



The Calvary Messenger

October 9, 2026

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**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
DAY**
SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH



OCTOBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH BOARD OF WORSHIP



Board of Worship Committee

Cathy Halbritter
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You??



What does the Board of Worship do:

- Plan special services
 - Set worship times
 - Handles all things that relate to worship at Calvary
- Meet every 4th Tuesday at 5:30pm
Meetings are kept to 1 hour

Contact the church office if interested in joining the Board of Worship 320-235-2508



**Join the BeFrienders in
a book discussion about
Theo of Golden
You do not need to be a
BeFriender to
participate**

**We will meet Wednesday, October 21st from 6:30pm-7:30pm
for discussion on the book**
The book can be purchased on Amazon.







OFFERING

Don't have the checkbook or
watching from home and want to
give to Calvary, scan the QR Code



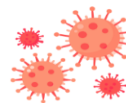
God & Me
Class
for 0-3 year olds

Join us for a simple and fun way
to learn about God's amazing love!

 October 11th Noah	 November 8th Jesus's Birth
 January 10th Moses	 February 14th Jonah
 March 14th Holy Week	 April 11th Jesus Blesses the Children

Location: Nursery
During the Sunday School Hour
(10:15am-11:15am)
♥ For parents and children ♥

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



Please bring your insurance card

BOOST – GRATITUDE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

5:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

6:00pm Meal – Tator Tot Hotdish – **If you can bring a side or dessert, please let the church office know - call 235-2508**

6:30 – 7:30pm Confirmation

Cross + Generational activities:

- + Gratitude pumpkin craft
- + Create cards for people we appreciate
- + Gratitude word games
- + Faith Convo: What are you most grateful for & why?
- + Create a Thankful Tree

BOOST – SALSA PARTY – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

5:30pm Worship

6:00pm **SALSA BAR** – Taco meat, chips, cheese, sour cream, olives and all fixings. PLUS: Create your own salsa! Tomatoes, tomatillos, onions, jalapenos, green peppers, cilantro, etc.!

Dessert: **APPLE NACHO BAR** – sliced apples, lots of toppings: caramel, fudge, M & M's, Oreos, nuts, marshmallows, sprinkles and more!

6:30pm - 7:30pm

- + Bell Choir Practice
- + Confirmation
- + Polar Fleece toys for Hawk Creek Shelter
- + Apple/Fall Crafts for all ages
- + Conversation Station
- + "Theo of Golden" Book Study. Bring your book! Hosted by BeFriends Ministry



Bring your family and friends to the movie **Coco at the Calvary theatre Friday, October 30th at 6pm**

Popcorn and snacks will be provided.



Children younger than 3rd grade must have an adult attending with them.

**Upcoming Gather & Grow Adult Forum
Friendship Room following 9am service
November 1 – ELCA Foundation Gift Planning**

Sunday, October 18 is National Food Day. During worship that Sunday, there will be a special offering for Hope for our City. Dawn Clouse, Director of Community Basics and Hope for our City, will be here for Gather & Grow after the 9am service to talk to you about the programs that she helps with and answer any questions that you may have. Please come on October 18 and support Dawn and her programs.



CREATION CARE TIP

Install storm windows – Save up to \$105 per year. Since heating can account for about 70% of average energy consumption, air loss should be minimized where possible. Adding storm windows can result in significant savings to you and can be more cost-effective than replacing your windows. There are several options for you to consider.



**Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 25.
Congratulations to: Greta Nelson, Raymond Opsal,
and Houston Sorgatz.**

LIBRARY BOOK SUMMARY

Dear Jacob: A Mother's Journey of Hope by Patty Wetterling was recently donated to the Calvary Library. Punctuated by Patty's letters to her missing son, *Dear Jacob* brings readers into the heartbreak of a parent's worst nightmare. It also describes the development of an unexpected friendship with an inquisitive blogger, Joy Baker, whose deft research uncovered clues that ultimately led to the conclusion of the twenty-seven-year-long missing persons case.

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



Sunday, October 18 before and after our 9am Worship Service, the Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn by the East entrance. Please check it out and help them raise funds for activities, community projects, and outdoor adventures. Every bag of popcorn you buy helps them learn skills, serve others, and grow as leaders.

A Steady Presence - Listening and Caring in the Midst of Trauma

Presenter: Julie Stender, LICSW, is a licensed clinical social worker, trainer, and consultant with extensive experience working with trauma. Calvary BeFrienders welcome you to join us for this virtual event on Monday, November 16, 2026, from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Friendship Room. When someone shares a painful or traumatic experience, it can be hard to know what to say or how to help. This presentation offers a practical, easy-to-understand look at trauma and how it can affect the way people think, feel, and respond. We will explore how BeFrienders can offer a calm, compassionate presence without feeling responsible for fixing the situation, as well as simple ways to care for themselves after listening to difficult stories. The presentation will connect trauma-informed care with the BeFriender principals of God is Present, Caring not Curing, Nonjudgmental Presence, and Active Listening. Pre-registration is required to attend. Please call the church office or stop in to sign up. The deadline to register is Wednesday, November 11. All costs for this training will be covered by a recent donation to Calvary's BeFriender program. All are welcome. Being a BeFriender is not a requirement to participate. Calvary BeFriender Leaders, Beth Bloomquist and Nancy Holt



Ukraine Solar Lights -60 lights assembled!

Thanks to all of you who made financial contributions to support Solar Lights for Ukraine and to the 40 volunteers from five area churches who came on Sept 29 to help assemble them! Dave Nonnemacher from New Horizons Foundation started the evening with slides and information on what life looks like in Ukraine. The pictures reflected the challenges of everyday life, people there who are helping make a difference, and the value people place on the Solar Lights. The lights can provide up to 16 hours of light, can be used as a flashlight and charge their cell phone. All of this makes a difference in a county facing winter with less daylight. The Solar Lights are a shining example of what we can do together to support God's work in real and meaningful ways.

***If you or a family member has a health update, is hospitalized, or is in need of a visit, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE and we will visit you. We appreciate the opportunity to share all aspects of your life with you- both the celebrations and the sadness. You are not alone... and you are loved.**

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October

Sunday, October 4th-Youth Sunday

9am Worship with 3yr olds and 3rd Graders receiving Bibles
10am Coffee with Gather & Grow-Project Turnabout
10:15 Sunday School

Sunday, October 11th-PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

9am Worship
10am Coffee for Pastor Amy for Pastor Appreciation Day
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am God & Me-0-3year olds and their parents

Sunday, October 18th--World Food Day

9am Worship
10am Coffee with Gather & Grow-Hope for our City
10:15am Sunday School

Sunday, October 25th--Rite of Confirmation

Reformation Sunday--with organ music by Steven Friedlien
9am Worship
10am Coffee-Coffee with Council
10:15am Sunday School

Saturday Chapel Services

5:30 October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st



Calvary BOOST-Wednesdays

Wednesdays-October 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
5:30 Worship followed by a meal for everyone
6:30-7:30 Confirmation
6:30-7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30-7:30 Programming for all ages



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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