



# 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*

**Sept. 18:** *Sunday mornings at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:05am*

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 IS “RALLY DAY” FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Dear Fellow Members of Calvary,

After the “scattering” of summer, we invite Calvary members of all ages to gather once again,

- to renew our life together in worship,
- to reconnect with one another in fellowship,
- and to begin our programs of Christian education.

### Our Rally Day Schedule

- 8:00** Traditional Worship, with the choir returning to sing
- 8:50** Fellowship & Refreshments in the Friendship Room
- 9:00** New Horizon Worship includes installation of church school teachers and leaders, Bible presented for 3rd graders, and blessing of the children and their backpacks.
- 10:00** Fellowship & Refreshments in the Friendship Room
- 10:05** Educational programs
  - For children: all children age 3 to grade 6 and parents will meet in the front of the sanctuary.
  - For Jr. High youth, grades 7 & 8, gathering place Youth Room.
  - For Sr. High youth, grades 9-12, gathering place TBA.
  - For adults, gathering place TBA.
- 11:00** An all Congregational Rally Day Meal Event in Bethany Hall
  - Live music by our own Terry Shaw.
  - A “hog-roast” Menu: Pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, bars and beverages. Cost: A free will offering.



*Pastor  
Ron Hanson*

***SO COME ON FOLKS, LET'S RALLY TOGETHER AS  
THE FAMILY OF GOD AT CALVARY LUTHERAN!***

Your Servant in Christ,  
*Interim Pastor Ron Hanson*

**CHOIRS BEGIN!**



**Join the choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

Our choirs are beginning their practice schedules. New and former participants are welcome!! Starting dates, locations and directors are listed for the following choirs:

**Cherubs (Ages 4 – Grade 2)**

Wednesday, September 14 at 4:45 – 5:10 Chapel  
 Director, Jean Berg

**Chapel Kids (Grades 3 – 6)**

Wednesday, September 14 at 4:45 – 5:10 Choir Room  
 Director, Mary Jo de Cathelineau

**Free Spirits (Grades 7 – 9)**

Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 – 6:00 Choir Room  
 Director, Mary Jo de Cathelineau

**One Accord**

Monday, August 29 at 6:00 Sanctuary  
 Director, Dean Gylten

**Calvary Choir**

Wednesday, August 31 at 7:15 Choir Room  
 Director, Cathie Helland

**Calvary “Bells” (Handbell choir)**

Monday, September 19 at 5:00 – Choir Room  
 Director, Cathie Helland

**ADULT FORUMS**

*Sundays at 10:05 a.m. in Bethany Hall, led by Pastor Dean.*

**September 18**—Starvation & Hunger

**September 25**—What Do We As Calvary Congregation Expect This Year?



<b>Sept 3:</b>	5:30 p.m. Margaret Cogelow
<b>Sept 4:</b>	8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Karen Loge
<b>Sept 10:</b>	5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw
<b>Sept 11:</b>	8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir 9:00 a.m. Mary Jo de Cathelineau
<b>Sept 17:</b>	5:30 p.m. Peyton Setrum
<b>Sept 18:</b>	8:00 a.m. Roger Bengtson 9:00 a.m. One Accord 11:05 a.m. Calvary Choir
<b>Sept 24:</b>	5:30 p.m. Shirley Ringness
<b>Sept 25:</b>	8:00 a.m. Calvary Choir 9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir 11:05 a.m. Charlie Oakes

**A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**



In honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, a service of remembrance and thanksgiving will be held at the Church of St. Mary, 713 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Willmar, at 7:00 pm on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

This service is being co-hosted by Bethel, Calvary, and Vinje Lutheran Churches and St. Mary's Catholic Church. It will be an evening of recited and sung prayer followed by refreshments and fellowship in the St. Mary's parish hall.

Please join us for 9/11, *A Day and a Decade.*

GENERAL FUND TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY-JULY



	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
GENERAL FUND	393,261	394,805
STEPPING FORWARD	38,511	38,942
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	44	350
BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP	575	600
RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP	1,875	2,325
CHRISTMAS/EASTER	7,848	7,000
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	2,519	2,500
INTEREST INCOME	<u>687</u>	<u>700</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>445,320</b>	<b>447,222</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
BENEVOLENCE	44,372	44,688
PROGRAM MUSIC AND WORSHIP	49,323	50,623
EVANGELISM OUTREACH	3,364	3,847
CHILDREN & FAMILY	37,785	40,453
YOUTH & FAMILY	32,775	34,858
STEWARDSHIP	2,575	2,800
LIBRARY	1,078	884
MAINTENANCE AND PROPERTY	76,544	81,718
ADMINISTRATION	80,604	85,825
PASTORAL STAFF	<u>127,902</u>	<u>135,683</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>456,322</b>	<b>481,379</b>

FIRST FRUITS BENEVOLENCE GIVING  
JANUARY-JULY

	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2010 ACTUAL</u>
ELCA SW MN SYNOD	16,799	16,308
PAZ Y ESPERANZA	5,747	4,721
ELCA MISSIONARY-SYLOVAKIA	2,207	1,860
ELCA MISSIONARY-JAPAN	2,207	1,860
ELCA MISSIONARY-MADAGASCAR	1,333	1,860
SUNBEAM ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION	1,326	1,287
WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF	1,326	1,287
SALVATION ARMY	1,768	1,717
GREEN LAKE MINISTRY	3,094	3,004
MEALS ON WHEELS	1,326	1,287
LAKELAND CONFERENCE MINISTRY	3,094	3,004
PRISONERS OF HOPE	0	338
DISCRETIONARY BENEVOLENCE	2,819	1,000
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	<u>1,326</u>	<u>1,287</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,372</b>	<b>40,820</b>

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

*Comments: General Fund contributions 0.4% under budget for the year. Stepping Forward contributions 1.1% under budget for the year. Total expenses 5.2% under budget for the year.*

**ADVENT FESTIVAL 2011**

*Ponder Anew*

December 2, 3, and 4



Thank you to everyone you have already said they will be helping with the advent festival. Please join everyone for the kick off meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 7pm. If you have any questions please contact Millie Buer 235-5798 and Krista Willis 235-4452.

Calvary's Grief Care Group, led by Pastor Dean, will resume on Monday, Oct. 10 from 5:15-6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. The sessions are open not only to Calvary members but others in the community as well.

*“When the train goes through a tunnel and the world becomes dark, do you jump out?  
Of course not. You sit still and trust the engineer to get you through.”*

-Corrie ten Boom



Thanks to the 55 people who attended the Twins game on Thursday, August 18. A good time was had by all!

## JR. HIGH SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

On Sunday's, during the educational hour in the Youth Room, Beth Bloomquist and some other adults will be offering an engaging DVD series along with some tasty treats! The DVD series will be looking at the BIG questions that youth this age deal with. Please come check-out this unique time of fellowship!

## SR. HIGH OPPORTUNITY JUST FOR YOU

On Sunday's at 10:05 a.m. Gina and others will be offering speakers, community service and a number of exciting things meant to engage and challenge you in your faith. Sr. High youth have been helping plan this new option, so please bring a friend and come. Room to be announced.

## YOUTH & FAMILY BOARD

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 1, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room.** Board members and youth who are interested in being part of the Youth Council are asked to join us as well.



## YOUTH COUNCIL

If you are a youth in grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> and enjoy sharing ideas and thoughts and reflections with others about what you would like to see inside and outside the walls of Calvary, please pick up a Youth Council form from the bulletin board outside of Gina's office and complete it. You can return it to Gina or slip it under my door. Our YOUTH are important to us here at Calvary and in our world. We NEED YOU!

## 2012 SR. HIGH ELCA YOUTH GATHERING



Would you like the opportunity to go to New Orleans, LA and continue to provide service to this community? Service projects will be part of the trip along with many other amazing opportunities that are difficult to put into words. Please go to U Tube and type in 2009 National ELCA Youth Gathering to experience some of the activities. A second meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 7** after Confirmation in Bethany Hall. If you have questions or are interested in attending, please let Gina know. Youth going into 8th grade to graduating seniors are invited to attend.

## Calling Calvary Adults of all AGES!

The Youth & Family Board is looking for some volunteers to team up with other adults to offer some faith nurturing opportunities on Sundays during the Education Hour. The time frame is from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. separately for the youth in Jr. & Sr. High here at Calvary. One of the goals is to offer engaging and faith building opportunities with a number of adults of different ages and life experiences. If you are interested in participating please let any board member or Gina know.

## ANNUAL MISSIONARY RUN



This AWESOME and challenging activity will take place once again for youth in grade 7 and up! This year we plan to expand the time frame upon request from the youth. Please text Gina at 220-1968 with your preference of Saturday or Sunday and any other thoughts.

## Rally Sunday is September 11. Join us as we kick off our education year!



Fall is just around the corner and that means the start of a new Christian education year. If you have not registered your child for Sunday/Wednesday School, please do so at the WELCOME CENTER or ONLINE ([calvarylutheranchurch.com](http://calvarylutheranchurch.com)). It is important for us to know who will be attending on Sundays and Wednesdays so that we can better plan for space and provide curriculum and supplies enough for everyone. Also, it is important for parents to update their information yearly so that we have accurate addresses, phone numbers, and email. **Rally Sunday Events especially for children ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 9:00am – Worship in the sanctuary**

- **Third graders will receive their SPARK Bibles.**
- **Teachers, shepherds, and Sunday School helpers will be installed and receive a blessing.**
- **Children are invited to bring their backpacks and wear them during the children's sermon when they will receive a blessing for the new school year.**

**10:05am** – We invite **parents and their children** ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents to join us in the **sanctuary** for fun, fellowship, and programming information for the year:

- Children's offerings for the year – offering envelopes
- Special ELCA World Hunger **NOISY** offerings – God's Global Barnyard – offering "barns"
- Brief overview of programming for the year
- Singing and celebration

During the hour, children in Noah's Ark – 3,4,5 year olds – and their parents will go to their classrooms in the education wing to meet their teachers and have a brief orientation followed by singing with Anne Hultgren and Jean Berg in Bible Time Theater.

Our final event for the day will be a dinner served in Bethany Hall beginning at 11:00 until noon. Everyone is invited to come together and share a meal. Plan to attend this special day in the life of our congregation!

### Third Graders – Bibles

Third graders will receive their Bibles on Rally Sunday, September 11, at the 9:00am worship service. A letter was sent out to parents of third graders inviting them to highlight their favorite Bible passages in their child's Bible. If you have not done so yet, please pick up a Bible from the church office so that you might do this

for your child, and please return it to the office by Friday, September 9.



### PromiseLand/Noah's Ark (Sundays)



#### Baby Moses

begins September 18, 10:05 – 10:55am. PromiseLand Rotation #1 is *Baby Moses*. The memory verse is Exodus 2: 10b 'She named him Moses, "because" she said, "I drew him out of the water."

**Station 16/Noah's Ark** (Wednesdays) begins September 14, 5:15 – 6:00p.m. Grades 1-6 will meet for large group in the Koinonia room. Noah's Ark (3,4,5 year olds) will meet as one group in the Bugs and Butterflies room (bright green room across from Koinonia).

### Olive Branch Café opens

Sunday, September 18. The café is located first floor in the education wing right inside the east door and is open on Sundays during the education hour. The Olive Branch is a place for teachers, shepherds, and parents to enjoy hospitality and conversation. Refreshments are available. Stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat on Sunday mornings.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

### *Paz continues pastor search; holds summer services*

Paz Y Esperanza is continuing its search for a pastor but held regular Sunday services this summer with the help of pastors from Calvary and other local Lutheran congregations.

The predominantly Latino congregation has been searching for a replacement for the Rev. Naomi Mahler, the church's longtime pastor who is now the director of The Link, a non-profit organization in Spicer.

Calvary supports Paz through its mission initiatives.

Pastors Tim, Dean and Ron preached at Paz this summer as the church returned to its regular Sunday morning worship schedule. Pastors from Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches also preached, along with the Rev. Pablo Obregon.

*Gregg Aamot, Mission Committee*

## PRAYER CONFERENCE AT CALVARY



The Calvary Prayer Ministry Team will host a prayer conference, "Grow Deep in Prayer," on Friday evening, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29 in Bethany Hall. Some of the topics will be intercessory prayer, forgiveness and the Lord's prayer, and healing prayer.

The presenter will be Rev. Karl Kruse, a Lutheran pastor with Prayer Watch International. Lunch will be served on Saturday. A small fee will cover costs, including written materials. Registration information will be forthcoming.

*The Calvary Prayer Ministry Team*

## THANK YOU & APPRECIATION

A special thanks to Ann Wagaman, daughter of Phil & Florine Iverslie, for creating the cover page for Calvary's Confirmation Photo Display in Bethany Hall. Also, thanks to David Moen and Kelly Welch for their suggestions on enlarging the photos. Also, thanks to Eric Strum for cutting the matting and framing the photo.

*Vern & Millie Buer*

Dear Friends at Calvary,

Thank you so much for the many cards, calls, visits and prayers during my hospitalization at Rice Memorial and Abbott Northwestern. My treatments at Abbott will continue throughout the fall which will require week-long stays, but we will be able to be home in between the treatments. Marie and I have been so uplifted and sustained by the prayers offered and concern shown to us during this cancer journey. We feel so blessed and we have many things to be grateful for. It is interesting and reassuring that people will share their faith in God so easily in times of illness or loss – an affirmation that there's something good in everything! Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and the message woven into it. A special thank you to Pastor Dean and Pastor Ron for their daily visits and calls. We love Calvary and look forward to being back there with you.

In His Love,

*Al & Marie Staley*

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

Thursday, September 8 at 12 noon will be our General Meeting luncheon. This will be the "Quilt Showing" - so get your special quilts out and sign up for the meeting. Watch the bulletins for more information.

*Rosalie Johnson, Chair*



After eating supper here at Calvary and sharing devotions a group of youth went to the Big Kahuna for a beautiful night of playing mini golf and go-cart riding.

### Our Parish Leadership

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**Vice President:** Mark Thompson  
**Secretary:** Trisha Appeldorn  
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Some of our Calvary family enjoying a day at the fair.



Robbins Island Calvary Cookout. Fellowship and a good meal was shared along with comfy chair questions.



Calvary Youth enjoying a day of volunteering, at Safe Avenues, pulling weeds, mowing lawns, etc. Thanks to all who helped.

### NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

**Date:** September 9, 2011 at  
12:00 noon  
**Speaker:** Pastor Dennis  
Raymond

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

**NTY:** A group that claims to be at least 55 years old. No joining required - come when you can!





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**Rally Sunday  
is September 11**



Starting Sunday, September 18,  
Calvary resumes its Fall schedule:

***Sunday Worship Services***

8:00 & 11:05 a.m.

Traditional Worship

9:00 a.m. New Horizon Worship

***Education and Small Groups***

10:05 a.m. Adult Forum

10:05 a.m. Sunday School

10:05 a.m. Jr. High Gathering

10:05 a.m. Sr. High Gathering



Our first night of confirmation is Wednesday,  
**September 7, at 6 p.m. in Bethany Hall.**

The Confirmation Banquet is scheduled for  
**Wednesday, October 5.** More details will be  
coming soon to all those involved. Ninth grade  
youth and a parent will be asked to help serve this  
meal. A post card will be sent to you in the near  
future asking you to select a shift to work at this  
important banquet.

**Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 9,  
at the 11:05 service.**

Confirmation Small Group Leaders and all other  
volunteers—thanks for your commitment to help  
continue to help our youth grow in their faith.