

The Messenger

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OUR VISION

“Through the cross of Jesus Christ, God is calling Calvary Lutheran Church to intentionally reach out and invite all people, nurture their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, and send them to live a faithful and fruitful life of witness and service.”

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 8:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.
Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. in
the Chapel.

Midweek Lenten Services
5:15 & 7:00 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer

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“LOVING AND SERVING A LIVING, TRUTHFUL GOD!”

Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,

He's a member of a congregation that has recently encountered some turbulence and just recently he said, “If this were a truly Christian church, we wouldn't be having these problems.” The assumption was that the congregation's crisis was due to a failure to be real Christians.

Sometimes that's the case. But not always. Sometimes we find ourselves in a painful, conflicted and difficult mess not because we're not faithful to Jesus but because we *are* following Jesus!

In Judges 6, amid all sorts of defeats and struggles related to the conquest of Canaan, an angel appears and tells the Israelites that God is with them. Gideon flippantly asks the angel, in effect, “If the Lord is really with us, why are we in this mess?” The implication is that, if the Lord were really behind us, we wouldn't be failing.

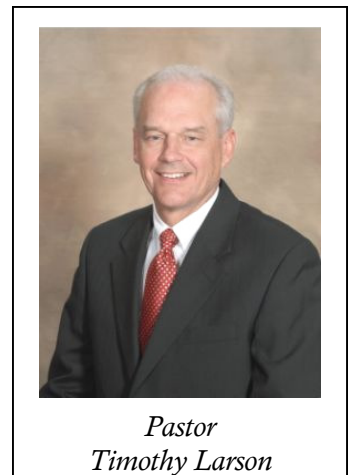
But think for a moment. When the Lord promised to give the Hebrews land, the Lord did not promise it would be easy. Or when Jesus promised us forgiveness and salvation, he did not promise it would be cheap and painless.

Our Lord calls us not only to get along with one another but to love one another, to forgive enemies, to love the truth which is Jesus Christ more than we love comfort and security, to both honor the past and be faithful to a living, loving God. That's no easy assignment.

Many human organizations are content to survive, to make it from one year to the next in solvency. The church is a bit different. We are called to preach Christ crucified, make disciples, be light to the world, tell a deceitful, death-denying culture the truth, etc. This is all to say that sometimes we're in a mess because the Lord *is* really with us! And we find ourselves in peril because we're really with the Lord.

Time and again I am reminded that perhaps our greatest challenge is that which it has always been – loving and serving a living, truthful God! What a marvelous privilege!

Pastor Tim Larson



*Pastor
Timothy Larson*



HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS!

March 3 – 5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

TEMPLE CLEANING

Special Offering—S. Africa Companion
Synod Scholarships

March 10 – 5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

AROUND THE TABLE IN THE UPPER ROOM!

Special Offering—Camp Camp Scholarships

March 17 – 5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

GARDEN TESTING! THE ARREST

Special Offering—World Mission Prayer League

March 24 – 5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

THE TRIAL!

Special Offering—Calvary Community Meal

April 1 – 5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

Special Offering—ELCA Mission Builders

Special Music

March 3: 5:15 & 7:00 p.m.
Mary Jo deCathelineau

March 6: 5:30 p.m. Bobbi Karg

March 7: 8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir
9:00 & 11:05 a.m. TBA

March 10: 5:15 & 7:00 p.m. Terry Shaw

March 13: 5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw

March 14: 8:00 a.m. TBA
9:00 a.m. Chapel Kids
11:05 a.m. Calvary Choir

March 17: 5:15 & 7:00 p.m. Heidi Ahmann

March 20: 5:30 p.m. Brielle Thorpe

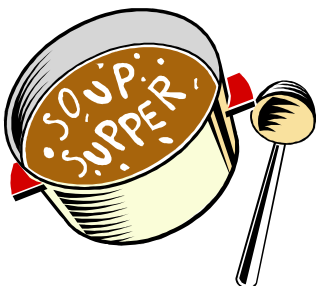
March 21: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Terry Mikes
11:05 a.m. Calvary Choir

March 24: 5:15 & 7:00 p.m. TBA

March 27: 5:30 p.m. TBA

March 28: 8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir
9:00 & 11:05 a.m. Wednesday
and Sunday School Children

JOIN US FOR A MEAL OUT



Before or after the worship service, please join us for Lenten soups, sandwiches & desserts from 5:45 to 7 p.m. in Bethany Hall. A free will offering will be collected. We will have four serving lines for speedy service. Two lines will be in front of the stage and also in front of the kitchen doors. This is a great time for fellowship and tasty soup!

- Wednesday, March 3**—Rosalie’s Chili, Potato Bacon, Chef’s Choice
- Wednesday, March 10**—Cheeseburger Chowder, Chicken Wild Rice & Twice Baked Potato
- Wednesday, March 17**—Cheddar Baked Potato, Lasagna, and Tomato Basil with Ravioli
- Wednesday, March 24**—Chef’s Choice



GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<i>INCOME:</i>		
GENERAL FUND	55,758	58,070
STEPPING FORWARD	6,111	6,491
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0	75
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	0	50
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP	0	375
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	15	0
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	350	350
INTEREST INCOME	<u>114</u>	<u>100</u>
TOTAL INCOME	62,348	65,511
<i>EXPENSES:</i>		
BENEVOLENCE	5,695	6,554
PROGRAM MUSIC AND WORSHIP	6,536	6,730
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	239	239
CHILDREN & FAMILY	5,366	4,558
YOUTH & FAMILY	4,495	4,879
STEWARDSHIP	0	0
LIBRARY	76	77
MAINTENANCE AND PROPERTY	10,507	11,457
ADMINISTRATION	15,035	13,509
PASTORAL STAFF	<u>22,410</u>	<u>22,619</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	70,359	70,622

FIRST FRUITS BENEVOLENCE GIVING
JANUARY

	<u>2010</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>
ELCA SW MN SYNOD	2,352	2,077
PAZ Y ESPERANZA	433	383
ELCA MISSIONARY-EUROPE	268	237
ELCA MISSIONARY-TIBET	268	237
ELCA MISSIONARY-MADAGASCAR	268	237
SUNBEAM ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION	186	164
NEW OUTREACH INITIATIVES	0	0
WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF	186	164
SALVATION ARMY	248	219
GREEN LAKE MINISTRY	433	383
MEALS ON WHEELS	186	164
LAKELAND CONFERENCE MINISTRY	619	546
PRISONERS OF HOPE	62	55
DISCRETIONARY BENEVOLENCE	0	100
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	<u>186</u>	<u>164</u>
TOTAL	5,695	5,130

Thank you for your generous support of Calvary Lutheran Church and its missions.

Comments: General Fund contributions 4.0% under budget for the year. Stepping Forward contributions 5.9% under budget for the year. Total expenses 0.4% under budget for the year.



The Calvary Choir will rehearse 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season. Regular rehearsal times will resume on Wednesday, April 7.

The Cherubs and Chapel Kids will meet at 6:05 p.m. during the Lenten season. The Free Spirits will not meet during Lent. All choirs will resume their regular rehearsal times on Wednesday, April 7.

ADULT FORUMS
Sundays at 10:05 a.m. in Bethany Hall.
Forums led by Pastor Dean Johnson.
March 7—Why do we gamble?
March 14—The cost of abusing alcohol.
March 21—Without Good Friday, what would happen?

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” ~Philippians 4:7

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER



Thanks to all those who attended last month’s Pizza Ranch fundraiser. It went very well! We raised a total of \$412; \$312 in tips and \$100 from the overall sales for the evening. Come to Pizza Ranch on **Monday, March 1** from 5 to 8 p.m. for a tasty meal! All tips given for the night and a portion of

the sales made will go towards the costs of the two summer trips. Youth attending these trips and their parents will be working these nights clearing tables and will greet you warmly!



Congratulations to Charles Fenske for earning his Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, February 7.



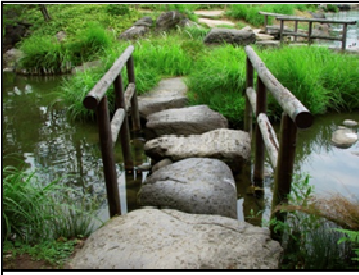
February Pizza Ranch Fundraiser had a great turnout despite the new fallen snow. Come and be greeted by these cheery faces again on March 1.

SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY

Youth in grades 6 on up are invited to join Gina and Keith on **Sunday, March 7, and March 21, at 10:05 a.m. in the Friendship Room.** Our focus will be on what our inward compass is. We’ll be reading the story of Nathan and David in 2 Samuel 12:1-25. The second week we’ll be watching a Nooma DVD about why we as humans care so much about what other people think of us. Then we’ll be reading in 1 Corinthians 13 about the importance of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Y & F BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 4 at 12:00 noon in the Friendship Room.** Feel free to bring your lunch!



FAITH STEPS

Reminder:

Faith Steps will continue into March taking place on Sunday mornings during the education hour in the Koinonia room and will be taught by Pastor Matt. These classes are designed for parents to attend with their children. Don't forget to set aside these dates and attend with your child.

- Sunday, March 7, 1st/2nd grades—Ten Commandments (Small Catechism)
- Sunday, March 14, 3rd/4th grades—Apostles' Creed
- Sunday, March 21, 6th grade—What's Next? Preparing for Confirmation

As part of **Faith Steps**, fifth graders and their parents will be preparing for their **First**

Communion. A series of four consecutive classes will be held in the Koinonia room on Wednesday nights between Lenten services. Those dates are:

- Wednesday, March 3, 6:15-6:50pm
- Wednesday, March 10, 6:15-6:50pm
- Wednesday, March 17, 6:15-6:50pm
- Wednesday, March 24, 6:15-6:50pm

There will also be an opportunity for parents and children to bake Communion bread with the women of our Altar Guild on Wednesday, March 31, at 6:15pm in our Bethany Hall kitchen. We encourage your attendance with your child at each of these sessions.



HAND CHIMES

Beginning March 17, Jean Berg will be having hand chimes choir for children 3rd – 6th grade. Choir time: 4:45-5:15pm every Wednesday.



Green Lake Lutheran Ministries – BIBLE CAMP!



Sign up for Church Camp Believe it or not, it is that time of year to be thinking about going to Bible camp. Green Lake Bible Camp brochures are available on the kiosk in the narthex. Pick one up to see how to choose and register for a program and week your children might like to attend. Calvary's camp week is July 18- 23. Early Bird discount ends on March 12, 2010. A family discount is also available as well as

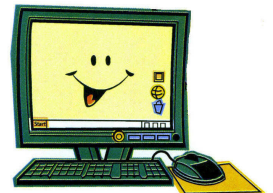
scholarships and grants to make camp possible for anyone who would like to attend. Please call Mary Gabel or Gina Hatzinger for more information on Calvary's sponsorship policy.

YOUTH AND FAMILY INSTITUTE –

“PASSING ON VIBRANT FAITH” WORKSHOP is being offered on May 8, 2010, at the Synod office in Redwood Falls. This workshop is for staff and volunteers who serve children and parents helping to shape faith values in our Lutheran Tradition. Mary will be attending. If you are interested in joining her, give her a call at 235-2508 and she will get you registered.

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computer lab is now open on Wednesdays after school for kids who wish to do homework or just relax and play computer games prior to the start of Station 16 and Confirmation. We do have internet connection but have taken special care to block certain sites deemed unsafe or risky for kids as well as social networking sites such as Face Book, My Space, and Twitter. Mary will also be monitoring computer usage during lab hours, 2:30 – 5:00pm.



VBS PLANNING

Anyone interested in being a part of **BAOBAB BLAST VBS** planning should contact Mary ASAP. We will be having a planning meeting in April. VBS will be August 2-5. Vinje is our host this year.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER



FOOD SHELF

Mark the date of March 14 as our Food Shelf Processional offering day. The offering will take place at each service. Our goal is 1000 pounds and \$1000. "Buy a Bag" will be available on that Sunday for those of you who wish to donate that way.

Calvary is also assisting with the Food Shelf Concert that will be held at Vinje Church on Sunday March 21.

~Social Concerns Committee

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Dear Friends of Calvary,

Thank you for the many wonderful well wishes you have given Gregg, Manny and me. Thank you for the beautiful clock and for the cards, emails, gifts, kind words and prayers. You have lifted us up in so many ways. You are so treasured more than words can ever say. We look forward to serving alongside you, in a new way, as we continue to share the love of Christ.

In God's Grace,

Pastor Jeanne, Gregg and Manny Aamot



Present

"Celebration of Life"

This program of choral and orchestral music will include selection Haydn, Schubert as well as musical favorites of Richard Rodgers and Fiddler on the Roof.

Sunday, March 21, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church
1101 Willmar Ave SW
Willmar, MN

Admission is free, no tickets required

100% of the proceeds of a free will offering will benefit the Willmar Area Food Shelf

Our family would like to thank our Calvary family for all your prayers, calls, cards, and support during Ardell's battle with lymphoma. We went from high hopes of total recovery to the realization that Ardell would not be able to conquer his illness. During these months we felt the power of your prayers in knowing that whatever the outcome we were in the Lord's hands. Ardell felt wrapped in your prayers by having the prayer shawl which you gave him. Thank you for that reminder to him of your prayers. We also want to thank the entire staff of Calvary for their help. A special thank you to the pastors for their prayers and visits. Thank you to Pastor Dean for helping our family and for his years of guidance and support. A special thank you to Pastor Tim for his visits to the emergency room, the hospital and finally the nursing home and for helping us with the memorial service. We want to thank Roger Bengston, One Accord for their music and the women who helped serve the dinner. We deeply miss Ardell but are thankful for our church family who has helped us through these hard days and months.

The family of Ardell Moen

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PARISH NURSE NOTES

Thoughts on Hunger

There are many forms of hunger. There is the hunger for food, for love, for purpose, for truth. There is the hunger for health and happiness. There is the hunger for companionship, for inner peace, for the sense that we belong. There is the hunger for laughter and the hunger for God. The hunger that lives in the human heart is part of the kinship that holds us all together.

What one of us is lacking, another has in abundance... a bowl of rice, a skill, wisdom, a capacity for joy, knowledge, a courageous heart. Our urges and our gifts our longings and our offerings are all needed and all are indispensable.

Frances Lappe, author of "Diet for a Small Planet"

~Parish Nurses Dena Eichelberger and Dona Haines

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

Welcome Back to N.T.Y.

Date: March 12, 2010 at 12:00 noon

RSVP: Please call the church office (235-2508) by Wednesday noon March 10 to make reservations.

NTY: A group that claims to be at least 55 years old.

No joining required - come when you can!



There are numerous coats hanging up in the coatroom in the narthex waiting for their owners to claim them. Please check this out if you have misplaced your coat. We will be bringing the unclaimed coats to the

Salvation Army or Goodwill the end of March.

Thank you!



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PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On **Sunday, March 28**, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall youth and parents will be serving French toast, sausage, fruit, and beverages. A free will offering will be collected, and funds will help support those attending the one of the summer trips.



**PALM
SUNDAY**

Parents, mark this date on your calendars! On Palm Sunday, March 28, at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship services, children in Noah's Ark, PromiseLand, and Station 16 will participate again in a long standing tradition.

They will be a part of the Palm Sunday processional and will be carrying palms. The children will also sing at both



Calvary Christian Education and Confirmation classes are canceled when severe weather conditions warrant it. Cancellations will be reported to the three local radio stations: KDJS, KWLM and KQIC.

Please listen to your radio or check their websites. Activities are canceled if schools are closed due to bad weather.