

# 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.”



**Saturdays:** 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

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## “WHAT TO PRAY FOR IN LIFE”

Greetings Members and Friends of Calvary Lutheran Church, Prayer in one’s daily life is often spoken of and encouraged in the content of the Christian faith and community. Prayer is talking, speaking, and expressing oneself verbally, thoughtfully, and quietly to the Lord. It is both corporate and personal in nature. Prayer is an intentional activity that Jesus instructs us to perform.

In Luke, Chapter 11, Jesus responded to his disciples by teaching them to pray. Here is how: Acknowledge God as Father and revere and keep His name holy. Be open and expectant to His promises. Pray that the Father’s intentions and ways be fulfilled as opposed to our own. Ask God to provide for our daily needs not just our wants and desires. Pray that we might forgive those who do us harm and that we be kept from temptations both small and great.



*Pastor  
Dean E. Johnson*

Take care of the basic fundamentals of faith and prayer. Our gracious Father will grant to us what we have need for a more complete spiritual life. Yes, it is the gifts of the spirit which are love, grace, kindness, gentleness, compassion, and patience which will be bestowed upon us. Further more, He will give the continuous gift of the Holy Spirit which is the understanding to believe in the words, promises, and mysteries of God.

Keep praying; be honest and expectant!

*Pastor Dean E. Johnson*



**Choir Members  
Welcome!**

Choir rehearsals will resume in September. All new voices and new ringers are welcome as well as the former members. There are choir opportunities for all ages. Note the **starting dates** for each of these choirs. More information will follow in the September Messenger.

**September 8 – Calvary Choir – 7:15 p.m.**

**September 15 – Cherub Choir – 6:05 p.m.**

**Chapel Kids – 6:05 p.m.**

**Free Spirits – 5:30 p.m.**

**September 20 – Calvary Bells – 5:00 p.m.**

**THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

Thank you and God's Blessings to all who helped me celebrate by 90th Birthday.

*~Merland Holmgren*

Thank you to the Calvary Deaconesses for their monthly visits and the flowers they bring. I really enjoy their visits.

*~Griselda Lorz*

I would like to thank our Calvary Family for your prayers and the love and concern you showed us during Gordy's illness and at his death. Thank you to those who brought food, those who sat with him and for the many cards. A special thanks to Pastors Tim, Dean, Matt and Jeanne for their many visits—you were a blessing to us. May God bless each of you.

*~Margaret Gravgaard*



*August*

*Special Music*

- Aug 1:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Melissa Tvete
- Aug 7:** 5:30 p.m. Cooper Willis
- Aug 8:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Terry Mikes
- Aug 14:** 5:30 p.m. Melissa Tvete
- Aug 15:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.  
Michelle Sommers
- Aug 21:** 5:30 p.m.  
Natalie and Keisha Warne
- Aug 22:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.  
Brad and Sara Kallhoff
- Aug 28:** 5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw
- Aug 29:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Sandy Kocka



Calvary's Grief Care Group, led by Pastor Dean, will resume on Monday, September 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. These sessions will continue through November 15 and are open not only to Calvary members but others in the community as well. More information to follow in the September Messenger.



GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY-JUNE

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
GENERAL FUND	331,921	341,405
STEPPING FORWARD	33,190	33,750
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	85	450
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	350	250
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP	1,250	1,950
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	7,541	7,500
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	2,533	2,000
INTEREST INCOME	<u>625</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>377,495</b>	<b>387,905</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
BENEVOLENCE	35,747	38,791
PROGRAM MUSIC AND WORSHIP	42,067	42,666
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	3,351	3,333
CHILDREN & FAMILY	29,464	31,635
YOUTH & FAMILY	28,388	29,125
STEWARDSHIP	0	0
LIBRARY	994	734
MAINTENANCE AND PROPERTY	71,501	74,951
ADMINISTRATION	71,123	71,985
PASTORAL STAFF	<u>118,511</u>	<u>135,714</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>401,146</b>	<b>428,934</b>

FIRST FRUITS BENEVOLENCE GIVING  
JANUARY-JUNE

	<u>2010 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2009 ACTUAL</u>
ELCA SW MN SYNOD	14,212	15,309
PAZ Y ESPERANZA	4,114	2,820
ELCA MISSIONARY-SYLOVAKIA	1,621	1,746
ELCA MISSIONARY-TIBET	1,621	1,746
ELCA MISSIONARY-MADAGASCAR	1,621	1,746
SUNBEAM ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION	1,122	1,209
NEW OUTREACH INITIATIVES	0	945
WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF	1,122	1,209
SALVATION ARMY	1,496	1,611
GREEN LAKE MINISTRY	2,618	2,820
MEALS ON WHEELS	1,122	1,209
LAKELAND CONFERENCE MINISTRY	2,618	4,029
PRISONERS OF HOPE	338	403
DISCRETIONARY BENEVOLENCE	1,000	1,800
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,209</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,747</b>	<b>39,811</b>

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

*Comments: General Fund contributions 2.8% under budget for the year.  
Stepping Forward contributions 1.7% under budget for the year.  
Total expenses 6.5% under budget for the year.*



**Welcome Home Boundary Waters Voyageurs.**  
More news to follow.

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

~Psalm 46:1

## Y & F BOARD MEETING

On **Thursday, August 5 at 10:30 a.m.** the board will meet to discuss the Youth Council and other important fall programming items. If you would like to join in the conversation feel free to attend!



With fall fast approaching, we are planning to hold two important meetings on **Wednesday, August 25.**

- **Small Group Leaders** will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room.
- **Youth & Parents** will meet from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in Bethany Hall. Please plan to attend; we have a few new things planned for this year!

## SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY

This fall we'll begin offering Sr. High opportunities (grades: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) for fellowship, worship and fun on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We are looking at offering these opportunities from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first event will be on Sunday, **September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** On this night, we'll offer a candlelit Holden Evening Worship experience with technology included. Feel free to bring some friends!

## ANNUAL MISSIONARY RUN



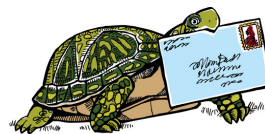
will take place on **Sunday, September 26** in the evening. We'll meet at Calvary and car pool to *Green Lake Bible Camp*. This event is for youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. We need young adults and other interested adults to help make this a fun event. If you are interested and want to find out further details, please talk to Gina or Pastor Matt.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall, beginning in September on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m., we'll begin having representatives from the Jr. and Sr. High meet to discuss and make decisions about ministry opportunities. **Youth, this is your opportunity to have a voice in what you would like to see for future events and faith nurturing endeavors!** If you are interested in being part of this group, please talk with Pastor Matt, Gina, or any of the Youth & Family Board members: Mary Ellen deCathelineau, LeAnne Freeman, or Jennifer Larson.

## 2011 CALVARY SUMMER TRIPS

Please stay tuned for more information about next summer's trips. At this time we are looking at offering one trip for Jr. High youth and a second trip for Sr. High. Both trips will be with a mission focus. A post card will be coming with three different options for both age groups. **Be sure to read them over and rate them. Please return them to Gina or the Welcome Center by Sunday, August 8.**



# Vacation Bible School

August 2 – 5, 2010

Hosted by Vinje and Calvary Lutheran Churches  
for all children 3 years through completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



Registration available on-line and in paper format.

Go to [calvarylutheranchurch.com](http://calvarylutheranchurch.com). or forms are available at the Welcome Center

If you have not already registered and wish to register on site, registration and permission forms will be available in the gathering area at Vinje on Monday evening, August 2. Children attending Day Camp at Green Lake (3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades) will be leaving the parking lot at 5:15 p.m. - SHARP. Each child must have a permission form in order to ride the bus and attend the camp. Children will be provided a sack lunch to eat on the bus. Campers may be dropped off directly at Green Lake Bible Camp but must come fed. Day campers will board the bus at 7:45 p.m. for the return trip.

Family meals are available. If you have signed up for them, we begin serving at 5:15 p.m.

If you are not attending Family Meals check-in time for 3 year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is 6:00–6:10 p.m.

Daily themes: **Monday** – TRUST – Abraham to Canaan; **Tuesday** – FOLLOW – Jesus Calls the Disciples;  
**Wednesday** – CARE – The Good Samaritan; **Thursday** – SHARE – Philip and the Ethiopian

**Please NOTE! Due to time and staffing constraints, the “Splash” VBS program scheduled for Thursday, August 5 from 9-11:00 a.m. has been cancelled.**



## SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NOW!

Registration for Fall Sunday and Wednesday School has begun. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. You may also register online at [calvarylutheranchurch.com](http://calvarylutheranchurch.com).

Join the Flock at Sunday School! The first day of Sunday School (PromiseLand/Noah's Ark) is September 12. The first day of Wednesday School (Station 16/Noah's Ark) is September 15 @ 5:15 p.m. If you are interested in helping with either the Sunday morning program or the Wednesday evening program, please call and speak with Mary @235-2508. We need shepherds, and we need rotation workshop leaders in these areas: Bible Skills, Art, Science, Drama, Music, Cooking, Computer, and Video. Think about taking an active part in your child's Christian education by helping out in one or more of these areas. We welcome your talent and your input, AND the curriculum is USER FRIENDLY! Watch for a calendar for the upcoming year in the mail and on the website.

# ***Fun in the Sun!***



**Canon balls, water up the nose, pizza pretzels, games with gummie worms and cotton balls stuck on noses with Vaseline. A good time was had by all at Calvary's Fun Day, July 13.**

## Our Parish Leadership

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



At this year's Sonshine event youth parents and other adults enjoyed Christian music and fellowship on the tarp. Thanks to Charlotte Hand for putting up the tarp and getting the discounted tickets for Calvary!

## PARISH NURSE NOTES ....

### ABOUT THE EYE

According to the National Eye Institute, the four most common eye diseases are: Diabetic retinopathy, age related macular degeneration, cataracts, and glaucoma



To protect yourself from these diseases, plan to get an eye exam based on the following recommendations:

- Ages 20-29 one exam during this time (if you wear glasses or have eye problems, your eye specialist will tell you how often to come in for an exam, often yearly)
- Ages 30-39 two examinations during these years.
- Ages 40-65 an exam every two to four years.
- Over 65 at least every one to two years.

UV stands for Ultraviolet rays. Two types of light that cause eye damage are Ultraviolet rays UVA and UVB.

Warning signs for glaucoma are rarely there until it is diagnosed. Many people who have it do not know they do.

Changes in the blood vessels in the back of the eye are known as retinopathy, or diabetic retinopathy.

People with diabetes need to pay more attention to their eyes because their blood vessels become damaged from high blood sugar levels.

Cataracts are aging of the eye's lens. As we age, the transparency in our eyes becomes cloudy and causes us to need more light for reading and driving at night.

Wearing a wide- brimmed hat and wrap around sunglasses can protect our eyes from the glare of the sun.

*~Parish Nurses Dena Eichelberger and Dona Haines*

## NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

N.T.Y. is taking the summer off.  
 We'll see you all again in September.



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### **CINNATI MISSION TRIP REPORT**

What a great week we had in Cincinnati, a week of service, reflection, and prayer. Calvary's group was split into two and then paired with kids from other churches. One group spent the week helping at a summer school program at Union Baptist Church in downtown Cincinnati helping inner city children with basic skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic as well as teaching some basic life skills. The other group worked at a variety of sites around the Cincinnati area including a food shelf, community gardens, and a YMCA day camp program for inner city children. At the close of each day, we worshipped together and shared experiences. With each day, we discovered what it means to encounter God's love and extend God's love, to be a blessing to others and to be blessed. Thank you for this opportunity to make this trip and for your support.