

**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).

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Bill Bannon, UMN Hope Lodge;
Robbie Hjelle, St. Mary's, Rochester;
Rosabelle Hensch, Rice.

The Bulletins today are given in loving memory of Douglas Munneke, who passed away 7 years ago on December 11. Sponsored by Alvina and Family.

Congregational Forum

Congregational Information Meeting will be held today, Sunday, December 10 at 9:05 AM in Bethany Hall. Childcare will be provided.

Grief Care

Monday's Grief Care;
Memorial Candle lighting and potluck meal.

*Grief Care will resume
January 8, 2018.



The Calvary Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is up! 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 **Today, December 10th!** Thank you for your generosity! God loves a cheerful giver!

-Social Concerns Committee

Advent Festival

Thank you to the many volunteers who made the 2017 Advent Festival a success. For the 3 days, we had an estimated attendance of more than 1500 people. With many complements about the "gift" that this festival was to the attendees. If you would like a Luther Rose Magnet we have some that are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you again to the many who made the Advent Festival go so smoothly.

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

- Mon., Dec. 11 at 11:30 AM & 8:30 PM**
- Wed., Dec. 13 at 10:30 AM & 7:30 PM**
- Fri., Dec. 15 at 10:30 AM & 7:30 PM**
- Sat., Dec. 16 at 8:30 PM**
- Sun., Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM**

The following is a video link to the Advent Festival:

http://www.willmarmn.gov/wrac/show-information/?show_id=3966

Children's Calendar:

-TODAY, Dec. 10: 9:05-10:05 AM

Christmas Program rehearsal for children
Ages 3 yrs.-Kindergarten. Children meet in
their classrooms.

-TODAY, Dec. 10: 10:15 AM

**Christmas Program for ALL children
Ages 3 yrs.-Kindergarten during
worship!**

-Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:05-10:05 AM

Family Sunday school! Children and their
families meet in Bethany Hall as we learn
together and celebrate the birth of Baby
Jesus!

-Sunday, Dec. 24: No Sunday school

-Wednesday, Dec. 27: No Wednesday
school

-Sunday, Dec. 31: No Sunday school

Film School

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

ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

TODAY! From 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in
Bethany Hall, for participating youth,
parents and adult leaders.

Sr. High Service Project

Next Sunday, Dec. 17 from 4-6 PM. Our
Sr. High Youth will gather and purchase
gifts for people in our community who
need them! Please join Pastor Naomi,
Andrew Halbritter and Sara Bennett to
serve your neighbor in this way! Please
bring a gift bag or two as a donation.

Sunday/Wednesday School Attendance

-Sunday, December 3: 71

-Wednesday, December 6: 23

2nd Annual Christmas Baking, Lunch & Fellowship

Do you love
Christmas
cookies, but don't
need many of
each kind?
Come to Calvary's
kitchen on



Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 10:00 AM to 4:00
PM and we'll bake together! All ingredients
will be provided and lunch will be served.
Come join us for an hour, two or the day!



As we approach the Christmas season,
please consider volunteering with Family
Promise. We host starting NEXT SUNDAY,
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. Once completed, the MSP will be presented to the Calvary Church Council for approval.

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.

Congregation Forum dates:

Today, 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



Calvary Name Tags

The most recent order of personalized name tags are here and ready for pick up at the Welcome Center!

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.

December Community Meal

Community Meal will be next Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 PM in Bethany Hall. The meal will be served by the Boy Scouts and their parents. Menu: Chicken a la King, biscuits, fruit cocktail and ice cream cup. Join us!



All Boards, Committee Chairs and staff are asked to have their Annual Reports turned into the church office by December 15, 2017.

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 Finance

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

Board of Outreach

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

Board of Stewardship

Keith Neumann (15-18)
Corey Nelson (16-19)
Brett Aamot (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 Youth & Family

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

Serving Today

Preaching	Pastor Naomi Mahler
Presiding	Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Assisting	Pastor Timothy P. Larson
Acolytes	8:00- Grace Lylum Grace Vierhuf 10:15- Sofia Lylum Collin O'Farrell
Greeters	8:00- Shirley Ringness Duaine & Ann Amundson Gene Fenstra Arlan & Margaret Irwin 10:15- Lyle & Karen Loge Jenna Blackwell Hunter Luft Kaleb Gerdes
Advent Readers	8:00- Dean & Joni Hanson 10:15- Abby Teisinger & Family
Office Volunteers	7:45- Teri Sokulski 9:45- Gen Halverson
Sound	8:00- Victoria Larsen 10:15- Nate Hultgren Jason Hultgren
Video	Jason Hultgren
December Altar Guild	Shirley Ringness, Janelle Higdem, Nancy Holt and Janet Haugen

A Measure of our Faithfulness

Worship – Attendance

Sunday, December 3, 2017
8:00 AM - 142
10:15 AM - 270

Next Sunday – December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Our Week at Calvary

Sunday 10	8:00 AM	First Word Worship
	9:00 AM	Christmas Program Rehearsal during Sunday School (3 Year olds- Kindergarten)
	9:05 AM	Congregational Information Meeting with Childcare provided (Bethany Hall)
	10:15 AM	Foundation & Praise Worship with Christmas Program (3 Year olds – Kindergarten)
	11:30 AM	ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting
	3:00-5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
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Monday 11		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
	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
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Tuesday 12	7:00 & 8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	11:00 AM	Program Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	Board of Children & Family
	6:00 PM	Board of Worship
	6:00 PM	Board of Finance
	6:00 PM	Board of Outreach
	6:15 PM	Christ Care (Danielson)
	7:00 PM	Church Council
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Wednesday 13	7:30 AM	High School Breakfast Club
	9:00 AM	Beliveau Women's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Christ Care (Kopitzke)
	3:00 PM	Wednesday After School Program
	5:15 PM	Wednesday School
	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:15 PM	Cherub Choir
	6:45 PM	Calvary Choir
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Thursday 14	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts

Friday 15

Annual Reports Due

Saturday 16

9:30 AM

Foundation and Praise Rehearsal

3:00 PM

Lagerquist/Aspelin Wedding

5:30 PM

Chapel Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 17

Family Promise Host Week Dec. 17 – Dec. 23

8:00 AM

First Word Worship with Holy Communion

9:05 AM

Education for All Ages

10:15 AM

Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion

4:00 PM

Congregational Information Meeting with Childcare Provided
(Friendship Room)

4:00 PM

Christ Care (Berg)

4:00-6:00 PM

Sr. High Service Project

6:00 PM

Community Meal

Christmas Worship at Calvary Lutheran

Lillejulaften Norsk Gudstjeneste

Fri., Dec. 22: 7:00 PM - Little Norwegian Christmas Service

Advent IV

Sun., Dec. 24: 9:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

Christmas Eve:

3:30 PM - Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight

5:30 PM - Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight

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Sat., Dec. 30: 5:30 PM Chapel Worship

Sun., Dec. 31: 9:30 AM - First Sunday of Christmas Worship

