

Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

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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.*



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**MINISTERS AND
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All the people of
Calvary Lutheran
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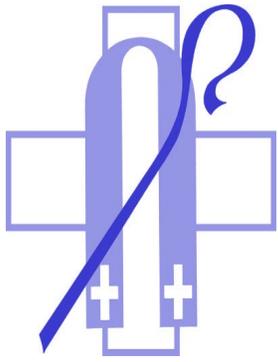
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Pastoral Call

Calvary Lutheran Church Council is pleased to report that Kara Song has accepted the call from the Calvary congregation to serve as our intern pastor beginning January 1, 2022.



A Message from Pastor Linderman

Dear Calvary members,

Greetings to you all as we enter the Season of Advent!

Advent is the season of the year that encourages our patient waiting for the coming, or “advent,” of Christ. The church speaks of Christ’s three advents; his first advent as a baby in Bethlehem and his final advent at the end of time. But in between those two, Christ comes to us every day in his presence with us. Comforting, calming, encouraging, Christ’s presence grounds us and rewards our patient waiting.

To help with our Advent waiting, Christians use the ritual of lighting the Advent wreath. Each night before dinner, light your Advent wreath and then pause to pray. The real payoff is in the pause, the waiting, and the faith that turns to God before all things. (Weekly prayers for the season are available online at <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Bible-Studies>. Click on “Year C Advent” to download weekly resources for the season.)

Also, I want to encourage you all to remember Calvary in this season of waiting. You have been sent pledge cards for our Stewardship campaign, and we are very grateful for those who have already responded. But we are still waiting for more responses. We need that pledge of your generosity to budget for our ministries in the coming year.

Above all, we are grateful to God, who is with us always in the ministry of Christ through His church. In the midst of the hectic pace we keep while preparing for the Christmas holiday, may our anticipation of the peaceful presence of Christ in our hearts and homes bless us and keep us, and may we find that Christ’s presence really is the greatest gift of all.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Michael Linderman, Vice Pastor

Choral Worship Service December 19 at 10:30

Worship with us in a service of word and song.

Come for our traditional service
sharing the story and music of the season
with favorite hymns and special music.

Invite friends to come hear!



We are very excited to let you know that Calvary Lutheran will offer a new Sunday School class for **Pre-School thru First Graders** beginning on December 5, 2021. Mrs. Kelly Damstrom has volunteered to teach this class. We are appreciative that Kelly has chosen to join the teaching staff and take on this mission. The class will meet in Room 2 beginning at 10:30AM.



In this first Sunday School experience, the children will become familiar with Bible stories, the Bible, our Lutheran church, and what it means to worship and celebrate through stories, crafts, and sharing with others.

Christian Education continues to offer our sixth grade Sunday School class three Sundays a month during the church service.

We are still looking for any high school/college age volunteers that would like to help out in Mrs. Damstrom's class as needed. If you have any questions about our Christian Education program, please contact Nancy Glaeser

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us
Our Bible Study will continue

on December 7 & December 21
2:00-3:00



A
Holiday
Message from
your Outreach Committee . . .

Your generosity and compassion have enabled us to bring food and supplies to our neighbors.

The “Angels” that you “adopted,” delivered unexpected joy to children separated from their incarcerated parents this Christmas.

Donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap brought big smiles and better health to new friends we may never meet.

Children’s coloring books, colored pencils and soccer balls gave those young ones forced to live amidst the destruction of natural disasters and extreme poverty, a respite from worry.

Contributions made a difference to families and communities who struggled to become self-sufficient or self-sustaining and to survivors of catastrophic events.

Satchels (filled with warm clothing, candy, and greeting cards) are now being presented to 25 seafarers (at sea) who will get the message that their work is appreciated and that they are not forgotten.

What we give is important, whether it is time, talent, money, or much needed items but just as impactful is the connection. GOD’S LOVE → through US → to OTHERS.

Thank you all for making the connections grow stronger and reach farther year after year.

God Bless You &
and Merry Christmas

*Christmas Eve
Service*

5:00 PM

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





Sunday, December 26

*The celebration continues
with our 10:30 AM worship service-
a service of Word & Song
with Pastor Bowman*



If stewardship means we are caretakers, then ALL of us are Stewards, and ALL of us have something to contribute!

Calvary's Stewardship campaign for 2022 is about to end, and we are still collecting pledges. Thank you so much to those of you who have already responded! We are so grateful for your generosity! We are especially grateful for those who have chosen to increase their pledge for next year!

If you have not sent in your pledge card, you can request to have one sent to you by contacting the church office, or come to church on Sundays to pick one up. Otherwise, you can click on the "Donate" button on our church website, and fill out the PayPal form. Your financial commitment to Calvary helps us expand our ministries to better serve our community and share the love of Christ in the world.

May God bless you this coming Advent and Christmas seasons!
Your Stewardship Chair,
Marilyn Agresta

Altar Flowers 2022

The 2022 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



Now that we have returned to worshiping in person, volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, lectors, ushers, Communion assistants, and Altar Guild members!



If you are able to serve in any capacity, or would like to know more about any of the jobs, speak with Kathy Peterson of the Worship & Music Committee.

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).



TREASURER’S REPORT

For those who are interested in the status of our finances, I'm providing here a brief report. As you can see, we benefited from having low salary expenses this year. Yet, we are still under funded in our offering collection for the year. Thank you in advance for making sure you have completed your pledge this year, and thank you for all of the many ways you contribute to our congregation!

Yours in Christ’s service,

Mercedes Caes

for the 10months Ended October 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over (Under)
Offerings	53,600	61,950	(8,350)
Rental Income	62,000	62,000	-
Property Expense	37,200	42,200	(5,000)
Other Expenses	48,400	59,400	(11,000)
Total Budgeted Expenses	85,600	101,600	(16,000)



We need to have several people who are willing to learn how to operate the sound system. Elise has offered to teach several members about the system. Please seriously consider serving your congregation by being a *back-up* sound tech!

