CALVARY UPDATE

September 2024

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Services 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM



September Church Services

September 1st- NO CHURCH September 8th-September 15th-September 22nd-September 29th-



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RUTH

Dear People of Calvary Lutheran –

It's been my joy to be with you these past many months! I have loved experiencing your warm and welcoming community. Thank you for letting me join you on the journey of faith here for a time. I enjoyed exploring ways to connect the two congregations – First Lutheran in Mahnomen and Calvary at Winger. As time goes by I hope you will continue to explore that connection and find ways to work together. Thank you also for welcoming Destiny to lead worship and grow in her skills these past months. She continues to work toward her ordination and is open to working with your congregation in addition to Mahnomen if you so desire. She is a person of strong faith and I admire her dedication to undergoing the demands of theological and pastoral education when there are fewer and fewer people willing to commit to the life of ministry.

I know many things remain uncertain about the future for so many rural congregations - Calvary Lutheran included - but I admire how you work together and continue to meet the demands and challenges as each year unfolds. Your faith in God and love for your church and community is so beautiful. We never know what the coming years will hold but as long as we know we have met them with faith and love, we have succeeded in our calling as God's people. You've taught me about this through your example in the past year and a half. Thank you.

I will continue in interim ministry and have been called to Cormorant Lutheran outside of Lake Park. I'll be with them as they undergo a call process and figure out their next steps after the retirement of their beloved pastor for the past ten years. My eldest son, Owen, just started college at UND and my younger son, Jesse, is a senior at Detroit Lakes High School. He just got the part of Willy Wonka in the fall musical - if you like musicals you should come and see it! The show is October 24-27. I also have

an exchange student arriving from Germany later this week. His name is Niklas and he will be with us for the next semester.

Life is good and I enjoy doing interim ministry – but I will miss seeing you. Please know you are in my prayers as our journey of faith continues.

Much love in Christ –
Pastor Ruth

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

-Psalm 146

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello,

Sunday School Round up will take place September 15th. Beginning at 10 AM all kids from 4 to 18 are invited to meet at Calvary Church. Bring your parents and we will talk about the plans for the coming year. The plan is to have a new class for kids from 7th grade to 12th grade. Come and check it out. If you have questions please call Devra Carlson at 218-280-3269.

See you on the 15th!

Devra



Just a reminder that offerings can be sent to the church at PO Box 100, or you can set up a direct deposit from your bank using ACH or Bill Pay.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1st (Lect 22) (Pent 15)

1st:Deut 4: 1-2, 6-9

Psalm: Ps 15

2nd: James 1: 17-27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-

15, 21-23

Sept 8th (Lect 23) (Pent 16)

1st: Isa 35: 4-7a

Psalm: Ps 146

2nd: James 2: 1-17

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37

Sept. 15th (Lect 24) (Pent 17)

1st: Isa 50: 4-9a

Psalm: Ps 116: 1-9

2nd: James 3: 1-12

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38

Sept 22nd (Lect 25) (Pent 18)

1st: Jer 11: 18-20

Psalm: Ps 54

2nd: James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-

8a

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Sept 20th (Michael & All Angels)

1st: Dan 10: 10-14; 12: 1-3

Psalm: Ps 103: 1-5, 20-22

nd. Rev 12: 7-12

Gospel: Luke 10: 17-20

