

# 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.”

***Come Worship with us:***  
*Saturday evenings at 5:30pm in the Chapel and Sunday mornings at 8:00am and 9:30am*

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## CEMETERIES—MEMORIAL DAY—HOPE

In the 1800 and 1900s, cemeteries were known as graveyards. Often times people who died were buried in different locations according to their social and financial status. In fact, community outcasts were sometimes buried outside the boundaries of the graveyard. More prominent citizens were laid to rest in front and lesser citizens towards the back. Graveyards were a place of human judgment. Thank God today we rely on the grace and judgment of God and not on our fellow human beings.

During and following the Civil War, the women of the day began to decorate graves. The early observance of Memorial Day became known as Decoration Day. Memorial Day now is observed on the last Monday in May when we as a nation pause to honor and commemorate our fallen soldiers and loved ones.

On Wednesday evening, May 18, the last gathering time of our 7th-9th grade confirmation classes, we gathered at Calvary Lutheran Cemetery for clean-up to support our dedicated Cemetery Committee, learn about cemeteries, remember our fellow parishioners who have died, be respectful and enjoy pizza. It is a great night of insight and being grateful.

Jesus stated to the disciples as recorded in John 14: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me for I go to prepare a place for you.”*

Cemeteries are the final resting place for our bodies but not for our souls. Cemetery in the Greek language means, “a sleeping place.” Our bodies will reside, but our souls go to be with God; one day when Christ returns, our souls will be given a new body and we will be with God forever. Our final resting place is with God.

***Pastor Dean Johnson***



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The Cemetery Committee would like to say thank you to the Confirmation students and Scout troop 224 for their help in cleaning, raking, picking up sticks, planting trees, spreading mulch and putting up the Veterans flag holders for Memorial Day. Thanks also to parents and adult leaders for getting the kids there and working with them to get the job done. This is a tremendous help to the committee. They are a great group of young people.

Thanks to all of you,  
*The Cemetery Committee*



*June Special Music*

- June 5:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Michelle Sommers & Tiffany Sieu
- June 11:** 5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw
- June 12:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Brad Kallhoff
- June 18:** 5:30 p.m. Ashley Olson
- June 19:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Lizzie Larson
- June 25:** 5:30 p.m. TBA
- June 26:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Terry Shaw

**PLEASE CONSIDER**

Worship leaders continue throughout the summer at the 9:30 New Horizon service. Thanks to the instrumental accompaniment (New Horizon Band) who diligently practice throughout the year. Many singers help lead this service as well. We welcome new song leaders at any time. Inform Cathie Helland if you are interested in becoming a worship leader.



Choirs are finishing up the year as the school year comes to a close. A special thank you is extended to all choir directors, accompanists, parents, and participants. The addition of your music to our worship services is a special part of our worship. We will begin again in the fall. Enjoy your summer!

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY–APRIL



|                             | <u>ACTUAL</u>  | <u>BUDGET</u>  |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME:</b>              |                |                |
| GENERAL FUND                | 214,491        | 238,010        |
| STEPPING FORWARD            | 22,426         | 22,067         |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME        | 0              | 200            |
| BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP        | 425            | 350            |
| RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP | 900            | 1,275          |
| CHRISTMAS/EASTER            | 7,056          | 7,000          |
| CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS           | 500            | 500            |
| INTEREST INCOME             | <u>417</u>     | <u>400</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>         | <b>246,215</b> | <b>269,802</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>            |                |                |
| BENEVOLENCE                 | 23,058         | 26,943         |
| PROGRAM MUSIC AND WORSHIP   | 28,102         | 28,474         |
| EVANGELISM OUTREACH         | 1,983          | 2,296          |
| CHILDREN & FAMILY           | 21,127         | 21,854         |
| YOUTH & FAMILY              | 18,568         | 19,108         |
| STEWARDSHIP                 | 2,321          | 2,500          |
| LIBRARY                     | 780            | 558            |
| MAINTENANCE AND PROPERTY    | 43,721         | 45,903         |
| ADMINISTRATION              | 47,871         | 48,741         |
| PASTORAL STAFF              | <u>75,094</u>  | <u>77,533</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>       | <b>262,625</b> | <b>273,910</b> |

FIRST FRUITS BENEVOLENCE GIVING  
JANUARY–APRIL

|                                 | <u>2011<br/>ACTUAL</u> | <u>2010<br/>ACTUAL</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ELCA SW MN SYNOD                | 9,321                  | 9,826                  |
| PAZ Y ESPERANZA                 | 3,189                  | 2,844                  |
| ELCA MISSIONARY-SYLOVAKIA       | 1,063                  | 1,121                  |
| ELCA MISSIONARY-TIBET           | 1,063                  | 1,121                  |
| ELCA MISSIONARY-MADAGASCAR      | 1,063                  | 1,121                  |
| SUNBEAM ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION | 736                    | 776                    |
| WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF         | 736                    | 776                    |
| SALVATION ARMY                  | 981                    | 1,034                  |
| GREEN LAKE MINISTRY             | 1,717                  | 1,810                  |
| MEALS ON WHEELS                 | 736                    | 776                    |
| LAKELAND CONFERENCE MINISTRY    | 1,717                  | 1,810                  |
| PRISONERS OF HOPE               | 0                      | 338                    |
| DISCRETIONARY                   |                        |                        |
| BENEVOLENCE                     | 0                      | 0                      |
| HABITAT FOR HUMANITY            | <u>736</u>             | <u>776</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>23,058</b>          | <b>24,129</b>          |

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

*Comments: General Fund contributions 9.9% under budget for the year. Stepping Forward contributions 1.6% over budget for the year. Total expenses 4.1% under budget for the year.*



On Friday July 22, the Calvary Crusaders will once again participate in and raise money for Relay for Life. This all-night event represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. One of the awe-inspiring events of the Relay is the nighttime lighting of the candles in the luminary bags surrounding the track, knowing each bag represents a loved one who has fought cancer. The funds raised that evening will assist the American Cancer Society in fighting cancer.

You too can help the Calvary Crusaders. Join the team, purchase luminaries in honor or memory of a friend or family member who has fought cancer, make a donation to the team, or for the second year, join us for dinner at the Pizza Ranch. Team members will be working at the Pizza Ranch from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, and Monday, July 11. We earn a portion of the evening proceeds and all of the tips.

If you would like to help the Crusaders and support Relay for Life, contact Shane Baker at 214-0838 or [skbaker@charter.net](mailto:skbaker@charter.net). Watch for more information in the July Messenger and the Bulletins throughout June and July. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society.

*“Believe that it is important to trust God even when you don’t understand why certain things happen.”*

Source: *A Daily Journey of Hope*

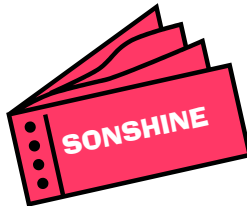
### YOUTH & FAMILY BOARD

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 2 at 6pm**, in the **Youth Room**.

### SONSHINE FESTIVAL

Event Date: **July 13 to 16**

If you would like to purchase tickets contact Gina. On the first night of **Sonshine, Wednesday, July 13**, youth are welcome to join Gina and some adults for a sleepover in Calvary’s education wing. Feel free to invite a friend.



### BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITIES



**Jr. High:**

Wednesday, June 22, 6pm, we’ll meet at LuLu Beans to finish discussing the rest of the **Rescuer** by Dee Henderson.

**Sr. High:**

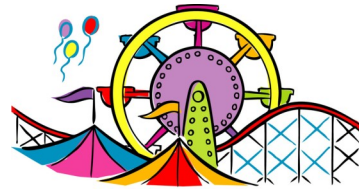
Please read to page 173 in **Unlocked** by Karen Kingsbury. Stay tuned to text messages as to the date and time of our next meeting.

### CALVARY SOFTBALL SIGN-UP



This summer our Calvary softball team will play every Thursday night at Swanson Field. Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for details. If you would like to be part of the team, please text or call Mike Newberg at 894-3498.

### ANNUAL VALLEY FAIR TRIP



**Saturday, June 4, at 8am**, the Youth & Family Board is offering a children, youth

and parent trip to Shakopee for a day of fun! Cost is \$30. Friends are welcome! Please turn in your form to Gina ASAP!

### SERVING FUN!



Once a month this summer, youth, parents, or other adults are invited to join Gina to help the following Willmar

service agencies:

**Willmar Area Food Shelf**

Wednesday, June 8, 9:15am to 12 noon, we will stock the shelves with donated food items.

**Safe Avenues** (Women’s Shelter House)

Wednesday, July 20, 9:15am to 12 noon, we will do yard work and other projects.

After we finish our projects, Gina will take you out for lunch to thank you for your efforts! Please consider making these opportunities part of your summer schedule.

If you hear the words **“I’m bored”** and your youth is looking for something to do this summer, send Gina a text message or call 220-1968. I could use some help updating the Calvary Youth & Family page, organizing the Youth Room closet, and a few other things.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Kids in our congregation can lead the way as stewards of the earth. This summer, they will participate in ReNew: The green VBS. ReNew is about hope, opportunity, and service. Kids will serve their community and demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful, and fun. You can still register. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center or go to [www.calvarylutheranchurch.com](http://www.calvarylutheranchurch.com) to register online.

ReNew is for kids 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

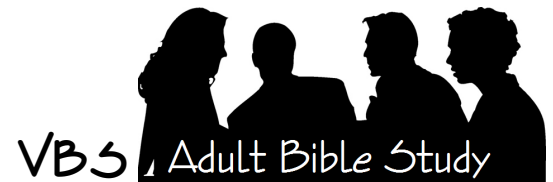
**Dates** for ReNew are June 12 through June 16. We will serve family meals beginning at 5pm. Gather time is 5:45pm. We will be done by 8pm every evening.



As a part of VBS, we are offering a two hour class on the morning of June 14 from 9-11am for two year olds who turned two years old by January 1, 2011. A parent , grandparent, or special friend must attend with your child. Activities during the morning will include crafts, games, a special snack, and music. Sign your child up for the class at the Welcome Center--church office--or call Mary at 235-2508.



Wednesday night, Station 16 Kids enjoying their last night of class eating pizza and helping to decorate luminaries for our Calvary Crusaders Relay for Life team.



Pastor Ron will be leading an adult Bible study in the Friendship Room beginning at 6:15pm every evening of VBS . The study is called ***Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation***. Come and discover the origins of our misconceptions about Scripture’s portrayal of creation. Recognize God’s call to us to relate to the whole creation as our vocation and experience how God’s people throughout the church are living out that call. The study is a series of 20 minute DVDs in high definition and features prominent theologians of the ELCA. Plan to participate in the Bible study and consider joining us for family meals and gather time in Bethany Hall.

# CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

June 10-12, 2011

West Rich RV Park by Spicer

Any questions?

Call Sandy Hanson at 235-7211.



## Family Camp

Invite someone new to join the fun.

Sign up in the Church office. No pre-payment needed.

## NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

**Date:** June 10, 2011 at 12:00 noon

**RSVP:** Please call the church office (235-2508) by Wednesday noon, June 8, to make reservations.

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

No joining required - come when you can!

## CWELCA NEWS

Unclaimed pans, bowls and other containers will be available for anyone to take on Sunday, June 5 at the Welcome Center.

Circle Bible Studies will be led by a pastor on the first Tuesday of June, July, and August at 9:30am in the Bethany Hall. All are welcome.

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Thank you for all your prayers while I was a patient at Rice Hospital. A special thanks to Pastors Tim, Dean and Ron for their visits and prayers. God bless you all.

*Griselda Lorz*

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

The calendar says that it is spring, but the weather still has us in late winter. Hope that all of you survived this very tough winter and can enjoy the summer.

Summer brings us the American Cancer Society fundraiser, Relay for Life. Calvary is sponsoring the Calvary Crusaders, and Shane Baker is heading the project.

The school supplies drive will take place in late July and early August. Watch for our "bus" across from the Welcome Center in mid July and help the "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

Our bulletin board across from the New Member pictures has information about mental health issues. Check it out.

Enjoy the nice weather! Thanks to all of you for the support you have given to the many projects Social Concerns sponsors. Calvary is a very giving congregation!

## PRAYER CONFERENCE AT CALVARY



Save these dates for a prayer conference: Oct. 28 and 29. Karl Kruse, a Lutheran pastor who works for Prayer Watch International, will teach us how to deepen our walk with the Lord through prayer. One of his teachings will focus on the *Lord's Prayer*. Look for more

information as the date gets closer.

*The Calvary Prayer Ministry Team*

## Our Parish Leadership

**President:** Mike Schroeder

**Vice President:** Mark Thompson

**Secretary:** Trisha Appeldorn

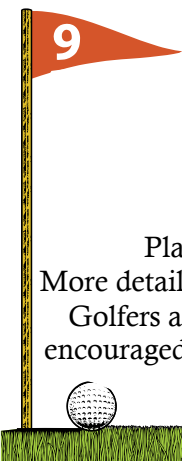
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Check out Calvary's web site at [www.calvarylutheranchurch.com](http://www.calvarylutheranchurch.com)

## Reaching Out Within Calvary, Golf Outing



August 7, 2011

2:00pm

Eagle Creek Golf Course

Meal to follow

Plan on attending this fun event.

More details to follow in next month's *Messenger*.

Golfers and non-golfers of all capabilities are encouraged to participate for fellowship and fun.

## PARISH NURSE NOTES ...

Our teeth are very important to us. One of the ways to help control the harmful bacteria in your mouth is brushing, flossing and seeing your dentist for a cleaning at least once a year.



But according to the National Center for Health Statistics, 36% of US adults under 65, and 44% over 65 did NOT see their dentist in the last year. And current estimates report that between 50-75% of all American adults have some degree of gum disease.

The result of this bad bacteria overgrowth--gum disease --has two main forms: gingivitis and periodontitis.

Gingivitis is when you get red, swollen, bleeding gums, especially after brushing or flossing. It's an inflammation and although it doesn't always cause pain, if left unchecked, it can turn into the more serious periodontitis.

Periodontitis is when your gum inflammation gets into the supporting structures of your teeth and can cause them to loosen and fall out. You can also get abscesses, pain and halitosis (bad breath).

Because with gingivitis or periodontitis, the bad bacteria can get into your bloodstream and affect your heart. This can increase your risk of coronary heart disease or lead to endocarditis (an infection of the inner lining of the heart that can damage or destroy your heart valves). Plus, pregnant women can pass harmful bacteria from their mouths onto their babies through the placenta, possibly leading to premature birth. These are the bacteria that cause these problems.

Bifidobacterium bifidum

- Bifidobacterium longum
- Lactobacillus casei
- Lactobacillus acidophilus
- Lactobacillus plantarum

This is just a reminder how important oral health is to the rest of our body.

~Parish Nurses Dena Eichelberger and Dona Haines



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*Thanks  
Dad!*



**Want to be part of the 50'S Drive-IN?**

This month youth, parents, and other Calvary folks will host the annual **50's Drive-in**. Please plan to attend on **Sunday, June 26, 4:30 to 7pm** in Calvary's parking lot. This year Willmar Car Club members will showcase their classics. DJ, Davie Lee, will be taking requests as he did last summer. **If you would like to help wait tables, cashier, or help in any way, please let Gina know.**

