



The Calvary Messenger **October 23, 2026**

Next Messenger will be sent out November 6, 2026



Last weekend we collected monetary donations for Hope For Our City. We received \$511! THANK YOU!



PUMPKIN PARTY!

BETHANY HALL 6-8PM

GRADES 6-12 AND FRIENDS!
PUMPKIN CARVING OR PAINTING
PUMPKIN EATING
PUMPKIN CHUCKING
PUMPKIN BOWLING
PUMPKIN BANNERS & BEAD CRAFTS

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT PASTOR AMY 320.282.2225

God Bless you on your Confirmation



Greta Nelson

Raymond Opsal

Houston Sorgatz



The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

Join us for Cake and Coffee following our 9am worship service in the Friendship Room honoring our Confirmands.



OCTOBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH BOARD OF WORSHIP



Board of Worship Committee

Cathy Halbritter
Karen Loge
Victoria Larsen
Michelle Fernholtz
Molly Aalfs
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



Sunday, October 25th
9am Service

Organ music played by
Steve Friedlein will fill
the sanctuary for
Reformation Sunday.

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FAMILY MOVIE: COCO

CALVARY THEATER 6PM
ALL ARE INVITED!
POPCORN & TREATS PROVIDED
(STUDENTS THIRD GRADE AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT)

Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history.

**A GREAT HALLOWEEN / ALL SAINTS WEEKEND
MOVIE FOR ALL AGES!!!**

On November 1 at our Gather and Grow coffee time, Brother Doug from Campus Ministry Center will be speaking about their building project.



Serves between 150-250 students every Tuesday & Wednesdays during the school year. Adds up to 12,000 meals in a year

Campus Ministry Center
Open to all Ridgewater students for about the last 35 years
Chaplains:
Jeff Schmitz-Full time
Br. Doug Dockter-Part time



Adding on 2,500 square feet. The addition will add much needed meeting space and new kitchen and bathrooms.

Jenny Groen with Arrive Ministries will be here for Gather and Grow on November 15th

Arrive, along with other churches are collection items to give to families enrolled in their Family Support Program.

Donations that they are looking for include:

- Cleaning Bucket
- Disinfectant Spray
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Hand Soap
- Cleaning Rags or Sponges
- Packs of Toilet Paper
- Packaged Snacks
- Lotion
- Baby Wipes



Please bring donations by Sunday, November 15th.

LIBRARY BOOK SUMMARY

One of the new library books is *Where the River Ends* by Charles Martin. This is a powerfully emotional and beautifully written story of heartbreaking loss and undying love. Doss Michaels was a fishing guide and struggling artist from a south George trailer park. Abigail Grace Coleman was the beautiful only child of South Carolina's most powerful senator. Yet once they met by accident, they each felt they'd found their true soul mate. Ten years into their marriage, when Abbie faces a life-threatening illness, Doss battles it with her every step of the way. And when she makes a list of ten things she hopes to accomplish before she loses the fight for good, Doss is there, too, supporting her and making everything possible. Together they steal away in the middle of the night to embark upon a 130-mile trip down the St. Mary's River—a voyage Doss promised Abbie in the early days of their courtship. This book chronicles their love-filled, tragedy-tinged journey and a bond that transcends all.

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

All Saints Recognition
Saturday, October 31 - 5:30pm
Sunday, November 1 - 9:00am

Those who have died in the past year will be remembered by the lighting of the candle and speaking of their name during worship.

Bonnie Muller
Abby Jo Jones
Martha Stutelberg
Marvin Trongaard
Dorothy Grasmon
Angela Cook
Margaret Irwin
Donna Haines
Pamela Haugen
Brandon Eichhorst
Edwin Selvig
Wesley Martinson
Ruth King
Andy Jaeger
Donna Gilbertson
Beverly "Bev" Albrecht
Ronald "Ron" Gehrke
Deloris Torguson

Evelyn "Evie" Olson
Ruben Olson
Melba Olson
Rebecca "Becky" Skare
Mildred "Millie" Buer
Lois Fostervold-Renstrom
Ione Andreen
David Radabaugh
Barbara Aldrich
Bradley "Brad" Henrickson
Wayne Emberland
Karen Klinghagen
Armando Garcia Frank
Allen Barrett
Douglas Hagemeyer
Paul Steigerwald
Judith Brinkman



Sunday, November 1, we will have a Youth Led Service along with collecting a Noisy Offering. Please bring your change to fill up those buckets! Thank you!

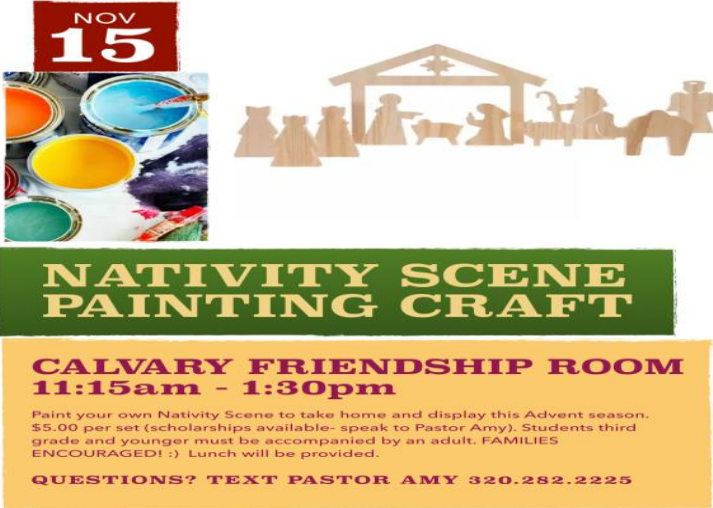
**A Steady Presence - Listening and Caring
in the Midst of Trauma**

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



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NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING CRAFT

**CALVARY FRIENDSHIP ROOM
11:15am - 1:30pm**

Paint your own Nativity Scene to take home and display this Advent season. \$5.00 per set (scholarships available- speak to Pastor Amy). Students third grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. FAMILIES ENCOURAGED! :) Lunch will be provided.

QUESTIONS? TEXT PASTOR AMY 320.282.2225

Time to Order Your Poinsettias

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettia's are given 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant. Stop by the church office along with your payment. Please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church. **The deadline for ordering these plants is December 4th.** You make take your plant home after the service on **Friday, December 25th.**



Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

EAGLE LAKE LUTHERAN

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Music & Worship  
Art & Creativity  
Food & Fellowship

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**9:30am-3:30pm, includes
coffee, lunch, and snacks
\$20 suggested donation**

We'll be collecting
CHEESE &
to donate to Hope
for Our City



This fourth annual retreat is organized by leaders at Eagle Lake Lutheran, Hope Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and Ebenezer and Tripolis Lutheran churches in Kandiyohi. We are grateful for a grant from ELCA's Southwestern Minnesota Synod Endowment Fund.

***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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Sunday, November 1st-Youth Led-Noisy Offering 9am Worship-All Saints Sunday 10am Coffee-Gather & Grow Campus Ministry 10:15am Sunday School	
Sunday, November 8th 9am Worship-Bells play 10am Coffee 10:15am Sunday School and God & Me	
Sunday, November 15th 9am Worship 10am Coffee with Gather & Grow-Arrive Ministries 10:15am Sunday School	
Sunday, November 22nd 9am Worship with baptism 10am Coffee-Coffee with Council 10:15am Sunday School	
Sunday, November 29th 9am Worship-Hymn Sing 10am Coffee 10:15am Sunday School	
Saturday Chapel Services 5:30pm in the Chapel November 7 th , 14 th , 21 st November 28 th - Hymn Sing	
HAPPY THANKS GIVING	
Calvary BOOST Wednesdays-November 4 th , 11 th & 18 th 5:30pm Worship followed by a meal for everyone 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation 6:30-7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:30pm Programming for all ages	
Wednesday, November 25th 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with pie social after	

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!

