

*Come and See*



*What's Happening at  
Calvary Lutheran Church*

165 West Crescent Ave  
201-327-4786

Allendale New Jersey  
<http://calvaryluth.org>

*August & September 2024*

# From our Pastor's desk



*"I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people: Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions..." (Joel 2:28 NCV)*

Greetings, Calvary Family!

I believe it's been about 7 months since I last wrote in our Calvary Newsletter – yikes! I was deep in completing my Ordination requirements, United Lutheran Seminary classes, Clinical Pastoral Education (Chaplaincy) program, reports for my government job, and an endless amount of emails that I had to respond to. I did not have the "bandwidth" to think or write, so I do apologize. Yet, throughout that time, my heart was always full, although I had no energy to articulate my appreciation on paper.

Now that the "ordination season" is over, I want to thank you all for supporting me in this 5-year journey – I cannot believe it was that long ago, when I first stepped into this sanctuary! Thank you for calling me as your pastor last Sunday. I am humbled and grateful to be in a community who models for me, service, sacrifice, and solidarity.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, which is sharing both "old & new" things God is doing in our midst. I ask that you especially pray for our young people. We are expanding our Sunday School classrooms this September, the Youth Group has been meeting monthly since the summer began, and we have formed a Youth/Young Adult Praise Band.

The Holy Spirit continues to pour out among us – may we continue to dream dreams and ask for God's vision in our own life and in the life of Calvary!

Keep on Trusting, Keep on Loving...

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Kara*

*Please Join Us for Two Joyous Celebrations!*

*The Ordination Service of  
Kara H. Song*

*Saturday, August 10, 2024 2 o'clock*

*First Lutheran Church*

*153 Park Street*

*Montclair, New Jersey*

*&*

*The Installation Service of  
Kara H. Song  
as Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, September 8, 2024 4 o'clock*

*Calvary Lutheran Church of Allendale*

*165 West Crescent Avenue*

*Allendale, New Jersey*

*reception to follow 9/8 [RSVP office@calvaryluth.org](mailto:RSVP_office@calvaryluth.org) 201-27-4786*

*Both services will be livestreamed on Facebook*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:45 Praise Band Practice	2	3 Office Hours 9:30-1:00
4 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:40 Council Meeting	5 Office Hours 2:00-4:00	6	7 Office Hours 9:30-11:00	8	9 Office Hours 9:30-11:00	10 Ordination Service 2:00
11 10:30 Communion Service Coffee Hour	12 Office Hours 9:30-1:00	13	14 Office Hours 9:30-1:00	15	16	17 Office Hours 9:30-1:00
18 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Worship & Music Meeting	19 Office Hours 9:30-1:00	20	21 Office Hours 9:30-1:00	22	23 Office Hours TBD	24
25 10:30 Worship Service	26 Office Hours 2:00-4:00	27	28 Office Hours 9:30-11:00 7:30 Choir Practice	29	30 Office Hours 9:30-11:00	31



# Altar Flowers

**There are many opportunities available to celebrate joyous events in your life or remember loved ones.**

Each bouquet is \$15 payable to Kathy Peterson.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex

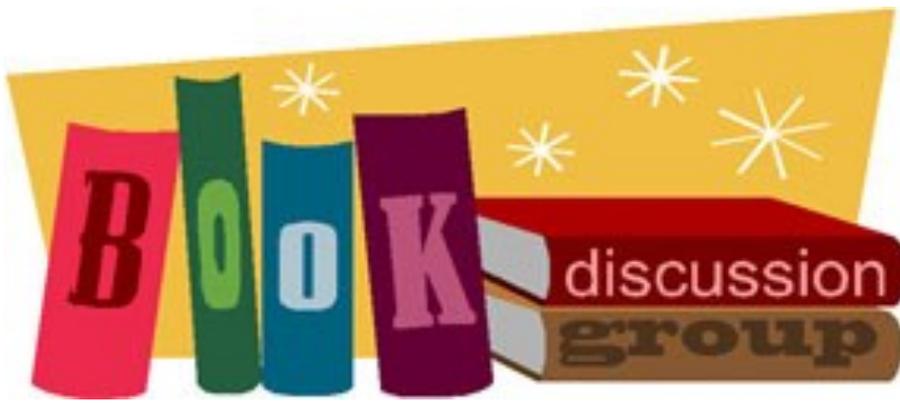
Thank you for adding beauty to our sanctuary!

## THE BOOK OF Ruth

Our Bible Study continues

September 10, 24

2:00 Tuesday



**Wednesday, September 11**

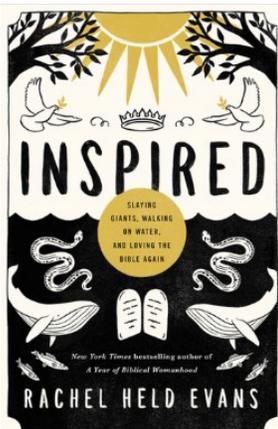
**6:30 PM**

Please bring an entrée, side, or dessert

We will be discussing INSPIRED by Rachel Evans

for more information / to RSVP email

Christine Souza



# Consider joining the team



and



**Volunteers are needed!**

Please contact Kathy Peterson to be added to the schedule.



# **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **September 29**

Calvary's September Outdoor Worship Service is always a wonderful day of faith and fellowship!

The service begins at **10:30** and includes the Blessing of the Animals.

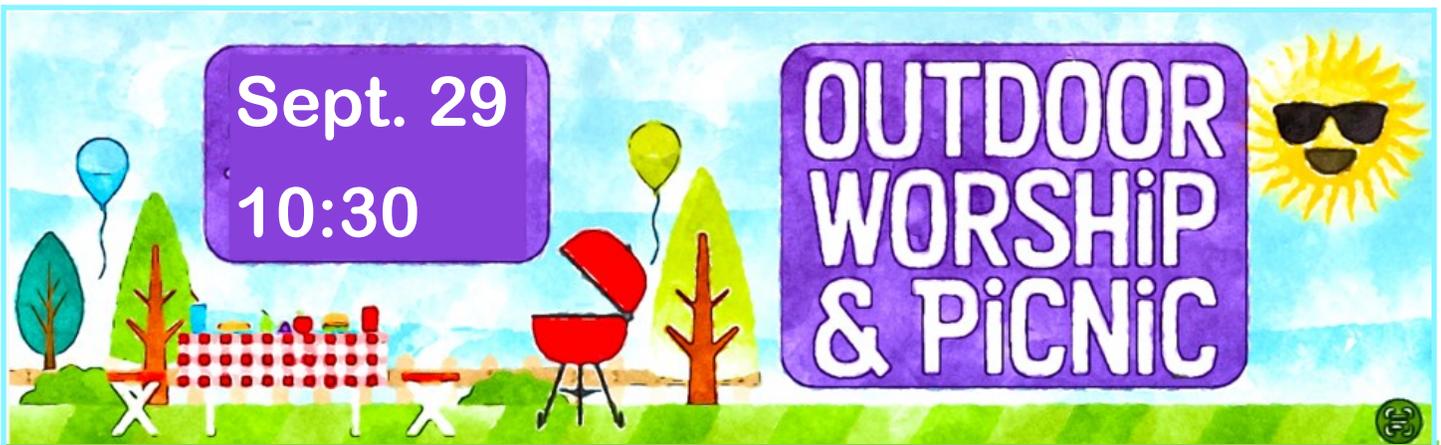
It is followed by the Calvary family picnic.

## **Blessing of the**

During worship on **Sept 29**, we will bless your animal companion and the hands that care for him.

If your pet is shy or doesn't play well with others, bring a picture so we can still bless him!





**Join us for the  
Annual Calvary Church Picnic  
Sunday, September 29th  
Following the Outdoor Worship Service  
with the Blessing of the Animals**

**Come for a traditional picnic  
with hotdogs, hamburgers,  
and good old fashioned fellowship!**

**Each family is asked to  
bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

**contact Laurie Jacober with questions  
Help will be needed for set up, cooking, and clean up**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Plans are underway for our  
2024-2025 Calvary Sunday School Year.

Watch for letters arriving in August detailing the schedule and program for the upcoming year and registration forms to return.

Classes will be held for students Age 4- Grade 6. We are working on what the model will look like for the coming year.

If you know of any students that are eligible for our Sunday School and have not had an opportunity to join our program, please reach out to the church office or to Nancy Glaeser [jonord117@gmail.com](mailto:jonord117@gmail.com).

We are excited for you and your children to participate in the opportunities offered for Christian Education this year.

As of now our plan for September is to have classes beginning on September 15 and 22nd. Families will join together for the outdoor worship service and picnic on September 29 so there will NOT be Sunday School on that date.

# Fall Festival

Save the Date: **October 5**

Food, Fun, Friends!

Planning Meeting : Wed July 31 5:30 @ Alma Costello's house



Join Choir!!!

Have you Ever wanted to learn to read music but never had the chance??

Now is your chance to learn to sing and read music.

Anyone willing to let God work through you to sing to his glory is welcome in our choir.

You don't have to know how to read music to join the choir.

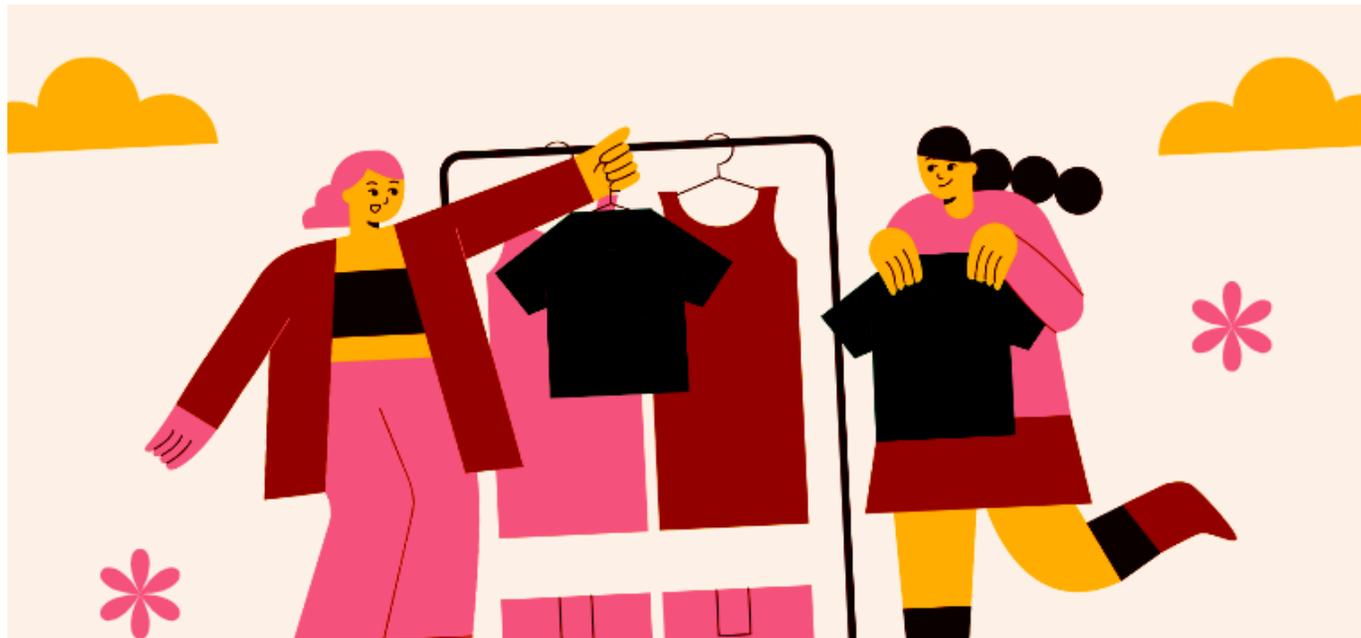
We are especially seeking tenors and basses (MEN!!)

Please let Elise Carter, our choir director know in advance if you are thinking of joining and you have not sung with us before.

Choir Practices will start on  
Wednesday August 28 at 7:30.

We will continue on Wednesdays  
throughout the year this year.





# TOWNWIDE GARAGE SALE

Calvary Lutheran Church will  
participate in the Allendale  
Townwide Garage Sale!

19  
OCTOBER

Donated items can be brought  
to the back room at Calvary.

CLOTHING | GADGETS | APPLIANCES  
FURNITURE | JEWELRY | AND MANY MORE!

More information to come!

# OUTREACH

## Outreach Bulletin

Ready or not, the holiday season is approaching and supplies are needed to complete the **Christmas-at-Sea** satchels. Hoodies, t-shirts, knitted hats, thermal and crew socks and a holiday card are the requested items. There are so many people who leave home and family behind for long periods of time to serve us by working on cargo vessels or seek asylum and become detained in prison-like conditions. We can show them that they are appreciated and remembered by sharing a little Christmas cheer. Our collection is year-round but the we must deliver the satchels on December 1.



This was the first year that Calvary supported “**Operation Christmas Child**” and we want to thank all those who are filling those special boxes with supplies and treats for children all over the world. Please remember that the filled boxes must be returned to Calvary by **Sunday, October 27**.

**The Back-to- School** supply collection will end on **August 11**. We had quite a haul this year! Thank you for your kindness.

The urgent request for **DIAPERS** was answered quickly and with great generosity. Thank you very much.



Food insecurity continues so please keep your neighbors in mind when you shop. Your purchase of an additional box of cereal, baby food, pasta, soup, etc., makes a big difference to those who are struggling. Calvary delivers to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah at the end of each month. Please place your donations in the red wagons in the narthex. Grocery store gift cards of \$20 or \$25 dollars are very much appreciated. Please hand those to Lori McCue or Cindy Strauch instead of placing them in the

wagons.

If you have any questions, contact Lori McCue

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

# August & September Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
Aug 4	Alma Costello	****	Hollands	Nancy Holland	Ned Roller George Strauch	Tori Gooden Alma Costello
Aug 11	Alma Costello	Christina Metri Alma Costello	Glaesers	Sandra Prince	Jim Peterson George Strauch	Tori Gooden Alma Costello
Aug 18	Cindy Strauch	****	Petersons	Mike Levitzke	Mike Levitzke Ned Roller	Tori Gooden Alma Costello
Aug 25	Cindy Strauch	****	Heitmans	George Strauch	George Strauch Jim Peterson	Tori Gooden Alma Costello
Sept 1	Cindy Strauch	Cindy Strauch Kathy Peterson	Strauches	Rachel Dillon	Ned Roller Jim Peterson	TBD
Sept 8	Kathy Peterson	****	Hollands	Rich Karpowich	Jim Peterson Mike Levitzke	TBD
Sept 15	Kathy Peterson	****	Glaesers	Nancy Glaeser	Ned Roller G. Strauch	TBD
Sept 22	Mercedes Caes	****	Petersons	Christine Souza	Jim Peterson G. Strauch	TBD
Sept 29 outdoor	Mercedes Caes	****	Heitmans	Laura Heitman	Ned Roller Mike Levitzke	TBD

**Worship Assistants - Please Note:** In case of a conflict, please find a substitute and then inform the church office at 201-327-4786

# August & September Birthdays



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

August 2	Sara Holland	September 1	Paul Passaretti
August 4	Kathy Peterson	September 4	Reagan Dryfoos
	Liz Vining	September 5	Sam Holland
August 5	Kevin Macomber		John Boselli
August 7	Alma Costello	September 6	Bob Livingstone
	Pete Metri		Emily Bonifacic
	Warren Andersen		Jessica Garafano
	Liesel Polan	September 7	Stephanie Macomber
August 11	Charlie Ernst	September 9	Joann Meyer
August 12	Christian Passaretti	September 10	John Begen
	Mia Taliercio		Sarah Fichera
	Joe Agresta	September 11	Eileen Dormer
August 14	Taylor Robbins	September 13	Marion Aase
August 15	Gregory Hutchins	September 14	Kristen Duke
August 16	Sean Sottolano	September 16	Ryan Derrico
August 18	Laura Heitman	September 17	Samuel Chilian
	Margaret Livingstone	September 18	Timothy Klein
August 21	Dina Amalfitano	September 19	Victoria Gooden
August 23	Terri O'Connell	September 20	Richard Karpowich
August 24	Prince Paulraj	September 22	James Vasicko
August 28	Eric Rohsler		Alyssa Ortiz
August 30	Christina Wilcomes		Jen Yapp
August 31	Edward Farnhagen	September 24	Julie Borst
		September 25	DJ Bonifacic
		September 27	Bob Frueh
		September 29	Susan DelGatto

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8 10:30 Worship Service 4:00 Installation Service 5:00 Reception	9 Office Hours 9:15-11:45	10	11 Office Hours 9:15-11:45 6:30 Book/ dinner group 7:30 Choir Practice	12	13 Office Hours 9:15-11:45	14
15 10:30 Worship Service Teacher Installation & Student Blessing Service 11:40 Council Meeting	16 Office Hours 9:15-11:45	17	18 Office Hours 9:15-11:45 7:30 Choir Practice	19	20 Office Hours 9:15-11:45	21 Allendale Day 12-4 Calvary has a booth!
22 10:30 Worship Service Guest Pastor Julie Han Gregg will share the sermon	23 Office Hours 9:15-11:45	24	25 Office Hours 9:15-11:45 7:30 Choir Practice	26	27 Office Hours 9:15-11:45	28
29 10:30 OUTDOOR Worship Service with Blessing the Animals 11:30 Picnic	30 Office Hours 9:15-11:45					

# Church Information



**If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact:**

**Intern Pastor Kara Song  
through the church office**

**Office Administrator: Edward Farnhagen/Anna Nooney**

**Office Phone 201-327-4786**

**Office E-Mail: [office@calvaryluth.org](mailto:office@calvaryluth.org)**

**Office Hours: M,W,F 9:15-11:45**

## **MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :**

All the people of  
Calvary Lutheran Church

**Music Director**  
Elise Carter

## **Church Council Members**

Jim Holland	President
Alma Costello	Caring liaison
Gerry DelGatto	Secretary
Carl Glaeser	Treasurer
Mercedes Caes	Stewardship liaison
Marilyn Agresta	Worship & Music liaison
Christine Souza	Outreach liaison
Christina Metri	Caring liaison
Kristine Nooney	Education liaison
Tori Gooden	Property liaison

## **Committee Chairpersons**

Caring	Laurie Jacober
	Janet Berger
Christian Education	Nancy Glaeser
Outreach	Lori McCue
Property	George Strauch
Stewardship	Marilyn Agresta
Worship & Music	Kathy Peterson

# Calvary Calls Pastor Kara Song !



Jim Holland, Council President & Rev. Freiberg  
presided over the Congregational meeting



Making it official!



# Celebrating with our Graduates



# Calvary's New Praise Band



Youth and Young Adult  
Cultural Food Outing  
Enjoying Ethiopian Cuisine



June Youth Meeting  
with Food and Fellowship

Calvary's  
1st  
Rummage  
Sale





# Celebrating Fellowship at the Annual Ice Cream Social

