

The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran Church
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August 2018

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

9:00 am – Coffee / Fellowship
 (Friendship Room)

9:45 am – Foundation &
 Praise Worship

Special
 MUSIC

Sunday, August 12

Dakota Road
 9:30 am
 Robbins Island

Sunday, August 26

Michelle Sommers
 8:00 & 9:45

It Is August, Now What ?

In our society and culture, we typically and often think of the month of August as a time for vacation, visiting relatives and family reunions. County Fairs, the State Fair, attending a Twins game and the Vikings pre-season. It is an important time for crop growth and production, high school and college sports prepare for the upcoming season which are all a part of our thinking and activities.

Not only does August provide us to take a step back in our busy schedules, but it gives opportunity for additional reading, planning and looking forward. At times, life can be dull and simply routine. So, take this month of August to reflect the past, live in the present, but think creatively about the future. Despite all the troubles, challenges and difficulties in life, God wants us to have a good life! Our lives are better when we associate with others and live in community. This kind of life requires listening, respect, planning and hope!

In the Old Testament, the stories are often about individuals and their place and activities in the community. In the New Testament, Jesus encountered people in all kinds of circumstances and always encouraged them to consider the present but always look forward in life!

In the month of August, sometimes known as the lazy days of summer, let us take a step back, reflect, read, pray, plan and live! In the life Christ granted to us in our birth and baptism, we are his adopted children and we are privileged to live. So, it is August! Summer time in Minnesota. Experiences at the lake, trips to new places and time to rest, reflect and think about our earthly and eternal life and future.



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Rally Day – September 9th

ALL ages gather together to reconnect and to do fun activities to kick off the 2018-2019 faith formation year!

Watch for more information about Rally Day activities and the upcoming education year in the bulletin and September Messenger, and on the Calvary website (calvarywillmar.org).



Registration for Sunday School

Registration forms are available at the Welcome center and online at the Calvary website (calvarywillmar.org). All children ages 3 years (by Sept. 1st) through Gr. 6 are invited to attend traditional classroom style Sunday School. Please register your children by **August 26th!**

- ♦ The first full day of Sunday School is **September 16th from 9:05-10:05 am!**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

We are currently seeking volunteers for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening faith formation programming. Prayerfully consider volunteering for one of the following ways this fall:



- ♦ **Wednesday evening** (6:30-7:00 pm), we need 3-4 individuals to work with Janel in a team setting to develop and lead cross generational programming on Wednesday evenings.
- ♦ **Sunday mornings** (9:05-10:05 am), we need individuals willing to be Sunday School teachers who will teach a specific age group of children (ages 3 years up to 6th grade) in a classroom setting.

If you enjoy working with children and want to teach, help with music or be a part of a team to lead faith formation on Wednesdays, please call Janel @ 235-2508 or email her at janel@calvarywillmar.org.



Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, September 5th
6:15 pm

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, October 7th
11:30 am Worship





IT'S COMING!!!!

New on Wednesdays this fall!

All of Calvary are invited to our new format on Wednesday nights!
Starting September 12th

our Wednesday night schedule will look like this:

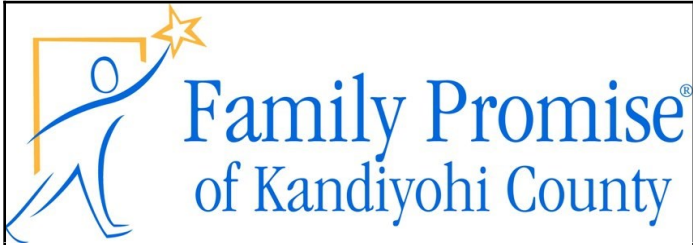
- † **5:15pm–5:50pm Drop-In Meal** - *For a minimal charge, open to all who wish to eat*
- † **5:55pm–6:30pm Worship w/ Communion** - A relaxed, interactive, informal style
- † **6:35pm–7:00pm Education Time** - Cross-Gen Ed/Choir
- † **6:35pm–7:30pm Confirmation** - Grades 7-10



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!!

Thank you to Calvary Congregation for all of your support that helped to send a group of 35 youth and 6 adults to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX! We had an amazing time as we were indeed changed by our experience. Through the Gathering's theme we learned and experienced how God's Call, Love, Grace, and Hope change everything.

- † We experienced God's call to service on our first day as we worked on beautification projects at O'Donnell Middle School.
- † We shared God's love in the Interactive Center the second day as some in the group donated hair and others gave to world hunger as we learned about God's work in the world.
- † On the third day, we celebrated God's grace in community, as we came together for a special worship with others from the SWMN Synod on Synod day.
- † We come home knowing that Jesus really does change everything for us as we reflected on our own faith each night through music and speakers at the mass gathering events.
- † We are inspired to share this message and carry this experience forward. Thanks again for your support!



Calvary's Family Promise

We are so happy to shout about how Calvary's unselfish dedication improves the lives of families in our community.

We do however know that some members and friends of Calvary are not yet aware of what the Family Promise ministry is.

The Family Promise core program is a way for communities to address the challenge of family homelessness by using existing resources. Not only does this make the program cost efficient, it makes it effective. Family Promise is not just about getting families into housing, but addressing all the underlying issues and using the community to keep them in housing.

HOW IT WORKS

The resources are already there. In the community there are congregations that can provide space in their buildings to serve as temporary (evening) homes. Day centers, (7:30 am- 5pm) where families can take showers, receive case management and look for housing and jobs, can be located at a house of worship or agency. There is transportation to get families from the host congregations to the day center and back. With volunteers giving their time, making meals, and sharing hospitality, family homelessness is addressed without the creation of expensive shelters.

Calvary will host families in early September. Our Calvary will be alive with volunteers and our homeless guests.

Can you help? Watch for updates as we prepare for volunteer sign-up in the weeks of August. Please watch for the sign up board in the Narthex of Calvary. For information, call Roger Bengtson 320-905-1762, or Joni Hanson 320-220-1324



Calvary's own Cub Scout Pack 224 is looking for youth boys and girls K thru 5th grade. Do you like: Camping? Crafts? Games? Food? Then Cub Scouts is for you! Pack 224 meets most Monday nights through the school year.

Our trained leaders utilize their skills for great grade specific and group meetings. We also promote spring and fall camps as well as summer camp. It is a great way to spend quality time with your youth! Joining is easy! Contact our new Cubmaster Justin Sietsema @ pack224willmar@gmail.com or 320-212-8739.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 10th at 6:30 pm in the Calvary education wing. Feel free to stop in and see what Scouting is about!

Our Parish Leadership

President: Bill Fenske

Vice President: Brett Aamot

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

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

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

DATE: AUGUST 3, 2018 from 12-2 in Bethany Hall, lunch is served at Noon.

**PROGRAM: Members Of The Color Guard-
Explaining The Folding Of The Flag**

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, August 1.

NTY: A group that claims to be at least 50 years old. No joining required - come when you can!

Summer Stretch 2018



July 10-12, Thirteen youth & adults from Bethel & Calvary spent 3 days of service and fun together.

We are getting ready for our **2018 Stuff the Bus Campaign!** Thank you for your past support of United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign. In 2017, our combined efforts provided over 12,000 school supplies to our community's neediest families. The donated items were shared with families in the following school districts, ACGC, Benson, BOLD, CCS, KMS, CMCS, Litchfield, MACCRAY, NLS, RCW, St. Mary's Bird Island, Dream Academy and Willmar. Your commitment to this campaign has helped a significant number of children be prepared for their first day of school!

Our 2018 Stuff the Bus campaign began on Monday, July 30 and ends on Friday, August 17. We will be dropping bins off beginning July 24 and picking them up the week of August 13-17. If you are a Willmar location, we will pick the bins up on Friday, August 17. If your location is an outlying community, we will pick up earlier that week.

We encourage employees and customers to help Stuff the Bus by stuffing the bins. We will have your business/organization listed on our website so that people are aware of the drop-off location and your continued support of this incredible opportunity to help our community's families and children.

Can we count on your business/organization to participate in the 2018 Stuff the Bus campaign?

Sincerely,

Michele White, United Way of West Central Minnesota



"STUFF THE BUS" Supplies

Backpacks (please no wheels)	Small storage bags
Calculators (basic or scientific)	Boxes of tissues
Pencil boxes	Hand sanitizer
Paper (loose leaf)	Disinfectant wipes
3 ring binders	Paper towels
Folders	Bandages
Pens	Socks
Highlighters	Underwear
Pencils	Deodorant
Glue (liquid or sticks)	Toothbrushes
Crayons	Toothpaste
Markers	Check the lists in the stores for specific schools
Scissors	
Rulers	

Stewardship – People helping People through living out God's mission

From 1 Peter, Chapter 4, Verses 8-10:

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Stewardship is mentioned many times in the bible, but always with the message that we have each received gifts from God, that we should share out of love for and to help others.

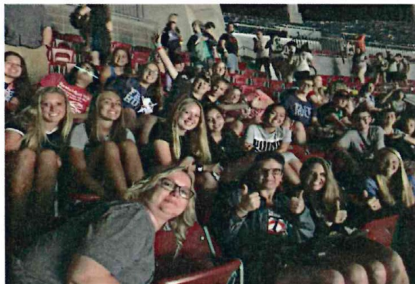
Thank you to each of you who contribute of your time, talents and financial giving. Your gracious giving of time, talents and financial contributions allows us to live out our collective mission – *Together in Christ, empowered to be and make disciples*. This month, the focus is on the way your giving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

Because of your generous offering of time, talents and financial giving, we are able to provide missions to our members of all age groups – showing our love for each other and helping each other grow in their relationships with God.

Below are pictures of only two examples – VBS for the young children and the National Gathering attended by 30+ youth - but missions have been and continue to be provided for across generations, including but not limited to:

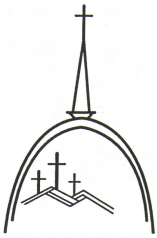
- Baptism chest & quilt
- VBS
- Splash
- Early childhood Sunday School
- Breakfast Club for Youth
- Youth Gathering, year round events
- Wednesday evening activities
- Christ Care
- CWELCA
- Multiple Bible Study Groups
- Prayer Chain
- Not Yet Through
- Faith Steps
- Visitation of members hospitalized, shut in, in need

Your giving impacts the lives of so many other members in so many ways



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
General Fund Treasurer's Report
Modified Cash Basis
One Month and Six Months Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Six Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 10,968.52	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	52,674.71	354,910.72
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	720.31	1,696.31
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	3,086.00	25,267.50
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	4,805.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS	805.00	6,138.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-	90.00
GRANT	-	1,000.00
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	50.00	400.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	75.00	375.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	68.75	419.36
	<u>57,479.77</u>	<u>395,102.86</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-	10,965.68
MISSION OFFERING	125.00	150.00
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	-	138.61
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	(750.31)	2,309.00
THRIVENT CHOICE	-	1,683.00
	<u>(625.31)</u>	<u>15,246.29</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	56,854.46	410,349.15
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE	5,267.46	35,491.08
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	7,785.13	50,250.23
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	-	2,120.75
EDUCATION	3,602.74	31,086.63
YOUTH	7,502.47	45,950.53
LIBRARY	-	946.78
STEWARDSHIP	-	161.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	17,970.36	69,521.26
ADMINISTRATION	33,232.87	227,073.11
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	(625.31)	15,246.29
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>74,735.72</u>	<u>477,847.66</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(17,881.26)	(67,498.51)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ (6,912.74)</u>	<u>\$ (6,912.74)</u>



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WORSHIP AT ROBBINS ISLAND PARK!

Sunday, August 12th at 9:30 am

Calvary will join with Bethel and Vinje Lutheran Churches for a special joint worship in the park at Robbins Island! This is a great opportunity to worship with friends and bring a Lutheran witness to Willmar! You can enjoy visiting over coffee and cookies after worship!

We will have a special guest, Dakota Road Band, to help lead worship.

Bring your own lawn chairs and look for the band shell near the Guri Endreson Shelter.



Calvary Saturday Chapel Service at 5:30 pm
This will be the only worship on Sunday morning!
There will be **no** morning worship at Calvary that day.