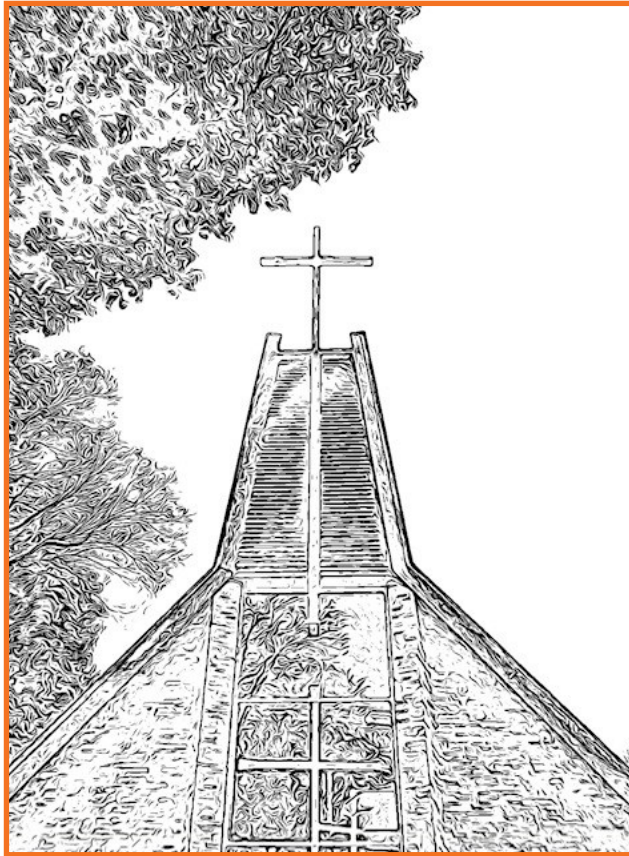


Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

165 West Crescent Ave
201-327-4786

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

May 2026

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

Join us for Sunday school
at 10:30

May 3rd & 10th

May 31-Summer Sunday School

Sunday
School



Help Our Students Help Others

Confirmation Class



The Confirmation Class will be volunteering with Free Clothing Distribution & Sorting at a Non-profit agency HANA Mission in Paterson Sat. 5/9 @ 10 am-12 pm.

If you have any items (i.e. clothing, shoes, décor, household goods, small appliances, etc.) you would like to donate, you may drop off at the church (large classroom #5) by May 9.

OUTREACH

Family Promise of Bergen County Hike for Hope



It's not

too late to support Calvary Cruisers

Register online at bergenfamilypromise.org

[Family Promise Hike for Hope 2026 - Calvary's Cruisers](#)

to join the team or you can donate online, or with cash or a check made out to : Family Promise of Bergen County.

Team Captain Cindy Strauch can help you with any information

The Center for Food Action needs our help. They are experiencing a shortage of personal care items like toothpaste, shampoo and soap.

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

Our monthly donations to the Center For Food Action in May will focus on pasta, pasta sauce, and rice...



...but all donations are welcome!



May 24 is Pentecost Sunday

Red is the color of the day to symbolize the coming of the Spirit
Join your family of faith as we share the joy, feel the Spirit, and go spread the Word.

And remember to **wear red**.

Bible Study

Come on Tuesdays

May 5 & 19

at 2:00

All are welcome!

It's easy to share the Happenings at Calvary!

Let friends, family, & neighbors know about how the people of Calvary live out the Mission by forwarding the Newsletter or by delivering a print copy (found in the Narthex).

And don't forget an invitation to join in!





SUMMER

Sunday School

Kelly Damstrom has once again come up with a great idea for a Summer Curriculum for our Sunday School students and will lead the classes.

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 will be a place 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](#)

May 31

June 7

July 12

Aug 9

June 14

July 19

Aug 16

June 21

Aug 23

Do you have someone in your family who is graduating middle school, high school, college, graduate school?

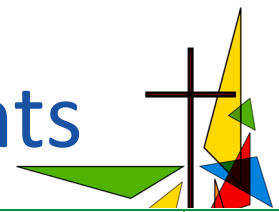
We would love to recognize and honor them!

Please let us know by 6/5.

call our office (201) 327-4786

or email calvaryallendale@gmail.com

May Worship Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
3 white	Kathy Peterson	*****	Petersons	Tori Gooden	G.Strauch J. Tangen	Tori Jerry
10 white	Cindy Strauch	C. Metri G.Strauch	Christina Metri	Bill Scher	J, Tangen N. Roller	Tori Jerry
17 white	Kathy Peterson	*****	Glaesers	Jon Tangen	J.Peterson N.Roller	Tori Jerry
24 red	Kathy Peterson	Confirmands	Youth	Confirmands	Confirmands	Tori Jerry
31 white	Kathy Peterson	*****	K.Peterson	Rachel Dillon	J.Peterson G.Strauch	Tori Jerry

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - PLEASE NOTE: In case of a conflict, please find a substitute and then inform the church office at 201-327-4786.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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

May 1 Kara Song
Emily Rohsler
Marcia Stoltz
May 2 Melissa Fichera
Sarah Hutchins
May 3 Bob Garofano
May 4 Christopher Meyer
May 5 Angela Brauer
May 6 Merlin Nirmala
Mary Hutchins
Renee Wagner

May 7 Bill Stoltz
May 12 Michael Feeley
May 14 Kaitlyn Dormer
Courtney Livingstone
May 15 Allison Stoltz-
May 17 Daniel Rohsler
Ellie Hamilton
May 18 Charann Claire
May 19 Eric Dzenis
Christopher
Garofano

May 20 Bonnie Strauch
May 21 Stephanie Chervenak
Michael Erwin
May 22 Suzy Ludwig
May 23 Melinda Sottolano
May 24 Steven Meyer
May 26 David Bonifacic
Lani Bonifacic
Kim Ludwig
May 30 Olivia Kinahan
May 31 Jeremy Macomber

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 Choir practice 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Family Promise Walk	4	5 2:00 Bible Study	6 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8	9 10:00-12:00 Confirmation Class Outreach in Paterson
10 9:30 Choir practice 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Service	11	12	13 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 New member Sunday 9:30 Praise band 9:30 Property Comm. 10:30 Worship Service w. Praise Band 11:30 Outreach Comm 11:40 Council Meeting	18	19 2:00 Bible Study	20 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday 9:30 Choir practice 10:30 Worship Service	25	26	27 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29	30 Synod Assembly
31 9:30 Choir practice 10:30 Summer Sunday School 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Worship & Music Mtg						

Volunteers Needed !

Ushers & Greeters

**We're looking for volunteers to serve
as greeters and/or ushers at worship services.**

GREETERS: If you enjoy making people feel welcome, offering a smile, or lending a hand, you are perfect for this vital ministry.

Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the church; serve as an individual or a family, you can fulfill this important position.

Greeters arrive Sundays at 10:15, stand by the glass hallway door and offer a warm welcome to worshipers as they arrive.

USHERS: Working with a team of 2 or 4, men or women, ushers arrive at 10:15, turn on the lights, unlock the door, and light the candles. One usher offers bulletins to worshipers as they arrive. During the service, ushers collect the offering and guide worshipers to the Communion table. After the service, close up (lights, candles, door) and tidy the pews.

New members are teamed up with an experienced usher .

Interested? Speak with Pastor Kara , Kathy Peterson, or email the church office.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALLENDALE
CELEBRATES ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

**FRIENDS & FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
BEEFSTEAK & BASKET RAFFLE
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026
DOORS OPEN 6:15 PM - DINNER AT 7:00 PM**

All proceeds benefit capital improvements and repairs



\$45.00 per person

**Includes all you can eat sliced filet mignon served
on fresh sliced bread, salad, fries, dessert and
beverages**

(Vegetarian Option Available)

BYO Beer and Wine



Location:

Calvary Lutheran Church
165 W. Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ

Please Purchase Tickets at www.calvaryluth.org by June 5th, 2026
For Additional Information, please contact Christine Souza

Basket Raffle

Friends, we are seeking donations of new, unused items and gift cards for our basket raffle, which will be part of our beefsteak dinner on Friday, June 12, 2026. We will have a donation request board in the narthex beginning Sunday, May 3rd. We would also love to have a themed basket created by you to be part of the raffle. Please see Christine Souza or email her if you have any questions. Thank you!





CARTER-GLENNON
CENTER FOR ARTS AND NATURE

Presents

The Papageno Ensemble

Carol Shansky (flute), Leonard Leuci (piano), Marc Chelemer (birder)

Spread Your Wings!

A concert of music for flute and piano all about birds, followed
by a guided bird walk at the Celery Farm Nature Preserve.

Featuring the World Premiere of "The Passing of Grackles" by Cara Haxo



Saturday, May 2

Concert: 1:00 p.m., Bird Walk: 2:00

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Donations gratefully accepted at the door

For more information:

<https://www.carter-glennon.org/general-8>

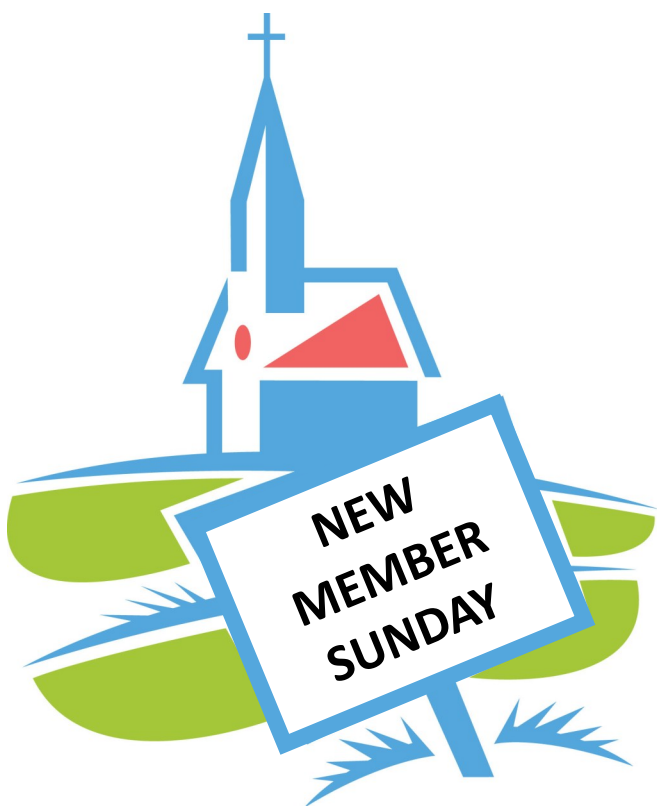
Youth/Young Adult Cultural Food Outing

Sunday 6/7 12:30

(12:00 at the church for a ride)

Tatra House 115 Main Ave. Wallington

Please reply to P. Kara



New Member Sunday

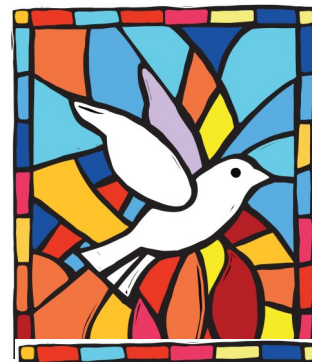
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If you are interested in becoming a member of Calvary Lutheran Church please reach out to Pastor Kara or the church office.

Church Information

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.



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: M, W, F 10:00-2:00

MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church
Music Director
Elise Carter

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







with the stripping of the altar



