

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

### FESTIVAL OF EASTER

#### Sunday, April 1

Easter Breakfast  
7:00-9:30 AM

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



# The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran Church

[www.calvarywillmar.org](http://www.calvarywillmar.org)

April 2018

## The Resurrection Brings Spring Showers and Flowers

Grace and Peace to you all in the name of our Resurrected Jesus. It is a great way to begin the month of April with shouts from around the world, "Christ has risen--Christ has risen indeed!" The Easter proclamation rings around the planet. It begins and continues through April into May.

I am writing this when snow banks abound around our home south of Minneapolis. In recent years, a strong sense of spring has literally been in the air by Easter. The weather may not always reflect spring and the Easter Season, but God's people do reflect Easter. Calvary has reflected Easter for me in my nearly three months being your interim pastor. I can't begin to tell you all of the ways I see staff, leadership and active members of Calvary reflecting the message of hope we have in our resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.



*Pastor  
David S. Wall*

Here are a few of the exciting gospel readings we have in April to tell of the resurrected Christ. After the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, we move to April 8 when the disciples gathered together with Thomas not present there the first time to see Jesus. April 15 has the resurrected Jesus, calming the disciples and there to have them be satisfied in body and mind in the Luke 24 text. April 22 is celebrating Jesus on Good Shepherd Sunday. April 29, Jesus says, "I am the vine--you are the branches." It is one of those rare years where the first five Sundays of the Easter Season are in the month of April. It gives us five Sundays to cry out and shout, "Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!"

I am excited for the opportunity to be with you into and through the Easter Season at Calvary. Our name keeps us focused on the Cross (Calvary) and the Cross leads us to the resurrection. Thanks be to God for this opportunity as we live, worship and grow together. We are Easter people living in the Easter Season and living in the spring season of renewed life in God's creation. Blessings to you for the journey--go in the Peace of our resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*-David S. Wall, Interim Pastor*

## Noisy Offering

On Sunday, April 1, during the 9:30 AM Easter Worship Service, we will be taking a Noisy Offering. We will do this the first Sunday of every month. At Calvary, we want young families to feel welcome, so this is just another way to encourage participation of our children in Worship. Children will pass a bucket during the closing worship song and worshipers are encouraged to share their coin money. The Noisy Offering will be in addition to our regular offering. Funds collected through May will support the "Shining Up Shores" project at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp as they continue a much needed remodel of the youth cabins. Thank you for your support!



## Faith Step Classes

### + Sunday, April 8

9:05-10:05 AM. Faith Steps class for fourth grade children and parents. Meet in the Koinonia room to learn together about the "Apostles' Creed".

### + Sunday, April 22

9:05-10:05 AM. Faith Steps class for fifth grade children and parents. Meet in the Koinonia room to learn together about the "Sacraments".



## Early Childhood Family Sunday School

### Sunday, April 8

9:05-10:05 AM. This class is for parents and children who are pre-Sunday school age (infants, toddlers and preschoolers). We meet once a month in the Youth room (located on the first floor of the ed. wing). This month's lesson is "Jonah".

If you know someone who would enjoy this class, please invite them to join us! This will be our last class for the year!

## Singing in Worship Sunday, April 29

Children in Grades 1-6 will sing at the 10:15 AM Worship Service.



## Wacky Water Friday

**WHAT:** Water and fun for kids in Grades 3-5

**WHEN:** Friday, May 18 from 5:30-8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Meet at the Willmar Middle School Pool  
Pick up at Calvary

**COST:** \$10/person

Sponsored by Willmar Area Church's  
(Catholic and Lutheran)

Pick up registration forms outside Janel's office.

**Registrations due to Janel by Wednesday, May 9!**

**Film School**

Sunday Mornings

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

**April 8-22** - We will be watching "The Princess Bride."

**High School Breakfast Club**

Wednesday Mornings  
7:30-8:30 AM @ the Goodness  
Coffee House (downtown Willmar).



FREE rolls, beverages on your own. Come and be a part of community, pray together and start your day off right!

**Service Saturday**

Looking for an opportunity to serve? People of all ages are invited to serve together at Bethesda on **Saturday, April 14** from 9:30-11:00 AM. We will gather in the Friendship room before departing to serve. Please RSVP, in person or by phone, to the church office by Wednesday, April 11! More service locations may be added, pending attendance.

**TEXAS  
BBQ**

**Youth Live & Silent Auction**

Join us for a Good Ol' Texas BBQ and Youth Auction

**Sunday, April 29**

4:30 PM- Silent Auction begins

5:00 PM- Meal begins

6:00 PM- Live Auction begins

Proceeds will go towards our 41 youth and adults traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this June.

If you would like to donate to the auction please contact Priscilla Willander at [prisjoh@yahoo.com](mailto:prisjoh@yahoo.com).

**ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting**

**Sunday, April 15**

in the Friendship Room.

We will meet for a short time, then serve the Community Meal at 6 PM in Bethany Hall.

For youth participants and leaders!

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

Calvary is sending 35 youth and 6 adults to Houston, TX this June for the ELCA Youth Gathering!

This amazing faith formation opportunity happens only once every three years!


Over 30,000 youth will gather to worship, learn and serve together at this event.

We invite your support through prayers and participation in our three fundraisers:


† Calvary's Easter Breakfast


★ Youth Live & Silent Auction

♪ 50's Drive In



## April Special Music





**April 1** - 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir & Tvette Family  
 9:30 AM - Calvary Choir & Tvette Family  
 11:00 AM - Calvary Choir & Tvette Family

**April 8** - 8:00 AM - Beth Franzen  
 10:15 AM - Beth Franzen

**April 15** - 8:00 - Calvary Choir  
 10:15 - Cherub Choir

**April 22** - 8:00 AM - Mary Jo de Cathelineau & Connie Dickerson  
 10:15 AM - Calvary Choir

**April 29** - 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir  
 10:15 AM - OneAccord & Children in Grades 1-6



PRESENTS

**"SONGS OF HOPE"**

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

4:00 PM

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

This concert is free and tickets will not be required.

100% of a free will offering at this concert will benefit the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf.



WEST CENTRAL SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

**"SONGS OF THE EARTH"**

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

4:00 PM

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

*Please Join Us!*PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR 41  
ELCA YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS*Easter Breakfast*

April 1 • Calvary Lutheran • 7:00-9:30 AM

MENU INCLUDES:  
FRENCH TOAST, EGG BAKE, FRUIT AND BEVERAGES**DATE:** April 6, 2018 from 12-2 in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.**PROGRAM:** *Travis Aufderheide and Mandy Severtson from Green Lake Bible Camp.*

Join us to enjoy conversation and fellowship, a program of mutual interest and a catered lunch.

**COST:** \$6.00**RSVP:** Please call (235-2508) or stop by the church office by Wednesday, April 4.**NTY:** A group that claims to be at least 50 years old. No joining required - come when you can!



## Lakeland Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 21, 2017  
at Calvary

Theme: "A Message for yesterday and today."

Speaker: Rev. Larry Strenge, Director of Evangelical  
Mission of Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Cost: \$10.00 (includes noon lunch)

9:00 AM - Registration and Refreshments

9:30 AM - Gathering begins

Make checks payable to: Lakeland Conference

Mail to: Laurie Rothers - 20181 County Road 8, Glenwood, MN 56334

Registration deadline is April 17.



### Men's Bible Study Announcement:

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Studies  
will combine and meet at 8:00 AM,  
starting Tuesday, April 3.

### 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!



### FAMILY PROMISE

With your help, Family Promise at Calvary Church, and Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is making a real difference for homeless families in our community. We have an excellent record of helping families move into permanent housing. Community support and awareness continues to grow.

Now we have the recent reminder, the essence of Easter, that we should teach ourselves to be giving, practice works of mercy and share your blessings with others.

There are many who have stepped forward to volunteer repeatedly to make a meal, or sleep at church as an overnight host. Some Calvary families have come to simply host (greet and help) one early evening during our week.

One Calvary family has blessed Calvary Family Promise with laundry services for the large amount of bedding following our host week. Thank you to Schwegman's Cleaners/Tollefson Family.

Opportunities await and your help is needed as we prepare to host homeless families during the week of April 15-22. Look for sign-up opportunities. Refresh your Sign-up Genius if you receive those emails. Please lend a hand and a prayer.

*thank you*

I want to thank the ladies for the flowers they bring for Earl every month at Bethesda nursing home. It is nice to be remembered while in home with the bulletins also.

-Thanks much and God Bless you,  
Earl Hiepler

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers, thoughts and stopping in to see mom (Rosalie) in the hospital. Special thank you to Pastor Naomi for all that you did! The family appreciates everything that everyone did.

-Rosalie Johnson Family



## WEEKDAY ADULT EDUCATION

### TUESDAYS - Men's Morning Bible Study

All men are invited to join the men's Bible study group that meets in Bethany Hall on Tuesday mornings at 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, April 3:**

**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 - Darlene Damhof

### 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!**



## Directory Update

Calvary Lutheran Church is updating the printed version of our Church Membership Directory. Please let us know if you have moved, changed phone numbers and/or email address. We know that many of you use the directory for addresses and phone numbers, so please call or email the church office with your new information

at 235-2508 or [calvalylutheran@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:calvalylutheran@calvarywillmar.org). We would like to get these directories out to you by May 1. Thank you!

## Our Parish Leadership

**President:** Bill Fenske

**Vice President:** Brett Aamot

**Secretary:** Amanda Newberg

## Our Parish Staff

### Staff e-mail addresses:

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Enola Dowdell, Kitchen Coordinator	

Check out Calvary's web site at: [www.calvarywillmar.org](http://www.calvarywillmar.org)

## April Community Meal

**Sunday, April 15** at 6:00 PM in Bethany Hall. The meal will be served by the Summer Youth trip attendees. **Menu:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, lettuce salad and ice cream sandwich.

## Boy Scout

### Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

**Monday April 30** from 5:00-7:30 PM at Pizza Ranch, Willmar.

For Boy Scouts going to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM

National High Adventure Backpacking

Thanks for your support of Scouting!



**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**General Fund Treasurer's Report**  
**Modified Cash Basis**  
**Two Months Ended February 28, 2018**

	<u>Two Months Ended</u>
<b>CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	\$ 73,161.99
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
<b>GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	51,847.50
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	2,791.00
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	90.00
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	150.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	75.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	84.00
	<u>55,037.50</u>
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>	
LENTEN OFFERINGS	4,779.43
THANKSGIVING OFFERING	
COMMUNITY MEAL	
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	10.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	55.00
THRIVENT CHOICE	174.00
MISSION OFFERING	-
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	-
	<u>5,018.43</u>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<u>60,055.93</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
FIRST FRUITS	5,184.75
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	7,876.70
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	856.85
EDUCATION	4,547.56
YOUTH	4,823.35
LIBRARY	77.74
STEWARDSHIP	-
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	9,300.98
ADMINISTRATION	43,992.58
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	3,289.30
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	(94.05)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>79,855.76</u>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES</b>	(19,799.83)
<b>CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<u><u>\$ 53,362.16</u></u>

## Letter from the Church President

Special Congregational Meeting – May 6, 2018

The Calvary Lutheran Church Council recently approved the calling of a special congregational meeting scheduled for May 6, 2018. The sole purpose of the Special Meeting is to vote on a Council approved resolution calling for the sale of the Anderson Farm Land. As you may recall, this was discussed back in January at the Annual Meeting and also at the “Coffee with the Council” meeting held the Sunday before the Annual Meeting. The Council approved resolution is:

### **SALE OF ANDERSON FARM RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Calvary Lutheran Church was the recipient of a generous gift from Mr. Jerry Anderson of 407 acres of farmland near Atwater, MN and WHEREAS Calvary Lutheran Church has acquired the property located west of the Church formerly occupied by Bethesda Heritage Place and WHEREAS Calvary Lutheran Church has secured bank financing to purchase this real estate and incurred demolition costs of which there is still outstanding debt and a mortgage on this property THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Calvary Lutheran Church approves selling the 407 acres of the Anderson Farm real estate with the following provisions:

- The selling price of the farmland shall be no less than \$7,000 per acre to be sold by public auction or sealed bid
- The sale shall occur within twelve (12) months of this date
- The proceeds shall be directed to fully pay off the outstanding debt and mortgage at Concorde Bank in the original amount of \$1.1 million and an approximate balance as of March 14, 2018 of \$810,000.

Any remaining proceeds from the sale of the land will be deposited into a designated Anderson Capital Fund account and be used in accordance to the terms of his bequest

### **Background**

The initial recommendation to sell the Anderson Farm originated from the Building Committee, the Committee that has been working for the past 3-4 years on a building project that aligns with the Calvary Strategic Plan. From that work developed three core strategic facility objectives:

- Worship and adjoining space for fellowship and welcoming
- Youth center and dedicated youth spaces
- Enhance communication via horizontal and vertical connections

Significant work was developed including two different financing options that included Stewardship, Pledges, Cash and Borrowing.

**Option A:** Borrow up to \$1.3 million (Includes sale of Anderson property)

**Option B:** Borrow up to \$4.3 million (not selling Anderson property)

The Building Committee unanimously recommended to the Council that Option B was not a viable financing option due to the additional Net Annual Debt Service, which would be on top of the additional Stewardship/Pledges necessary to make the plan work.

As such, the Council accepted the Building Committee’s recommendation and believes that before any further work is done on any building project that a decision needs to be made by the Congregation on selling or keeping the Anderson Farm Land.

If the Resolution is adopted by a 2/3 majority at the Special Congregational Meeting, it would set a direction that Calvary could move forward in further developing programming and space aligned with the Strategic Plan.

Please mark the May 6 date on your calendars as we encourage all members to attend the Special Congregational Meeting.

Respectively submitted,  
Bill Fenske  
Calvary Lutheran Church

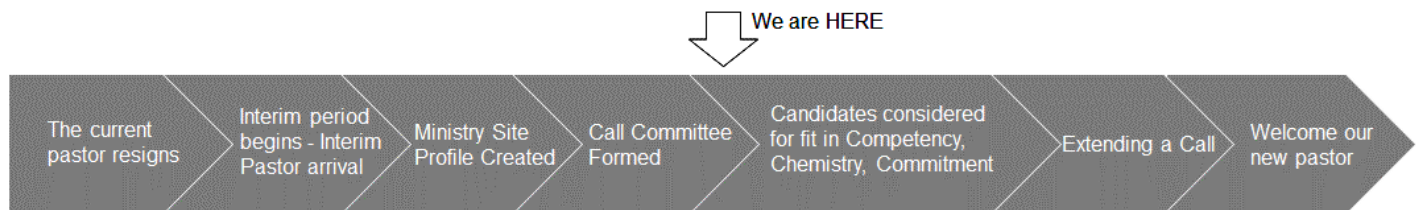


## Letter from the Call Committee

Greetings from the Call Committee,

I want to provide you an update on where we – Calvary Lutheran – are at in the process of selecting a new pastor.

The Synod has an established 7 milestone process flow they use and which I want to share now and in future updates to keep the congregation aware of progress within and across each milestone:



The Call Committee was established in February and includes a range of congregation member backgrounds to ensure we have a broad perspective in this important journey. The members are: Shane Baker, Meghan Knott, Michael Newberg, Deborah Larson, Abby Teisinger, Jaime Hultgren, Charles Ulrich, Mike Haugsby.

We will meet for the first time with the Synod liaison, Linda Pederson, on Sunday, March 18, when she will provide the Call Committee with more detail on the next steps within the current milestone – consideration of candidates. We will be receiving information for potential candidates, evaluating, meeting and interviewing candidates. While I will continue to share updates with the congregation, this is a period requiring confidentiality and maintained proprieties by the Call Committee to others about candidate specifics being considered.

The Call Committee will use the Ministry Site Profile as created by the Transition Team and approved by the Church Council to guide us in evaluations of a candidate fitting to who we are as a congregation, what our priorities and passions are looking forward and what we are collectively looking for in our next pastor to lead us forward together in realizing our mission in the Willmar area and beyond.

We welcome the consideration of us in your prayers, as we all ask for divine guidance over the Call Committee in this important process.

Regards,  
Mike  
Call Committee Chair



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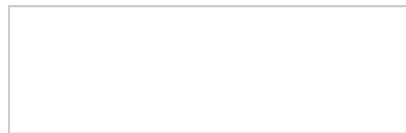
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# **CALVARY AT CAMP**



## **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](http://www.gllm.org) or talk to Janel.

## **Camp House Summer Family Get-Away**

**August 1-5, 2018** at Camp House in Brimson, MN! Located 30 minutes from Two Harbors on a small quiet lake. Relax on site or enjoy North Shore attraction. Sleep in comfy, but rustic cabins or bring your camper/tent.

**Cost For All 4 Days:** \$205 per cabin, sleeps 4-12; \$50 per family for camper/tent. Meals for four days is \$75 per adult and \$38 per child. (Can be prorated for shorter stay).

**A first timer discount is available** – contact Pastor Naomi for details.

**Look for registration forms in the office!**

## **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.

## **Day Camp 2018!**

**WHO:** Kids who have completed the 3 yr. old class – Grade 5

**WHAT:** VBS/Day Camp!

GLLM Camp Counselors will be here to help us learn about God's love through Bible stories, games, crafts and camp songs!

**WHEN:** June 11-14  
Monday-Thursday, 8 AM – 12 Noon

**WHERE:** At Calvary!

**WHY:** Because it is fun to learn together about the life-changing love of Jesus with your friends!

**Registration forms available in the office!**

