

COME and SEE



*what's happening at
Calvary Lutheran Church*

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

April 2024

Calvary's Mission Statement

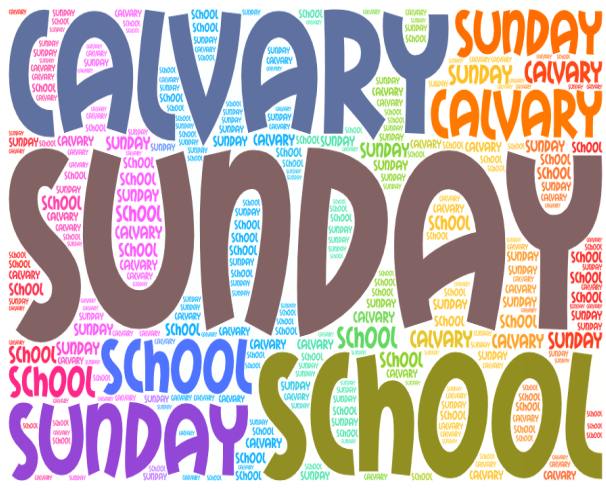
*To teach and display the love of Christ
by connecting with people of all walks of life
through worship, discipleship, and
outreach to our community.*

**To be more involved in the life of Calvary,
please let Pastor Kara or any of the Council members
or Committee chairpersons know.
We appreciate and welcome all!**

Fire has long been a sign of God's presence. The Old Testament is full of examples: the burning bush on Mount Sinai, the pillar of fire in the desert, the tabernacle lamps, and the sacrificial fires on the altar of the temple in Jerusalem. Early Christians rather naturally viewed the kindling of new fire as a symbol of the presence of their resurrected Lord, the new pillar of fire. In Jerusalem, the earliest Christians blessed and lighted candles every Saturday night. By at least the fifth or sixth century, the custom had become associated with celebrations of the Resurrection, and paschal candles had found their way into the liturgy of the Western church.

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the paschal candle traditionally stands near the altar as a symbol of the resurrection. It is lighted for each liturgy during the great fifty days of Easter. (Easter is not over until Pentecost, the fiftieth day!) Ideally, the candle burns continuously from the Vigil of Easter through Pentecost. Since this is usually not practical, the paschal candle should be lighted well before the arrival of worshipers and remain lit until after all have departed. not be confused with the so-called Christ candle, which has no roots in liturgical history but is often seen at the center of Advent wreaths. The paschal candle should be of substantial size, even huge, if its important symbolism is to speak clearly. Even the stand in which it rests should be of great size. from www.ELCA.org





Come for Sunday School
at 10:30
April 7, 21, & 28 !
Join us! 😊

THOUGHTS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

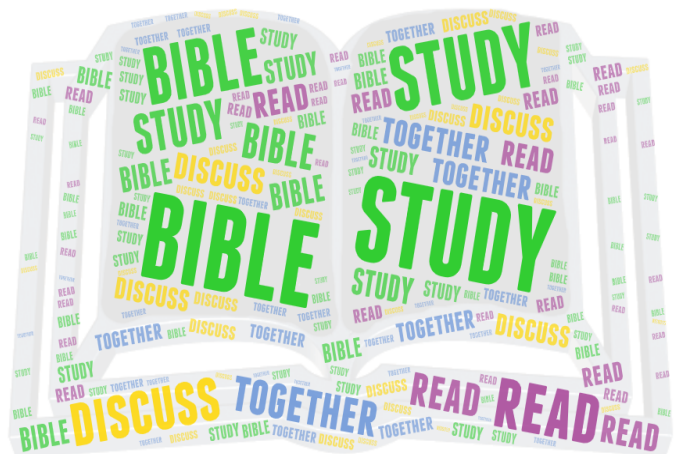
If we follow Jesus and His teachings, I think that automatically makes us stewards of His 'Good News'. As stewards, we are caretakers of Jesus' word and His plans for us. Here at Calvary, stewardship is rampant! Everyone comes together to fulfill our mission statement—taking care of our church, each other, and the needs around us.

The ways of stewardship can be very small and subtle or big and bold. All of them are important and fulfilling because we are a family—brothers and sisters in Christ. Go, stewards! Show the love!

Peggy Singer
Stewardship Committee

Bible Quote: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1 (NIV)

Please join us
Tuesdays April 9 & 23
2:00-3:00





**Book
Discussion**

and

POT LUCK DINNER



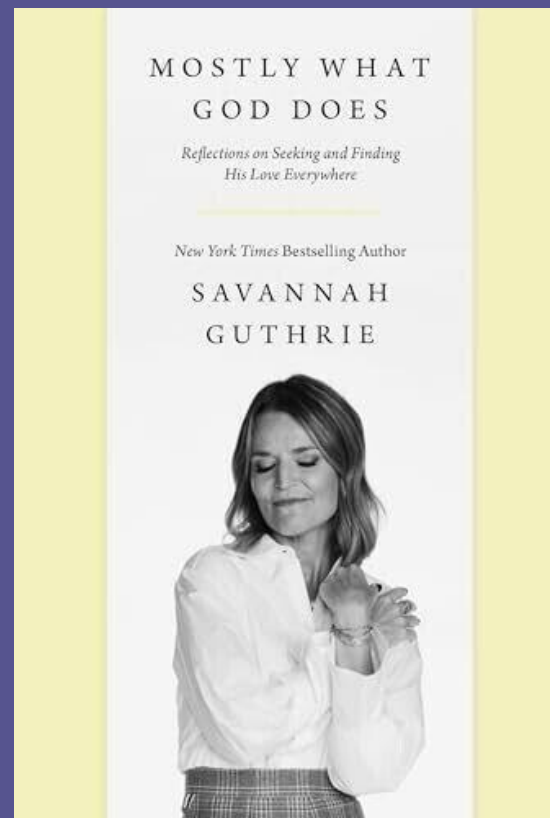
Wednesday April 10

6:30 PM

Please bring an entrée, and
side or dessert to share

We will be reading
Mostly What God Does
by Savannah Guthrie

for more info & to RSVP please
email:CSOUZA0167@gmail.com



Mark your calendars—the Family Promise Hike for Hope is Sunday, May 5, 2024!



**Join Calvary Cruisers on Sunday May 5th
as they walk through downtown Ridgewood
to raise funds for Family Promise of Bergen County!**

Register online at
bergenfamilypromise.org
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 or question



Calvary Cruisers 2023



GT Water – Haiti Update

www.gtwater.org

Please pray for our team and their families!

Our local team and their families in Les Cayes Haiti are currently safe and they continue to do their weekly water filter

distributions to the underserved population groups.



The availability and pricing of basic food stuffs aka dry rice and beans continues to be problematic. There is a real possibility of mass population starvation. We have sent numerous cartons of food for the team and their families. We are waiting for the resumption of flights into Les Cayes.

The local gangs continue to exercise some control to road access in the area but we experienced limited violence versus what has been depicted in the news. We are currently far enough away from

Port au Prince so we can safely continue our water filter program. Attached are a few GT Water team pictures from earlier this week. Please pray for our team and their families!

We thank you for your continued support, please give your tax deductible donations via PayPay on our website

www.gtwater.org or directly to: GT Water Inc,
PO Box 626, Ramsey, NJ 07446 THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who provided lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter.

You are welcome to take your plant home.



Calvary's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

With over 80 people in attendance, Calvary's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, was invaluable for our Calvary community coming together, serving, and meeting new friends!

Anecdotal Examples: We had a family who had been visiting a few times who came out; a new family who visited this past Sunday; and one of the volunteer families had a classmate who is great friends with a member of the congregation whose mom said that she and her kids want to come and check out Calvary. Overall a very positive experience for the growing Calvary community.



Many thanks to Christine Souza and her volunteer team who donated their time, talents and treasures to make Calvary's First Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny an outstanding community success.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER



Good Day Calvary Congregation. Thank you for a very strong collection plate offering during the Q – 1 (January – March) of \$33K. With the addition of dedicated Memorial Funds, we have a Quarterly total over \$43,000. While our plate numbers are good, our total revenue has decreased from last year due to losing the parsonage income of \$3,500 per month. We paid some “catch -up expenses” including paying the Borough of Allendale \$23,689.78 for parsonage property taxes. Overall, we are tracking with YTD loss of (\$19,020). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Looking Back and Living Forward

Facing memories and looking to the future can be very difficult when you have experienced a deep loss. Coming together with others who are dealing with similar feelings can be a great comfort. If sharing thoughts and prayers with fellow Calvary members would give you strength or peace please come to the

*Lounge at Calvary
on Saturday, April 20th
at 1:00*



*for an informal, small group gathering.
Light refreshments will be served.*

Altar Flowers

There are many dates available on the flower chart 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



April Worship Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
7 white	Cindy Strauch	Cindy Strauch Mike Levitzke	Peterson	Mike Levitzke	Jim Peterson Ned Roller	Christina Metri Alma Costello
14 white	Cindy Strauch	*****	Holland	Christine Souza	George Strauch Mike Levitzke	Christina Metri Alma Costello
21 white	Mercedes Caes	*****	Heitman	Laura Heitman	George Strauch Jim Peterson	Christina Metri Alma Costello
28 white	Mercedes Caes	*****	Glaeser	Rachel Dillon	Jim Peterson Ned Roller	Christina Metri Alma Costello



April Birthdays

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

1 Karl Rohsler

2 Madison Perez

Linda Madsen

Kyle Costello

3 Pam Grumbles

Kelsey Aiosa

William Chilian

6 Kelly Diverio

Kevin Macke

8 Sharon Roller

9 Karen Macke

Vincent Fichera

Kyle Jacober

11 Michael Levitzke

12 Daniela Garcia Varel

14 Michael Dillon

15 Chiara McMaster

18 Michael Richardson

Peggy Singer

Christopher Doll

19 Kavin Prince

21 Jimmy Duffy

22 Jaclyn Livingstone

23 Jack Levitzke

Cindy Duke



Doug Squasoni

24 Steven McCue

25 Brendan Souza

30 Stephen Nacion

Brita Andersen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 office hours 9:15-11:45	2	3 office hours 9:15-11:45	4	5 office hours 9:15-11:45	6
7 Sunday School 10:30 Communion service 10:30	8 office hours 9:15-11:45	9 Bible Study 2:00	10 office hours 9:15-11:45 Book discussion/potluck 6:30	11	12 office hours 9:15-11:45	13
14 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Worship & Music Mtg	15 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00	16	17 office hours 9:15-11:45	18	19 office hours 9:15-11:45	20 Looking Back & Living forward 1:00
21 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Council Meeting	22 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00	23 Bible Study 2:00	24 office hours 9:15-11:45	25	26 office hours 9:15-11:45	27
28 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 coffee hour	29 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00	30				

Church Information



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

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

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

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MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church

Music Director

Elise Carter

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

CARING

Laurie Jacober, Janet Berger

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nancy Glaeser

OUTREACH

Lori McCue

PROPERTY

George Strauch

STEWARDSHIP

Marilyn Agresta

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Kathy Peterson

Five Lenten Wednesday Services followed Fellowship Suppers



Service of special music and worship leaders, Rev. & Mrs. Song & Rev. Plumstead



*1st Breakfast | Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny
and the Community*



Palm Sunday

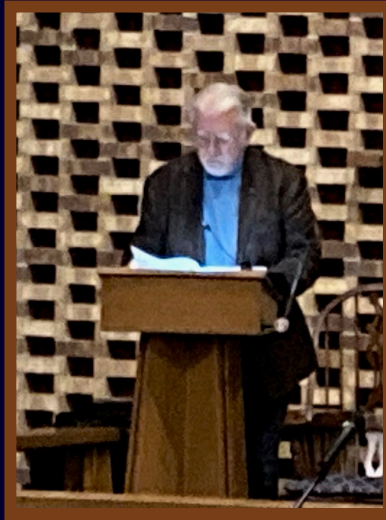




Stations of the Cross - Good Friday



Good Friday Tenebrae Service



Easter Morning Breakfast & Egg Hunt



Easter Worship Service of Celebration

