

## IN CHRIST'S NAME WELCOME TO CALVARY

### **WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

We practice open communion. All who believe the promise of Christ **given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins** are welcome at his table. **GRAPE JUICE** and **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS** are available.

**KIDS CORNER** is a place where you can find kid-friendly items to use during Worship. It is located in the Narthex next to the coat room.

**CALVARY'S NURSERY** is located on the west side of the Sanctuary and is available for your use. A nursing lounge is available in the Prayer room located on the north end of Bethany Hall (in the basement).

### **KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Allen Barrett, Arlene Ballard, Rice; Bill Bannon, Hope Lodge.

### **HIGH SCHOOL BAKE SALE TODAY!**

Calvary's Youth is having a bake sale today to raise funds for their Summer Houseboat Trip!

### **DECEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL**

**Today, Sunday, December 16** at 6:00 PM in Bethany Hall. The meal will be served by the Boy Scouts and their Parents.

**Menu:** Chicken a la King, biscuits, fruit cocktail and ice cream cup.



### **GRIEF CARE**

Tomorrow, Dec. 17 will be Grief Care's Memorial Candle Lighting and potluck meal. Grief Care will resume January 7, 2019.

### **WELCOME PASTOR TIM MALEK!**

A very warm welcome to our new Lead Pastor, Rev. Tim Malek and family! His first official day with us was Wednesday, December 12! Pastor Tim comes to Calvary from a congregation in Sturgeon Bay, WI, where he served as Sr. Pastor for the past 12 years. Before entering the ministry, Pastor Tim spent time in sales and as a flight instructor/charter pilot. His calling to formal preaching/teaching and providing pastoral care were instrumental to his choice to enter the ministry.

Pastor Tim and his wife Debra have been happily married for 37 years. They first met at the age of 16, while both serving on support staff at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp. Debra is a Registered Nurse. They have three children; Andrea, Charles and Ruby Ann. Andrea is now doing research at the University of Iowa, Charles is a student at Luther College and Ruby Ann is attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Pastor Tim, and his family, enjoy hiking and he is eager to tackle some of the northern Minnesota geography! He also enjoys golfing and barbequing/cooking with Debra.

Pastor Tim is excited to celebrate the Christmas holiday with our Calvary family. He is enthusiastic about the solid church family that we are and the commitment to growth that he heard through the call process discussions. He plans on focusing his time initially on getting to know the church family and community through reaching out and a lot of active listening.



**Annual Reports  
Due**

**REIMINDER:  
Annual Reports  
are due Dec. 18!**

## CHILDREN'S CALENDAR:

### TODAY, Sunday, December 16

9:05-10:05 AM – ALL AGES Christmas Celebration in Bethany Hall! No regular Sunday school.

**Sunday, December 23** – NO Sunday school.

**Wednesday, December 26** – NO Programming – Christmas Break.

**Sunday, December 30** – NO Sunday school.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Programs possible! Thank you to the teachers and helpers who faithfully teach our children week after week. Thank you to the parents for supporting our ministry at Calvary and for passing on the gift of faith to your children at church and at home. Thank you to all the kids who shared their musical gifts by playing an instrument or by singing. Thank you to those who narrated, danced and shared personal Christmas stories. Thank you to the Calvary Choir for sharing their music with us. Thank you to Megan Davis who choreographed the dance and worked with our dancers. Thank you to David and Mandy Severtson for sharing their musical talents with us during the programs and each and every week!

**Christmas blessings to you all!**

## CHRISTMAS EVE BELLS

All children are invited to bring small hand bells (jingle bells or any small bell) to the Christmas Eve services. They will be invited to ring their bells when certain words are sung during the hymns. This will be a fun activity that adds to the festive nature of our worship and is a great way for the children to participate.

## HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE BOAT TRIP

It's not too late to sign up for the High School Summer Trip! Talk to Zachary about signing up; there is limited space available!

## THIS WEDNESDAY A CALVARY CAFÉ!



**5:15 PM** - Community Meal

**6:00 PM** - Communion Worship

**6:30 PM** – Christmas Caroling

Menu for **December 19:** Meatball dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll.

**Please sign-up for the meal, with the office, by the Monday before C.A.F.E.!**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

This Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM, join us in bringing cheer to nursing home residents as we step out to go caroling together at Bethesda and Rice Care Center!

## LITTLE NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS



Our traditional Norwegian Lillejulaften Gudstjeneste worship service is Saturday, December 22 at 7:00 PM. This is a worship service with the liturgy, Christmas carols, and sermon in the Norwegian

language with the English translation alongside the Norwegian in the service booklet and sermon notes. Please plan on making this special service a part of your Christmas celebration this year!

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

No plans for Christmas Day? Please come to Calvary and have Christmas dinner with us! We will be serving at 12:00 PM in the Friendship Room! Please sign up at the church office, ALL are welcome!

-Bob & Connie Dickerson

## Calvary Staff

<b>Pastors</b>	Tim Malek Naomi Mahler Dean E. Johnson
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	David Severtson
<b>Faith Formation Coordinators</b>	Janel Skindelian Zachary Erickson
<b>Office Manager</b>	Dawn Fisch
<b>Communication Specialist</b>	Rachel Gilbertson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Keith Neumann
<b>Custodians</b>	Mike Swanson & Bruce Laffen
<b>Head Usher</b>	Randy Novak
<b>Librarian</b>	Sandi Bennett
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Sandi Bennett, Julie Neumann Dianne Plahn
<b>Kitchen Coordinator</b>	Enola Dowdell
<b>Calvary Cemetery Sexton</b>	Ron Keith
<b>Missionaries</b>	Philip & Lou Knutson (Southern Africa) Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson (Tanzania) Reverend Alex LaChapelle (Republic Of South Africa)

## 2018 Executive Committee

President: Bill Fenske; Vice Pres: Brett Aamot;  
Secretary: Amanda Newberg; Pastors

## Church Council

### **Bd of Children & Family**

Amanda Newberg (16-19)  
Erica Mathews (17-20)  
Kaylee Jahraus (18-21)

### **Board of Stewardship**

Corey Nelson (16-19)  
Brett Aamot (17-20)  
Mike Haugsby (18-21)

### **Board of Finance**

Bill Fenske (16-19)  
Valerie Amberg (17-20)  
Peter Johnson (17-20)  
Craig Holmgren (18-21)

### **Board of Worship**

Mary Jo de Cathelineau  
(16-19)  
Shawn Swenson (17-20)  
Jeremy Schmidt (18-21)  
Britta Willenbring (18-21)

### **Board of Outreach**

Dennis Eastman (16-19)  
Bridget Pederson (16-19)  
John Kappers (18-21)

### **Board of Youth & Family**

Scott Nichols (17-20)  
Megan Johns (16-19)  
Kirsten Zumwalt (18-21)

## Serving Today

<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Naomi Mahler
<b>Presiding:</b>	Pastor Dean E. Johnson
<b>Assisting:</b>	Pastor Tim Malek
<b>Acolytes:</b>	8:00 – Alexandria Eckhoff Rae Holwerda 10:15 – Carson Eichhorst Sofia Lynum
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	8:00 – Isaiah Bennett Jenna Blackwell 10:15 – Jaidon Bredesen Tayva Carruthers
<b>Greeters:</b>	8:00 – Doug & Amy Gilbertson Danny Elling Shirley Ringness Robert & Elaine Howell 10:15 – Lyle & Karen Loge Donald & Julie Mathews Leon & Debra Lentz Gregg & Karen Laurence 5:30 – Paul Steigerwald 8:00 – Shane & Kasey Baker 10:15 – Larry & Marcia Knutson
<b>Lector:</b>	
<b>Office Volunteer:</b>	8:00 – Dorie Larsen 10:15 – Marcia Knutson
<b>Sound:</b>	8:00 – Victoria Larsen 10:15 – Kim Larson Christ Bennett
<b>Video:</b>	
<b>December Altar Guild:</b>	Shirley Ringness, Nancy Holt, Janelle Higdem, Janet Haugen and Margaret Marsh

## A Measure of our Faithfulness Worship – Attendance

### **Saturday, December 8, 2018**

5:30 PM – 40

### **Sunday, December 9, 2018**

8:00 AM – 108

10:15 AM – 403

### **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

6:00 PM – 68

# Our Week at Calvary

<b>Sunday 16</b>		<i>Youth Bake Sale</i>
	8:00 AM	First Word Worship with Holy Communion
	9:05 AM	ALL AGES Christmas Celebration
	10:15 AM	Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion
	6:00 PM	Community Meal
	6:30-8:30 PM	High School Youth Group
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<b>Monday 17</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Time
	5:15 PM	Grief Care – Memorial Candle Lighting & Potluck
	5:45 PM	Board of Children & Family
	5:45 PM	Calvary Bells
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts – Pack Meeting & Derby Car Handout
	7:00 PM	Book Club: A Place to Belong & Thrive
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
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<b>Tuesday 18</b>		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
		<i>Annual Reports Due</i>
	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Board of Outreach
	6:00 PM	Boy Scouts
	6:00 PM	Board of Youth & Family
	6:00 PM	Board of Finance
	6:00 PM	Board of Worship
	7:00 PM	Church Council
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<b>Wednesday 19</b>	7:30 AM	High School Breakfast Club
	9:00 AM	Beliveau Women's Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:15 PM	Gentle Yoga
	5:15 PM	Calvary C.A.F.E. Meal
	6:00 PM	Communion Worship
	6:30 PM	Christmas Caroling
	7:30 PM	Calvary Choir
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<b>Thursday 20</b>	9:30 AM	Bible Study
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<b>Saturday 22</b>	7:00 PM	Little Norwegian Christmas Service
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<b>Sunday 23</b>	9:30 AM	Advent IV Worship

## Christmas Worship at Calvary Lutheran

### Lillejulaften Norsk Gudstjeneste

**Sat., Dec. 22:** 7:00 PM - Little Norwegian Christmas Service

### Advent IV

**Sun., Dec. 23:** 9:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

### Christmas Eve

**Mon., Dec. 24:** 3:30 PM - Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight

5:30 PM - Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight

10:30 PM - Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight

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**Sat., Dec. 29:** 5:30 PM - Chapel Worship

**Sun., Dec. 30:** 9:30 AM - First Sunday of Christmas Worship



### Next Sunday – December 23

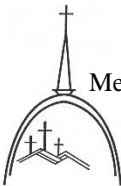
Advent 4

Micha 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45



### CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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