

# 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.

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## “EASTER—NEW BEGINNINGS”

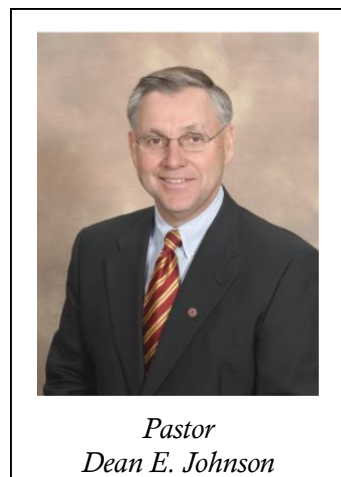
Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,

When I was a child, my friends in school and I would play and compete in numerous games and sporting events. As the contest or activity continued, if we did not like the score, we would say, let’s start over. What we really meant was we wanted a better outcome.

It is Spring! It is Easter! It is a season of new creation. It is a time to start over. In his writings, Martin Luther, the founder of the Lutheran Church, encouraged daily renewal; repentance, forgiveness and the experience of new life on a daily basis. It is not a once in a lifetime activity, but a daily experience with Christ.

We think often of the past, the hurts, trials and disappointments. We are often wounded. But just like the brown grass of winter turns into the green grass of spring, our old hurts and disappointments disappear. The old has passed, the new has arrived.

So it is with Easter. The old ends on Good Friday! The new begins on Easter. We are people of the new; the old is gone. We are forgiven! We have life now. We have life in eternity because of Easter! It is a New Beginning!



Pastor  
Dean E. Johnson



## Festival of Easter

Sunday, April 4

**“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”**

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Worship

7:00-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

**Easter Festival Worship**

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

# APRIL

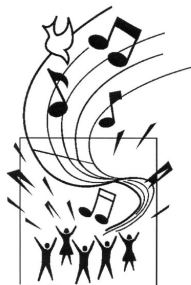
## Special Music

- April 1:** 5:15 p.m. Karen Loge  
7:00 p.m. Calvary Choir and Chet Sommers
- April 2:** 12:00 noon Good Friday Joint Worship—Britta Tait  
Greg Hilleren & Kris Swanson
- April 4:** 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service  
Briana Broberg  
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.  
Calvary Choir and Brass
- April 10:** 5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw
- April 11:** 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. One Accord  
11:05 a.m. Sandy Kocka
- April 17:** 5:30 p.m. Shirley Pettis
- April 18:** 8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir  
9:00 a.m. Chapel Kids  
11:05 a.m. Free Spirits
- April 24:** 5:30 p.m. TBA
- April 25:** 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Ann Phillips and Payden Beilhartz  
11:05 a.m. Cherub Choir and Calvary Choir

## MUSIC LEADERS NEEDED

UHAMBISANO (“Walking Together”)  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY – May 1 & 2

Song leaders, choir members and other interested singers!!! We need you for a couple special anthems as we highlight our Companion Synod on the weekend of May 1 & 2. The mass choir will be for the Sunday services on May 2. Practice with us Wednesday’s April 14, 21, & 28 at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. Bring your friends! All are welcome!



## NEW MEMBER SESSIONS

- Sunday, April 11 - 10:00 a.m. Friendship Room
- Sunday, April 18 - 10:00 a.m. Friendship Room
- Sunday, April 25 - 10:00 a.m. Friendship Room
- Thursday, April 29 - 6:00 p.m. Bethany Hall

New Members will be received on Sunday, May 2.

If you know of someone considering membership at Calvary, encourage them to contact the church office (235-2508) or one of the pastors.



**Become Part of Our Church Family**



The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota will be performing at Calvary Lutheran

Church on **Saturday, April 24** as part of their Spring 2010 Concert Series. The concert, entitled “*A Clausen Collage*,” will begin at **7:30 p.m.** The Artistic Director of The Legacy Chorale is Willmar native Sarah Aamot who quite literally grew up in the choir loft right here at Calvary Lutheran Church. Her parents are Paul and DeElla, life-long members of our congregation; brothers Brett (Kathy) and Gregg (Pastor Jeanne) and their families are also members of Calvary.

**Admission for the April 24 concert is \$10 for adults and seniors and free for children 18 years of age and younger.** Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance at Calvary Lutheran Church or the West Central Tribune. There will be a “meet and greet” reception following the concert in the church basement.

Further information about The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota, including their Spring 2010 Concert Series, can be found by visiting their website: [www.legacychorale.org](http://www.legacychorale.org) or by contacting Bill Satre, Chorale Manager, at 218-820-4558 or [bill.satre@legacychorale.org](mailto:bill.satre@legacychorale.org).

## TIME TO DECORATE OUR CEMETERY



Your Cemetery Committee wishes to thank everyone who decorated the graves of loved ones in previous years. Our cemetery has looked beautiful and respectful, and we sincerely hope 2010 will look even better. Calvary Cemetery is your cemetery and we all need to do everything we can to continue making it beautiful. Your help and support is absolutely necessary.

Live or artificial flowers and plants are allowed on grave-sites from May 20 to September 15.

All plants and flowers must be either in pots hanging from single shepherd hooks, in planters, or in stand-alone clay pots. Rather than quote specific sizes and/or dimensions, we ask that you use good judgment in the number and placement of your decorations. It is the beauty of the decorations we are promoting.

Remember, Nathan Streed has to mow, trim and keep the cemetery looking nice for all of us to enjoy, and that is a very time consuming job. For safety reasons, glass containers or other breakable containers are not permitted. If found, they will have to be removed.

To have your cemetery looking its best for Memorial Day, please have your large cement flower pots planted by one week before Memorial Day. If you are unable to plant them, we will store them in a safe area behind the Schroeder Maintenance Building. Contact a member of the Cemetery Committee if you wish to use them later, and we will place them back at your site.

Permanent flowers, plants, trees, shrubs, etc. will only be planted when approved by your Cemetery Committee.

Your Calvary Cemetery Committee is an appointed group of dedicated Calvary members who meet regularly to update and discuss matters concerning the operation and maintenance of our cemetery. Contact the church office for a list current members or a complete list of Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

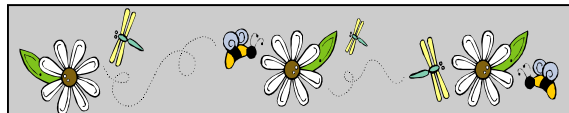


CWELCA is  
inviting the

congregation to help fill midwife kits for Global Health Ministry. The following items may be donated in the exact dimensions and descriptions listed:

- 1 – 36” sq. muslin or sheet
  - 1 bath towel 24 x 40
  - 1 wash cloth
  - 2 white cord ties, 8” long
  - ¼” twill tape or heavy white knit/crochet cotton yarn
  - 1 bath size bar Ivory soap
  - 1 new single edge, safety wrapped razor blade
  - 1 newborn size stocking cap
  - 1 small flannel or cotton blend shirt
  - 1 receiving blanket, @ 30 x 30
  - 1 pr. Latex gloves
- (Pack ties and razor blade in small plastic bag. Pack everything into 2 or 2½ gallon “Ziploc” type plastic bag). Squeeze out air

Please bring these items to the church office by April 24. *Thank you from the ladies of CWLECA*



### WELCA Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 24, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran - Atwater, MN

Cost: \$7.00

Sign up in the Church Office by April 12.

### ADULT FORUMS

*Sundays at 10:05 a.m. in Bethany Hall.*

**April 11**—Sherry Bigalke, Sunbeam Boys Home

**April 18**—Church Facilities Task Force Review

**April 25**—Trish Appledorn, Kandiyohi Veterans Service Officer “Caring For Veterans”

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.”*

~Proverbs 3:5,6

### Y & F BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 8 at 12:00 noon in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!** Feel free to bring your lunch!

### SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY

We will **not** meet on Easter Sunday.

**Sunday, April 18**, youth in grades 6 on up are invited to the Friendship Room for fellowship and to study Matthew 7:24-27. We'll be discussing the importance of our spiritual foundation and how significant that is in our daily lives.

### SPRING BOWLING OUTING

On **Sunday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.**, youth in Jr. High are invited for an afternoon of bowling and pizza. Please RSVP with Gina or Pastor Matt. Youth are asked to pay \$5 for this event.



### SR. HIGH PAINTBALL

Saturday, April 10 from 12 noon to 7:30 p.m., a Senior High Paintball event will be held jointly with Bethel, Calvary, Vinje and St. Mary's. This event will be held at Vinje Lutheran.



### 50'S DRIVE-IN:



On **Wednesday, April 28 at 5:15 p.m. in the Friendship Room**, a meeting for all participants and parents involved in

the 2010 Summer trips will be taking place. Anyone else interested in participating in this blast from the past event is welcome to join us as we begin to plan for this exciting event.

### GRADUATION BANQUET

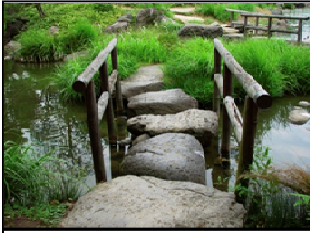
On **Sunday, May 23 at the 9 a.m. service**, all graduating Calvary Seniors will be recognized during the 9 a.m. worship service.

After the service, a **special banquet will be held in Bethany Hall. Each of the graduating seniors will eat for free. All others in attendance will need to purchase a ticket for the luncheon from Gina for \$6 per person.** A letter with more information about this banquet will be sent home in the near future. Graduating seniors please get three pictures ready to turn in for a PowerPoint presentation that will be made to honor you.



Rachel Tait, Alizabeth Haug and Gina recently attended dinner and a worship experience at the Campus Ministry Center across the road from Ridgewater College. It was a night of fellowship, fun and meaningful worship.





## REFLECTING ON FAITH STEPS

On Sunday, April 25, Pastor Matt will be meeting with parents in the Koinonia Room to reflect on and evaluate the recent Faith Steps classes held in February and March for parents and their children 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you and your child were involved in this program, please join Pastor Matt for coffee and conversation. Your input is important and will help us with planning for Faith Steps in the future.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

On Wednesday evenings during the month of March, Calvary's fifth graders and their parents took part in the Faith Steps program, **FED AND FORGIVEN**, as these children prepared to make their First Communion. At completion, fifth graders are invited to join with their spiritual family here at Calvary and make their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1. This is a monumental milestone in their lives. We thank God for them and pray for God's special blessings upon them as He continues to feed them spiritually and strengthen their faith through this holy sacrament.



As part of their First Communion instruction, fifth graders gathered to make their very own paten and chalice.

- † There will be no PromiseLand or NA on Easter Sunday, April 4.
- † Station 16 KIDS and NA Wednesdays resumes April 7 at 5:15 p.m.
- † April 11, PromiseLand, Rotation #6, "Doubting Thomas" begins. This is a two week rotation.
- † April 15, 7pm, at Vinje Lutheran Church, planning meeting for those interested in helping meeting with Vacation Bible School this summer. Dates for VBS are August 2 – 5. Vinje is hosting.
- † April 25, PromiseLand, Rotation #7 "Mary and Martha" begins. This is a three week rotation.
- † "Sundae, Sunday," the final Sunday of Sunday School for the year, is May 16.
- † May 20, 5:30-7:00pm will be "Teacher Appreciation Night." This is a special night to thank all those who helped with children's education this year. Dinner will be served. If you were a part of this group, please set this date aside.

## Green Lake Lutheran Ministries BIBLE CAMP!



**Sign up for Church Camp** Don't forget to register for Bible Camp! Brochures are available on the kiosk and on the shelf outside the library. Can't find one—ask Gina or Mary for information. Calvary's Bible camp week is July 18-23.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

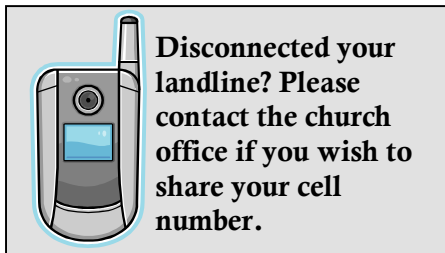
Thanks to all who helped make our food drive a success. We hope to report soon that we made our food and money goal. Watch the bulletins for more information.

April brings more spring like weather and an even stronger desire to be outside. This is also the month that we like to bring attention to Habitat for Humanity. We are planning an Adult Forum to emphasize the importance of the Habitat projects as well as planning to assist at a Habitat site. Again, watch the bulletins for more information.

Future projects involve Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Currently there are several community events planned. We will keep you aware of these events.

Relay for Life, School Supplies Drive and other projects are scheduled. Watch for more information as these dates approach.

~Social Concerns Committee



## MISSION TRIP PLANNED TO JAMAICAN BOY'S HOME

Calvary is looking for a few good men.



Early next year, the church hopes to sponsor a group of men and teenage boys for a mission trip to the Sunbeam Children's Home in Jamaica, which is run by the Minnesota-based Sunbeam Association for Mission.

The association's executive director, Sherry Bigalke of Peace Lutheran Church in New London, said the idea behind such "guys only" trips is to provide the boys at the home with positive male role modeling.

On a recent trip to the Sunbeam Children's Home, Bigalke was encouraged by her encounters with some young men who had once lived at the home.

"What amazed me was how warm and loving and good dads they were," she said. "I really attribute that to teams that went down and showed them what positive male role models can do."

Anyone interested in taking part in the mission trip should contact Julayne Mayer at 212-3466 or [julaynemayer@hotmail.com](mailto:julaynemayer@hotmail.com). Participants must be 16 years or age or older.

~Gregg Aamot

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

A special thank-you is extended to the Calvary congregation for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family during the passing of my father, Norrin Enerson. We appreciate the prayers, cards, prayer shawl, memorials, plants, visits, meals, attendance at the visitation and funeral. It has been such a comfort to all of us. I appreciate working with such a kind staff and caring congregation. Thank you and God's blessings to all of you.

Clark and Cathie Helland and family

We would like to thank our Calvary family for all the prayers and support during Arnie's illness. Thanks to Pastors Tim, Dean and Jeanne for the visits and prayers. Also the ladies from the Deaconesses Board for the pretty flower. We deeply appreciate your prayers of kindness during this difficult time. May God Bless you all!

Arnie & Shirley Vossen

Thank you members of Calvary for your prayers and cards while I was recovering with my hip replacement. Also thanks for the prayer shawl. It truly gives me a warm feeling. Thank you Pastor Tim for your visit.

Wayne Fostervold



Pictured are Sherry Bigalke, Exec. Director, with Nico James and Bobby Johnson.

## Our Parish Leadership

**President:** Lori Holmgren  
**Vice President:** Mike Schroeder  
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Check out Calvary's web site at [www.calvarylutheranchurch.com](http://www.calvarylutheranchurch.com)

## NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

**Date:** April 9, 2010 at 12:00 noon

**RSVP:** Please call the church office (235-2508) by Wednesday noon April 7 to make reservations.

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

No joining required - come when you can!

## THINK FAMILY CAMP!



Family Camp is coming in June. Contact Chad Willis if you would like to help plan this event. Stay posted for more details.

## PARISH NURSE NOTES ....

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE:



Law enforcement and banks in the Willmar area have been receiving a higher-than-usual number of reports of identity theft and debit card fraud since the beginning of this year. While the source of the data being used hasn't been positively identified, some patterns have been emerging. We all need to be vigilant about preventing debit card and identity theft. Tips to combat having your card information stolen include:

- ⇒ **Never let your debit or credit card leave your sight.**
- ⇒ **Guard your identity and account information with the same care you give your home and family.**
- ⇒ **Check your accounts frequently.**
- ⇒ **If you are a victim, report as soon as possible.**

Immediately notify the issuing financial institution to shut down your credit, debit, or checking account. You will probably need to close the account and start a new one (yes, this means changing all your auto-payments and auto-deposits).

If you are contacted by your card company about possible fraudulent activity, confirm first that it is a legitimate call and not a "phishing" expedition. Then obtain as much detail as possible from the company about the activity.

Identity theft can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission using their online complaint form at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

You may want to place a fraud alert on your credit files by contacting one of the three major credit reporting services: TransUnion, Equifax, or Experian.

Get a copy of your credit history to date. Get another one in several months.

If you are notified by a company that there has been a data breach and it is possible your account or identity may be compromised, follow the instructions in the letter for checking on your accounts and credit history, preventing identity theft, and protecting yourself. Businesses are required to mail these notices if they have reason to believe information is missing, stolen, or otherwise compromised. A police report is NOT needed in this case unless you become the victim of identity or financial theft arising out of the compromised information.

~Parish Nurses Dena Eichelberger and Dona Haines



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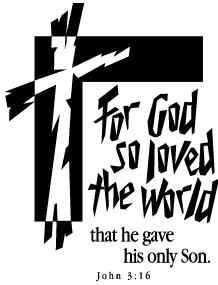
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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**April 1—Maundy Thursday**

*Holy Communion*

5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Special Offering—ELCA Mission Builders

**April 2—Good Friday**

Joint Worship at **Calvary Lutheran**—12:00 noon

Tenebrae Service at **Vinje Lutheran**—7:00 p.m.



## Easter Morning Breakfast

Bring your family and friends down to Bethany Hall on **Easter Sunday, April 4** for

**Calvary's Continental Easter breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** The menu will include cinnamon and caramel pastries, sausage links, fruit and beverages. We'll have a few Easter surprises tossed into the experience. Proceeds will go towards the 2010 summer trips.