

Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

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

April 2026

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



PALM SUNDAY

March 29 10:30 AM

Gather in the Fellowship Hall to hear the reading of the entry to Jerusalem and join the procession to the Sanctuary led by Clan Na Vale!

April 2 7:30 PM

Service of Communion & Stripping of the Altar

We remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. The congregation shares Holy Communion, then quietly strips the altar, symbolizing Christ's abandonment and the solemn beginning of the Three Days.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 3 7:30 PM

Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae service is a solemn, candlelit worship experience that traces the final hours of Christ's passion through Scripture, prayer, and the gradual darkening of the sanctuary. The service ends in darkness, holding space for reflection until the light of Easter breaks forth.



GOOD FRIDAY



Easter Morning Celebrations

9:15 Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

Come for Easter breakfast—a Calvary tradition of gathering in fellowship to begin the Easter celebration!

Help is needed to set up, provide food, and clean up. If you can assist in any way, please contact the office. Thank you!

10:30 Communion Service of Celebration

Join the congregation in the sanctuary at 10:30 for a joyous service of Word, song, and communion!

Invite family and friends to come worship at Calvary on Easter morning!



WAY OF THE CROSS

The Allendale Community of Churches is hosting
Good Friday "Way of the Cross"

Fri. April 3 @ 12 noon,

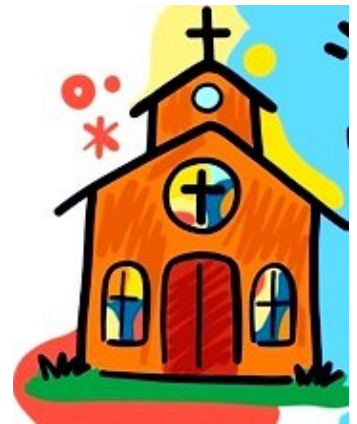
meeting at Archer UMC and ending at Guardian Angel RC.
All are invited to attend this meaningful walk through Allendale
as together we share scripture readings, prayers, & song.
If you are interested in participating in these readings
or bearing the cross along with others,
please contact Pastor Kara.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School at 10:30
on April 12, 19, & 26

There will not be Sunday School
on April 5, Easter Sunday.

Join the Calvary Family celebrations !



Please join us
at 2:00
Tuesdays
April 7 & 21
for fellowship & Bible study!

April Worship Assistants



Date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Counters
2 Maundy Thursday	Kathy Peterson	K.Peterson Bill Scher	TBD	****	Jim Peterson	****
3 Good Friday	Kathy Peterson	*****	TBD	we gather in silence	Jim Peterson	****
5 Easter	Kathy Peterson	Kristine & Anna Nooney	Kristine Nooney	Glaesers	N. Roller J. Tangen M.Levitzke J.Peterson	Alma Costello Ned Roller
12	Alma Costello	*****	Christina Metri	Heitmans	J.Tangen N.Roller	Alma Costello Ned Roller
19	Alma Costello	*****	Nancy Holland	M.Levitzke	M.Levitzke G.Strauch	Alma Costello Ned Roller
26	Alma Costello	*****	Christine Souza	Petersons	J.Peterson N.Roller	Alma Costello Ned Roller



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
28 Brendan Souza
30 Stephen Nacion

Outreach Ministry



First Quarter 2026 Outreach Missions Update:

January began our monthly donations to the Center for Food Action.



In February, through our **“Change for Change”** project, we were able to purchase **15 grocery store gift cards** with the **\$305** collected! Calvary also holds our own **SOUPER BOWL** and collected **182** cans of hearty soups for the CFA surpassing last year’s record!



On March 8, Calvary came together for a **“Pack & Snack”** event for GTWater/Project Smile. We packed **221** kits (toothpaste and toothbrushes) which will be shipped to Honduras soon.

In March, our intrepid crew, the Average Joes, participated in the Special Olympics New Jersey **POLAR PLUNGE**. Our thanks to Ali, Tori, Edward, Sara, George, Alex, Brook and Mike for braving the elements and to all those who supported them financially and in spirit. **The Average Joe’s raise \$10,700!** (The total amount was \$2.1 million.)



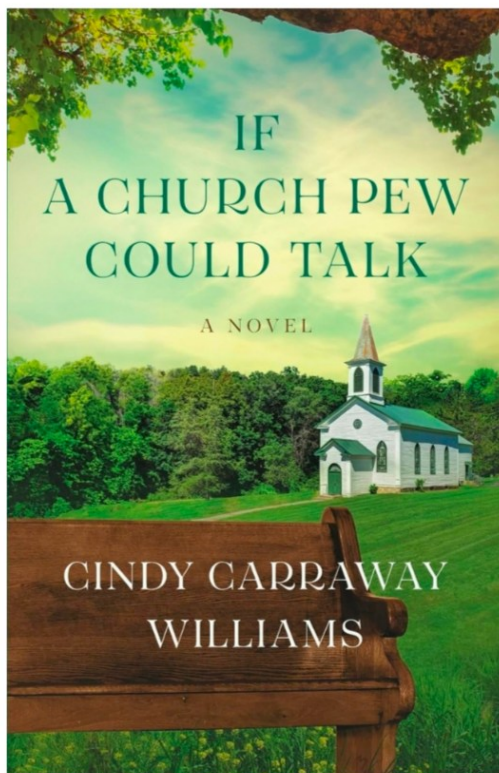
We are off to a very good start. Let’s try to keep up the momentum. Small acts and contributions have a big impact on those in need.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

COME & JOIN US FOR

BOOK DISCUSSION AND POTLUCK

APRIL 14TH @ 6:30PM



MEET EVERETT, A FAITHFUL WOODEN PEW WHO HAS WITNESSED OVER A CENTURY AND A HALF OF HUMAN DRAMA WITHIN THE WALLS OF PUMPKIN CREEK UNITED CHURCH. NOW, AS THE CONGREGATION VOTES TO REPLACE THEIR BELOVED PEWS WITH MODERN CHAIRS, EVERETT FACES AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE. BEFORE HE'S REMOVED FROM THE ONLY HOME HE'S EVER KNOWN, HE SHARES THE REMARKABLE STORIES HE'S GATHERED SINCE HIS CREATION IN 1854.

For more information contact:
CHRISTINE SOUZA

Calvary Choir



Come Sing with the Calvary Choir !
Our spring season is beginning,
and we'd love to have your voice—
whether you've sung in choirs for years
or have never tried it before.
Practices are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Come give it a try and experience
the joy of making music together
this spring.

KOINONIA

Spring Women's Retreat April 17th - 19th Walk the Labyrinth

Join Pastor Kathleen Koran for a weekend
of meditation, reflection, transformation,
and spiritual exploration!

Rates: Lodging \$100 per room, per night
16 & 17 year olds welcome with an adult

Register on our website or email register@koinoniany.org





Educational Opportunities through:

Growing in Faith:Diakonia Program is a ministry within the ELCA that offers in-depth study of curriculum and program. Classes are offered online via Zoom. Interested participants can start the program at any time, choose the courses you want or complete the entire program.

Online classes meet on Zoom, Thursdays, 7-10 pm

NJ Zoom Community Upcoming Courses 2026:

Start with any of the courses below (5 session classes)

- ◆ Intro to the Old Testament (course starts 3/19/26) - Instructor is Rev. Paul Miller (Church of the Savior, Paramus)
- ◆ Intro to the New Testament (May 2026)
- ◆ "Practical Year of Study - Road to Service, i.e. Christian Care Giving, Church History, Healthy Congregation, Cultural Diversity (Sept. 2026)

Register online at diakonia.education

Costs include a 1-time \$25 non-refundable application fee.

Each course fee is \$75.

Any questions: Joan Grace joangrace511@optimum.net or information at: Growing in Faith



Celebrate Reformation Day 2026 with the NJ Synod
in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany
Reformation: Then and Now
October 26 - November 5, 2026

Click here for Bishop Compton's Invitation, Itinerary & Registration info:
www.njsynod.org/germanytrip

Travel with Synod friends, Bishop Compton and our docent, The Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, recently retired Dean of Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Interested? _____
Pastor Carol Lindsay, Synod Trip Coordinator

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.

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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CARING

Laurie Jacober, Janet Berger

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nancy Glaeser

OUTREACH

Lori McCue

PROPERTY

George Strauch

STEWARDSHIP

Bill Scher,

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Kathy Peterson



Great job, Team!



Pack 'n Snack toothbrushes & toothpaste for Honduras





March 15, 2026

Calvary's 70th Anniversary!

Celebrating the Baptism of
August Brooks,



Honoring the history of Calvary
with videos and pictures of past
years and a special message
from Steve Dormer...





& looking forward to the future of Calvary fulfilling our mission!



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny





Many thanks to
lay-preacher
Christine Souza
March 22

