

CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES



**CALVARY SUMMER
WORSHIP**
COME WORSHIP WITH US

Saturday:

5:30 PM – Chapel Worship

Sunday:

8:00 AM – First Word Worship

9:05 AM – Coffee Fellowship

9:45 AM – Foundation & Praise
Worship



Calvary's Family Promise Host Week
July 8-15, 2018



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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Worship

Grace and Peace to you members and friends of Calvary Lutheran, growing in God's Grace, in this summer of 2018. I have two items for prayers of thanksgiving and then have an opportunity to look at our worship gospel texts for July. I will conclude with one exciting announcement.

First, we give thanks, in anticipation, for the safe arrival home of our youth and adults (and those all across the country) who have been at our National Youth Gathering. Thanks be to God for what they have learned and experienced and how they will include that in their daily lives from now on.

Second, I have a question. What two organizations, when combined, have 290 years of ministry? Kind of difficult, just a little out of the blue, but they are: Calvary Lutheran, Willmar and Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. We give thanks to God that at our Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly, in June, Calvary was recognized by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) as the 2018 recipient of their "Servant of Christ Award." This award is given to one congregation in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod each year. (At the time of writing this article, we await scheduling a date when LSS will come to Willmar to give the award and plaque at worship here at Calvary.)

This year we have five Sundays in July. Four of those Sundays (weekends), have gospel readings from the 4th and 5th chapters of the Gospel of Mark. The last Saturday and Sunday in July, the text is from the beginning of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Here are some of the varied themes: the woman healed who touches Jesus' cloak and the raising from the dead of Jairus' daughter; sent out 2 by 2; death of John the Baptist; Jesus has compassion for the crowd; Jesus—the bread of life and so many more. These are rich texts for us to reflect upon.

The exciting announcement I have is about Worship Service on Sunday, August 12. We, Calvary, will be worshipping together with Bethel and Vinje out at Robbin's Island at 9:30 AM. I hope you already have that marked on your calendar and the wonderful worship leaders and musicians "Dakota Road" will be there to lead the music at worship.

So, it is right to give God thanks and praise, blessings to you as you read, study and reflect upon the scriptures and we always look forward to seeing you at worship—and remember, August 12 at Robbin's Island. Take the gifts that God has given to you and go and share them with the world, go in Christ's peace.



*Pastor
David S. Wall*

-Pastor Dave

REMINDER - ALL NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

Starting September 12, our NEW Wednesday night schedule will look like this:

- **5:15-5:50 PM - Drop-In Meal** - For a minimal charge, open to all who wish to eat
- **6:00-6:30 PM - Worship w/Communion** - A relaxed, interactive, informal style
- **6:35-7:00 PM - Education Time** - Cross-Gen Wed School/Choir
- **6:35-7:30 PM - Confirmation**

Top Ten Reasons to Come to Wednesday Nights

10. You can see your church friends.
9. You will get to sing some fun songs.
8. You can sit on the floor during worship.
7. You don't have to cook dinner.
6. You might get bars for dessert.
5. The coffee will be on.
4. We'll play some fun games.
3. You'll be out of town on Sunday.
2. You want to share your faith as a family.
1. You can pretend to be a superhero when we sing the Superman or Batman Grace.

Day Camp 2018

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED WITH DAY CAMP! WE HAD A BLAST! This year Calvary teamed up with Green Lake Bible Camp for day camp with the theme "Get Lost!" Kids learned about God's incredible love and the impact that love has on our lives. Campers focused on the daily themes of getting lost in Love, Prayer, Service and Sabbath. We learned about God's love through Bible stories, making crafts, eating a snack, playing games and singing. **We thank the kids for attending and want to thank the parents/grandparents for bringing them every day. We had an exciting week filled with lots of fun!**

Service Opportunity: Meal delivery for newborn families

We are still in need of individuals who would be willing to make and deliver a home cooked meal for a Calvary family after the arrival of a new baby. If you are interested, please sign up in the church office or contact Janel.



ELCA Youth Gathering

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for our group of 35 youth and 6 adults that were in Houston, TX from June 27-July 2. **Please join us in Worship at 9:45 AM on July 8**, for a special sharing on our experience!



You are invited!

Please join us on Sunday, July 29, between services to give thanks for the ministry of Ashley Gilbertson as our Youth and Family Faith Formation Coordinator. Ashley has served at Calvary for 5 years and we are very grateful for her work among us. We wish her well as she takes a new position at KMS Schools.

50's Drive-In

The 50's Drive-In was held on Sunday, June 10, from 4:00-7:00 PM in the Calvary parking lot. This year we saw a larger crowd than normal and had an abundance of collector cars! A little over \$4,200 was netted to support our group who went to the ELCA Youth Gathering, so **THANK YOU** for spreading the word and supporting our young people!



JULY SPECIAL MUSIC

July 1 – 8:00 AM - Julia Severtson
9:45 AM - Julia Severtson

July 14 – 5:30 PM - Rosanne Stoltz

July 15 – 8:00 AM - Rosanne Stoltz
9:45 AM - Rosanne Stoltz

July 22 – 8:00 AM - Phillis Deblieck
9:45 AM - Phillis Deblieck

July 29 – 8:00 AM - Beth Franzen
9:45 AM - Beth Franzen

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!
JOINT LUTHERAN WORSHIP IN THE PARK
AUGUST 12

We will join with Lutheran brothers and sisters from across town on Sunday morning, **August 12 at 9:30 AM** out at Robbins Island near the Guri Endresen Shelter for a joint Worship Service. The group "Dakota Road" will be our worship leaders for the morning. You will be able to enjoy fellowship with coffee and cookies afterwards. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair!



The Calvary Crusaders are putting a team together for the 2018 Relay For Life to help raise money to fight cancer. The Relay is set for July 20, 2018 at the Willmar Junior High school track, located across from Cash Wise. We will be selling luminaries "in honor of" or "in memory of" those who have fought cancer. These sales will take place during the four weekends preceding the Relay. We will sell before the Saturday service and in between the Sunday services. We will also have a fundraiser at the Willmar Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, July 18 from 5-7:30 PM where we earn a portion of the sales and all of the tips. If you would like to participate, please contact Shane Baker at (320)295-3346 or shanedbakeresq@gmail.com.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Your involvement with Family Promise has impacted so many lives and continues to make a difference every time Calvary hosts. Each year, we have seen increases in the number of families and individuals who are being served by the Family Promise Program. The first year, beginning in August of 2015, there were 9 families served, in 2016 there were 36 families and in 2017 we had 68 families in the program. As of May this year, 36 families have been part of the Family Promise Program. It is amazing to observe the growth experienced by families as they work toward goals during their stay. Their confidence builds and they are able to move on and begin a new phase in their lives. We appreciate the Calvary volunteers who have signed up for Family Promise and faithfully return during each host week. There is always a need for more volunteers, and the time commitment is short. It is a fun and easy way to make a difference in the lives of others! Our next host week is **July 8-15**, it is easy to join the Calvary Family Promise Sign-Up Genius @ www.signupgenius.com and start volunteering. You can contact Roger Bengtson at 320-905-1762, Joan Hanson at 320-220-1324 or the church office at 320-235-2508 and they will help you sign up! Thank you!

-Calvary Family Promise Committee

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is seeking a part-time Development Director. This person will raise awareness of Family Promise and serve as the organization's key outreach to the community, local churches, other stakeholders, and donors. Preferred candidates will have experience in development activities with strong writing, speaking and organizational skills. Must be initiative and enthusiastic. 16-20 hours/week. Please submit cover letter and resume to Heidi Kohls; director@familypromiseofkc.org. For a complete job description, visit: www.familypromiseofkc.org.

SUMMER WEEKDAY ADULT EDUCATION

WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY - During the summer months of July & August, women's circles will all meet jointly at Calvary in Bethany Hall. Check the church calendar or call the church office for more information. **All women are welcome!** Circles will meet Wednesday, July 11 at 9:30 AM.

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. 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!

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

Date: July 6, from 12:00-2:00 PM in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.

RSVP: Please call or stop by the church office by Tuesday, July 3. (235-2508)

Program: Mallory Loge is a recent college graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and lifetime Calvary member. Mallory will be sharing about a year-long mission she will be starting this coming August to Peru! She will be going with a team of 5 through an organization called Cru, formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ. She has been a part of Cru through all 4.5 years of college and is now going to be heading to Peru to start Christian movements on college campuses. Cru has a vision of reaching Every Student, on Every Campus, in Every Nation – Mallory finds this to be an admirable and important goal to strive for/achieve. Her and her team will be on 4 Universities talking with students and planting Christian movements so students can have the OPPORTUNITY to hear the Gospel! She is actively raising funds to support her mission work in Peru! Mallory will share her mission vision and various opportunities in which people can be part of what God is doing to reach students in South America!

NTY: A group that claim to be at least 50 years old! **ALL** are welcome to attend, no joining required, come when you can!

Cost: \$6.00

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Vice President: Brett Aamot

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

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



thank you

I would like to thank the Monday morning prayer group for the card and prayers. Also, for the prayer pocket from Calvary Lutheran Church, phone call from Pastor Naomi and other cards and prayers. God Bless everyone, and thank you.

- Luverne Schueler

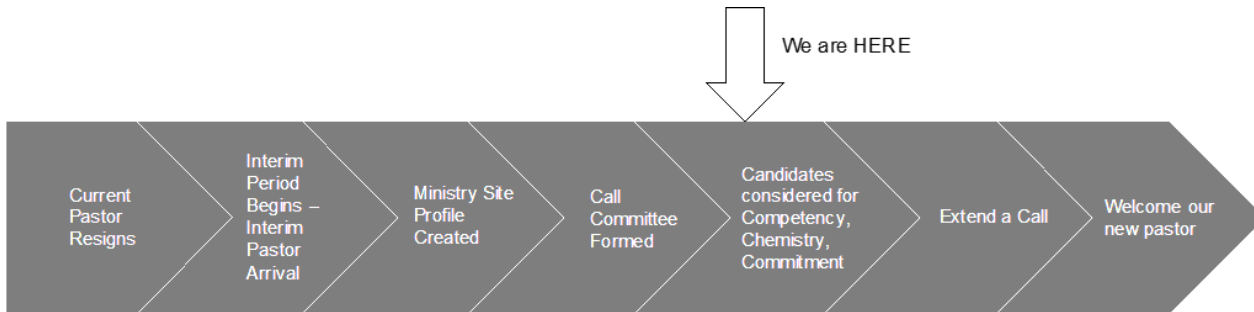


Calvary will be host to a Willmar Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the Willmar High School on **Monday, July 9, 2018** from **1-7 PM**. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Willmar HS to schedule an appointment.

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

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Five Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 32,412.31	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	44,446.71	302,236.01
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	350.00	976.00
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	3,651.00	22,181.50
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	4,805.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	-	5,333.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	70.00	90.00
GRANT	-	1,000.00
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	100.00	350.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	75.00	300.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	67.00	350.61
	<u>48,759.71</u>	<u>337,623.09</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-	10,965.68
MISSION OFFERING	25.00	25.00
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	138.61
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	50.00	3,059.31
THRIVENT CHOICE	454.00	1,683.00
	<u>529.00</u>	<u>15,871.60</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>49,288.71</u>	<u>353,494.69</u>
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE	4,444.67	30,223.62
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	9,294.51	42,465.10
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	466.85	2,120.75
EDUCATION	5,909.02	27,483.89
YOUTH	5,058.47	38,448.06
LIBRARY	249.09	946.78
STEWARDSHIP	161.00	161.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	8,728.16	51,550.90
ADMINISTRATION	35,891.73	193,840.24
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	529.00	15,871.60
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>70,732.50</u>	<u>403,111.94</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(21,443.79)	(49,617.25)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 10,968.52	\$ 10,968.52

Greetings from the Call Committee,



We provided an update in person at Saturday & Sunday Worship Services earlier in May and will continue to provide monthly updates in the Newsletter.

Throughout May, we completed assessment of candidate profiles and the first round of interviews for multiple candidates provided by the Synod. We felt these candidates could represent a good match to the role we seek to fill on behalf of you, the congregation. To review, the key tasks and expectations of candidates, as heard in congregational forums, are:

Top Gifts for Ministry & Tasks:

- Build a sense of community
- Help people develop their spiritual life
- Be an effective communicator, preacher
- Be able to share leadership on a team
- Be an effective administrator
- Be innovative & creative in future vision, execution

Call Committee Members:

Michael Newberg
 Meghan Knott
 Shane Baker
 Abby Teisinger
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 Deb Larson
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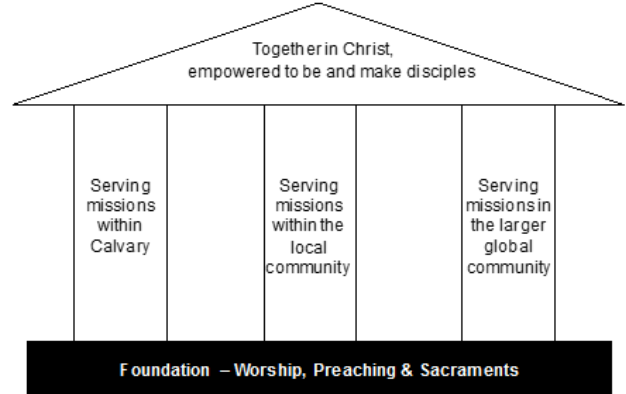
Each candidate is their own individual, gifted by God. While we seek candidates that have the gifts listed above, the gifts may very well manifest and present themselves through different means and different styles. Each person has an individual style and approach and change is constant. This has been the case in past calls at Calvary Lutheran Church and has been the case for calls in congregations across the world. These core God given gifts will be present in our next Senior Pastor and will well serve Calvary in celebrating our solid Lutheran foundation, while partnering with the staff and congregation in moving forward to remain relevant in serving our mission.

Our hope, in June, is to perform a second round interview(s). This will involve inviting candidate(s) to Willmar to see the local community, view the church facility and to meet with the Call Committee, pastors and select staff members. The intent of onsite interviews is to ensure we have a clear understanding of the candidate, their gifts, their aspirations and the dynamics in becoming a new member of our solid and existing pastoral and lay staff. This is also a time for the candidate to have a clear understanding of who we are, what our aspirations are and where we wish to go as we serve God's mission in the Willmar area.

I am truly excited for our future together as an extended family of God. 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 us directly to discuss your questions or thoughts.

Stewardship—People helping people through living out God's mission.

Thank you, to each of you, who contribute your time, talents and financial giving. Your gracious giving of time, talents and financial contributions allows us to live out our collective mission – *Together in Christ, empowered to be and make disciples*. This month, the focus is on the way your giving enable the foundation we build on in further serving missions within the walls, within Willmar and within the global community.



The foundation on which we stand in serving our mission is that of Sunday and Wednesday activities within the walls of Calvary Lutheran Church. It is not the building structure alone, but also the people giving of their time and talents to serve others within the building. We are blessed with a welcoming environment to learn, grow spiritually in our faith and support each other as an extended family in Christ; from our birth until the time that God calls us home, through the many good and tough times we each face in our own daily lives.

- Weekly services and inspiring music on Saturday night and Sunday morning
- Relevant and insightful sermons that help us to grow spiritually, comfort us in times of trouble and give us direction in living out the words of the Gospel
- Educational activities for hundreds across Sunday mornings and Wednesday evening from childhood, through youth and adulthood that teach us about our Lutheran doctrine and provide us with a core to direct us in life
- Sacrament and celebration of baptism as we welcomed 30 new members into the family of Christ in 2017
- Sacrament of communion, where we receive God's forgiveness for our sins
- Confirmation, where youth gain a deeper understanding of our Lutheran doctrine providing a framework for living as they become young adults, 15 confirmed young adults in 2017
- Weddings, where we celebrate the union under God of 10 couples
- Funerals, to affirm the lives of 30 departed, provide comfort to the grieving through difficult times in 2017

In all of these foundational examples and more, People helping People is the core for living our mission.





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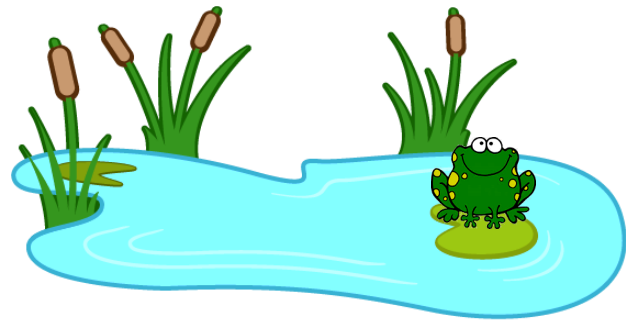
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Northshore Camp House Summer Family Get-Away

Join friends and families from Calvary and beyond, **August 1-5, 2018** for a get-away at Camp House in Brimson, MN! Camp House is a GLLM property removed from the hustle and bustle of "regular" life on a small quiet lake, 30 minutes from Two Harbors. Relax on-site and enjoy all kinds of fun camp activities or explore off-site in Duluth or the beautiful Northshore. Sleep in comfy, but rustic cabins (toilets and showers are in a bath house on site, not in cabins), or bring your camper/tent.

Cost for all 4 Days: *(If you come for part of the time your cost can be prorated based on your schedule)*
\$205 per cabin, sleeps 4-12; \$50 per family for camper/tent. The cost of meals for four days is \$75 per adult and \$38 per child.

A first timer discount is available. Contact Pastor Naomi for details. Registration forms are available in the church office!