

CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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

Wednesday Lenten Worship:

5:30 PM - Sanctuary

HOLY WEEK

March 25 - Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29 - Maundy Thursday

with Holy Communion
5:30 PM Worship

March 30 - Good Friday

Joint Worship at Calvary - 12:00 Noon
Tenebrae at Vinje - 7:00 PM



FESTIVAL OF EASTER

Sunday, April 1

Easter Breakfast 7:00-9:30 AM

Festival Worship with Holy Communion
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Messenger

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March 2018



How are things going?

"So how is the interim or transition time going?" Are you doing ok? Many of you have asked me this, or a variation of it, over the course of the last two months. So, thanks for asking! I appreciate your care and concern and if I could give a grade I'd say A+!

We have a lot for which to give thanks!

- I am grateful for the ministry and presence of Pastor Dave. He has stepped right in and picked up different pieces in our shared ministry here at Calvary. If you still haven't introduced yourself to him, please do. He has a great way of making connections and is always happy to meet a new face. Pastor Dean, although in Arizona for the last couple of months, calls or texts frequently to check in; sending his support from afar.
- We have a terrific staff. It is a privilege to do ministry alongside of David, Janel and Ashley. Calvary is fortunate to have such creative and caring people in their midst. The work never stops in a congregation this size and these folks keep stuff going!
- The office staff; Rachel and Dawn, are the hub of much of what happens in the congregation and they too serve in a caring and conscientious manner.
- The lay leadership of Calvary is strong. The church council for 2018 is now formed; filled with knowledgeable and committed people. It is exciting to see how the boards and committees of this congregation keep planning and moving forward even in this interim time.
- The call committee is formed and is getting started on its work. Calvary is fortunate to have such a faithful and dedicated bunch of people representing the congregation to prospective candidates.
- You—all who are a part of the Calvary community, are also a great gift! I know many of you are praying for this call committee and this congregation. Many of you continue to share your gifts and talents in many different volunteer capacities.
- Last, but the most important, we give thanks for God's love for us and for the ways that God is working and will continue to work through this congregation. The Holy Spirit is guiding us and Jesus' presence is with us.



*Pastor
Naomi Mahler*

So how are things going? They are going very well! Thanks be to God!

- Pastor Naomi Mahler



Early Childhood Family Sunday School Sunday, March 4

9:05-10:05 AM. This class is for parents and children who are pre-Sunday school age. We meet once a month in the Youth room (located on the first floor of the education wing). This month's lesson is **"Jesus Dies and Rises"**. If you know someone who would enjoy this class, please invite them to join us!

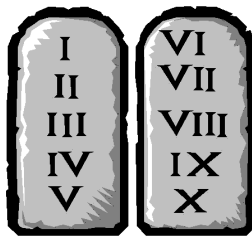
Reminders to Parents

-There is NO Wednesday school during Lent! Classes will resume after Easter on Wednesday, April 4!
-There is NO Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 1! Classes will resume the next Sunday, April 8!



First Communion Schedule

- + **Wednesday, March 7**
6:30-7:00 PM - Paint paten and chalice keepsakes. Second grade children and Parents meet in Koinonia room.
(2nd floor, education wing)
- + **Wednesday, March 28**
6:15-7:30 PM - Bread baking and Orientation. Second grade children and Parents meet in Bethany Hall (basement).
- + **Thursday, March 29**
First Communion Day!
5:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship service.



Faith Step Class

Sunday, March 11

9:05-10:05 AM. First Grade children and Parents meet in the Koinonia room (2nd floor education wing) to learn together about the **"Ten Commandments"**.



Holy Week

Family Sunday school

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday!

9:05-10:05 AM. ALL Sunday school children ages 3 yrs. – Grade 6 attend with their family to learn together about **"HOLY WEEK"**. Meet in Bethany Hall. NO regular Sunday school.

VBS/Day Camp 2018

Calvary is teaming up with GLLM to bring you a Day Camp, **June 11-14 (Monday - Thursday, 8 AM-12 Noon)**! Day Camp is for kids who have completed the 3 year old class through completion of 5th grade. Sixth graders are encouraged to be helpers. Join us for this super fun week with Camp counselors! We'll read Bible stories, play games, do crafts, and sing camp songs! Registration begins soon. If you have questions, please contact Janel.



Singing in Worship

March 25 - Palm Sunday

ALL Sunday school children ages 3 years old through Grade 6 will process in with palms and sing during our 10:15 AM Palm Sunday Worship service!



Film School

Sunday Mornings

9:05-10:05 AM in the Movie Room for
Grades 7 and up.
Adults are welcome too!

March 4-25 We will be watching
"Wonder Woman."



High School Breakfast Club

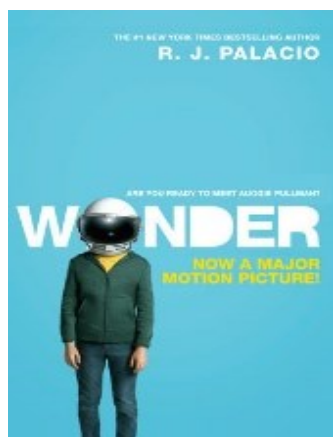
We will be taking a break from
Breakfast Club during Lent!
Instead, join us for Wednesday
Lenten Worship at 5:30 PM
followed by a meal at 6:15 PM!



ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

Sunday, March 11 at 7 PM
in Bethany Hall

For youth participants and
leaders!



"Moving Movie"

Join us for an evening of dinner and a
movie...on the go! We will be traveling to
three different churches to enjoy a three
course meal, the movie "Wonder" as well
as have activities along the way!

-Sunday, March 11 from 4:00-8:00 PM.

-5-8th Grade Youth

-Cost: \$10/ youth with registration due to
church office by Wednesday, March 7.



2018 Summer Bible Camp

Join us for a week at camp! Green Lake Bible
Camp summer schedules are now available and
can be picked up in the Welcome Center.

Calvary's Camp Week (at GLLM) this year will
be **June 24 – 29!** Come join Janel and other

Calvary kids for this exciting week of camp! For more information
check out the GLLM website www.gllm.org or talk to Janel.

Bible Camp Scholarships for 2018

Calvary will help pay for the cost
of camp (\$110 for a half week
and \$225 for a full week) for any

Calvary youth who attends a
Lutheran Bible Camp. Additional
scholarships are also available.

Questions? Talk to Janel.



SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Live and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 29! We will get things started at 4:30 PM,
with a meal at 5 PM and the live auction starting at 6 PM.

March Special Music

March 4 - 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir

March 11 - 8:00 AM - Calvary Bells

10:15 AM - Calvary Choir

March 17 - 5:30 PM - Mandy and Lauren Severtson

March 18 - 8:00 AM - Kenzie Bennett

10:15 AM - Kenzie Bennett

March 25 - 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir

10:15 AM - Children Age 3 - Grade 6

March 29 - 5:30 PM - Calvary Choir

April 1 - 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir/Tvete Family

9:30 AM - Calvary Choir/Tvete Family

11:00 AM - Calvary Choir/Tvete Family



Join Us For Breakfast

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 1 from 7:00-9:30 AM in
Bethany Hall.

Menu: Egg Bake, French toast, mixed fruit, coffee, juice
and milk.

Breakfast is put on by Calvary's 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
families and there is a free will offering that goes to support
their trip to Houston, Texas this June!

Easter Plants

If you would like to
purchase an Easter
plant in memory or
in honor of a loved
one for Easter,
please do so by
Sunday, March 18.

Order forms are
available at the
Welcome Center and the cost is
\$10.00. Thank you!





During our host week of Jan. 28-Feb. 4, we had 13 guests at Calvary. Three of those guests were also with us during our December Host Week. Each of them have made remarkable changes in their lives in such a short time. One has secured employment and is being trained to be a manager at McDonald's and another will be moving into a new apartment in February. It is amazing to see the joy on their faces and share these huge milestones with them.

We want to thank everyone for their flexibility, as some of our guests weren't always able to make our scheduled meal time or check in times because of work, having medical appointments out of town, dealing with the transition of entering the program along with many other difficulties. It is your love and compassion for this ministry and generous donation of your time that gives stability to their lives, something that they haven't had for some time.

It is not only your volunteer time that is important, but also your financial support to Kandiyohi County Family Promise. Please consider becoming a friend of Family Promise and giving a donation, which can be monthly, quarterly, semi or annually to help meet the annual budget. It is through individual, business and church donations that this Program is made possible, any amount is SO appreciated. You can contact Heidi at the Family Promise office at 320-441-2288 or e-mail her at director@familypromiseofkc.org for further information regarding your involvement as a donor.

Our next Calvary Host Week will be the week of April 15. Please watch for the Sign-Up Genius coming out in March. We look forward to your involvement as we plan another successful Host Week! God's Blessing.

-Calvary Family Promise Committee

"I Like to Eat Apples and Bananas" Food Shelf Weekend Drive

Have you seen the commercial where the young boy is checking his kitchen for an afterschool snack but there is nothing for him to eat? The message related to the lack of food that many families have in this very rich country.

March is Food Share Month and even though Calvary distributes food to the Willmar Area Food Shelf monthly, every year we like to put a special emphasis on the need for the food given out by the food shelf in Kandiyohi County and the surrounding area during Food Share Month. Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11 is scheduled for our Food Shelf Weekend this year. We will have the grocery cart and a representative from the Social Concerns Committee at the Saturday service. We accept either non-perishable food products or monetary donations. On Sunday, we will have a processional offering at each service for both the donations of food or money for the food shelf plus your regular offering. We will stack the food up in front of the altar, so we can all see the growth of the donated food products. Please help us reach our combined pounds and money goal of "a ton" or 2000 combined total. "God loves a cheerful giver."



HATS FOR TANZANIA Help Us Get 100

Our Hats for Honduras project has taken on a new name and mission. We are still making hats, but now, these hats will be sent to our mission in Tanzania. Our missionaries Steve and Jody Swanson, are instrumental in the NICU and hospital in Tanzania. These hats are used for preserving the body temperature of these tiny babies. Tanzania is a warm place so these hats need to be made of lightweight yarn and are geared for newborns and/or preemies. Yarn should be baby, sport or other light weight yarn. We will collect these hats and get them to the missionaries yearly. We have about 40 hats currently. We plan to get the hats to where they need to be by April 20. We are putting out a plea for 60 more hats in the next month. Please place your completed hats on the Social Concern Shelf across from the Welcome center. Thank you!



WEEKDAY ADULT EDUCATION

TUESDAYS - Men's Morning Bible Study

All men are invited to join either of the two men's Bible study groups that meet in Bethany Hall on Tuesday mornings at 7 & 8 AM.

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH-

Circle Bible Study

On the first Tuesday of each month, various circle groups meet at different times and places. Check the church calendar or call the church office for more information.

All women are welcome! Please let your hostess know if you are unable to attend.

Circles meet on **Tuesday, March 6 :**

Hope - 7 AM – McMillan's

Humility - 8:30 AM – Friendship Room

Joy - 9:30 AM - Bethany Hall

Peace - 9:30 AM - McMillan's

Good Faith - 1 PM - Bethany Hall

Charity - 7:30 PM - Linda Nelson's House

WEDNESDAYS - Beliveau Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday in the Friendship Room at 9:00 AM for social time, and from 9:45-11:30 AM for prayer and Bible Study. **New participants are welcome at any time!** Leader is Annette Beliveau.

THURSDAYS - Worship Text Bible Study

This study group meets year around, every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Friendship Room. Focus is on the Bible texts that will be read and proclaimed the following Sunday.

Everyone is invited to come and prepare for hearing God's Word!

CWELCA

Calvary Women's ELCA mission project for 2018 will be donations of money and items to the Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Centre, MN. Many of our Military Veterans are returning home and struggling with PTSD, broken family units and suicide and they need our help. Eagles Healing Nest provides room and board with special services to our Veterans. The nest is completely ran by volunteers and is a worthy place for our donations.

A donation basket and a list of items needed is located next to the Welcome Center.

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President: Bill Fenske

Vice President: Brett Aamot

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

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

March Community Meal

Sunday, March 18 at 6:00 PM in Bethany Hall. The meal will be served by the Building, Grounds & Maintenance Committee.

Menu: Chicken a la King, biscuits, fruit cocktail and ice cream cup.

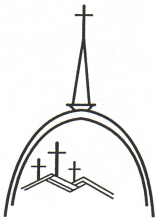
thank you

I would like to thank everyone who came to visit, called, sent flowers and gave me a prayer pillow following my open heart surgery.

- Gervaise Sjoberg

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month Ended January 31, 2018

	<u>One Month Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS	
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	87,286.75
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	125.00
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	6,142.00
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	75.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	4,858.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	100.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	-
SUNDAY COFFEE	59.61
	<u>98,647.33</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-
THANKSGIVING OFFERING	
COMMUNITY MEAL	105.85
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	1,776.31
THRIVENT CHOICE	370.00
MISSION OFFERING	-
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	-
	<u>2,252.16</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	100,899.49
EXPENSES	
FIRST FRUITS	8,728.69
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	8,191.56
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	278.20
EDUCATION	5,332.30
YOUTH	9,597.28
LIBRARY	77.75
STEWARDSHIP	-
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	10,701.00
ADMINISTRATION	41,523.28
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	2,252.16
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	1,641.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>88,323.27</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	12,576.22
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 73,161.99</u>



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**Remember to SPRING ahead one hour
the weekend of March 11!**



Calvary Lutheran Church - Lent 2018

Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is a time to deepen our understanding of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. It is a time of renewal and recommitment to our Christian faith.

Call Me Sometime is this year's theme. There will be a series of five dramas during our Lenten services this year. The plays revolve around a variety of relationships and our need to talk, as well as our failure to talk. Do we sometimes fail to take time to tell others that we love them? Do we treat strangers in unkind ways? What are the chance encounters that might take place on a phone, through which God might be at work? We will gather each Wednesday evening using Holden Evening Prayer.

LENTEN WORSHIP

March 7 - Week III

5:30 PM Worship

6:15 PM Baked Potato Bar

March 14 - Week IV

5:30 PM Worship

6:15 PM Soup & Sandwiches

March 21 - Week V

5:30 PM Worship

6:15 PM Spaghetti Supper

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2018 LENTEN OFFERING

March 7 -

Safe Avenues/
Friends of Madagascar

March 14 -

Embrace God's Mission/
Equip God's People

March 21 -

Salvation Army

March 29 -

ELCA Youth Gathering