

# 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 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel and Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.

May 29 - Summer worship at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

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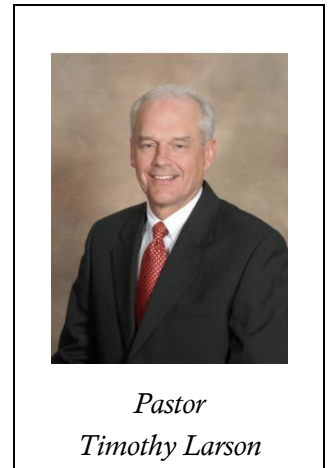
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## “HOW ARE YOU FEELING?”

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Matt. 28:19-20

This “commission” is still the command of our risen Lord to his church. It was heard by those who first lived with Christ. It is heard by those who share life with him today . . . *Go! Make disciples! Baptize! Teach all I have given through my Word!* No techniques are commanded here, no manipulation of persons. It is under the authority of the risen One that we seek to bring others, in Paul’s words, to “the obedience of faith.”



Pastor  
Timothy Larson

I wonder when the handful of disciples were ordered to go into a hostile and indifferent world to bear their witness on behalf of Christ, were they confident of success? Did they understand fully why they were sent? Did they *feel* like going?

We aren’t given answers to those questions but we know one thing: they obeyed.

It’s always a temptation to skirt the command or find some excuse or tailor faith and obedience to our feelings. If we *feel* like going to church to worship, we go. If we *feel* like helping our neighbor, we help. If we *feel* like forgiving someone, we forgive. If we *feel* like supporting missions, we give. If we *feel* like being faithful, we remain faithful. You and I are altogether too familiar with the slogan of past days, “If it feels good, do it.”

It could be that our Lord will give us the grace to *feel* like doing his will, but he may not. He’s not quite so concerned about how we feel; he has asked us to obey (to go) and he expects nothing less. However, here is the deep irony. It is through the door of obedience that our Lord’s rich promises, gifts, and blessings are bestowed and imparted to those who believe.

*Pastor Tim Larson*



### SPECIAL MUSIC

- May 1:** 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Sandy Kocka  
11:05 a.m. Calvary Choir
- May 7:** 5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw
- May 8:** 8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir  
9:00 a.m. Cherubs & Chapel Kids  
11:05 a.m. Free Spirits
- May 14:** 5:30 p.m. Corlis Knapper
- May 15:** 8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir  
9:00 a.m. One Accord  
11:05 a.m. Calvary Bells
- May 21:** 5:30 p.m. TBA
- May 22:** 8:00 a.m. JoAnn Halverson  
9:00 a.m. Sara Kallhoff & Cooper Willis  
11:05 a.m. Calvary Choir
- May 28:** 5:30 p.m. Randy Krogmann
- May 29:** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Steve Friedlein

### BULLYING & SUICIDE PREVENTION FORUM

Parents, youth, and all other interested Calvary members are invited on Sunday, May 1, 10:05 a.m., to join us in Bethany Hall to hear Tim Johnson, Lutheran Social Services Director, talk about the effects of bullying and suicide prevention. Please plan to attend.

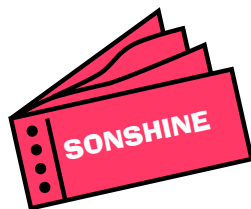
### SONSHINE FESTIVAL

Event Date: **July 13 - 16**

If you would like to purchase tickets at a discount for the festival, please talk with **Gina** by

**Wednesday, May 25**, for the

**following rates: Adult Pass for entire event- \$74, Child ages 6 to 11 for the entire event -\$45.** On Wednesday, July 13, after the concert, bring a friend and spend the night at Calvary.



The last choir rehearsals for the school year for the Cherubs, Chapel Kids, and Free

Spirits will be on Wednesday, May 4. They will be singing at church services on Sunday, May 8. The Calvary Choir's final rehearsal for the year is Wednesday, May 18. The Calvary Bells will finish their practice season on Monday, May 9. Thanks to all the participants, parents, directors and accompanists that helped with these groups. We thank you for enhancing our services through special music.



GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY–MARCH

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
GENERAL FUND	157,700	180,230
STEPPING FORWARD	17,067	16,875
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0	150
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	375	250
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP	675	975
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	0	0
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	500	500
INTEREST INCOME	<u>323</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>176,640</b>	<b>199,280</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
BENEVOLENCE	16,527	19,889
PROGRAM MUSIC AND WORSHIP	20,774	20,821
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	1,266	1,837
CHILDREN & FAMILY	16,629	17,330
YOUTH & FAMILY	13,833	14,293
STEWARDSHIP	2,321	2,500
LIBRARY	703	481
MAINTENANCE AND PROPERTY	36,461	36,370
ADMINISTRATION	42,713	36,177
PASTORAL STAFF	<u>57,414</u>	<u>58,150</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>208,641</b>	<b>207,848</b>

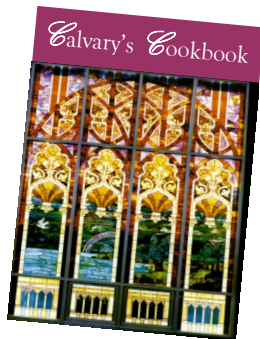
FIRST FRUITS BENEVOLENCE GIVING  
JANUARY–MARCH

	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2010 ACTUAL</u>
ELCA SW MN SYNOD	6,682	6,427
PAZ Y ESPERANZA	2,286	1,861
ELCA MISSIONARY-SYLOVAKIA	762	733
ELCA MISSIONARY-TIBET	762	733
ELCA MISSIONARY-MADAGASCAR	762	733
SUNBEAM ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION	527	507
WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF	527	507
SALVATION ARMY	703	677
GREEN LAKE MINISTRY	1,231	1,184
MEALS ON WHEELS	527	507
LAKELAND CONFERENCE MINISTRY	1,231	1,184
PRISONERS OF HOPE	0	338
DISCRETIONARY BENEVOLENCE	0	0
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	<u>527</u>	<u>507</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,527</b>	<b>15,898</b>

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

*Comments: General Fund contributions 12.5% under budget for the year.  
Stepping Forward contributions 1.1% over budget for the year.  
Total expenses 0.4% over budget for the year.*

Remember Calvary Cookbooks make a great gift anytime. Cookbooks may be purchased at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or during regular Church office hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.



**ADULT FORUMS**

*Adult Bible Study, Sundays at 10:05 a.m. in Bethany Hall.*

**May 1**— Suicide & Bullying—Tim Johnson, Lutheran Social Services

**May 8**—Why Mother's Day?—Pastor Dean

**May 15**— The World Situation—Economics—Religion—Morals—Pastor Dean

“Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

~Galatians 6:2

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Want to share ideas about Youth & Family Ministry at Calvary? Youth & Family Board will meet at LuLu Beans Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. Grab a beverage and join us.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

On **Wednesday, May 11 at 5 p.m.**, we’ll meet in the Youth Room to discuss summer Youth & Family Ministry opportunities.

## BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITIES



### Jr. High:

Due to the forum on the first Sunday of this month and Mother’s Day, we will meet on Sunday, May 15, at 10:10 a.m. at LuLu Beans to continue the conversation about the book we’ve been reading. Gina will send a reminder card home with further details on it.

### Sr. High:

Gina will give you a call to see when a good time would be to meet for this month. Stay tuned!

## CALVARY SOFTBALL SIGN-UP



Are you over the age of 12 and like to play softball? Calvary is in the process of getting a team of interested youth and adults together to play Thursday nights this summer. If you’re interested in playing, please text or call Mike Newberg at (320) 894-3498.

## Want to be part of the 50’S DRIVE-IN?

The 50’s Drive-in will be held on **Sunday, June 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Weather permitting, the location will be in the Calvary parking lot. DJ, Davie Lee, will be here and take requests for \$1 as he did last summer. Also, a number of people from the *Willmar Car Club* will be here with their classic cars. Our nearby neighbors will be invited to join us as well. Please talk with your friends and invite them to join us for this unique experience. If any adults or youth would like to assist in any way, please let Gina know.

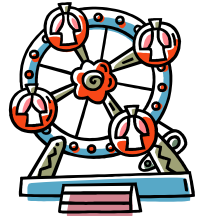


## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY OR VIDEO GAMES?

If you are, please let Gina or Pastor Ron know. We are looking for some young adults and adults who would like to learn about an opportunity we’re trying to get started here at Calvary.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY VALLEY FAIR TRIP

This year Calvary will be offering a day trip to *Valley Fair* on June 4 for children, youth, and parents. **Youth going into sixth grade and under need to have a parent accompany them.** More information will follow in the bulletin and Messenger.



## 2012 SENIOR HIGH ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Next summer the ELCA has selected New Orleans, LA as the host city for this meaningful opportunity to gather with thousands of fellow youth and adults from all over the United States. This event will encompass service work, meaningful worship, and a number of other unique experiences. On **Sunday, May 15, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Vinje Church**, a meeting will be held to begin planning and equipping ourselves for this experience. If you are an interested adult who would like to attend as an adult leader, please let Gina know.

***Evaluating/Planning for the Future: An Invitation from the Board of Children and Family Ministry***

What is God’s direction for Children and Family Ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church?

**Everyone** is invited to come together to share ideas and dreams for the future of children’s programming here at Calvary. Come and help us assess where we have been, where we are now, and where we need to go. Parents, current and former teachers and shepherds--anyone who has an interest--we want your guidance and to hear your views on how we can partner with families to reach our children with the Gospel and grow them in the Lord.

The meeting will be held from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Room, second floor of the ed. wing, Tuesday, May 17. We look forward to sharing with you!

**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!

Find out how you can get involved by calling Mary at 235-2508.

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 8 p.m. every evening.

**REMINDER:**

**6<sup>th</sup> graders and Faith Steps**

6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will meet with Pastor Tim during the education hour (10:05 – 10:55 a.m.) on two

Sundays: May 8 and May 15. They

will learn about Martin Luther, a reformer in the Christian church, and from whom we get our name as LUTHERANS.



**Schedule for final month of the Christian Education year:**

- May 1** - Noisy Offering for water buffalo  
6<sup>th</sup> graders last week to complete string crosses
- May 8** - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Steps – 10:05 a.m.
- May 15** - 6<sup>th</sup> grader Faith Steps – 10:05 a.m.  
Sundae, Sunday – Bethany Hall  
10:05 a.m.  
Final noisy offering for water buffalo
- May 17** - Evaluating/Planning for the Future, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Koinonia Room



*Palm Sunday — April 17, 2011*

### THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Thank you for all your prayers while I was a patient at Rice Hospital and recovering at Bethesda Pleasantview. Special thanks to Pastors Tim, Dean and Ron for their visits and prayers. And to Jeanie Kopitzke and the ladies of Calvary for the beautiful prayer shawl. God Bless all of you.

*Shirley Layman*

### CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

June 10-12, 2011

West Rich RV Park by Spicer



### Family Camp

Any questions? Call Sandy Hanson at 235-7211.

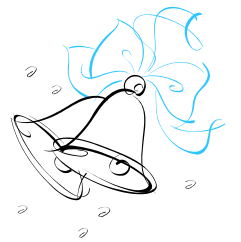
Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

Invite someone new to join the fun.

(Doesn't a campfire with s'mores sound good right now?)

### OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an Open House Bridal Shower for Becky VenOsdel, bride-to-be of Philip Nelson, on Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.—12:00 noon in the Friendship Room at Calvary.



## Our Parish Leadership

**President:** Mike Schroeder

**Vice President:** Mark Thompson

**Secretary:** Trisha Appeldorn

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## NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

*Welcome Back to N.T.Y.*

**Date:** May 13, 2011 at 12:00 noon

**RSVP:** Please call the church office (235-2508) by Wednesday noon, May 11, to make reservations.

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

No joining required - come when you can!

## PARISH NURSE NOTES ....

### Where to go with your stuff

We seem to have more than enough stuff. Do you often wonder where to go with it besides the garbage? Here are some suggestions of what to do with your stuff you no longer need.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WHERE TO TAKE</u>
Old prescriptions	Law Enforcement Center — scratch off your name and leave in original container.
Florescent used bulbs/tubes	Home Depot
Worn out fabric & shoes	Red Drop Box for used items.
Clothing/house wares	Goodwill, New 2 You Second Hand Store, Women's shelter (Safe Avenues)
Newspaper, junk mail, glass, tin cans, old Christmas lights, plastic containers up to 5#, cardboard, appliances, computers, paint, chemicals	The Recycling Center
Leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings	The brush site
Books	Library, Community Center book recycling
Toiletries	Kare Pantry, Hope Presbyterian Church, Spicer
Food, produce, diapers, formula	Food Shelf
Fabric/craft items	Churches
Clean rags	Local gas stations
Toys	Daycares, church nurseries
Furniture	Advertise in (Freebies) in local paper, Pact 4 Families, Public Market, Goodwill, New 2 You Second Hand Store

Call the Recycling Center if you are not sure where to go with your items. Check Pact 4 Families and Hope Pregnancy Center for need lists.

~Parish Nurses Dena Eichelberger and Dona Haines



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### **CONFIRMATION CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**



**Wednesday, May 18, from 6 - 8 p.m.** will be our final Confirmation session — annual clean-up day at Calvary Cemetery. Youth should bring work gloves and a rake. Youth should be dropped off and picked up at the Cemetery, 2401 Gorton Avenue NW, Willmar. Go North on 10th Street to Perkins Lumber; turn left onto Gorton Avenue; drive about one mile. The cemetery will be on your left, or take Hwy 12 West to the stoplight on County Road 5; turn right. Make another right onto Gorton Avenue. The cemetery will be on your right.

### **SENIOR HIGH RECOGNITION & BRUNCH**

On Sunday, May 22, at the 9 a.m. worship service, we will recognize Calvary's graduating seniors. Seniors should wear their graduation gowns to the service. After the worship service, a brunch will be held in Bethany Hall for seniors and their families. **Please return your information and registration form to Gina by Sunday, May 8.**



### **Attention 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth & Parents**

Youth who are juniors and their parents are asked to assist with serving and clean-up for this important meal on **Sunday, May 22**. Please contact Gina about which shift you prefer to serve.  
**First shift:** 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
**Second shift:** 10:15 a.m. till clean-up is done.