

Come and See



What's Happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

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Lent 2024

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.

From our Pastor's desk



How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. *Selah*
Psalm 84:1-4 (NRSV)

Greetings, Calvary Family!

I shared in one of our past newsletters about the presence of a LADYBUG while praying near the Communion railing. The meaning of such a presence in some cultures is “rebirth,” or that one’s family will soon expand. I do feel that our Calvary family has expanded this past year, not measuring only in attendance, but growth in spiritual maturity, commitment, and joyful service to others.

During our Christmas decoration and manger setup this past December, “Baby Jesus” hangs out with me in my office, until Christmas Eve. Guess who decided to show up within the hour? I had to take a picture:



In Psalm 84, the writer expresses enormous adoration and praise for being in the courts of the Lord. The passage shares that even creation finds a home at God’s altars. I learned a great lesson from this ladybug, to long to draw close to Jesus in this upcoming Lenten season.

I also wanted to share a picture that I took, while walking my dog one evening in front of our manger during Advent season. I remember looking up and seeing a shadow that initially reminded me of the movie, “Rocky,” with his arms raised high. It’s actually the shadow of the angel’s wings, but again, the lesson for me was to continue to glorify God in all that we do. Also, whatever battles or struggles we go through in life, our Jesus has already won – Victory is ours in Christ! I hope you are able to join us in the powerful messages of this upcoming Lent and Easter season!



Keep on Trusting, Keep on Loving...

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Kara

ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship*

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS
WITH

WORSHIP AT 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14



*Come for
Bible Study*



*All are
Welcome!*

February

13

27

Tuesdays

2:00-3:00

March

12

(not meeting
Holy Week, Mar. 26)



Youth/Young Adult Cultural Food Outing

Sunday March 17

Garden Shabu / Hot Pot & Grill

Meet at church at 1:00 or go by 1:30 to

1 Valley Road, Little Ferry

RSVP to Pastor Kara

Looking Back and Living Forward

Facing memories and looking to the future can be very difficult when you have experienced a deep loss. Coming together with others who are dealing with similar feelings can be a great comfort. If sharing thoughts and prayers with fellow Calvary members would give you strength or peace please come to the

*Parsonage 70 Ivers Road
on Saturday, February 17
and Saturday March 16
at 1:00*



Easter Lilies

*Please help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter
by ordering lilies for the altar.*



*Each beautiful plant is \$10.00
Checks payable to Kathy Peterson
by March 1.*

*There is a sign-up chart
in the Narthex*

Altar Flowers



There are still many opportunities to donate altar flowers
to beautify the sanctuary and
to honor a loved one or celebrate an occasion
Each bouquet is \$15.00 payable to Kathy Peterson
Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you.

Lenten  *Soup*,  *Salad*
&
Fellowship

Come for evenings of food and fellowship

Five Wednesdays in Lent:

**February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20
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



LENTEN

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

COME EACH WEDNESDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 20

7:00 PM

COME TO JOIN IN PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND HYMN SING!

Please note that the Wednesday services are from 7:00-7:30

and Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, & Good Friday
will begin at 7:30

Daylight Saving time
begins March 10

Remember to set your clocks ahead and
change your smoke detector batteries
before you go to bed Saturday 3.10!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY				1	2	3
4 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Communion service 10:30	5 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00 Stewardship Mtg 5:30	6 Caring Mtg TBD	7 office hours 9:15-11:45	8	9 office hours 9:15-11:45	10
11 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Annual Meeting, lunch Worship & Music Mtg	12 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00	13 Bible Study 2:00	14 office hours 9:15-11:45 Ash Wednesday service 7:30	15	16 office hours 9:15-11:45	17 Looking Back Living Forward 1:00
18 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Council Meeting	19 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00	20	21 office hours 9:15-11:45 Soup & Salad Supper 6:15 service 7:00	22	23 office hours 9:15-11:45	24
25 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 10:30	26 office hours 9:15-11:45 choir 7:00	27 Bible Study 2:00	28 office hours 9:15-11:45 Soup & Salad Supper 6:15 service 7:00	29		

February & March Birthdays

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



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| 2/1 Michael McMaster | 3/01 Dan Grumbles | 3/17 Andrew Dryfoos |
| 2/3 Richard Coco | 3/02 Garry Johnson | James Dillon |
| Ayanna McMaster | Jim Holland | 3/20 Lily Takayama |
| 2/5 Elizabeth Richardson | Jim Dryfoos | Nicholas McDonough |
| Dillon McMaster | Savanna Metri | 3/21 Lizzie Glaeser |
| 2/9 Gloria Ruth | 3/04 Katherine Lunt | Gabbie Robbins |
| Jenna Squasoni | 3/05 Victoria Dunn | John Correll |
| 2/18 Sandi Derrico | 3/06 Christina LoRusso | Douglas Squasoni Jr. |
| 2/20 Brian Heitman | 3/07 Kayla Begen | 3/26 Ariana DelGatto |
| 2/21 Vanessa Correll | Michael Begen | 3/28 Billy Bonifacic |
| 2/22 Bobby Garofano | 3/08 Ryan Sottolano | William Strauch |
| 2/24 George Lunt | 3/09 Sandra Parisi | 3/29 Donna Fichera |
| 2/25 Corey Perez | 3/12 Jim Thomas | Robert Garofano |
| 2/27 Michael Rohsler | 3/13 Barbara Ladutko | 3/30 Janet Berger |
| | 3/15 Danielle Boselli | Sandra Roller |


February - March Worship Assistants



DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
4 green	Christine Kim Kathy Peterson	Kristine Nooney George Strauch	Peterson	Rich Karpowich	Mike Levitzke Ned Roller	Alma Costello Tori Gooden
11 green	Christine Kim	*****	Holland	Laura Heitman	J.Peterson G.Strauch	Alma Costello Tori Gooden
18 purple	Christine Kim	*****	Heitman	Tori & Edward	G.Strauch M.Levitzke	Alma Costello Tori Gooden
25 purple	Christine Kim	*****	G.Strauch	Kristine Nooney	J.Peterson N.Roller	Alma Costello Tori Gooden
3 purple	Cindy Strauch Mercedes Caes	Kathy Peterson Alma Costello	Glaeser	Mike Levitzke	M.Levitzke N.Roller	Christine Souza Kristine Nooney
10 purple	Mercedes Caes	*****	Peterson	Rachel Dillon	J.Peterson G.Strauch	Christine Souza Kristine Nooney
17 purple	Mercedes Caes	*****	Holland	Nancy Holland	M.Levitzke N.Roller	Christine Souza Kristine Nooney
24 Palm Sunday purple	Alma Costello	*****	Heitman	Christine Souza	G.Strauch N. Roller M. Levitzke	Christine Souza Kristine Nooney
28 Maundy Thursday	Alma Costello Christine Kim	Alma Costello TBD	G.Strauch	TBD	N.Roller G.Strauch	Christine Souza Kristine Nooney
31 white	Alma Costello Kathy Peterson	Mike Levitzke Christina Metri	Glaeser	Nancy Glaeser	J.Peterson G.Strauch N. Roller M. Levitzke	Christine Souza Kristine Nooney

Communion Assistants:

Please come forward to the front right pew during the Passing of the Peace. This will allow others to see if subs are needed and avoid movement during the Lord's Prayer.

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Join us for Sunday School
at 10:30 AM

February 4, 18, 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24

Dear Calvary Family & Friends,

There are many beloved pets who are unable to get the medical care they need because their families cannot pay. We want to help and show our love for God's creatures by supporting **POSITIVE TAILS**, an organization that

Our class has decided that we will use our weekly Sunday School offerings to raise money to help these families and their pets. Your support would be greatly appreciated and would help us help them. Any amount donated is welcome. We will have special collection jars for coins and dollar bills. Just tell a Sunday-schooler that you want to contribute. Or, if you would prefer to write a check, please make it out to **Calvary Lutheran Church** and write **Positive Tails** on the attention line and give it to a Sunday school staff member. Together we will make a difference .

We thank you for your support.

With Love,

Amelia

Kaitlyn

Jack

Connor

Abigail

Elizabeth

Kavin

Joe
Christina





Our **canned goods** collection will continue through the end of February. Many grocery stores have sales during this time so please consider picking up an extra can or two when you shop. Hearty soups, veggies and fruits are staples at the **Center for Food Action** (CFA) and supplies are low. In March, we will be requesting peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars, please) and cereal and toothpaste. Of course, any item(s) you donate are appreciated. Gift cards are always welcome, too. Thank you so much.

The BIG EVENT in February is **THE POLAR PLUNGE**. Held on Saturday, February 24 at Seaside Heights, NJ, this event raises money to support the SONJ – The Special Olympics of New Jersey. Calvary has a team – “The Average Joe’s”- who are excited to brave the chilly temperatures and take a dip into the Atlantic for this worthy cause. It’s a day of celebration and fellowship. Tori Gooden is our captain. If you would like to join the team, just let her know. The more, the merrier. To donate online go to <https://support.sonj.org/team/549177>. This is the link to our team page. Checks should be made payable to **Special Olympics of NJ**.



Fluoride toothpaste (5oz.) and individually wrapped toothbrushes are needed year-round for **Smile Kits** that are sent to our neighbors in Haiti and Honduras. Several times during the year, Carl Glaeser flies to Haiti or Honduras to personally deliver Smile Kits, first aid packets and GTWater filtration systems. A receptacle for the toothpaste and toothbrushes is always in the narthex. If you would like to learn more about **GTWater** and **Project Smile**, or make a contribution, please visit www.gtwaterproject.com.

What’s a great activity for a cold winter day? The answer is **KNITTING!** Winter hats specifically. Store bought knitted hats are fine but the handcrafted, super warm hats made with love are the best. The seafarers we support with the SIH **Christmas-at-Sea** program feel the individual connection and that means so much. We have a nice selection of yarn (you are welcome to use your own, of course-machine washable, please) and we have instructions if needed. We will need 25-28 hats by the end of November. Why wait? Get those needles ‘a clickin’ and warm a few hearts.





HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday

March 24 10:30

worship beginning in the Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday

March 28 7:30

Service of Communion &
Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday

March 29 7:30

Tenebrae Service

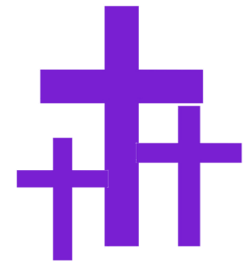
Easter Sunday

March 31 10:30



Service of Celebration

Church Information



Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral support,
please contact:
Intern Pastor Kara Song
through the church office
Office Administrator: Edward Farnhagen
Office Phone 201-327-4786
Office E-Mail: office@calvaryluth.org
Office Hours: M,W,F 9:15-11:45
Website: www.calvaryluth.org

MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church
Music Director
Elise Carter

Church Council Members

Jim Holland	President
Alma Costello	Caring liaison
Gerry DelGatto	Secretary
Carl Glaeser	Treasurer
Mercedes Caes	Stewardship liaison
Marilyn Agresta	Worship & Music liaison
Christine Souza	Outreach liaison
Christina Metri	Caring liaison
Kristine Nooney	Education liaison
Tori Gooden	Property liaison

Committee Chairpersons

Caring	Laurie Jacober
Christian Education	Nancy Glaeser
Outreach	Lori McCue
Property	George Strauch
Stewardship	Marilyn Agresta
Worship & Music	Kathy Peterson

Special Music on Informal Sunday



Making Valentines for our College Students



Youth/Young adult Cultural Outing

