



The Calvary Messenger

September 25, 2026

Next Messenger will be sent out October 9, 2026

COUNCIL VACANCY- There is currently a vacancy on your Church Council. This position would be appointed to serve through the Annual Meeting in January 2027. If you would be interested in filling this vacancy or have questions about it, please contact a member of the Executive Team (Dion Warne, Cathy Hallbritter, Jan Ruby) or the Church Office at 235-2508 by Monday, September 28.

GOODIE BOXES FOR RECENT GRADUATES

Again, this year, the Social Kindness Committee will be preparing Goodie Boxes for recent graduate students who are now in college, tech school, or working in a new job. These boxes will be assembled and mailed. Parents, grandparents, guardians, please give names and address to the office and we will send them a little treat to let them know that Calvary Church is thinking of them. Please do this by September 27th.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Board of Stewardship & Outreach recently read the book *Ask, Thank, Tell* by Charles Lane. The book is designed especially for use in congregational planning and study. Congregational stewardship leaders will come back to three foundational verbs - ask, thank, tell - over and over as they help individuals experience the joy of giving generously. The author makes the convincing case that there is little in life today that can help a disciple grow in relationship with Jesus more than a solid intentional biblical stewardship. The library has a copy of this book to check out if you are interested in learning more.

NTY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 - 12:00 noon

Something musical!! It's been awhile since we had a musical program, so this month Elsa Olson, our Ministry Assistant, and Carter Kowitz, our Faith Formation Ministry Assistant, will share their musical talents with us. It will be a good chance to get to know Elsa and Carter too. Please call the church office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable to Sue Roepke on the day of NTY. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday will still require payment due to food costs.) Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY FOR PASTOR AMY ON OCTOBER 11

Please join us in celebrating Pastor Amy on Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday, October 11th. We will have coffee and cake following the 9am service and we will have a table set up in the Narthex if you would like to drop a card and/or gift for Pastor Amy.



Cub Pharmacy Flu and Covid Shot Clinic
Wednesday, October 14th 11:00am-1:00pm
in the Calvary Lutheran Church Friendship Room



Upcoming Gather & Grow Adult Forums
Friendship Room following 9am service
October 4 – Project Turnabout
October 18 – Hope for Our City
November 1 – ELCA Foundation Gift Planning

DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

The Calvary BeFriends invite you to join us in a book discussion (Book Club) on the book "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. We will meet on October 21st at 6:30pm as part of the Wednesday Night Boost activities. No books will be provided. Even if you have read the book in the past, join us for a conversation about this heart-warming book. Questions, call the church office.

COLLECTING CAPS, MITTENS, SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

Beginning on October 10 through October 25, we will be collecting caps, mittens, socks, and underwear for elementary aged children in our Willmar schools. These donated items have been a blessing for teachers and staff when they see a child in need. Look for the poster and bin in the narthex. Thank you in advance!
Social Kindness Committee

BeFriender at Calvary BeFriender's Foundation Principles

The Calvary BeFriends are available to be your supportive listening ear. The ministry can provide one-to-one time with you to: **Care, Pray, Listen, Share, Meet when convenient, Share confidentiality.** For more information, our contact information is:

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Calvary's Worship Services are available:

Sundays - 10:45am KWLM 1340AM or 96.5FM

- 1 & 8pm WRAC 181

Tuesdays - 6:30pm WRAC 181

Anytime on YouTube -

www.youtube.com/@calvarywillmar



Announcements and other items for The Messenger are due by Wednesday at noon to be included in Friday's newsletter. Thank you!



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