

Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

165 West Crescent Ave
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Allendale New Jersey
<http://calvaryluth.org>


February 2026

Congregational Meeting

Rescheduled to 2-22



Due to last Sunday's winter storm,
the Annual Congregational Meeting
has been rescheduled for February 22, 2026
immediately following the 10:30 worship service.
Please make every effort to attend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>February 2026</i>						
1 9:30 Choir 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Communion service	2	3 6:00 Praise Band Practice	4 7:30 Choir Pastor Kara out of town 4-8 Rev Linderman available for emergencies	5	6	7
8 9:30 Choir 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship service Pastor Sam Choi preaching	9	10 2:00 Bible Study	11 6:15 Praise Band Practice 7:30 Choir	12	13	14
15 Last Photo Day w/Jim N 10:30 Service w/Praise Band	16	17 6:00 Confirmation Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (confirmands & Mentors)	18 7:30 Ash Wed Service	19 Pastor Kara out of town 19-22 Rev Linderman available for emergencies	20	21
22 9:30 Choir 9:45 Outreach Committee 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service—Christine Souza preaching 11:30 Annual Congregational meeting& Council Mtg	23	24 2:00 Bible Study	25 6:15 Lenten dinner 7:00 service 7:30 Choir	26	27	28 Polar Plunge (Seaside)



*OUR LENTEN JOURNEY
BEGINS WITH
WORSHIP
at 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18*

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND MENTORS

Tuesday, February 17

6:00 PM

Plenty of Pancakes and
Fun Activities!

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School at 10:30 on
February 1, 8, and 22

There will not be Sunday School
during the school vacation on February 15.
Join your family in the worship service!



Join us
Each Wednesday
evening of Lent
beginning Feb. 25th
at 7:00 PM

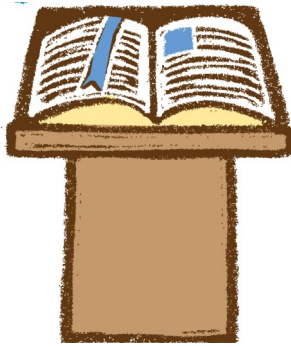
Come to join in prayer, reflection,
and hymn sing!

Please note that the Wednesday
services are from 7:00-7:30
unlike Ash Wednesday,
Maundy Thursday, & Good Friday
which begin at 7:30.



Tuesdays
February 10 & 24
2:00 PM

All are welcome for Discovery, Discussion, & Fellowship!



Celebrating Christine Souza Completing Lay Preacher Training

Calvary is delighted to share that Christine Souza has successfully completed the Lay Preacher Training Program offered by the NJ Synod's Leadership Mission Team. This program equips lay members to offer faithful, thoughtful preaching in their congregations when an ordained pastor is not available.

The training included four two-hour online courses—taught over Zoom. They covered:

- Lutheran Theology Basics, with special attention to the law/gospel distinction
- Worship Basics
- Bible Basics
- Practical Preaching Leadership, including sermon structure, delivery, and preaching resources

In addition to coursework, participants attended an all-day retreat and prepared a full sermon to share with their cohort. Upon completion, they receive a certificate recognizing their readiness to serve as a supply preacher when needed. While lay preachers are not authorized to preside at the sacraments, they play a vital role in supporting congregational worship when the pastor is away.

We are grateful for Christine's commitment and willingness to serve. She will be preaching at Calvary on Sunday, February 22.

IMPORTANT **PHOTO DIRECTORY** **INFORMATION**



Please note that Jim Nooney has graciously agreed to be available to take photos of congregants before and after services on **February 15th** for inclusion in the new upcoming Calvary Photo Directory. **This will be the very last chance for folks to have Jim take their photos.** Thereafter, if you still want to be included in the directory, you will have until **March 1st** to submit your own photos to the office. The Stewardship Committee



College Student Valentine Boxes- UPDATE

While you are hunkered in during the storm, how about a little ♥ “heartwarming” ♥ Since most are not making it to the church, why not donate some money to the caring committee toward the college student Valentine project ?

Laurie Jacober will be taking your donation via her Venmo account and will buy treats for the students before they mail them out on February 2. Thank you for supporting this important project!



**COME FOR
EVENINGS OF
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

Five Wednesdays in Lent:
**February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25
at 6:15**

A simple potluck meal with family and friends
Please bring a soup or a salad, a dessert, and friends.
Followed by worship at 7:00

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS !



KOINONIA

Confirmation Retreat



2026



New Date! March 20-22nd

New Price! Only \$99 per person*

New Leader! - Pastor John Heidgerd



This is an excellent faith formation opportunity for confirmands in the tri-state area. Bring a small or large group - All are welcome.



*So Much
FUN!!*

Weekend Schedule (preliminary)

Friday Night - Meet & Greet
Saturday Morning - Bible Study
Saturday Afternoon - Outdoor play and Crafts
Saturday Evening - Friendly Competition Game
Saturday Night - Campfire and Night Hike
Sunday Morning - Worship led by youth
Pack up and Depart!



Highland Lake, NY

<https://www.koinonian.org/events> or 845-456-0214

***\$99 rate is for shared rooms - single is \$149**



February Worship Assistants



date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Counters
1 green	Alma Costello	Christina Metri George Strauch	Christine Souza	Christina Metri	J. Tangen N. Roller	A. Costello K. Nooney
8 green	Alma Costello	*****	Nancy Glaeser	Glaesers	M. Levitzke G. Strauch	A. Costello K. Nooney
15 white	Cindy Strauch	*****	Laura Heitman	Heitmans	J. Tamgen N. Roller	A. Costello K. Nooney
22 purple	Cindy Strauch	*****	Nancy Holland	Petersons	J. Peterson G>Strauch	A. Costello K. Nooney

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FEBRUARY 5-8, 2026

SAVE-THE-DATE

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**MULTIETHNIC & INTERSECTIONAL
NETWORK GATHERING**

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Calvary Selected for ELCA Multiethnic & Intersectional Network Gathering

Calvary has been chosen as one of four congregations in the New Jersey Synod to attend the ELCA's new Multiethnic & Intersectional Network, a churchwide effort to strengthen diversity, equity, and belonging across Lutheran communities.

The ELCA created this network to support and celebrate leaders and ministries committed to building congregations where people of all backgrounds experience genuine welcome. The movement provides training, shared learning, and resources—especially for predominantly white congregations seeking deeper transformation in leadership, worship, and community life.

Pastor Kara Song and Anna Nooney will represent Calvary at the gathering. The ELCA is sponsoring/funding the trip.

OUTREACH

OPPORTUNITIES to REACH OUT



Don't forget about **Calvary's Souper Bowl!**

Our goal is to beat last year's total of
177 cans of **HEARTY SOUPS**.



Now is the time when many grocery stores are offering sales on canned goods. Please take advantage of the discounts and pick up a can or two when you shop.

So many are struggling to feed their families and our local food banks are running low. Our Souper Bowl donations go directly to the **Center for Food Action**.



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

CLEAN OFF THOSE DRESSERS
EMPTY THOSE POCKETS
SEARCH UNDER THE CUSHIONS

Limited Time Offer!
January 18 – February 15

WE ARE **COLLECTING LOOSE CHANGE** to benefit the CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION – proceeds will go toward the purchase of grocery store gift cards to assist our neighbors in need.

Please take a receptacle home, fill it, and bring it to church
no later than February 15! YOU WILL BE **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**.

2026 Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights



Date: February 28, 2026

Location: Seaside Heights Boardwalk
50 Blaine Avenue
Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Plungers help **Special Olympics** provide year-round training and services to thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities across the state.

Calvary's team is forming now. Please contact Tori Gooden at gooden_victoria@yahoo.com and join the fun!

Thank you for your support and donations! Calvary was able to supply 25 satchels to the **Christmas-at-Sea program**.

At this time, we have depleted our reserves and now must begin again to collect hoodies, socks, t-shirts, and knitted hats. If you wish to participate but cannot shop, let us know. We will shop for you.

Attention All Knitters – purchased hats are fine but not nearly as warm, cozy and personal as the hand-knitted hats. Yarn and patterns are available.



PROJECT SMILE provides good dental hygiene/health for our neighbors in Haiti and Honduras. Please consider donating individually wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste (large size with fluoride.) A receptacle is in the narthex. Your participation in this, as in all Outreach projects, is appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE– MARCH 15
WE WILL BE CELEBRATING
CALVARY'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY!



New Winter Retreat
Game on!
Games, Puzzles, & Mystery Night
February 27-March 1
email register@koinonianany.org
call 845 428 2374 or visit our website to register!



February Birthdays

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

2/1 Michael McMaster

2/3 Lexi Jacobsen

Joanna deRosset

Richard Coco

Ayanna McMaster

2/ 5 Elizabeth Richardson

Dillon McMaster

2/9 Gloria Ruth

Jenna Squasoni

2/18 Sandi Derrico

2/20 Brian Heitman

Kaitlyn Damstrom

2/ 21 Vanessa Correll

2/22 Bobby Garofano

2/ 24 George Lunt

2/25 Corey Perez

2/ 27 Michael Rohsler

Contact Information



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

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MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

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Janet Berger

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Nancy Glaeser,

OUTREACH

Lori McCue,

PROPERTY

George Strauch

STEWARDSHIP

Bill Scher,

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Kathy Peterson

Undecorating—Many Hands Made Fast Work! Many thanks to everyone who decorated, un-decorated, and provided poinsettias this Christmas season!



Pastor Kara leading our worship service and sharing the Word from the living room of the parsonage with the snow falling in the background— January 25th .

**Calvary Lutheran Church of Allendale** was live.
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**Chris Cauda** 
Hi! Glad to be here with you all!!!
1h 