

Calvary Lutheran Church

165 West Crescent Ave
201-327-4786

Allendale New Jersey
http://calvaryluth.org

December 2026

Poinsettia Ordering Extended!

If you would like to order a poinsettia to adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season, please contact Kathy Peterson before Nov 28

Each beautiful plant is $10.00.

Please make checks payable to Kathy Peterson .
Thank you!



Christmas Pageant

December 13

Calvary's Youth will present the Christmas story at the worship service on December 13

Bring Friends & Family to our 10:30 service!

Parents: please email Pastor Kara if your child/youth would like to participate.

Also on December 13,
Friends with Music
Young string musicians will join us during the 10:30 worship service!

Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop!

Open to Calvary Family
** feel free to invite friends

Sunday Dec. 13
2:00-4:00 PM



RSVP deadline Tuesday Dec 8
to the church office or Laurie Jacober
Pay by cash, check to Robyn Rohsler Floral Designs, or venmo



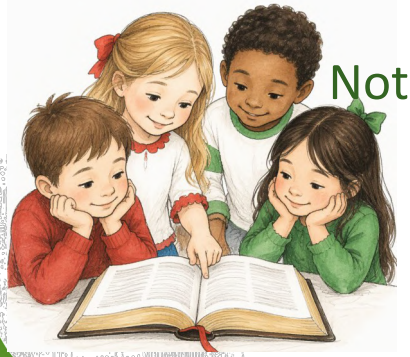
To register electronically, choose your bowl and candle colors and pay you can also click on the rose.



We hope your child will join us for Sunday School on **December 6, 13, 20 and January 3 at 10:30**

Please note: Sunday School classes **will not** be meeting December 27 during school vacation.

Note: December 13 is the Children's Pageant Service



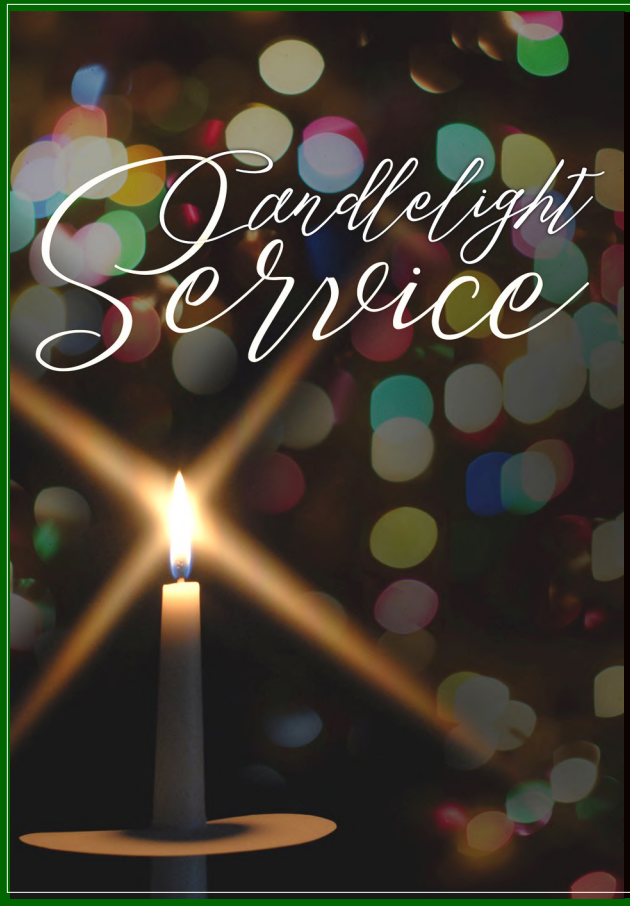
Please sign-up your child if they are coming/not coming— it really helps with our planning . Thank you.

The Calvary Choir will share the story of Christmas through song during the 10:30 Service

December 20!

Come for this wonderful Calvary tradition–
Our Choral Worship!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



December 24
5:00
Invite family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior at the Candlelight service.



CHRISTMAS SEASON BIBLE STUDY

Join us for discovery and discussion

1:45 –2:45 (please note the new time)

December 1, January 12 and January 26

December Birthdays



Your Calvary family wishes you a happy birthday and joy in the year to come.

2 Emily Meyer
3 Christian Metri
Reed Barnard
Christian Barnard
4 Maddie Borst
5 James Strauch
8 Gale Gunhus
Sawyer Barnard
9 Clinton Poff
10 Stephen Begen
Paul Dunn
11 Connor Damstrom
Nicholas Nacion
13 Sara Strauch
14 Anna Nooney
Chris Cauda
George Strauch
Darrell Coco
Leah Kemball-Cook
16 Scott Peterson
Clark Dunn
22 Remi Claire
23 Marilyn Agresta
24 Katrina Brauer
28 Danielle Coco
Steven Coco

December

Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Greeter	Lector	Ushers
6 blue	Alma Costello	George Strauch Christina Metri	Glaesers	Bill Scher	George Strauch Mike Levitzke
13 blue	Alma Costello	*****	Youth	Youth	Mike Levitzke George Strauch
20 blue	Kathy Peterson	*****	Christina Metri	Cantata Reader	Mike Levitzke Jon Tangen
24 Christmas Eve white	Kathy Peterson	Kristine Nooney Anna Nooney	Glaesers	Rachel Dillon	Jim Peterson George Strauch
27 white	Kathy Peterson	*****	Peterson	Jon Tangen	Jim Peterson Jon Tangen
January 3 white	Cindy Strauch	Cindy Strauch George Strauch	Hollands	Nancy Holland	George Strauch Mike Levitzke

Prayer List Update



Supporting one another through intentional prayer
is important to the Calvary family of faith.
As we continue this important ministry into 2027,
we are taking this time to review and update the prayer list.
We want to ensure that our prayer list
reflects the current needs and concerns of our people
to ensure that we are praying specifically and appropriately.

We ask that you consider any names
that you previously submitted.
If the person no longer needs ongoing prayer,
please let us know so we can remove them from the list.
Keeping our prayer list current helps us
focus on present needs.
Of course, if there are continuing or new concerns,
we welcome those updates as well.

You can update a prayer request by emailing the church office at
calvaryallendale@gmail.com or
calling the office 201 327-4786.
Thank you for helping us steward this ministry well
and for continuing to lift each other in prayer.

Calendars Wanted

Janet Berger collects and distributes calendars to local nursing homes. The brightly colored pictures are used to bring some beauty to the residents' rooms. If you find that you receive more calendars than you can use, please recycle by giving Janet the extra calendar(s).



Volunteer

Why not start the new year as part of the
Worship Assistant Team?
Communion Assistants, Ushers, & Greeters
are needed. It's a great way to serve!
Speak to Kathy Peterson for more information or
be added to schedule.

A Message from the Outreach Committee

Thank you for your generosity. Together, we made a difference to neighbors here and around the world by sharing our gifts. Those who are served by Seafarers International House felt connected and appreciated as they celebrated "Christmas at Sea" and received their satchels. Our Giving Tree (in association with Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey) brought Christmas cheer to children living in nearby economically challenged localities. We supported the New Jersey Special Olympics and we continue to aid our friends in Haiti and Honduras by donating GT Water filtration kits for clean water and Project Smile for basic health and hygiene. Through individual donations to ELCA and Lutheran World Relief organizations, Calvary assisted in providing whatever types of care or supplies were needed. On the home front, we helped families stay together and become independent by working to raise funds for Family Promise. The Center for Action receives multiple bags/boxes of much needed basic food items, baby supplies, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies every month and additional collections of hearty soups (Calvary's Souper Bowl), Back-to-School collection, and Thanksgiving dinner items.

Good Work, God's Work. Bless You All and Merry Christmas.



College Student Valentine Update

Our college student Valentine Care Package tradition has brought smiles to many of our young adults over the years! We would like to keep the tradition going even if your college student is still living at home. Everybody needs a study break treat.

Parents who have a with your student's name and college experience address.

If you would like to join in the effort you can donate some treats or make a monetary donation and let the Caring Committee do the shopping for the treats! There will be a box for both in the Narthex.

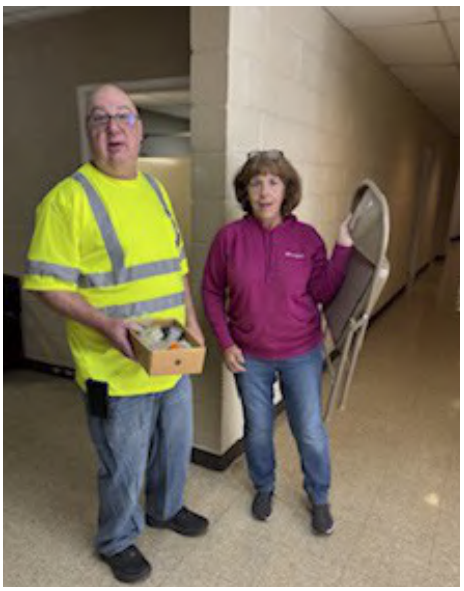
DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:45 Bible Study	2 10:00-2:00 Office Hours Choir 7:00	3	4 10:00-2:00 Office Hours	5
6 9:30 Property Committee 9:30 Choir 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Service	7 10:00-2:00 Office Hours	8	9 10:00-2:00 Office Hours Choir 7:00	10	11 Office Closed	12 2:30 Choir Cantata at the Bristal
13 10:30 Worship Service with Children's Pageant & Friends of Music 2:00 Flower arranging workshop[	14	15 10:00-2:00 Office Hours	16 10:00-2:00 Office Hours Choir 7:00	17	18 10:00-2:00 Office Hours	19
20 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Choral Worship Service 11:45 Council Mtg	21 10:00-2:00 Office Hours	22	23 10:00-2:00 Office Hours Choir 7:00	24 5:00 Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26
27 10:30 Worship Service of Lessons & Carols	28	29	30	31		


FALL
CLEAN UP





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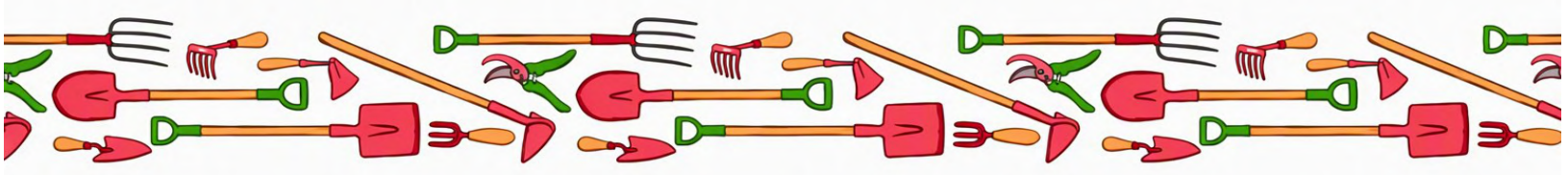

Seafarers
International House

Rev M L Drege shared information about Seafarers International and preached on the Gospel of the day .







Pastor Kara Hosted a Delicious Korean Luncheon























Advent Decorating





































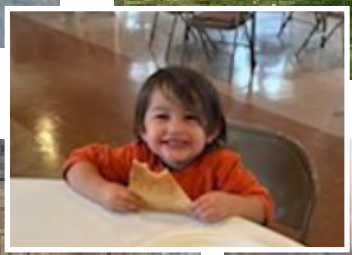

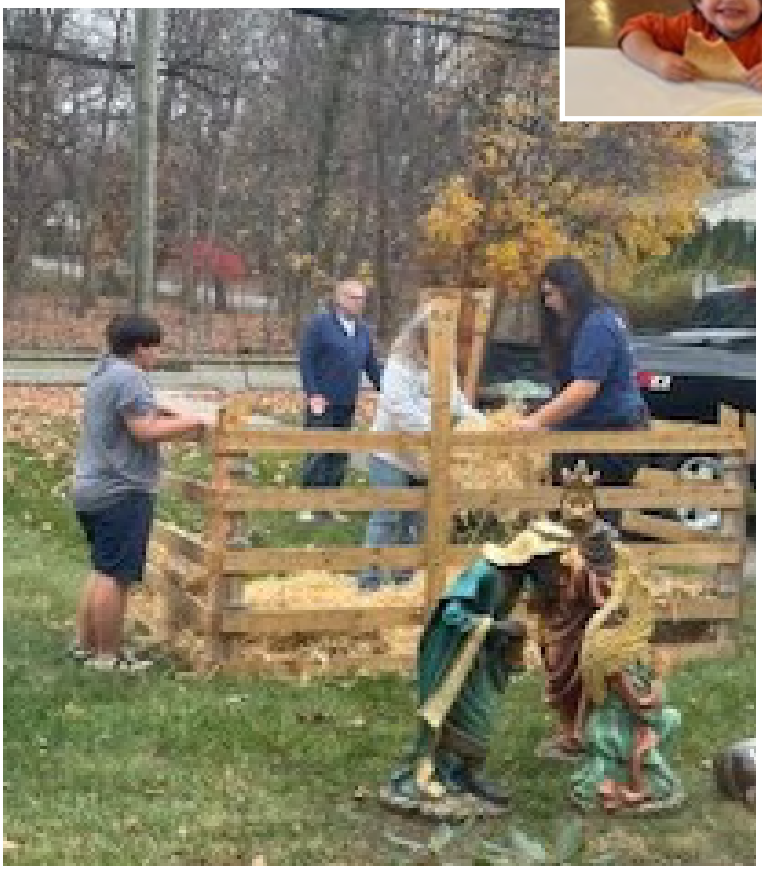



Church Information

Calvary's Mission Statement

To teach and display the love of Christby connecting with people of all walks of life through worship, discipleship, and outreach to our community.

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact:
Pastor Kara Song
through the church office
Office Administrator: Sam Choi
Office Phone 201-327-4786
Office E-Mail: calvaryallendale@gmail.com
Office Hours: refer to the Dec calendar p. 10

MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :
All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church
Music Director
Elise Carter

Church Council Members

Jim Holland	President
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Christina Metri	Caring
Kristine Nooney	Christian Education
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	Janet Berger
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