

# Come and See



## What's Happening At Calvary Lutheran Church

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

# November 2025

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 2, 2025



## We Remember Loved Ones

It is a long-standing tradition of the Christian Church to lift up in prayer on All Saints' Sunday, the names of those who have died in the past year.

If you have a person that you wish to have named in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday, November 6th, please contact the church office (201-327-4786) by **October 28th**



*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

*November 2 2:00 AM*

*Change your clocks*

*and your smoke detector batteries, too!*



# **AUTUMN CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Property Committee will be hosting a  
“Weed and Feed” event  
on Sunday, November 2 following the service.

We will be weeding, mulching, pruning,  
raking, cleaning, and dusting.

Bring your work clothes and gloves.

When we finish, we will have lunch!

**JOIN THE FUN AND WE WILL GET IT DONE.**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Important Notice:**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
**for Elections DATE CHANGE**

will be held following the  
worship service on **November 16**.  
Please make every effort to attend.



*Bible Study*

*Tuesdays 2:00 PM*

*November 4 & 18*

*We will be looking at key  
verses that illuminate the  
meaning of Advent*

**Sunday School**



Come for Sunday School

10:30 AM

on November 2, 16, & 23

Please note: Sunday School classes  
**will not** be meeting on November 9, or 30  
as schools will be on vacation.

# OUTREACH



Please consider purchasing an extra item or two when you do your grocery shopping. Our suggested items for November are **Thanksgiving dinner components**.

The Center for Food Action provides Thanksgiving meals for thousands of families in our area who are experiencing food insecurity. The food basics, personal hygiene products, diapers and cleaning supplies are always appreciated as are grocery store gift cards.

***Frozen Turkeys (these must be taken to the CFA directly)***

***SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS (\$20)***

***Canned Yams***

***Canned Vegetables***

***Gravy***

***Corn Bread Mix***

***Instant Potatoes***

***Stuffing***

***Macaroni & Cheese***

***Coffee & Tea***

***Canned Cranberry Sauce***

***Rice (white, brown, wild grain)***



Through the SIH **Christmas-at-Sea** mission, Calvary reaches out to seafarers and asylum seekers with satchels containing a hoodie, a t-shirt, socks, hats, candy and a card.

We know, via the port chaplains and notes received, that these homesick, hardworking sailors are delighted with the gifts and grateful for the connections. At this point, we have depleted our reserves of hoodies and t-shirts. If you would like to donate but avoid the shopping hassle, we can do that for you. Hoodies run between \$16 and \$20; t-shirts are \$3-\$5 (must be new and no graphics). A FULL SATCHEL costs about \$40. Contact Lori McCue for assistance.



Attention Calvary Knitters and Friends:  
We have NO knitted hats left! We can buy hats, but handknitted hats are so much nicer because they are made with LOVE.



Regarding LOVE, we need some help with the greeting cards. You can make a seafarer feel connected and valued with just a brief message. Christmas cards are available in the narthex.



# Poinsettias

**Add to the beauty of the Sanctuary at Christmas  
by providing poinsettias**

There is a sign up chart in the Narthex or  
email Kathy Peterson.

Each beautiful plant is \$9.00 (same as last year !)

payable to Kathy Peterson.

**Orders must be placed  
by November 16.**





**Prepare the way!  
Come help decorate Calvary  
for Advent and Christmas!**

**There are trees to decorate &  
crèches to set up-  
banners and wreaths to hang, too!**

**Saturday, November 29  
9:30 am**



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

November 4    John Duke  
November 7    Nancy Glaeser  
                    Doug Nacion  
November 9    Jessica Barnard  
                    Rebecca Lunt  
November 11   Caroline Chervenak

November 17   Gail Leypoldt  
                    Alyssa deCavaignac  
November 22   Julia Levitzke  
November 23   Bruce Heitman  
                    Kristina Chilian  
November 25   Bob Borst

# Steward

## Verb, Noun, or Both?

A steward takes care of many things and if he or she stewards what he is caring for, then this defines him/her using a noun and a verb. It is fascinating to think that as stewards of Calvary, we steward many projects that encompass what we strive for in our mission statement.

So whether you think of stewardship in terms of noun or verb, this word helps identify many of Calvary's good works. Yes, we are stewards who steward, all you stewards!

Peggy Singer, The stewardship committee



## Stewardship Pledge Options

As we begin the stewardship season and preparation of the 2026 Spending Plan, we're grateful for the many ways our members and friends support the mission and ministry of Calvary Lutheran.

This year, we're pleased to offer a new, way to submit your annual pledge. You can still fill out and return a traditional pledge card during worship or by mail. But now, you also have the option to make your pledge electronically—just follow the link provided below.

Why pledge? Your commitment helps the Church Council plan responsibly for the year ahead. Knowing what resources we can count on allows us to budget wisely, support our staff, maintain our facilities, and provide ministry for all ages.

Whether you choose paper or electronic, your pledge is appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



**Upcoming Youth/Young Adult  
Cultural Food Outing**

Sunday November 23rd Time: 12:30pm

Jarana Peruvian Restaurant, American Dream Mall

RSVP to Pastor Kara ([pkara.calvary@gmail.com](mailto:pkara.calvary@gmail.com))

Meet at the church 12:00 if you need a ride!

Come, enjoy Peruvian Cuisine & Fellowship!



*Welcome,*  
**New Members**

We are delighted to officially welcome the Pestano family (Amy, Leo, Jeremy, Ella, & Scott) as members of Calvary Lutheran Church

during the 10:30 worship on Sunday, November 16.

Please join us for this joyful occasion as we celebrate their commitment to our faith community. Come and extend a warm Calvary welcome!

If you are also interested in becoming members of Calvary please contact Pastor Kara.

## A LOOK AT

CHURCH



## FINANCES

Dear Friends of Calvary,

As we approach the holiday season, I hope you are finding time for reflection, joy, and peace.

We are now finalizing Calvary's **2025 year-end** and beginning work on our **2026 Budget**.

Your continued generosity and engagement are absolutely essential to Calvary's mission and long-term vitality.

Because Calvary is a **non-profit organization**, your contributions may be **tax-deductible**.

Below are several ways you can help sustain our ministry as we close out the year.

### Cash Giving Options

We offer several **online donation methods**:

#### Preferred Options – Zelle and Bill Pay

We encourage the use of **Zelle** or **Bill Pay** since these methods avoid the convenience fees charged by PayPal and Venmo.

**Zelle** You can give directly through Zelle by scanning the QR code below or using your online banking app.

Use the QR code below to pay through ZELLE.



**Bill Pay** You can also make contributions through your bank's **Online Bill Pay** service (including TD Bank and others). This option can be set up as a **one-time payment** or **recurring auto-pay**—and it avoids the 3.5% fee charged by PayPal.

For questions or help setting up your preferred giving option, please contact me .

### Gift of Appreciated Securities

You can also donate **appreciated assets** such as **cash, bonds, stocks, or mutual funds**.

To make this type of gift:

1. Contact your financial **Custodian** (e.g., Schwab, Fidelity, Thrivent, Merrill Lynch, etc.).
2. Request their **one-page donation form**, where you'll indicate the ticker symbol and number of shares to transfer.
3. Use the following information for the transfer:
  - o **Account Name:** Calvary Lutheran Church
  - o **Receiving Firm:** National Financial Services (NFS)

**Account Number:** [provided upon request by phone for security reasons]

You will receive an **IRS tax deduction for the fair market value** of your gift.

If you are considering gifts of other appreciated assets—such as **real estate, coins, cars, artwork, or business interests**—please contact me directly to discuss options.

📞 **Phone or Email Carl Glaeser.**

## **The Current State of Calvary's Finances –**

### **Calvary numbers: (as of September 30, 2025)**

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Offerings	\$72,557	\$79,443
Designed Memorials	\$ 0	\$12,000
Endowment	\$25,000	\$0
<b>Total (includes other)</b>	<b>\$93,953</b>	<b>\$106,532</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$119, 819</b>	<b>\$96,127*</b>

\*(excludes one time real estate expense)

## **Commentary:**

While our offerings are down about 9% compared to last year, giving has remained steady — and we're deeply grateful for everyone's continued faithfulness and generosity. This year's revenue also includes a \$25,000 endowment draw, which has provided valuable support for our ministries and daily operations.

On the expense side, costs have risen a bit more than \$20,000 from last year (excluding one-time items). Increases in utilities, payroll, alarm maintenance and monitoring and new programming, reflect the real costs of keeping Calvary safe, welcoming, and fully operational. Thanks to your ongoing support, we're able to continue serving our congregation and community with strength and purpose.

**Together, we can finish the year strong and continue building a vibrant ministry for the year ahead!**

## **Closing Note**

On behalf of the Calvary Council, thank you for your faith, generosity, and partnership. Together, we are ensuring that Calvary continues to serve our community today—and for generations to come.

Warm wishes,

**Carl Glaeser**, Treasurer, Calvary Lutheran Church

## Please volunteer to be a greeter!

Greeters arrive at 10:15 AM and offer a warm welcome to worshipers as they enter—helping everyone feel at home from the moment they walk through the door. Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the congregation, this is a meaningful way to serve. Join us in creating a spirit of connection and kindness! Speak with Kathy Peterson if you are interested.



Supporting one another through intentional prayer is important to the Calvary family of faith. As we continue this important ministry into 2026, we are taking this time to review and update the prayer list. We want to ensure that our prayer list reflects the current needs and concerns of our people to ensure that we are praying specifically and appropriately.

We ask that you consider any names that you previously submitted. If the person no longer needs ongoing prayer, please let us know so we can remove them from the list.

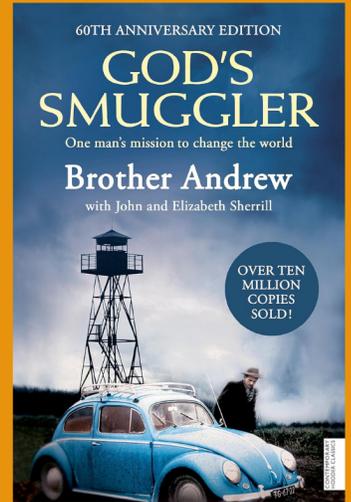
Keeping our prayer list current helps us focus on present needs and gives space to include new requests. Of course, if there are continuing or new concerns, we welcome those updates as well.

You can update a prayer request by emailing the church office at [calvaryallendale@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryallendale@gmail.com) or calling the office 201 327-4786.

Thank you for helping us steward this ministry well and for continuing to lift each other in prayer.

# Book Club & Thanksgiving Themed Potluck

November 20, 2025 @ 6:30pm



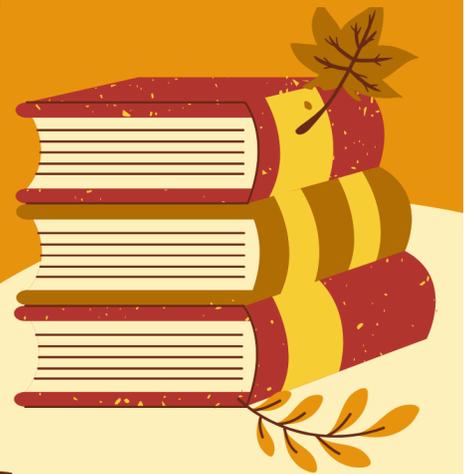
No RSVP needed

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 turn clocks back at bed- time
2 All Saints' Day  9:30 Choir practice 10:30 Communion service 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Work Day	3	4 2:00 Bible Study	5 7:30-9:00 Choir practice	6 7:30 Praise Band Practice	7	8
9  9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service 4:30-6:00 Confirmation class	10 7:00 Stewardship Meeting	11	12 7:30-9:00 Choir practice	13	14	15
16 new members 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School -meeting for elections 11:45 Council Meeting coffee hour	17	18 2:00 Bible Study	19 7:30-9:00 Choir practice	20 6:30 Book Group  7:30 Praise Band Practice	21	22
23 Praise Band 9:30 Praise Band practice 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School 12:30 Food Outing	24	25	26 7:30-9:00 Choir practice	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 Advent decorating 930
30  9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Worship Service						



# 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!

# November Worship Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
Nov 2 white	Cindy Strauch	G Strauch K. Peterson	Peterson	Bill Scher	J. Tangen J.Peterson	Tori & Kristine
9 green	K. Peterson C. Kim	****	Heitmans	Kristine Nooney	G.Strauch J.Peterson	Tori & Kristine
16 green	K. Peterson C. Kim	****	G. Strauch	Tori Gooden	M. Levitzke N.Roller	Tori & Kristine
23 white	K. Peterson C. Kim	****	Glaesers	Nancy Glaeser	J.Tangen G.Strauch	Tori & Kristine
30 blue	K. Peterson C. Kim	****	Hollands	Nancy Holland	N.Roller J.Peterson	Tori & Kristine
Dec 7 blue	K. Peterson C. Kim	C.Strauch M.Levitzke	Peterson	Christine Souza	J.Peterson M.Levitzke	Christina & Alma

**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

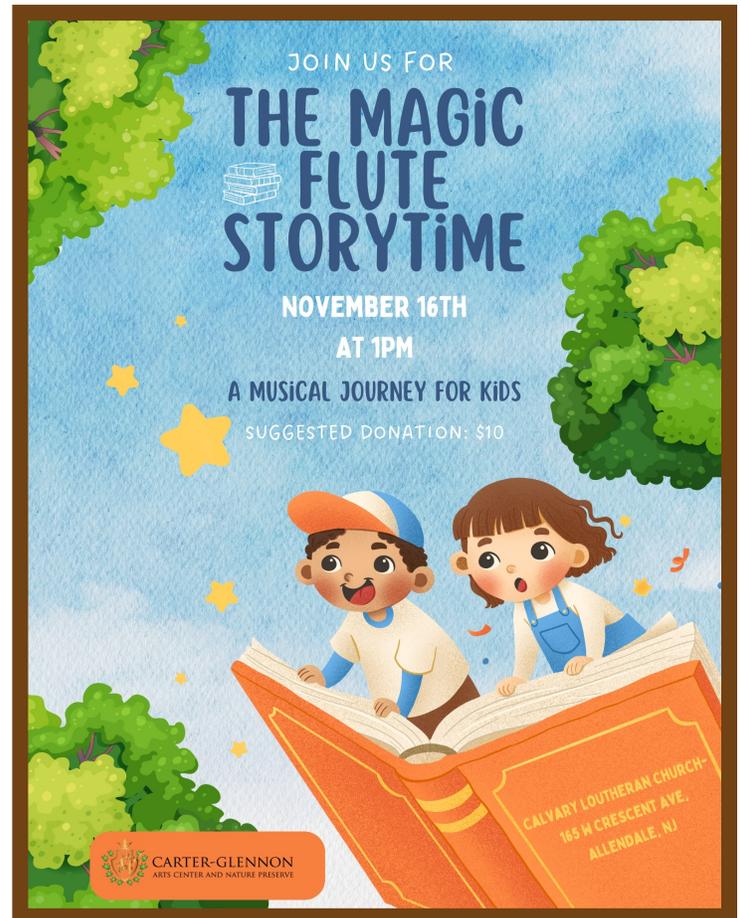
# 2 Opportunities to Support Carter-Glennon Arts & Center (Elise Carter-founder)

November 16th

1:00 pm at Calvary

A Musical Journey for Kids

\$10 suggested donation



Nov. 13 11am-9pm

Enjoy lunch or dinner at  
Anthony's Pizza in Fair Lawn  
and 20% will be donated to  
Carter-Glennon

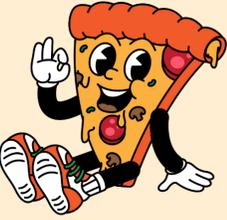
Carter-Glennon Center for Arts and Nature Presents

## PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE



**20% DONATED BACK**

Donated to Carter-Glennon Arts



Come Eat to Support the Arts!

RSVP QR Code:



We Hope to See You There!

**13 NOV, 2025** | Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza  
11AM-9PM

201 Promenade Blvd,  
Fair Lawn, NJ



# 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

# FALL FESTIVAL



# Reformation Sunday



Rev. Maristela Freiberg joined us in worship

