

Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

165 West Crescent Ave
201-327-4786

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

October 2025



Bring Friends & Family to
Calvary's 2025 Fall Festival
Saturday October 4

11:00-3:00

Enjoy a day of fun with
crafts * rummage sale *
mum sale * silent auction *
independent vendors
***concessions**



Pick up your pre-ordered Mums

**Saturday- October 4
11:00-3:00**



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

October 1 Hannah Feeley

October 3 Lauren Nasta

Paul Parisi

October 4 Rachel Dillon

October 8 Jackie Nacion

October 12 Lindsey DeCavaignac

October 13 Mark Rohsler

Barbara Rohsler

October 14 Vanessa Jacobsen

Michaela MacFarran

Amanda Levitzke

October 15 Terry Stoltz

October 16 Christine Kim

Michael MacFarran

Carol Ray

October 17 Alma Baird

October 22 Michael Taliercio

Leigh Allister

October 23 Elise Carter

Bob Ray

October 25 Emily Hosford

October 27 Jerry DeGatto

October 28 Natalie Kinahan

October 30 John McDonough

Adriana Nivia-Feeley



Thank you to all who helped keep our donations going for the **Center for Food Action** through summer and for the Back-to-School collection which was quite generous. That's the good news. The sad news is that the shelves are not stocked and the need continues to increase.

For the month of October, we have chosen to focus on **peanut butter** (plastic jars, please) and **jelly** (any flavor), but please feel free to donate any non perishable food items, personal hygiene supplies, diapers, pet supplies, etc.

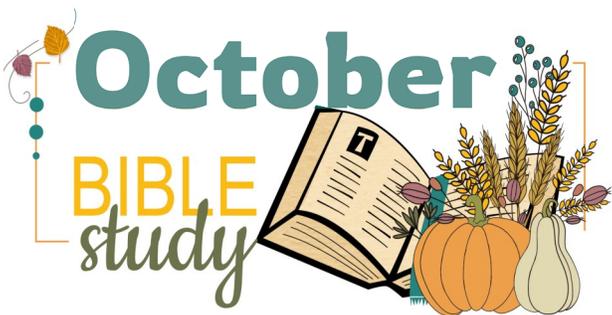


Calvary will again participate in the Thanksgiving Food Collection and those items can be brought in now, also.

Please note: Frozen turkeys have to be delivered directly to The CFA. The CFA has many programs supporting our neighbors. Take a look at their website to see volunteer opportunities www.cfanj.org.

Our Christmas-at-Sea (Seafarers International House) collection is on-going and it is not too late to donate hoodies and t shirts (XL, L, M), white crew socks, thermal socks and knit hats. We also include a **Holiday card** with each satchel – just a brief note of thanks makes our sailors and asylum seekers feel connected. Cards will be available October 5.





All are welcome to join us
2:00-3:00 on Tuesdays:
October 7 & 21
as we continue our series on the
Old testament

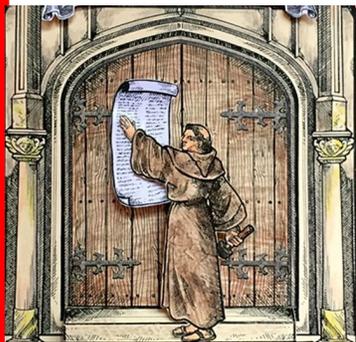
Reformation Sunday

October 26th

Wear red



Celebrate the years of faithful ministry
through Calvary



If you would like us to include a
person who died this past year in
the Prayers of the Church on
All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd,
please contact the church office
(201-327-4786) **before October 27th**



Sunday School Schedule

We hope your child will join us for Sunday School
on **October 5, 19, & 26**

Please note: Sunday School classes **will not** be meeting
on **October 12**, as schools are closed on Monday.

Seeking Volunteer Auditors

for Calvary Lutheran's Financial Records

Do you have experience in accounting, finance, or bookkeeping?
Or do you know someone—a friend, neighbor, or colleague—
who might be willing to volunteer their time and expertise with us?
We're looking for individuals who can review financial records and
prepare a brief report.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve behind the scenes in a
way that supports the mission and ministry of Calvary Lutheran.
Whether you're retired from or actively working in the field,
your help would be deeply appreciated.

If you're interested—or if you know someone who might be—
please contact the church office or speak with Jim Holland.
Thank you for supporting faithful stewardship!



2026 CALVARY PHOTO DIRECTORY:

*We would love to take a picture
of You or your Family*

for our 2026 Photo Directory!

Available times with Calvary's Volunteer

Photographer, Jim Nooney

Sat. 10/4 (during our Fall Festival)

Sun. 11/9 (Congregational Mtg)

email Jim

The Property Committee will be hosting a **Fall Clean-Up on November 2** following the service. There will be many opportunities to help make our facility “sparkle” both inside and out. A list of tasks will be posted. The more hands, the faster the job gets done so ...



please come join the fun (and have some pizza) as we prepare our church home for winter.

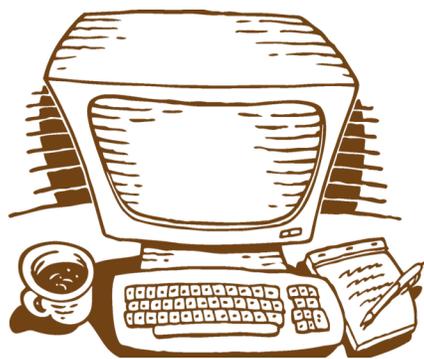
Come to worship at 10:30 in our work clothes and stay to help.

Sunday

November 2

11:30

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES



Calvary Lutheran Church extends heartfelt thanks to Edward Farnhagen for his faithful service as Church Office Administrator.. His work behind the scenes for the past 3 years has supported every ministry in the mission of the congregation.

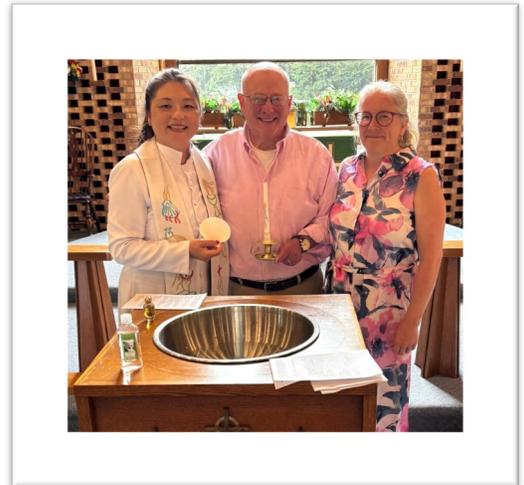
We welcome Sam Choi as he assumes the role of office administrator.

His regular hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10-2.

It's always a good idea to call/email before stopping by, as schedules sometimes have to be adjusted. Thank you.

Welcome New Member, Bill Scher!

William (Bill) Scher is married to Calvary Music Director Elise Carter; they reside in Hewitt, New Jersey. Bill practiced law for nearly 40 years: both as a prosecutor in Manhattan and in private practice in the tri-state area in both Federal and State Courts. Now retired from the law, Bill has assumed the identity of the Healthy Muffin Man, specializing in gluten-free muffins which he sells in local farmer's markets, shops and on-line. Bill has been singing since elementary school and enjoys both sacred and popular music; he currently sings at Calvary as well as with the choir at the Church of Atonement in Tenafly and has appeared in numerous musical comedy productions over the years. Bill is the proud father of 3 grown kids and is thrilled to become a member of Calvary, which has always felt like family to him.



October Worship Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
5 green	K. Peterson C. Kim	K Peterson M. Levitzke	Heitman	Laura Heitman	M. Levitzke N. Roller	Christina & Ned
12	Cindy Strauch	*****	Levitzke	Mike Levitzke	J. Peterson G. Strauch	Christina & Ned
19	Cindy Strauch	*****	Holland	Jon Tangen	J. Tangen N. Roller	Christina & Ned
26 red	Cindy Strauch	*****	Glaeser	Rachel Dillon	M. Levitzke J. Peterson	Christina & Ned
Nov 2 white	Cindy Strauch	G Strauch C. Strauch	Peterson	Bill Scher	J. Tangen J.Peterson	Kristine & Tori

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



Confirmation Classes

(for 8th grade & above)

Hello to Calvary Youth & Parents,

I would like to invite you/your child, if you are interested in this year's Confirmation Class! In most recent years, Calvary has sent their youth to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's (Ramsey) confirmation class, but for this upcoming year, we will have our own!

What is Confirmation?

A way for young people to affirm their vows & promises made on their behalf at baptism. That's the official definition, but at Calvary, I would like it to be a fun and engaging time for them to explore together this journey of faith, learn about God's love and Christ's call upon their life! I will provide more info later about 1-2 service/outreach activities that I hope our youth could participate in.

Here are the details, for those who are new to the Lutheran tradition of Confirmation classes:

For this year, calling all those who are entering 8th grade & above. (in the future may change to 7th grade)

We will meet once a month, on a Sunday, 4:30-6:00 pm. Tentative schedule is below (generally the 2nd Sunday of each month, except for May). Facilitators: Pastor Kara and Christine Souza.

2 year cycle: 8 sessions for 2025-2026 (Oct-May). For those who started last year, this will be their final year, and Confirmation Recognition will be on Pentecost Sunday (5/24/26). For those who begin classes this year, they will "graduate" after their 2nd year of 8 sessions (Oct 2026– May 2027) and their recognition will be on Pentecost Sunday (5/16/27).

Please let me know if you are interested in having your child participate in this! Here's the schedule for now, but if there are any conflicts, please let me know. We can adjust if the majority cannot make it. All classes will be 4:30– pm at Calvary Youth Room (dinner included!).

10/12	11/9	12/14
1/11	2/8	3/8
4/12	5/17 (3rd Sunday , as 5/10 is Mother's Day)	

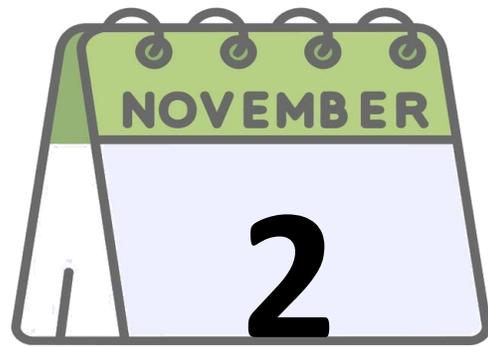
Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Blessings,
Pastor Kara

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October</h1>			1 7:30 Choir Practice 8:00 Praise Band practice	2	3	4 11:00-3:00 Fall Festival 9:00-4 garage sale
			5 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Communion	6	7 2:00 Bible Study	8 7:00 Photo Directory Mtg 7:30 Choir Practice
12 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service 11:35 Worship & Music mtg 4:30 Confirmation class	13	14	15 6:15 Praise Band practice 7:30 Choir Practice	16	17	18 7:00 Carter Glennon flute & Piano concert @ Calvary
19 9:30 Praise band Practice 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Sunday School Praise Band Worship 11:45 Council Mtg	20	21 2:00 Bible Study	22 7:30 Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 REFORMATION 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship Service 11:45 Stewardship Brunch	27	28	29 7:30 Choir Practice	30	31	Change your clocks Check smoke detectors



Daylight Savings Time Ends



FALL BACK

NEW MEMBER NOV. 16 RECOGNITION

We will be taking in new members during the service on November 16th
If you are interested in becoming members of Calvary please contact Pastor Kara

Upcoming Youth/Young Adult Cultural Food Outing

Sunday November 23rd Time: TBD
Jarana Peruvian Restaurant, American Dream Mall
RSVP to Pastor Kara
Come, enjoy Peruvian Cuisine & Fellowship!

JARANA



Flute & Piano Concert

October 18
7:00 at Calvary

to benefit

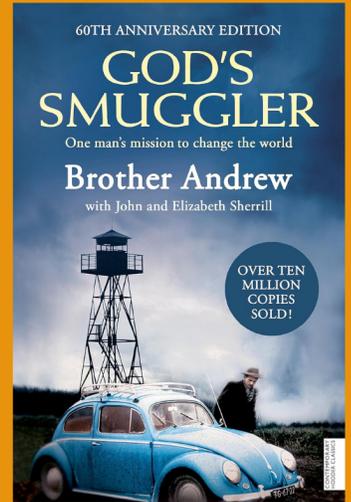
The Carter Glennon Foundation

(Elise's non-profit organization)



Book Club & Thanksgiving Themed Potluck

November 20, 2025 @ 6:30pm



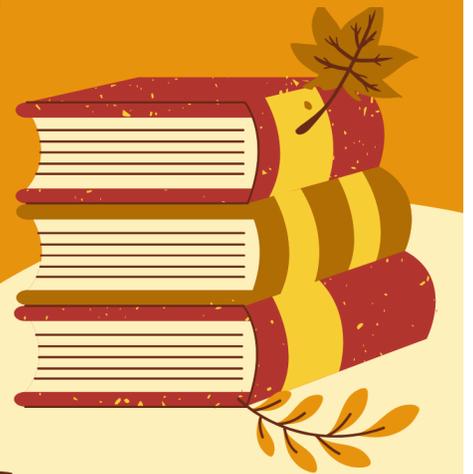
No RSVP needed

Join remotely if you are not able to attend in person

For more info contact Christine Souza

God's Smuggler by: John and Elizabeth Sherrill

With over ten million copies sold, God's Smuggler has thrilled and inspired readers for more than forty years. It tells the true story of how a young Dutchman risked his life to bring faith and hope to believers behind the Iron Curtain. Now updated with new material from interviews with Brother Andrew, he tells of his adventures as his ministry took him to the Middle East, Africa, China, Israel, Pakistan and other places of great danger and extraordinary opportunities. With new relevance, and at such a poignant time for persecuted Christians, this book is set to inspire a whole new generation of readers.



Please be aware of any communications (texts, emails, calls) that appear to be from Pastor Kara or the church office that solicit donations in the form of gift cards, electronic transfers, etc. This is a scam that has been reported by other churches. If you receive such a communication, do not replay and contact the church office.

Dear New Jersey Synod,

I love the beginning of the school year. In recent days I have delighted in seeing the many pictures of kids heading off to school with beaming smiles, their dreams for the future as varied as their first-day outfits.

I've spent so many years as a teacher and a student that I carry the rhythms of the academic year in my bones. In fact, I usually make my new year's resolutions in September rather than January because that's when my optimism is often in greatest supply.

Beginnings take a lot of courage. It takes courage to gather up your supplies, strap on your backpack, and head out into a new classroom, a new grade, a new set of expectations. It takes courage to send the children we love out into a world that doesn't seem committed to protecting them. It takes courage to keep living the gospel and proclaiming in word and deed our belief that every person is a beloved child of God – no exceptions.

I have my own apprehensions as I begin this new call, where the learning curve is steep and the responsibilities feel weighty. Lately I keep returning to the words in Isaiah 43, where the Lord says: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine." When I feel overwhelmed, I listen for the voice of the Lord calling me by name. I pray that each of you can hear that voice calling your name too.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

I am immensely grateful to my predecessor, the Rev. Tracie Bartholomew. She has supported me in the chaotic transitions of the summer, worked to orient me to the role of bishop, and helped me prepare for the joys and challenges of this call. Most of all, I am grateful for her wise and faithful leadership of our synod over the last twelve years. I know you will join me in praying for her as she enters a new season and enjoys some much-deserved time of renewal and rest.

I am also grateful to everyone who joined us in person or online for the installation service on August 23, as well as all those who planned and participated in the service. My friends who were in attendance (and who represent a variety of faith backgrounds) couldn't believe how inclusive and joyful the service was. I was not at all surprised to hear them rave about how welcomed they felt. After all, that grace-filled, gospel-centered hospitality is a hallmark of our synod.

As we take the first steps into this new season, I want you to know that I have assured the Assistants to the Bishop and the synod support staff that for the foreseeable future, we will leave our current team in place. My hope is to add an Assistant to the Bishop to fill the position that opened with Rev. Sara Lilja's departure. It will take some time to discern what that Assistant's portfolio will be and who might be the best fit for that role.

A Few Resolutions

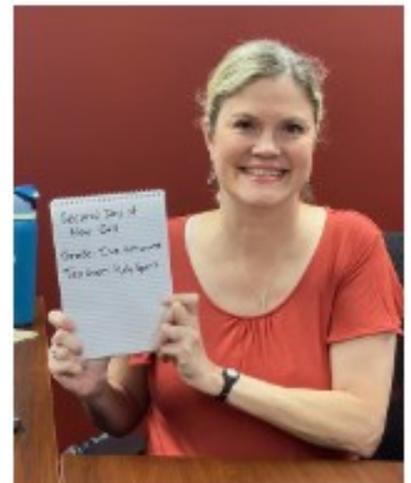
As September begins, I have three early resolutions:

- To learn something new each day
- To pray for you and for the congregations of our synod
- To build relationships, especially with those of you I don't yet know well

Thank you for your continued prayers and for your patience as I enter into these first official days on the job. I feel buoyed by your support, and I look forward to our partnership for the sake of the gospel!

Filling my backpack,

[Bishop Christa Compton](#)



Contact 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	Marilyn Agresta
Worship & Music	Kathy Peterson

Koinonia Choir Retreat

9/12-14





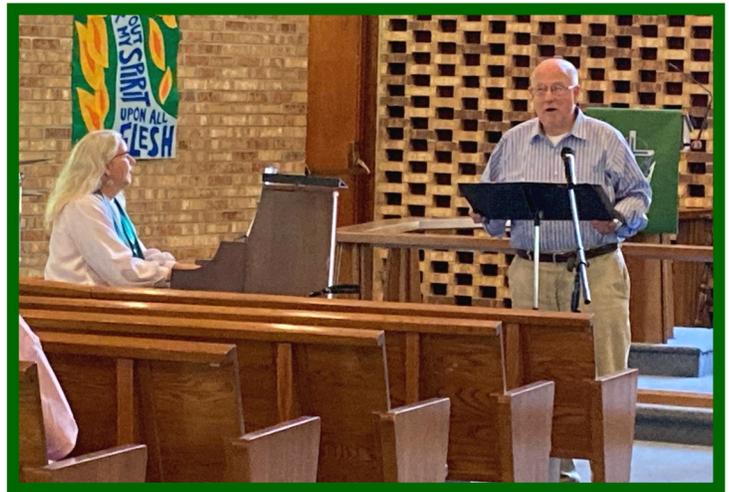
Praise Band

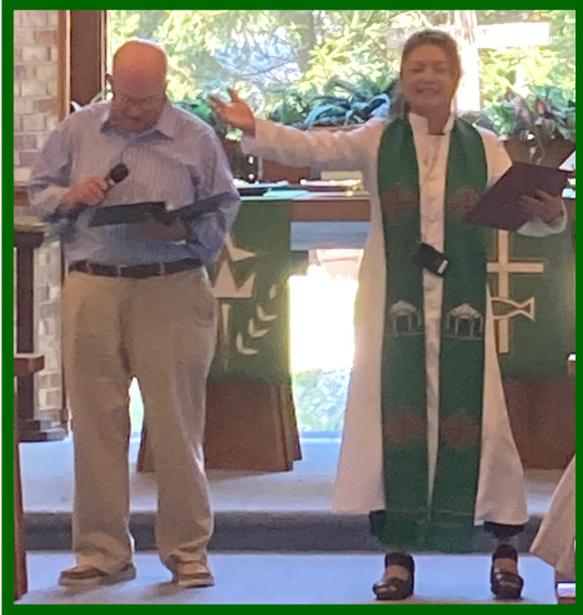
Service

9/14/25



Special Music





Installation of Sunday School Teachers



Welcoming of new member

Blessing of our students



Outdoor Worship & Blessing of the Animals



