

CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Come Worship With Us

Wednesday:

6:00 PM – *Communion Worship*

Saturday:

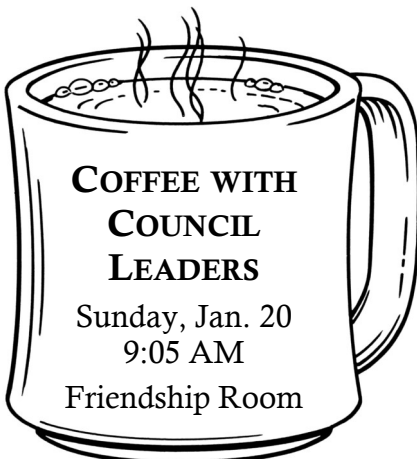
5:30 PM – *Chapel Worship*

Sunday:

8:00 AM – *First Word Worship*

9:05 AM – *Education for All*

10:15 AM – *Foundation &
Praise Worship*



The Messenger

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Faith Seeking Understanding

I still can't believe that when you read this it will be 2019. As a kid, all of the science fiction stories I read and watched on TV were dated sometime in the 2000's. Even now, I'm just a little disappointed that we all aren't driving flying cars that fold into briefcases every morning on our way to work.

It must be said though that the modern day marvels of technology available to us now are in many ways superior to the science fiction gadgets imagined in the 1960's; smart phones, homes, cars, tablet computers, fit-bits and HD-Video on devices small and large not the least of them.

The great advances realized in Medicine today were unfathomable fifty years ago. One thing is certain; the future will never be dull.

Does the future, even just this next year, hold excitement for you or dread?

Either way, God promises to walk every step of the way with us through thick and thin. We have the Holy Spirit, whose breath animates our existence. We have the gift of God's Word, both in Holy Scriptures and especially as it comes to us in Jesus Christ, AND in word and sacrament. Our God promises us eternal life and strength for today. Jesus made this promise, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." (John 14:18-19 NRSV)

**God bless you in the year 2019,
Pastor Tim Malek**



*Pastor
Tim Malek*

The installation of Pastor Tim Malek to serve as Lead Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, will take place at all three services the weekend of January 12 & 13, 2019. Please join us for worship. There will be a brief reception for Pastor Tim held after each worship service on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Faith Formation in 2019

We are ready to begin the second half of the Faith Formation year!

Wednesday, January 2: Wednesday All Ages Faith Formation resumes!

Sunday, January 6: Sunday school resumes!



Early Childhood Family Sunday School

Sunday, January 6

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

For parents and children who are pre-Sunday school age. We gather once a month and grow in faith together with a fun early childhood curriculum. This month's story is "Baby Moses." All are welcome!



Family Sunday School

Sunday, January 13

9:05-10:05 AM in Bethany Hall

ALL Children and Families join us as we learn together about CAMP!

Update: Sunday School & Noisy Offering

September through December our Offering was designated to go to support the ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. We raised over \$800.00! A huge thank you to the children and to all who donated to our monthly Noisy Offerings during worship for making this contribution possible!



As we begin a new year, we want to say **THANK YOU** to all who have worked with the children's ministry this past year. Thanks to all who teach our children during Sunday School and all who help with our Family Sunday Schools. Thank you to all who teach music to our children. We are richly blessed to have so many who love and care for our children. We thank God for your dedication and service to all our children at Calvary!



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas programs. A special thank you to all the teachers, helpers, ALL the children that sang, played instruments, and narrated, the families that shared their Christmas Stories, the Calvary Choir, the parents and all who attended!





Skatin' Place Outing

When: January 18 from 5:30-10:15 PM

Who: Grades 6-8 & friends!

What: Willmar Area Churches is sponsoring a middle school outing to Skatin' Place in St. Cloud.

Cost: \$20 - includes transportation, unlimited roller skating, pizza, pop and laser tag. Arcade games are available, but not included in the price.

Any questions, contact Zachary. Money & form due by **January 16.**

Girls Night

When: January 18-19

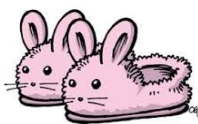
Friday starting at 5:30 PM
until Saturday at 10:30 AM.

Who: Grades 9-12

Cost: \$10/person

What: There will be many fun activities including mini manicures, crafts, night games, games, movies, pizza and snacks! Bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and blankets or whatever you need for a sleep over here at church! Invite your friends!

RSVP to **Amy Arnold (320) 296-5027** or **Lisa Larsen (320) 905-9047.**



Senior High Summer Trip Fundraiser

The senior high youth will be providing and serving lunch at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27. We are trying to help raise money for our upcoming Summer Houseboat Trip with Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. If you or someone you know are interested in assisting the youth, contact Zachary at zachary@calvarywillmar.org or 715-931-7105.

Want to stay in the loop on High School Events?

To get weekly reminders and updates on what we are doing text @calvyouth to 81010 or add calvarywillmar on Snapchat.



High School Youth Group

High Schoolers are invited to youth group! Activities include night games, movie nights, service projects, and of course time to build community and spend time with friends!

When: Sundays from 6:30-8:30 PM

Where: Bethany Hall

Any parents, guardians or adults interested in volunteering can contact Zachary at zachary@calvarywillmar.org or 715-931-7105.

High School Breakfast Club

High School Youth are invited to get together on Wednesday mornings! **January 2, 9, 23 & 30**

7:30-8:30 AM @ the Goodness (downtown Willmar).

FREE ROLLS! Beverages on your own.

Come to be a part of community, pray together & start your day off right! If you need help coordinating a ride, contact Pastor Naomi or Zachary.





January Special Music

January 5 - 5:30 PM - Phillis DeBlieck

January 6 - 8:00 AM - Philis DeBlieck
10:15 AM - OneAccord

January 20 - 8:00 AM - Karina Rice and Calvary Choir
10:15 AM - Karina Rice

January 27 - 8:00 AM - Mary Jo de Cathelineau and
Calvary Chior
10:15 AM - Mary Jo de Cathelineau



**The 2019 Annual Meeting of
Calvary Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 27, 2019
11:15 AM in Bethany Hall**



CALVARY C.A.F.E.

Community. All Ages. Faith. Education.

5:15 PM - Dinner

6:00 PM - Communion Worship

6:30 PM - All Ages Education &
Confirmation

Calvary C.A.F.E will resume January 2, 2019!

2019 ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Sunday, January 20, 2019
3:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church

312 6th Street S.W. Willmar, MN 56201

Christians from various denominations represented in southwest and west-central Minnesota are invited and encouraged to attend this celebration of our common Christian faith. This celebration is held as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a reception following the service.



GRIEF CARE

Monday's resuming on January 7.

5:00 PM - Refreshments

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



Dear Calvary Family,

We are in awe of your influence. Thank you friends at Calvary for stepping forward to **DO SOMETHING!** We have seen so many new names of people signing up on our white board and Sign Up Genius. We are proud of our dedicated church family who step forward. These individuals get to see transformation in the lives of the guests that we serve. They see it when a fearful mom enters our program and is able to relax, perhaps for the first time in a long time, because she feels safe and welcomed. Or when a child throws open the door to his new apartment, and a huge grin spreads over his face because he knows this place is home.

But it is so much more than that! Each night in safe churches throughout Kandiyohi County, volunteers sit down to a meal with homeless families and learn that these families' dreams are not very different than their own. The volunteers often walk away transformed and often realize they can help by donating their time, their talents and their treasure.

We thank you! Your investment in Family Promise has made a tremendous impact. Every day, a child and parent in a homeless family, depends on us in their journey to financial stability and a better life. It's God's work in our hands.

Who else at Calvary can help? Who else at Calvary can benefit?

Please take the time to watch this video provided by Family Promise of Kandiyohi County's Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromiseofKandiyohiCounty/videos/582760602181999/>

January 20-27 will be our next host week at Calvary! Please contact the church for more information about how you can volunteer.

Sincerely,

Calvary's Family Promise Team



CALVARY'S GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone that helped make another year of the Calvary Giving Tree such a great success. Calvary has such giving and caring members. The impact of that generosity is felt in every event our Social Concerns Committee works toward. Such generosity is what our Lord encourages in many Bible passages especially in these few brief words "God loves a cheerful giver." Watch for further events scheduled for the new year.

-Social Concerns Committee

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

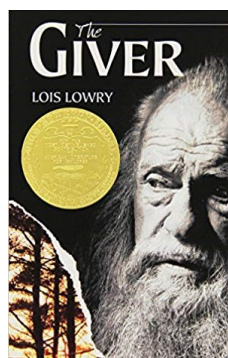
Our December Food Shelf donations totaled 157 pounds of food and \$150.50 in monetary donations.

Please remember to bring items for the Willmar Food Shelf on the first Sunday of each month.

We thank everyone for their donations!

-The Social Concerns Committee

CALVARY'S BOOK CLUB: A Place to Belong & Thrive



We have finished a great discussion of our first book and are excited to start 2019 with a new book. Our next selection is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Everyone is welcome to jump in anytime. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room at Calvary. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. The group decided we would read as much as we could of the book by the 7th. Discussion will go through chapter 12. If we finish discussion of the book on January 7, we will watch the movie on January 21. If you have questions, contact Sara Bennett at 444-3769 or email: sarabennett26@gmail.com

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, January 8 :**

Hope - 8:00 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 - Mary & Martha Room

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!

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

NTY will not meet for the months of January, February and March. It will resume again in April, 2019!

January Community Meal

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

Our Parish Leadership

President: Bill Fenske

Vice President: Brett Aamot

Secretary: Amanda Newberg

Our Parish Staff

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



Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to both my family and me. We feel truly blessed to be here to serve God with you as partners.

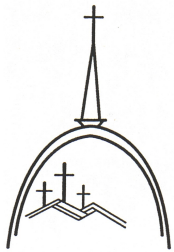
— Pastor Tim Malek and family

We would like to thank all of our friends at Calvary for all of their thoughts and prayers for Chet during his hospital and Therapy Suites stay. All of the visits and calls were appreciated so much. A special thank you to Pastor Wall, Pastor Dean and Pastor Naomi for their prayers and visits. May God Bless you all.

—Chet & Sharon Sommers

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

	One Month Ended	Eleven Months Ended
CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ (33,436.57)	\$ 60,585.77
CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL UNDESIGNATED	50,167.71	627,943.33
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10.00	2,192.31
CAPITAL FUND INCOME	4,169.00	44,643.50
CONFIRMATION MEAL INCOME	664.00	1,818.38
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	-	4,805.00
SR HI SPECIAL EVENTS		6,138.97
CHILDRENS SPECIAL EVENTS		235.09
GRANT	-	1,000.00
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	200.00	650.00
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSOR	-	525.00
SUNDAY COFFEE	80.75	869.96
	55,291.46	690,821.54
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
LENTEN OFFERINGS		10,965.68
THANKSGIVING OFFERING	2,330.00	2,330.00
MISSION OFFERING		400.00
COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH		383.41
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	200.00	3,399.00
THRIVENT CHOICE		1,683.00
	2,530.00	19,161.09
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	57,821.46	709,982.63
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE	5,016.75	62,794.28
PROGRAM MUSIC & WORSHIP	7,460.22	89,699.50
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	886.51	4,833.24
EDUCATION	4,372.98	57,623.34
YOUTH	5,456.58	66,151.56
LIBRARY	227.69	1,329.95
STEWARDSHIP	198.79	2,495.19
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	8,647.00	117,191.03
ADMINISTRATION	34,212.69	393,400.24
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	2,530.00	19,161.09
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSE	-	513.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	69,009.21	815,192.72
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF EXPENSES	(11,187.75)	(105,210.09)
CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF PERIOD	\$ (44,624.32)	\$ (44,624.32)



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2019 Equipping Congregations Day



Spirit Led
INNOVATION
Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Vinje Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran
Willmar, MN**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators & Leaders, Pastors...Everyone! For information on the event, please visit www.swmnelca.org/events page. Calvary will pay the registration fee (includes all materials, refreshments & lunch) and will register as a congregation. More information to follow soon!



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