## **COME** and SEE



# what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

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Advent 2022



#### **Calvary's Mission Statement**

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



### **A Message from Pastor Kara**

<u>Isaiah 2:3a,5</u> (Advent Week 1 Reading)

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths...

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Greetings, Calvary Family!

Can you believe Thanksgiving is around the corner - And then the ADVENT season begins? On the Christian calendar, it is that 4-week period before Christmas to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. I think I read somewhere that it is meant to be a time of "reflective anticipation." I thought: "Really, what world does that person live in? Certainly, not here in America! Who has time to be reflective?" I remember years ago, as a young, crazed-working mom, that the only thing I was hoping for was to have the Christmas season over with! The frenzy of it all...I just really wanted it to be about Jesus...not all the other pressures of buying the right gifts, wrapping them all, Christmas cards to write, Secret Santa at the office, rushing around from store to store, cleaning, prepping and cooking the holiday meals, etc. I feel my blood pressure rising, just as I'm remembering all this. Yikes!

I did forget to mention a few other things that were always included in my Christmas "To Do" list...well, except for 2020-2022. What is that? Well, it's the things that happened at CHURCH during this time. Yes, it was hectic for a Pastor's family – but seeds of joy and love were planted in my soul, as God did something beautiful in me with those memories. Perhaps you can relate? For me growing up, it was listening to the Christmas Choir, or waiting for the trumpet player to mess up that famous part in Handel's Messiah. It was practicing Christmas pageants with the Sunday School kids, or preparing a funny Christmas skit with the youth. Maybe our Bible Study group met at someone's home for a Christmas party, and we played the infamous White Elephant game. It was going caroling among our members' homes. It was putting together Christmas Care packages for children in other countries. Or donating toys and putting them in the bins of our church foyer.

In most of the Korean churches I attended, a very strange tradition occurs that I have not found in non-Korean churches in America. After the kids' Christmas Pageant, before everyone goes home, we get a visit from Santa, who comes down the aisle, bearing gifts for

all the Sunday School kids. Except this Santa doesn't have twinkling blue eyes (ha!)... and he says "Ho-Ho-Ho" with a funny Korean accent (ha!), and his fake white beard smells like spicy Ramen (because in the Korean church, no cookies are laid out for Santa. Rather, there's plenty of spicy Ramen bowls down in the church basement) 

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What I'm trying to say is this: We've had a tough couple of years. Perhaps in your family, your workplace...but certainly, churches have been affected by the pandemic. Years-old Christmas church traditions suddenly dissolved into thin air, because the air that we breathed threatened our lives. But this Advent season, as we celebrate the AWESOMENESS of having Christ in our lives, we are beginning to reinstate joyful faith-filled traditions that made us smile over the years. So I hope many of you can come and be a part of this...may we refresh one another with the love of Christ. Let's personalize Isaiah 2:5: "O house of <u>Calvary</u>, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Keep on Praying, Keep on Loving... In Christ's Service, Pastor Kara

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Dece	1	2	3 Special Choir rehearsal 2-4					
4 9:15 Choir practice 10:30 Communion Service 10:30 Sunday School Pageant practice Property Comm. Mtg Youth/Young adult Food outing	5 7:00 Choir practice 8:30 Bell practice	6 2:00 Bible Study 6:30 Clan Na Vale Bagpipers	7 Hope & Healing Mtg	8	9	10		
9:15 Choir practice 10:30 Choral Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School 11:45 Council Mtg	7:00 Choir practice 8:30 Bell practice	13 6:30 Clan Na Vale Bagpipers	14	15	16	17		
9:15 Choir practice 10:30 Christmas Pageant 10:30 Sunday School 11:45 Outreach Mtg.	7:00 Choir practice 8:30 Bell practice	20 2:00 Bible Study 6:30 Clan Na Vale Bagpipers	21	22	23	24 5:00 Candlelight Service Christmas Eve		
25 10:30 Worship Service Christmas Day	26	27 6:30 Clan Na Vale Bagpipers	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
January 1, 2023 10:30 Communion Worship Service								



#### **New Member Sunday!**

Celebrate with us on

November 20
as we welcome three new members
to the Calvary family of faith!



Following the service on November 20th,
Come to the Fellowship Hall
to meet the newest members to the family
and to serve our friends in Haiti and Honduras
by packing Project Smile Kits.
Your help is appreciated to assemble approx.400 kits!
Watch a demonstration
of how GT Water filtration systems work.
Come for fellowship, service, and bagels!

Prepare the way!
Come help decorate Calvary
for Advent and Christmas!

Saturday, November 26 10:00 am



## Worship Assistants December 2022



Dec	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Lector	Ushers
4	Janet Berger Communion	Alma Costello Cindy Strauch	Holland	Nancy Holland	Jim Peterson Ned Roller
11	Janet Berger	<b>\</b>	Strauch	Rich Karpowich	George Strauch Mike Levitzke
18	Janet Berger	<b></b>	Glaeser	N. Glaeser K.Song G.Strauch	Jim Peterson Ned Roller
24	Kathy Peterson Communion	TBD	Heitman	TBD	Mike Levitzke Ned Roller
25	Kathy Peterson	<b></b>	G.Strauch	Bill Scher	George Strauch
Jan 1	Kathy Peterson Communion	Kathy Peterson TBD	Petersons	Jim Peterson	Jim Peterson



## Choral Worship December 11 at 10:30

Christmas Cantata

Come to a special Service of The Word and Choral Worship including "I Hear the Prophet Callin" by Pepper Choplin

Bring friends and family!



### WORSHIP MATTERS

What is the Advent Wreath and how is it used in worship?

The Advent wreath has its roots in the pre-Christian practices of northern Europe. People sought the return of the sun in the dark time of the year (at the winter colotice) by lighting condition and fin



time of the year (at the winter solstice) by lighting candles and fires. As early as the middle Ages, Christians used fire and light to represent Christ's coming into the world. Using this same symbolism, the Advent wreath developed a few centuries ago in Germany as a sign of the waiting and hopeful expectation of the return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The wreath, a circle, came to represent the eternal victory over death through Jesus Christ. The evergreens were a sign of the faithfulness of God to God's people, even in death, and the lighted candles were a reminder of the light of Christ brought into the world.

The circular shape, a symbol of eternal life, is most important. Using an alternative shape, such as a log, would diminish the meaning of the symbol, which is no longer a circle. There is no one prescribed color for the candles, although several traditions are current. Four natural colored candles are always appropriate and symbolize the Light for which we wait. Four blue candles matches the blue used for the season, a color representing hope. Some assemblies may have the older tradition of using purple candles, keeping purple as the color for both Advent and Lent. The practice of using a pink candle on the third Sunday in Advent is no longer consistent with the current lectionary. The focus of these four weeks is one of hope and expectation of the coming of the Christ. This hope looks forward not only to celebrating the child in the manger, but even more to Christ's coming in glory at the end of time—a continuation of the eschatological emphasis of the last Sundays after Pentecost. Candles in rich royal blue are symbolic of this hope. Coincidentally, these two colors, purple and blue, have long been associated with the same ideas: the symbolic colors of royal blood and of longing; the natural colors of the dawn before the sun rises and the deep shades of midnight.

When determining the size of the Advent wreath, be mindful of your worship space so that the wreath is appropriate to that space. The wreath is not a primary symbol in the same way the font, table and ambo (lectern/pulpit) function, but it needs to be of sufficient size so that it makes a strong statement about the meaning of the season. It may be hung or placed on a table or stand but it is never put on the altar. The Advent wreath may be lit before the service when other candles are lighted. It may also be lit at another point during the Gathering rite.



## December 24

5:00 pm

Invite family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior at the traditional Candlelight service.

## Altar Flowers 2023

The 2023 flower chart is in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to beautify the sanctuary and celebrate the many joyous events in your life or remember loved ones.



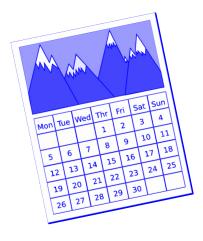
Each arrangement costs \$15 Payable to Kathy Peterson

## amazonsmile

Are you doing Christmas shopping online? Consider using Amazon Smile, a partner of Amazon.com that donates a portion of your purchase to a charity of your choice.

How to use Amazon Smile:

- 1. Go to www.smile.amazon.com
- 2. Select Calvary Lutheran Church of Allendale as your charity of choice.
- 3. Shop away!
- 4. Calvary receives a portion of sales.



#### Calendars Needed!

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).



## Our Bible Study will continue on

December 6, December 20
January 3 & January 17
2:00-3:00
JOIN US!

### December Birthdays

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

- 2 Emily Meyer
- 3 Christian MetriReed BarnardChristian Barnard
- 4 Maddie Borst
- 5 James Strauch
- 8 Gale GunhusSawyer Barnard
- 9 Clinton Poff
- 10 Stephen BegenPaul Dunn
- 11 Connor Damstrom Nicholas Nacion



- 13 Sara Strauch
- 14 Anna Nooney
  George Strauch
  Darrell Coco
  Leah Kemball-Cook
- 16 Scott Peterson
- 18 Richard Epperlein
- 22 Remi Claire
- 23 Marilyn Agresta
- 24 Katrina Brauer
- 28 Danielle Coco Steven Ccco
- 30 Karen Kolstad



### PRAYER LIST WE LIFT IN PRAYER....



#### .CONTINUED HEALING:

Bettina Miraglia (S.Meyer)

Madison Boland (Heitman Family)

Bob and Douglas Reitter (L. Bonifacic)

John Borst (Borst Family)

Wynn Marion Reid (R. Rohsler-Ortiz)

Timo Reitner (Dunn family)

Marcello Bonifacic (L. Bonifacic)

Mark McKeon (Roller Family)

Naomi Rauff (D. Alexander)

Debbie Alexander

Donald Kiernan (J. Meyers)

Glenda Calkins (D. Alexander)

Doug Keder (E. Carter)

Andrea LaRue Brokaw (L. Heitman)

Julia Godbee (G. Johnson)

Susan Wasser (G. Johnson)

Josephine Gosman (G. Johnson)

Aileen Mastin (E. Frees)

Sophia Fitzgerald (N. Roller)

Nadine Kohn (S. Roller)

Nina Godbee (G. Johnson)

Phyllis Beck (C. Metri)

Dottie Lindeman (L. Heitman)

Doris Heitman

Florence Sacawza (B.Ladutko)

Gary Johnson

Gary Phayer (B.Ladutko)

Pat Wallace (T.Gooden)

Anthony & Veronica Genito (A. Costello)

Lucy Michel (E.Frees)

Patrick Lanik (L.Heitman)

River James Budesa

Maureen Bechman (L.McCue)

Demetrious Lawrence (Roller Family)

Sandy Roller

Nathaniel Butson

Mike Feeley

Diana Passaretti

**Kevin Cummines** 

Nancy Repetti (L. McCue)

Sandra Connolly (L. McCue)

Kevin Connolly( L. McCue)

Susan Small

Barbara Ladutko

Steevi Diamond

Gerald Beck

Lorraine Sedlacek

Steven Weller

Ann Wahlberg (P. Singer)

Ken Brothers

Robyn Rohsler

Margaret Murphy

#### **BEREAVEMENT - FAMILIES OF:**

2022

Glenn Roe

Barb Pakrul

Peter Ortiz

The Giepel Family (T.Gooden)

Louis Maresca

2021 (Nov. Dec.)

Gerry DelGatto

John Ladutko

Erik Eidner

#### ARMED SERVICES:

Daniel Marro (G. Macomber)

Wayne Benner (W. & E. Frees)

Tracy Horan (J. Peterson)

#### **GENERAL**:

Carmencita Caes (M. Caes)

Megan Nesbitt (D. Alexander)

Francis Meyer (S. Meyer)

Irene Butyk (G. Johnson)

Florence Sacawza

To add or remove a name from the "Prayer List," please inform the church office (201-327-4786)

## Church Information

#### CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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The sign is repaired and installed! It was originally given in memory of Joe Stermensky by Betty.

Calvary is important member of the community. Many neighbors enjoyed our booth at Allendale Day!



Calvary Lutheran Clurch

Come and See.

Music is one way we praise God.
Organ, piano, flute, drums, guitar, bells, and voices—we've got it all!



Special sermon helpers connect us on All Saint's Day



Red was the color of the day on Reformation Sunday



Many thanks to James Dillon for his contribution of photos and videos!