

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



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 27

Saturday:

5:30 PM – Chapel Worship

Sunday:

8:00 AM – First Word Worship

9:05 AM – Coffee Fellowship

9:45 AM – Foundation & Praise
Worship

Summer Worship will continue through
Labor Day weekend.

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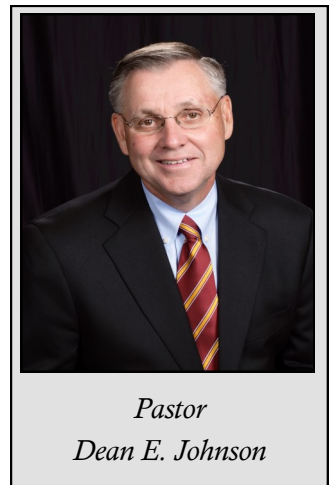
May, It is A Good Month!!

The month of May has a number of significant events, both within our church, the Christian Faith and the greater community. When looking at the May calendar, our first observation and expression is that it is going to be a very busy month. The thoughts and planning turn to proms, graduations and spring sports. With the lateness of winter, spring planting of crops, flowers and gardens will also be a part of the agenda.

From the community and Nation point of view, we will importantly commemorate Memorial Day. It is a day set aside to remember, honor and give thanks to all Veterans who have sacrificed their life for our Country. We also accompany our confirmation classes of 7th-9th graders to Calvary's cemetery for raking and clean-up. We then educate them about remembering Memorial Day, being respectful and that the word cemetery means "a place of rest"!

We also observe and remember the significance of two important days in the life of the Church and the life of Jesus. First, May 10, is Ascension of Our Lord, the day which Jesus physically left this earth and went to be with our Heavenly Father, it occurs 40 days after Easter. Secondly, on May 20, we observe and participate in the day of Pentecost. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, some believe this was the beginning of the Christian Church. Christ desired for us to have His presence, the Holy Spirit while He was "away"!

The month of May is filled with celebration, new crops, some new beginnings and some endings. Most importantly is the recognition of Christ ascending to the Father and granting to us His presence, the Holy Spirit, which is the gift of faith also known as the Comforter and Advocate. May is a good month!



*Pastor
Dean E. Johnson*

- Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Noisy Offering

On Sunday, May 6, during the 10:15 AM Worship Service, we will be taking a Noisy Offering. We'll do this the first Sunday of every month through June. 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 June 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!



Looking Ahead

- † **Wednesday, May 9** - Last day of Wednesday school!
- † **Sunday, May 20** - Last day of Sunday school!



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)
Friends are Welcome!

Pick up registration forms outside Janel's office.

Registrations due to Janel by Wednesday, May 9!



A very sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all the people who so generously shared their time and gifts with Calvary's children as teachers and helpers in our Sunday and Wednesday school programs this year!

They are: Kaylee Jahraus, Meghan Knott, Alysa Thram, Jaime and Nate Hultgren, Elissa and Corey Nelson, Erica Mathews, Amber Hagemeyer, Kelly O'Farrell and Brad Pederson, Grace Lynum, Stacey Hillerud, Mady Spencer, Amanda Newberg, Jessica Wentzell, Jane Miller, Sofia Lynum, Lisa Christianson, Jena Hillenbrand, Michael Newberg, Sharon Eastman, Karla Nelson, Lisa Strom, Holly Ulrich, and Mandy and David Severtson.

May God richly bless each of you!



String Crosses

Sunday, May 6 & 13

9:05-10:05 AM. Sixth graders are invited to make a cross wall hanging keepsake and Pastor Naomi will present "What to expect in Confirmation."

Parents and sixth graders meet in the Koinonia room.

Children Singing in Worship

Sunday, May 20

All children ages 3 years - grade 6 will sing during the 10:15 AM Worship Service.

Family Sunday School

Sunday, May 20

9:05-10:05 AM

ALL children attend with their family to learn together about Pentecost and to celebrate the end of another faith formation year! Meet in Bethany Hall. NO regular Sunday school.



Service Opportunity!

Meal delivery for newborn families

Do you enjoy cooking? Do you like to help others? We are looking for individuals who are willing to make and deliver a home cooked meal for a Calvary family after the arrival of a new baby. We are hoping to begin offering this service to our families beginning in May. If you are interested, please sign up in the church office or contact Janel.

Film School

Sunday Mornings

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

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! Transportation to W.H.S. will be provided if needed.

*Last day of Breakfast Club will be May 16!

Cemetery Clean-up

Wednesday, May 16

Final Confirmation night!

Drop off is at 6:00 PM and pick up at 7:15 PM at the

Calvary Cemetery (2401 Gorton Avenue NW).

Please meet at the center kiosk and bring work gloves and a rake, if possible. Pizza will be served after the clean-up!



ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

Sunday, May 6 from 7-9 PM in the Friendship Room. For youth participants and leaders!

Stay Tuned....for information on Thursday night church softball league!

Sr. Recognition Sunday



Sunday, May 27, 2018

9:05 AM - Please join us for a reception in Bethany Hall to honor Calvary's 2018 graduating seniors.

9:45 AM - Graduates will be honored during Worship.

Valleyfair



Valley Fair Trip

Wednesday, June 13

For youth in grades 6-12 (2017-2018 School Year). This is a joint event with other Willmar Area Churches.

Please register by May 30! Registration forms are available by Ashley's office!

Willmar Area Summer Stretch

Who: Willmar area youth in grades 6-12.

What: Three days of service and fun! Each day includes devotions, service, and a fun outing.

When: July 10-12, 2018 from 9 AM-5 PM

Where: Each day we will meet at Bethel Lutheran Church in downtown Willmar.

Cost: \$15/day or \$30/three days. Cost covers snacks, transportation and entry to fun activities!

For more information and registration please visit:

www.willmarsummerstretch.weebly.com



May Special Music

May 6 - 8:00 AM – Julia Severtson

10:15 AM – Calvary Bells

May 13 - 8:00 AM – Calvary Choir

10:15 AM – Cherub Choir &
Grace and Sofia Lynum

May 20 - 8:00 AM – Calvary Choir

10:15 AM – All Children 3 yrs. - Grade 6

May 27 - 9:45 AM – Senior musician

The following choirs will be finishing up for the season in May:

- ♪ **Calvary Bells:** Mon., May 7
- ♪ **Cherub Choir:** Wed., May 9
- ♪ **Calvary Choir:** Wed., May 16

*Thank
you*

A special **THANK YOU** to all choir members, parents, directors and accompanists for adding special music to Calvary's Worship throughout the year!



The Grief Care Support Group will meet Monday's at 5:15 PM in the Friendship Room. The last meeting before summer break will be on May 14. The last meeting will be a Pot Luck and a Memorial Candle Lighting!

For more information, please contact Pastor Dean at 235-2508.

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

DATE: May 4 from 12:00-2:00 PM in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.

RSVP: Please call or stop by the church office by Wednesday, May 2. (235-2508)

PROGRAM: "Show and Tell" - Anyone who has an item or collectable that they would like to bring and talk about. Please limit presentation to approximately 1-2 minutes.

NTY: A group that claims to be at least 50 years old.

ALL are welcome, no joining required, come when you can!

COST: \$6.00

Calvary's Annual 50's Drive-in will be held on **Sunday, June 10, from 4-7 PM** in the Calvary parking lot (Bethany Hall if rain). Enjoy music, classic cars, and food. Invite friends and neighbors for a great time! Let Ashley know if you are interested in helping in any way! 320-235-2508



DID YOU KNOW?

Calvary is sending 35 youth and 6 adults to Houston, TX from June 27-July 2 for the ELCA Youth Gathering! This amazing faith formation opportunity only happens 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 upcoming 50's Drive-In fundraiser!



For more information about this awesome opportunity for our Calvary youth visit: www.elca.org/gathering



This summer's Calvary Family Camp will be held **June 8, 9 & 10** at Sibley State Park. We will be in the Oak Ridge Campground. If you would like to join us, reserve your spot! For more details contact Randy and Clarice Novak.



FAMILY PROMISE - SPRING CLEANING

When doing my spring cleaning of a closet, I ran across a Christmas Letter from Calvary's beloved Rev. Floyd and Orena Lien circa 1986! The sentiment of the letter was so fitting for Family Promise. I will share it as follows:

*When special people touch our Lives,
Then suddenly we see
How beautiful and wonderful
Our world can really be.*

*They show us that our special hopes
And dreams can take us far.
By helping us look inward
And believe in who we are.*

*They bless us with their love and joy
Through everything they give-
When special people touch our lives
They teach us how to Live.*

-Amanda Bradley

Members of Calvary, you are special people who touch lives of many. The Family Promise ministry is blessed by many of you who have stepped forward to help.

For those who are not familiar with Family Promise of Kandiyohi County, it is a program where homeless families are housed in churches. A volunteer from the congregation stays with the families in the evening and other volunteers prepare meals and host the guests. During the day, the families are bused to the Family Promise Day Center, which takes place at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Willmar, where they can shower and do laundry. There they are also connected with social services and can use computers to search for and apply for jobs, take an online course toward a high school diploma or participate in a trade program. Then the family moves to another church where another group of volunteers will help.

Our next Calvary Host week is July 8-15. Look for ways to do good, we'll be around. Watch for the online link to Sign Up Genius, or talk to Roger Bengtson or Joni Hanson.

WEEKDAY ADULT EDUCATION

TUESDAY- 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, May 1:**

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 - Karen Rinke'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!

Our Parish Leadership

President: Bill Fenske

Vice President: Brett Aamot

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

Our Parish Staff

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Enola Dowdell, Kitchen Coordinator	

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

May Community Meal

Sunday, May 20 at 6:00 PM in Bethany Hall. The meal will be served by Tripolis & Ebenezer. **Menu:** Sloppy joes, mac and cheese, cole slaw and dessert.



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 28, 2018

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.

thank you

Thank you to the members of Calvary who remembered us with calls, cards, memorials, etc. We would like to thank Pastor Johnson and Pastor Wall for their visits at the hospital, also to Pastor Dean for officiating at the service. A special thank you to David Severtson and Marie Staley for the music. Thank you to the ladies who served the dinner and Calvary members for the bars. Also, thank you to the ladies of the church for the Prayer Pocket! Blessings to all!

- Donna Gilbertson, Jeff, Sue & Samantha

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Three Months Ended March 31, 2018

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Three Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 53,362.16	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	50,000.55	189,134.80
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	351.00	476.00
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	4,096.00	13,029.00
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	75.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	385.00	5,333.97
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	-	250.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	75.00	150.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	76.00	219.61
	<u>54,983.55</u>	<u>208,668.38</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	6,131.25	10,910.68
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	22.76	138.61
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	1,058.00	2,889.31
THRIVENT CHOICE	75.00	619.00
	<u>7,287.01</u>	<u>14,557.60</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>62,270.56</u>	<u>223,225.98</u>
EXPENSES		
FIRST FRUITS	5,000.06	18,913.50
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	8,057.10	24,125.36
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	244.80	1,379.85
EDUCATION	4,404.12	14,283.98
YOUTH	14,098.58	28,519.21
LIBRARY	464.45	619.94
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	11,017.76	31,019.74
ADMINISTRATION	34,610.92	120,126.78
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	9,016.14	14,557.60
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	(1,547.00)	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>85,366.93</u>	<u>253,545.96</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(23,096.37)	(30,319.98)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 30,265.79</u>	<u>\$ 30,265.79</u>



Special Congregational Meeting

May 6, 2018 at 11:15 AM in Bethany Hall.

The sole purpose of the Special Meeting is to vote on a Council approved resolution calling for the sale of the Anderson Farm Land. 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.

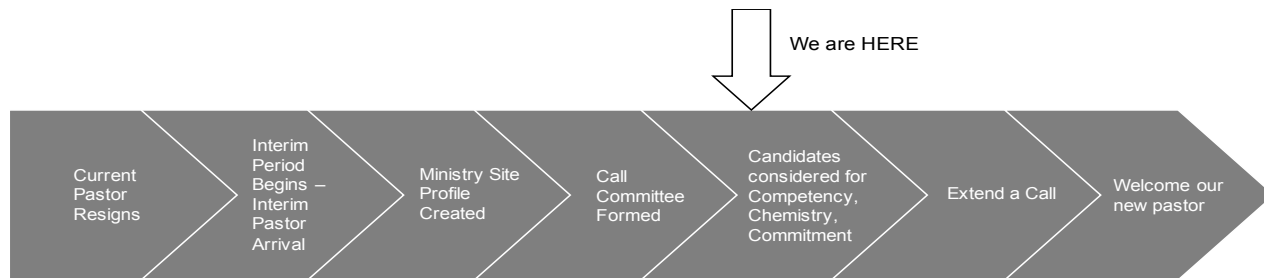
As such, the Council accepted the Building Committee's recommendation and believes that before any further work is done on any building project that a decision needs to be made by the Congregation on selling or keeping the Anderson Farm Land.

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.

Letter from the Call Committee

Greetings from the Call Committee,

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



We have met with the Synod representative in mid-March to review our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and to discuss the next steps that will take place in this process.

Based on the timing of Holy Week and Easter, the Synod is now reaching out to candidates with our MSP through the course of April. We hope to receive from the Synod a first group of candidate profiles by the end of April.

Candidates are identified by the Synod from three paths:

- Candidates initiated inquiry to Synod. Our MSP is posted for all ELCA Synods and pastors across the country, not just the SW Minnesota Synod
- Candidates identified by the Synod leadership as potential good fits based on the input we provided in the MSP
- Candidate names provided to the Synod by the church with open call

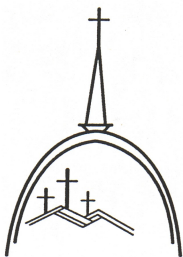
If you have a candidate that you feel would be a good fit for our posted call, as per path 3 above, please contact me on behalf of the Call Committee with candidate name and rationale for sensing a good fit for competency, commitment, chemistry. I will forward the candidate information on to the Synod for consideration.

While we await the Synod candidate profiles, the Call Committee will continue to meet in April to prepare for interview(s). Through this planning diligence, we hope to provide a positive and thorough interview experience with candidates to ensure we have a good understanding of the candidate fit for role and so that the candidate has a clear understanding of the congregation and the role we are seeking to fill.

We welcome the consideration of us in your prayers, as we all ask for divine guidance over the Call Committee in this important process. If you have specific questions you wish to ask, please feel free to reach out to me directly to discuss your questions or thoughts.

Regards,

Mike Haugsby, Call Committee Chair



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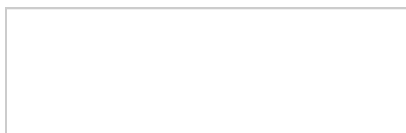
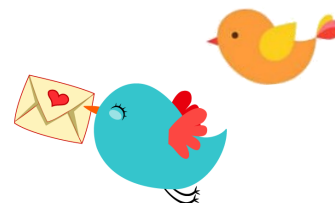
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CALVARY AT CAMP



Day Camp 2018!

It's time to register for Day Camp! Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center, on Calvary's website and by Janel's office.

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

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

WHERE: At Calvary!

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

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.



2018 Summer Bible Camp

Come join Janel and other Calvary kids for this exciting week of camp! This year, Calvary's Camp Week (at GLLM) will be **June 24 – 29!**

For more information pick up a summer camp schedule in the Welcome Center or check out the GLLM website (www.gllm.org). Questions? 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!**