in Bethany Hall. Please join us.

Coffee Hour & Adult Education

9:05-10:00 AM...study of the Gospel of Mark, led by Pastor Naomi in the Friendship Room. The Gospel of Mark is the primary Gospel for the upcoming Lectionary Year B. Pastor Naomi will be using video material from David Lose, who currently serves as Senior Pastor at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

The Calvary Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is up and full of ornaments! Remember to take an ornament or two from the Giving Tree to make someone's Christmas a little more blessed! Please have the gifts to the office by December 10th! Thank you for your generosity! God loves a cheerful giver!

-Social Concerns Committee

NTY: Not Through Yet is a forever young Calvary group of men and women, age 50 & older, who gather monthly to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and are treated to a program of mutual interest. We meet Friday, December 8 at 12 PM, in Bethany Hall. The program this month will be presented by Dr. David Severtson. Please sign up at the church office.

Joy Circle Announcement

Joy Circle will meet at Smitty Luschen's: 1200 23rd Street SE Willmar, on Tuesday, December 5 at 9:00 AM. Any questions, please call 235-7369.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- **TODAY, Sunday, December 3: 9:05-10:05 AM.** Christmas Program rehearsal for children in Grades 1-6. Meet in the Sanctuary.
- **TODAY, Sunday, December 3: 1:30 PM. Christmas Program for ALL children in Grades 1-6 during the Advent Festival!**
- **Sunday, December 10: 9:05-10:05 AM.** Christmas Program rehearsal for children Ages 3 yrs.- Kindergarten.
- **Sunday, December 10: 10:15 AM. Christmas Program for ALL children Ages 3 yrs.- Kindergarten during worship!**

Film School

NEW Film this week!

Grades 7-12 are invited during the Education Hour to watch "The Nativity Story."

High School Breakfast Club

Time change this week due to 2 hr. late school start! Wednesday, Dec. 6 from **8:30-9:30 AM** at the Goodness. Start your day with great conversation and prayer!

SEEKING...



Calvary's youth is seeking gently used ping pong paddles to use in the Youth room.

If you have any that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you!

Sunday/Wednesday School Attendance

- Sunday, November 26: 69
- Wednesday, November 29: 23

Holy Land Olivewood Carvings

Hand crafted carvings made by Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem will be on sale at Calvary every Sunday prior to Christmas. Proceeds from the sales go directly to the Christian carvers and their families, who seek to be able to continue to live in the city where Jesus was born. The carvings table will be located by the Welcome Center.

Advent Festival

WRAC will be airing the Advent Festival on Charter Channel 181 on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 11 AM & 8 PM
- Friday, Dec. 15 at 11 AM & 8 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 PM

The festival will also be available online at the WRAC TV website to view On Demand. www.willmarmn.gov/wrac/

Family Promise

As we approach the Christmas season, please consider volunteering with Family Promise. We host the week of Dec. 17 through the evening of Dec. 23. Put CHRIST into Christmas by giving the greatest gift of all, your TIME, to those in need. There are still opportunities to serve as an evening host or overnight host. Please go to Calvary Family Promise sign-up genius or call contact Roger Bengtson at 320-905-1762 to volunteer.

Calvary Transition Team Update

The Calvary Transition Team was appointed by the Calvary Church Council in October and given the task of gathering information for completing a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP provides a comprehensive snap-shot of Calvary congregation; where Calvary has been, where Calvary is, and where we envision Calvary to go. The MSP is an important tool in the congregational call process as we anticipate in 2018 the calling of an Administrative Pastor. Once completed, the MSP will be presented to the Calvary Church Council for approval. The MSP will then serve as an important tool used by the yet-to-be council-appointed Calvary Call Committee as they undergo a pastoral search.

The members of the Calvary Transition Team are: Jena Hillenbrand, Shane Baker, Karen Rinke, Stephen Wentzell, Troy Pederson, Kenzie Bennett, Shawn Swenson, Jeanne Ashburn, Mike Haugsby and Amanda Newberg.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE Four identical congregational forums are planned to gather input from all Calvary members:

Tues, Dec 5 at 7:00 PM

(Bethany Hall)

Sat, Dec 9 at 6:30 PM

Following Chapel (Friendship Room)

Sun, Dec 10 at 9:05 AM

Childcare will be provided (Bethany Hall)

Sun, Dec 17 at 4:00 PM

Childcare will be provided
(Friendship Room)

The following are a few questions to think about in preparing for the congregational forums:

-What excites Calvary right now?

-How does Calvary stand out?

-What makes Calvary unique?

-Where do you see Calvary going?

We would appreciate your participation and your continued prayers during this process. Thank you for your attendance and input at the forums.

-Calvary Transition Team

Food Shelf Donations

We would like to thank everyone for the food donations you have dropped off. The food collected for the month of November was 61lbs.

-The Social Concerns Committee



2nd Annual Christmas Baking Day!

Will be held **Tuesday, December 12 at 10 AM.**

Calvary Staff

Pastors	Timothy P. Larson Naomi Mahler, Dean E. Johnson
Director of Music Ministry	David Severtson
Faith Formation Coordinators	Janel Skindeliem Ashley Gilbertson
Organist	David Severtson
Office Manager	Dawn Fisch
Communication Specialist	Rachel Gilbertson
Treasurer	Keith Neumann
Custodians	Mike Swanson & Bruce Laffen
Head Usher	Randy Novak
Librarian	Sandi Bennett
Prayer Ministry	Sandi Bennett, Julie Neumann Dianne Plahn
Kitchen Coordinator	Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton	Ron Keith
Missionaries	Philip & Lou Knutson (Southern Africa) Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson (Tanzania) Tessa Moon & Jon Leiseth (Republic Of South Africa)

2017 Executive Committee

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

Church Council

Bd of Children & Family

Jaime Hultgren (15-18)
Amanda Newberg (16-19)
Erica Mathews (17-20)

Board of Stewardship

Keith Neumann (15-18)
Corey Nelson (16-19)
Brett Aamot (17-20)

Board of Finance

Dion Warne (15-18)
Bill Fenske (16-19)
Valerie Amberg (17-20)
Peter Johnson (17-20)

Board of Worship

Heather Bonnema (15-18)
LeAnn Simonson (15-18)
Mary Jo de Cathelineau
(16-19)
Shawn Swenson (17-20)

Board of Outreach

Shirley Ringness (15-18)
Dennis Eastman (16-19)
Bridget Pederson (16-19)
Aleisha Sweep (17-20)

Board of Youth & Family

Amy Arnold (15-18)
Scott Nichols (17-20)
Kenzie Bennett (17-18)

Serving Today

Preaching	Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Presiding	Pastor Timothy P. Larson
Assisting	Pastor Naomi Mahler
Acolytes	8:00- Kaydie Cloutier Isaac Eichhorst 10:15- Mason Burgess Hunter Luft
Communion Assistants	8:00- Keith Neumann Aleisha Sweep 10:15- Amanda Newberg Bridget Pederson
Greeters	8:00- Gayle & Linda Larson Loren & Smitty Luschen Larry Laingen Barb Hanson 10:15- Marlin & Annette Beliveau Dale & Linda Hanson Carol Toutge Paige Akerson
Advent Readers	8:00- Brent & Kathy Aamot 10:15- Kevin & Sandy Hanson
Office Volunteers	7:45- Evelyn Aalfs 9:45- Olive Beck
Sound	8:00- Doug Sawatzky 10:15- Dean Hanson Chris Bennett
Video	Shirley Ringness,
December Altar Guild	Janelle Higdem, Nancy Holt and Janet Haugen

A Measure of our Faithfulness

Worship – Attendance

Wednesday, November 22, 2017
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
7:00 PM - 186
Saturday, November 25, 2017
5:30 PM - 62
Sunday, November 26, 2017
8:00 AM - 121
10:15 AM - 308

Our Week at Calvary

Sunday 3	8:00 AM	First Word Worship with Holy Communion
	9:05 AM	Christmas Program Rehearsal during Sunday School (Grades 1-6)
	9:05 AM	Education for All Ages
	10:15 AM	Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion
	12:00-4:00 PM	Advent Festival
	1:30 PM	Christmas Program for Grades 1-6
Monday 4	10:00 AM	Prayer Time
	5:15 PM	Grief Care
	5:45 PM	Calvary Bells
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Tuesday 5		<i>Circles Meet</i>
	7:00 & 8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	11:00 AM	Program Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Congregational Information Meeting (Bethany Hall)
Wednesday 6	7:00 AM	Board of Stewardship (McMillan's)
	8:30 AM	High School Breakfast Club
	9:00 AM	Beliveau Women's Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Deaconess
	3:00 PM	Wednesday After School Program
	4:00 PM	Executive Committee
	5:15 PM	Wednesday School
	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:15 PM	Cherub Choir
	6:45 PM	Calvary Choir
Thursday 7	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	4:00 PM	Board of Youth and Family
	6:00 PM	ELCA Adult Leader Meeting
	7:00 PM	Building, Grounds and Maintenance Committee
Friday 8	12:00 PM	NTY: Not Through Yet
Saturday 9	9:30 AM	Foundation and Praise Rehearsal
	5:30 PM	Chapel Worship
	6:30 PM	Congregational Information Meeting (Friendship Room)

Sunday 10

8:00 AM First Word Worship
9:05 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal during
Sunday School (3 year olds - Kindergarten)
9:05 AM Congregational Information Meeting in Bethany Hall with
Childcare provided
10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship with Christmas Program
3 year olds - Kindergarten
11:30 AM ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting with Parents
3:00-5:00 PM Girl Scouts

Next Sunday – December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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