

CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Come Worship With Us

Wednesday:

6:00 PM — *Communion
Worship*

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*



The Messenger

A monthly publication for Calvary Lutheran
Church

November 2018

Thanksgiving and Why Be Thankful!!

May I suggest that there are numerous reasons for us, the members of Calvary Lutheran Church and the Greater Community, to be thankful!

1. For being created by God through our biological parents with unique and special abilities and talents. Yes, this applies to each of us.
2. For the fellowship and companionship of family and friends who support, encourage and love us. God intends that we live in community and care for each other.
3. For our jobs, vocations and responsibilities which contribute to the good and order of society. No matter what the task, it is an important contribution.
4. For the Christian Church, where the Good News of the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are offered and practiced! It informs and enhances our spiritual life and walk with Christ.
5. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, His suffering on our behalf, raising to new life and awaiting us in Eternity. It gives us hope and much to look forward to with thanksgiving.
6. For the spiritual gift of grace and forgiveness from Christ and hopefully towards each other as he has commanded us to do in the Lord's Prayer. Harboring ill does us no good and saps our energy for life and creativity.
7. We give thanks for our homes that keep us warm and cool at the right time. They are our sanctuary from some of the turbulence of the world. It is our safe haven.
8. For our Country, State and Community in which we live and reside. We are grateful to our military veterans who have given us much of what we have and how we live. Compared to the rest of the world's population, our standard of living and amenities are second to none. We have it good for the most part!!
9. We give thanks because of our Christian faith and life, when we see someone in need or help, we are able to assist because Jesus asks us to consider and pay attention to the vulnerable. It is our Christian duty with gladness!

Finally, we offer our thanks and gratitude for the gift of life! Our physical life granted to us by our parents and if we have good health we are most appreciative and our spiritual life given to us by Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! Yes, we give you Thanks God, for all the above and more!



*Pastor
Dean E. Johnson*

A Blessed and Grateful Thanksgiving!!!

-Pastor Dean E. Johnson



Wednesday, November 21

(NO education class time)

- 6:30-7:30 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- 7:30 PM - Pie and Coffee Fellowship in Bethany Hall

Sunday, November 25 - No Sunday school!

Family Sunday School

Sunday, November 4

- Meet in Bethany Hall at 9:05 AM
- ALL Children and their families!
- Join us to learn together about **All Saints' Day!**
- Replaces regular Sunday school

Noisy Offering

On **Sunday, November 4**, during the 10:15 AM Worship Service, we will be taking a Noisy Offering. We'll do this the first Sunday of every month. 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 December will support the ELCA's God's Global Barnyard program. Thank you for your support!

Early Childhood Family Sunday School

Sunday, November 11

9:05-10:05 AM in the Youth Room

For parents and children who are pre-Sunday School age. Gather once a month and grow in faith together with a fun early childhood curriculum.

This month's story is "**Noah's Ark.**"
ALL are welcome!



Children Singing in Worship

**Sunday,
November 11**

Sunday school children ages 3 yrs.-Kindergarten will sing at the 10:15 AM Worship service.



Christmas Childcare Event

Need to get started on your Christmas Shopping, do some baking or just need to wrap some gifts? Parents are invited to drop off your child/children at church for a couple hours on **Saturday, November 24 from 9:00-11:00 AM**. This is a FREE event. Please contact Janel to sign up, space is limited!

Christmas Program

If you plan to have your child involved with the Christmas Program, we will be doing most of our rehearsing during Sunday school. PLEASE have your child(ren) at Sunday school as much as possible!

Rehearsal Schedule:

- * **Sundays, Nov. 11, 18 and Dec. 2, 9** - from 9:05-10:05 AM, during Sunday school for all ages.
- * **Saturday, December 8** - from 10:00-11:00 AM, final rehearsal in the Sanctuary for grades 1-6 only.

Program Schedule:

- * **Sunday, December 9: 10:15 AM** Christmas Program for children ages 3 years - Kindergarten during Worship.
- * **Sunday, December 9: 1:30 PM** Christmas Program for children in grades 1-6 in the Sanctuary.

RETREATS

Sacred Space: Women's Advent Retreat at Medayto Lodge GLBC Spicer

November 30, 7:00 PM - December 1, 1:00 PM

Cost: \$20/person (Scholarships available)

"Women need real moments of solitude and self-reflection to balance out how much of ourselves we give away."

-Barbara De Angelis

Join Pastor Naomi and other Calvary Women for cross-generational time away with a special female friend or relative. This retreat is meant to be shared - mother and daughter, friend and friend, sister and sister or...? For women grade 6 and up. The retreat will provide rest and personal renewal through an Advent theme focused on Mary Mother of God. Cost of the retreat includes lodging, meals, and an Advent art project. An optional cookie baking and exchange will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM following the main retreat. This is part of a grant by the ELCA Raising Up Healthy Women & Girls. **Sign up in the church office by November 21, space is limited.**

Urban Immersion Service Retreat

When: November 16-18

Who: Grades 7-9

Cost: \$40

We are partnering with Vinje Lutheran Church this November for a confirmation Urban Immersion Service Retreat in Minneapolis. During this retreat we will learn about poverty and how it relates to issues of faith through service learning projects. Want more information? Contact Zachary at zachary@calvarywillmar.org



Calvary's 2018 Confirmation Class

Row 1: Nathaniel Larsen, Isaiah Bennett, Savana Eckhoff, Blake Tersch, Alexa Lothert and Brooke Rowan

Row 2: Pastor Dean E. Johnson, Madison Garberding, Tayva Carruthers, Jenna Blackwell, Rebecca Laurence, Derek Leuze and Pastor Naomi Mahler

Row 3: Kaitlin Delfosse, Trinity Trooien, Elijah Jorgenson, Jaidon Bredesen, Lleyton Rein, and Peyton Rodelius

Row 4: Pastor David S. Wall, Chase Dirksen, Matthew Paulson, Merron Johnson and Charles Haug

November Special Music

November 4 – 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir

November 11 – 8:00 AM - Calvary Choir

November 18 – 8:00 AM - Jen Harasyn

10:15 AM - Jen Harasyn & Cherub Choir

November 21 (Thanksgiving Eve) – 6:30 PM Calvary Choir

November 25 – 8:00 AM - Julia Severtson

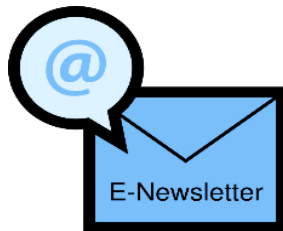
10:15 AM - Julia Severtson



Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia plant in memory or in honor of a loved one for the Christmas season, please do so by **December 2**.

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



Calvary's Monthly Messenger is going digital!

Yes, we're excited to announce that we have finally decided to send our monthly messenger via E-mail! To ensure you get your copy, please sign up one of the following ways:

- Visit our Calvary website at www.calvarywillmar.org and click on the subscription link provided.
- Visit our Calvary Facebook page, on the left hand column, click 'Join my list' to sign up.
- Text 'CALVARYMESSENGER' to 22828 to get started!

January 1, we will be rolling out our first e-Messenger issue! **Please make sure to sign up, so you don't miss out!!!**

*If you are unable to receive emails, please contact the church office by November 30, with your information so we can get you a hard copy.



KANDIYOHI COUNTY
FOOD SHELF

Calvary members have always been excellent supporters of our County Food Shelf. Please consider bringing food items to church every Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Let's fill the grocery basket every week! The Food Shelf's mission statement is "Responding collectively using community resources to relieve the suffering of poverty by providing food assistance."

Did you know for every \$1 donated, the food shelf can purchase \$10 worth of food through their buying partner, Second Harvest Heartland? So if you choose to give money instead of food items, you can place the money/check in the envelopes provided in the grocery basket and bring it to the church office.

The people that the Food Shelf serves, live in Kandiyohi County. People who are served are; 59% Caucasian, 31% Latino, 4% Somalian, 3% African American and 3% other. 40% served are children under 18 years old. 5% served are over 65 years of age or older. 3% are homeless and 55% of the households served include at least one employed adult.

Thank you for your support,
Social Concerns Committee



On November 4, we remember those who began their journey of grace in baptism as well as those whose earthly pilgrimage on earth ended at Calvary this past year. During Prayers of the People, prayers of thanksgiving will be offered and a candle will be lit in remembrance of those who have died.

Deaths

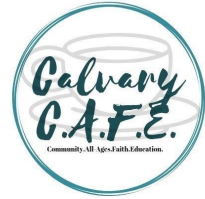
David Ivan Milbrandt 11/6/17
 Gerald 'Jerry' Thorpe 11/7/17
 Leon Muller 11/14/17
 Helen D. Johnson 11/19/17
 Keith Cleo Moist 11/21/17
 Edmund Malford Quenomoen 12/2/17
 Merland Holmgren 1/17/18
 Carrie Jean Gorans 2/4/18
 Rosalie Corrine Johnson 2/15/18
 Harold M. Ekren 2/22/18
 Craig Allen King 3/5/18
 Donald Jack Lighthizer 3/19/18
 Rev. Theresa Ann Kraft 3/13/18
 Paul Clayton de Cathelineau 3/22/18
 Elard DeWayne Gilbertson 3/22/18
 Marlys Madelyn Doty 3/29/18
 Shirley Layman 3/29/18
 Michelle Diane Preece 4/8/18
 Ronald Arlo Fostervold 4/24/18
 Ronald Bruce Holm 5/15/18
 Margot Belinda Tvete 6/1/18
 Gene Harvey Spaulding 6/5/18
 Barbara Ann Ellingboe 6/9/18
 Delores 'De' Drakenberg 6/26/18
 LuAnn Geraldine Swanson-McDonald 6/29/18
 DeVane A. Lundquist 8/6/18
 Carol Jean Eekhoff 8/9/18
 Shirley Ann Vossen 8/15/18
 Dale Laverne Trandahl 9/6/18

Baptisms

Arnold Timothy Workman 11/5/17
 Mannix Patrick Coleman 12/3/17
 Auralina Rose Chemerys 12/17/17
 Aisley Rain Lindemeier 12/30/17
 Soren James Fenske 12/31/17
 Harper Reed Chouanard 2/18/18
 Loretta Marion Danielson 4/28/18
 Olivia Marie Hauer 5/6/18
 Oliver Henry Juven 5/13/18
 Adalee Ella Frank 6/24/18
 Everly Rae Hillenbrand 6/24/18
 Christian Melvin Russell Schow 8/5/18
 Oliver Joseph Hirman 8/19/18
 Calvin Cole de Cathelineau 8/26/18
 Everett Allen Fischer 9/16/18
 Railyn Rose Behm 9/30/18
 Rowan Nicole Dowdell 10/7/18
 Bjorn Leslie Rud 10/13/18
 Esme Renae Gilbertson 10/14/18

Coffee Hour & Adult Forum 'Charitable Giving'

David Anfinson will be speaking at Adult Forum on November 4 at 9:05-10:00 AM in the Friendship room. He will be speaking on the topic of Charitable Giving and the new Federal Tax Laws.



CALVARY C.A.F.E. Community. All-Ages. Faith. Education

WEDNESDAY'S

ALL ARE WELCOME!

5:15 PM - Meal (sign up with the office by Monday's)

6:00 PM - Communion Worship

6:35 PM - Education Time & Confirmation

*There will be no meal on Nov. 21, join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship, followed by Pie & Coffee Fellowship in Bethany Hall.



Calvary Lutheran Church
Mondays through December 17.

5:00 PM Refreshments

5:15-6:30 PM Presentations,
Discussions & Support.

All are welcome!

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



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 8:00 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, November 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 - Nancy Hultgren'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.



Sunday, November 11, 2018

Calvary will be honoring all who served on Veterans Day. Please join us for either the 8:00 AM or 10:15 AM Worship service. Please feel free to wear your military attire.

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

Date: November 2, 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, October 31. (235-2508)

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



Calvary Church, God is doing something incredible here! Our September Host week was a great success. 4 families found solace here and one family found a home midweek. Thank you, what you are doing here is making a difference! People of Calvary have stepped forward to practice works of mercy. It is wonderful to see how you share your blessings with others. We have more opportunities for many of you who can offer a little time into this **simple** way to volunteer that makes a real difference. Calvary's next family promise host week is **Nov. 18 – 25!**

Washburn, WI - Family Promise Ministry

On Nov. 2, 3 & 4, we will be having visitors from Washburn, Wisconsin, come and join us at Calvary to experience the Family Promise Ministry. These visitors are friends from Pastor Ron's former parish in Washburn (Children, ages 11- adults). Pastor Ron has requested that our Steering Committee, and other volunteers help with assisting him in promoting the Family Promise Ministry. He would also like assistance in a "Start-up" committee who would be able to establish a Family Promise Ministry in northern Wisconsin. We need volunteers in the following ways:

Saturday, Nov. 3rd: A volunteer to provide a warm breakfast for approx. 15 people (Pancakes?)

Saturday Night, Nov. 3rd: A volunteer to provide a warm meal for approx. 15-20 (Spaghetti & Garlic bread?)

Sunday AM: A volunteer to provide a warm breakfast for approx. 15 (Oatmeal? French Toast?)

Anyone who can help with this endeavor PLEASE contact Roger (320)905-1762 or Joni Hanson (320)220-1324 or email at: northwatch@charter.net or joanhanson122@gmail.com.

-Calvary Family Promise Committee

November Community Meal

Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 PM in Bethany Hall. The meal will be served by the Girl Scouts and their parents.

Menu: Spaghetti, garlic toast, lettuce salad, and iced cream sandwich.

Letter from Kandiyohi County Family Promise

**What would you do if you suddenly found yourself without a place for you and your family to sleep?
Where would you go?**

For the last 3 years, Family Promise has been partnering with local churches to provide families with safe places to stay, home cooked meals and hospitality. Since 2015, Family Promise of Kandiyohi County has helped over 61 families (85 adults and 98 children) get back on their feet. Without the incredible services provided by our partners, volunteers, and people like you, we would not be able to continue assisting families in need.

We might as well be up front, we are asking for your help! Family Promise opened its doors 3 years ago with enthusiasm and hope and although our guests have found stability and our reputation has prospered, our financial support has lagged. We are grateful for our current sustaining donor gifts but they have not kept pace with our expenses. It is time to call for help. In addition to volunteer help and well wishes, we need dependable, consistent income from our supporters. If that does not happen, Family Promise is in danger of becoming just another mission afterthought. Help Family Promise of Kandiyohi County continue helping families in our community.

So far this year, we have provided room, board, case management, education, security, connection to community, and positive affirmation to 70 guests for an average of 60 days each. Based on our total budget, we calculate that this comes to just \$13.50 a day per person. What an investment in the lives of our neighbors! Our Fall Drive begins on October 15. It includes dollar for dollar matching funds for the first \$25,000 donated! Visit www.familypromiseofkc.org or call 320-441-2228 to find out how **YOU** can make a life-changing impact.

thank you

The cemetery committee would like to thank both Dale Johnson and Harley Aalfs, as they retire, for the thousands of hours they have volunteered working at the Calvary Cemetery over the past several years. Words aren't enough to express our appreciation for your dedication in helping to maintain Calvary's Cemetery.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee brought forth a candidate name and received approval from Council on October 9, 2018 to bring a candidate to the congregation for a congregational vote to offer a call for the position of Administrative Pastor. The candidate was identified after a rigorous process as described in updates provided in previous month's newsletters and temple talks.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

VOTE ON CANDIDATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR CALL

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 11:15 AM – BETHANY HALL

The Congregational Meeting will be announced during church services and in bulletins during October in accordance with constitutionally defined processes.

The candidate who will be brought forward was unanimously endorsed by both the call committee and by the council. The candidate has strengths and depth of experiences that align with the top strengths and gifts identified by the congregation and included in the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) used during this call process:

- Effective Communicator – preacher, teacher
- Administration
- Building a Sense of Community
- Develop and share leadership in a team
- Help people develop their spiritual life
- Innovative/Creative

Please join us in the Congregational Meeting as we consider and vote on an Administrative Pastor for Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN.

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

Commitment Sunday – November 18

Growing Together in Christ *Stewardship 2019*

Commitment Weekend

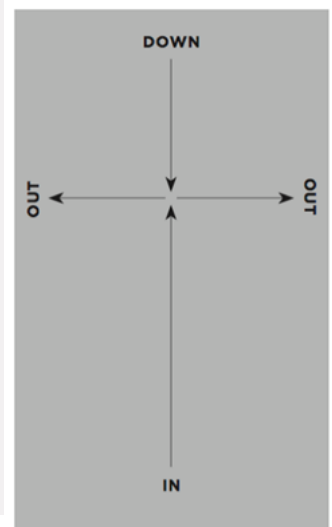
Saturday Chapel/Sunday Worship

November 17 & 18

Stewards of God's Love,
Please consider your participation and commitment to gracious giving at the Commitment Sunday on November 18, 2019. Your commitments made on pledge cards you have received, and available at the church office, will drive 2019 planning for Calvary Lutheran Church's commitment to strengthen and grow our ministries and outreach. Thank you for generously and prayerfully supporting Calvary's on-going mission and ministry.

When we practice stewardship we are making the sign of the cross.

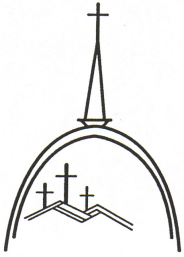
God makes the first vertical line **DOWN**; we follow by moving **IN** to the center and then **OUT** to our neighbors on either side both near and far. We form a cross with our lives and through our faith we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.



JOIN US for the Sunday Morning Congregational Brunch - 8:30-10:30 AM in Bethany

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

	<u>One Month Ended</u>	<u>Nine Months Ended</u>
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ (25,794.00)	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	67,789.94	524,690.63
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	361.00	2,182.31
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	4,957.00	36,543.50
CONFIRMATION MEAL INCOME	518.00	518.00
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	4,805.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS		6,138.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS	-	90.00
GRANT	-	1,000.00
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	-	450.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	-	525.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	115.85	680.96
	<u>73,741.79</u>	<u>577,624.37</u>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS	-	10,965.68
MISSION OFFERING	50.00	400.00
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH	36.00	357.61
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	100.00	3,199.00
THRIVENT CHOICE		1,683.00
	<u>186.00</u>	<u>16,605.29</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	73,927.79	594,229.66
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE	6,778.99	52,469.06
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	5,972.77	74,778.12
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	486.70	3,523.27
EDUCATION	5,957.10	48,823.75
YOUTH	4,056.61	55,322.07
LIBRARY	77.74	1,024.52
STEWARDSHIP	1,664.40	1,825.40
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	10,815.77	97,920.10
ADMINISTRATION	35,252.35	325,532.18
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	186.00	16,605.29
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	406.99	513.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>71,655.42</u>	<u>678,337.06</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	2,272.37	(84,107.40)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ (23,521.63)</u>	<u>\$ (23,521.63)</u>



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**Reminder to turn your clocks
back one hour on November 4.**



Thanksgiving
Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21

6:30 PM - Worship with Holy Communion

Join us for pie and coffee fellowship immediately following the service in Bethany Hall!