

Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

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

July 2026



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.*



Outreach

Center for Food Action Food Bank

Our monthly donations to the
Center For Food Action in July will focus on
juice boxes and snack items— lunch items for
summer school/ camp programs



Our “Back-to-School Supplies” Collection will run
from now until August 11. Please take the list of
supplies along with you as you shop or post it in
your home. The collection basket is in the narthex.
Any item(s) are greatly appreciated

backpacks

rulers

spiral notebooks

crayons

highlighters

glue sticks

loose leaf paper

pencil cases

Post-it notes

colored pens

scissors

1" & 2" 3-ring binders

pens

colored pencils

assignment pads

index cards

pencils

erasers

2-pocket folders

marble composition notebooks



Congratulations to our Graduates!
We celebrate your accomplishments
and pray for your joy and fulfillment
in all your future endeavors!

Rachel Dillon graduated from William Paterson University with a Masters of Education (Special Education) .

Savanna Metri graduated 8th grade from Midland Park Jr. Highschool and will continue on to Midland Park Sr. High School.

Ella Pestano graduated from Midland Park and will attend Midland Park High School I September

Jeremy Pestano graduated from Midland Park High School and will attend Ramapo College, pursuing a Music Production major.

Amy Pestano graduated from Berkeley College with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing

Ryan Song graduated form Pepperdine University with a BA in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Emily Ann Cauda graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

Zachary Singer (Peggy Singer's Grandson) is graduating from Fair Lawn High School. Will be attending Montclair State University in the fall.

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10am-2pm Office Hours	2	3	4 
5 10:30am Communion Service	6 10am-2pm Office Hours 6:30pm Book Club	7 7pm Bagpipers	8 10am-2pm Office Hours	9	10 10am-2pm Office Hours	11
12 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	13 10am-2pm Office Hours	14 7pm Bagpipers	15 10am-2pm Office Hours	16 7:30pm Praise Band Practice	17 10am-2pm Office Hours	18
19 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Ice Cream Social	20 10am-2pm Office Hours	21 7pm Bagpipers	22 10am-2pm Office Hours	23 7:30pm Praise Band Practice	24 10am-2pm Office Hours 1pm Calvary Staff Meeting	25
26 10:30am Worship Service w/ Praise Band 11:45am Council Meeting 1pm Choir BBQ	27 10am-2pm Office Hours	28 10am-2pm Office Hours 7pm Bagpipers	29 10am-2pm Office Hours	30	31 Choir Retreat	

Mutual Ministry News



Calvary Mutual Ministry Committee has been formed to support relationships between the congregation and its rostered and lay leaders. Serving on this committee are Pastor Kara, Rachel Dillon, Bruce Heitman, and Kathy Peterson.

In the ELCA, a Mutual Ministry Committee serves as a bridge of communication and collaboration. The committee supports pastors and congregants through honest conversation; listens to the congregation to identify hopes and concerns; and promotes healthy communication.

Rather than acting as a personnel committee or complaint department, Mutual Ministry focuses on relationships, communication, and alignment with our mission. Its work is confidential, pastoral, and grounded in the belief that graceful communications are essential to the health of a congregation.

July Worship Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
5	Kathy Peterson	Bill Scher K.Peterson	Kathy Peterson	Bill Scher	J Peterson Ned Roller	Alma Tori
12	Kathy Peterson	***	Bill Scher	Rachel Dillon	J.Peterson M.Levitzke	Alma Tori
19	Kathy Peterson	***	Hollands	Jon Tangen	Jon Tangen G.Strauch	Alma Tori
26	Kathy Peterson	***	George Strauch	Mike Levitzke	M.Levitzke Jon Tangen	Alma Tori



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

July 1 Bill Alexander
Erich Chervenak
Taylor Nasta
July 2 Ali Strauch
Lisa Taliercio
July 3 Kim Contini
July 4 Blake Hartman
July 5 Troy Polan
July 7 Chris Derrico
August Blunck
Ella Taliercio
July 8 Laurie Jacober
July 10 Gwen Macomber
July 11 Steve Dormer

July 15 Cindy Strauch
Jamison Meyer
July 16 Patty Strauch
July 17 Tristin deRosset
Diana Paynter
July 18 Christina Metri
Donna Boselli
Lauren Richardson
July 20 John Boselli
Ellen Knechel
July 21 Bondette Tangen
Melissa Ludwig
July 27 Amanda Roller
July 29 Wendee Lunt
July 30 Carl Glaeser



The goal of the summer session is to help children to learn more about prayer and its purpose of developing a relationship with God/Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Children will practice how to pray in fun and meaningful ways. Kelly will encourage the children to prepare their hearts and minds to begin the habit of connecting with God. Study of the Books of the Bible will continue in relationship to prayer.

The proposed dates for Summer Sunday School are found below.

WANTED: Calvary members and friends to SHARE **favorite prayers** you used in your childhood and/or continue to use today. **There is a display in the Narthex for you to place a copy of your favorite prayer (or prayers) that you still recall and /or use.** These will be used to share how prayers can be ones you memorize or just remember as well as ones that you just say from your heart.

Please remember to use the sign-up Genius to help Kelly plan ahead for summer classes.

[Calvary Lutheran Church: Sunday School 2025-2026](#)

Upcoming dates: July 12, Aug 9, Aug 16, Aug 23



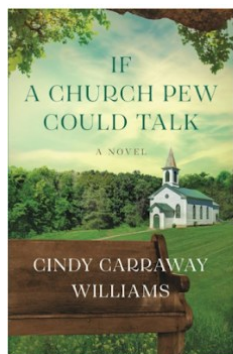


ALLENDALE FIREWORKS TICKETS

Here's a great opportunity to join together with your cavalry, family and friends to view the Allendale Fourth of July fireworks this year. Our group can meet and park at the church and walk to Crestwood Lake for the annual ticket-only event. Since the tickets can only be obtained by Allendale residents through donations, Laurie Jacober will organize the group and obtain the tickets ahead of time. The suggested donation price by the Allendale Holiday Observers Organization that runs the event is \$10 per ticket. Please pay by July 1. The fireworks start at dusk (obviously) and are preceded by a band concert at 7:30. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on if you are interested contact Laurie and pay through Venmo or in person.

BOOK STUDY GROUP & POTLUCK

MONDAY JULY 6 6:30PM



**COME FOR FELLOWSHIP, DISCUSSION OF
IF CHURCH PEWS COULD TALK,
AND SHARING OF A MEAL.**

**PLEASE BRING FOOD TO GRILL, SALAD / SIDE
DISH OR DESSERT .**

RSVP TO CHRIS SOUZA



It's July again and you know what that means,

National Ice Cream Sunday

on the Third Sunday in July!!

As always we at Calvary celebrate this

"holiday" by having our own annual

Ice Cream Social!!

Mark your calendars for

July 19 — Following the Worship Service

The Caring Committee hosts this fun event

and asks everyone to bring :

friends and family along with

a half gallon of ice cream or a topping to share.

It's always a great Summer event

and a great chance to bring your friends

for this social gathering.

Questions? contact Laurie Jacober.



Electronic Giving News



Dear Calvary Friend and Zelle User,

Recently, Calvary's checking and electronic payment accounts were compromised by a third party. While we continue to work through the resulting issues, our bank has temporarily restricted our access to Zelle and certain other electronic services.

Recognizing that these restrictions may remain in place for an extended period, we have transitioned our online giving and electronic platform to Squarespace to ensure that members and friends can continue to make contributions and payments securely and conveniently.

We sincerely appreciate your commitment to Calvary and your patience during this transition. If you would like to continue making electronic contributions:

Calvary Square Space link:

<https://square.link/u/JRA49IQO>

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and generosity as we work through these challenges. If you have any questions please call or email me. Have a great day!

All the best,

Carl Glaeser, Council Treasurer

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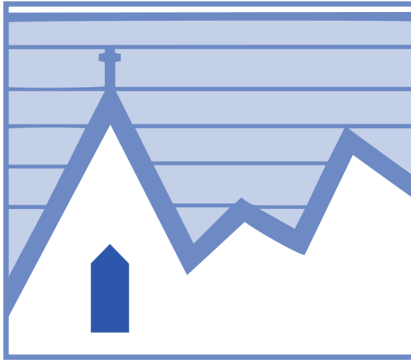


GREETERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to serve as Greeters!

No meetings— No training— just show up with a smile!

Contact Kathy Peterson to sign up.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Calvary Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report June 2026 Meeting

Many thanks to Christine Souza and her team! **The Beefsteak Dinner** was an outstanding success, generating net proceeds of more than **\$2,500** for the church. These monies have enabled us to replace the parsonage boiler and **look at potential** additional capital improvement project including:

- Parking Lot Improvements
- Lounge Updates

We are currently obtaining additional contractor quotes for several proposed property maintenance and improvement projects.

We continue to work with our bank and vendors to transition toward a fully outsourced payment process. This transition is expected to be completed following the Council's decision regarding summer payroll. We also continue to work closely with the bank to resolve the remaining outstanding banking issues.

Our new online payment platform, Squarespace, performed exceptionally well during the Beefsteak Dinner, providing a smooth and reliable payment experience for attendees.

Current bank balances reflect our continued efforts to maintain adequate liquidity while ensuring sufficient access to capital until all outstanding banking matters have been fully resolved.

Thank you

Carl Glaeser

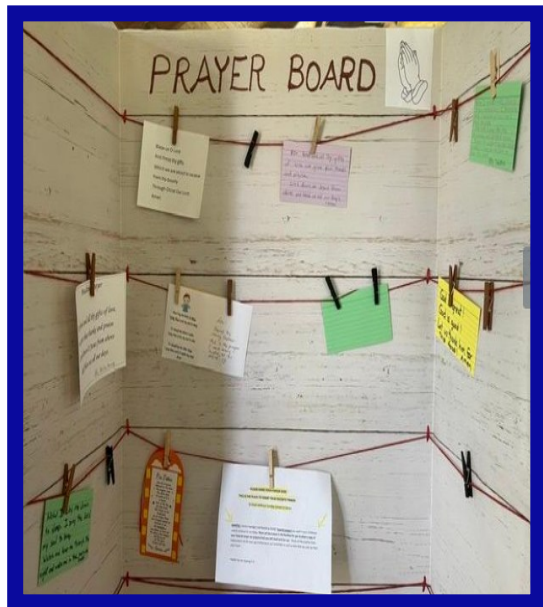
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Calvary's first Beefsteak Dinner





Summer Sunday School 2026





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Church Information



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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.

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

Pastor Kara Song

through the church office

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MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church

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Church Council Members

Jim Holland	President
Alma Costello	Vice President
Gerry DelGatto	Secretary
Carl Glaeser	Treasurer
Sara Strauch	Stewardship
Ned Roller	Worship & Music
Christine Souza	Outreach
Christina Metri	Caring
Kristine Nooney	Christian Education
Tori Gooden	Property

Committee Chairpersons

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