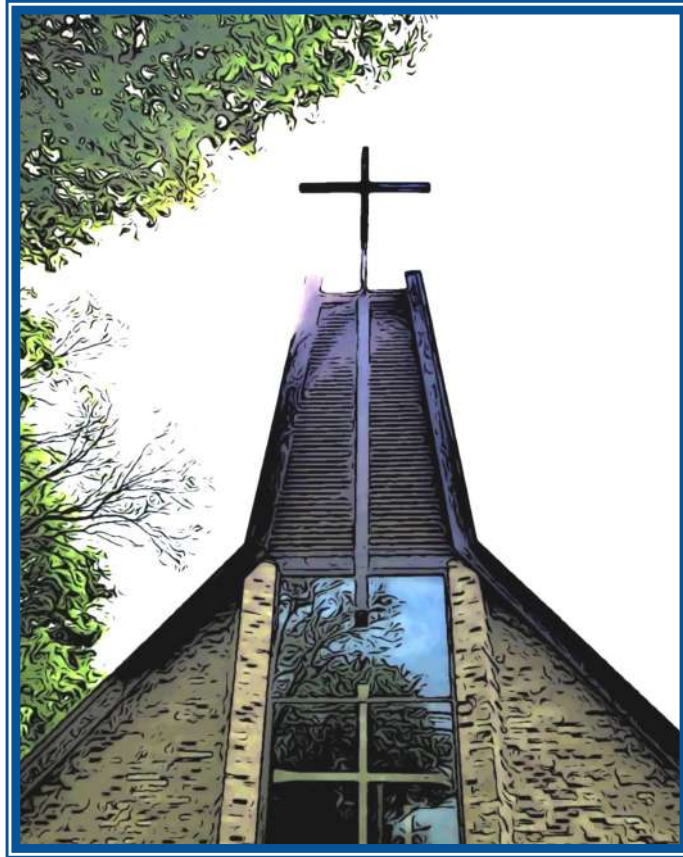


Come and See



what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church

165 West Crescent Ave
201-327-4786

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

September 2026



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School News 2026-27

Welcome back to 2026-27 Sunday School at Calvary Lutheran! The first day of Sunday school is scheduled for **September 13th**.

Our Sunday School students now range from Kindergarten age through grade 6. We encourage you to share this special ministry with your children! The teachers (Kelly Damstrom, Kristine Nooney, and Alise Strauch) will continue to lead your children through lessons using creative motivational tools, games, crafts, and activities.

In September and October, the focus of the lessons will be "Do Justice". This theme will be based on Bible stories and how we are called to "do justice" by honoring God, loving our neighbors, and protecting God's Kingdom. Next the students will move on to stories "I AM" stories about Jesus. These include I AM the Bread of Life, The Light of the World, and The Good Shepherd and other topics. Seasonal studies will be included at appropriate times.

All students will meet in Room 9 as classes begin promptly at 10:30 AM. Please review the attached schedule for classes.

SignUpGenius will be utilized to communicate attendance. Please watch for this weekly and respond as **soon as you can** so that teachers can make their preparations!! It is so much easier for our teachers when they know how many students will be with them on Sunday morning! Please check the Sunday School calendar. (**A separate letter, calendar , and Registration form will be sent to each student's home soon.**)

We look forward to having our youth learn together on Sunday mornings! See you in September!

Christian Education Committee

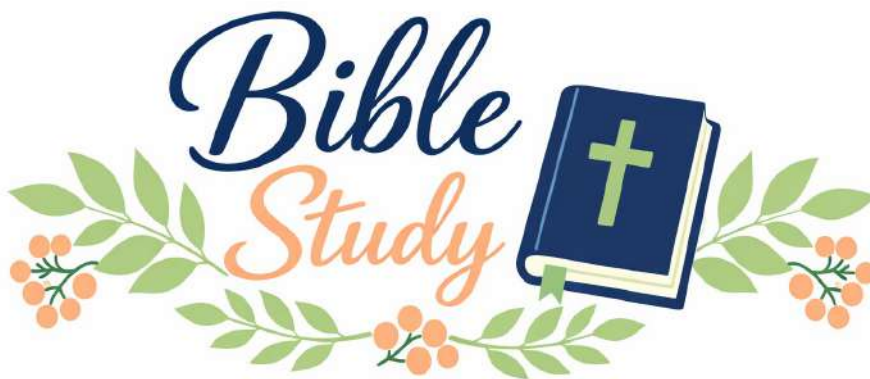
Please mark your calendars...

September

- 13 Sunday School-First Day (installation of teachers) – 10:30am
- 20 NO Sunday School – 10:30am (picnic)
- 27 Sunday School -10:30am

October

- 4 Sunday School – 10:30am
- 11 NO Sunday School
- 18 Sunday School – 10:30am
- 25 Sunday School – 10:30am (Reformation Sunday)



September 8th and 22nd

2:00

*Please come for afternoons of
sharing fellowship & faith*



September Worship Assistants

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	COUNTERS
6 green	Kathy Peterson	Kathy Peterson Bill Scher	K. Peterson	George Strauch	Jim Peterson Ned Roller	Christina M. Sara
13 green	Kathy Peterson	****	Hollands	Nancy Holland	Jon Tangen G Strauch	Christina M. Sara
20 green	Kathy Peterson	****	Glaesers	Nancy Glaeser	Jim Peterson Jon Tangen	Christina M. Sara
27 green	Kathy Peterson	****	Heitmans	Mike Levitzke	M Levitzke G. Strauch	Christina M. Sara



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

September 1 Paul Passaretti
 September 4 Reagan Dryfoos
 September 5 Sam Holland
 John Boselli
 September 6 Bob Livingstone
 Emily Bonifacic
 Jessica Garafano
 September 7 Stephanie Macomber
 September 9 Joann Meyer
 September 10 John Begen
 Sarah Fichera
 September 11 Eileen Dormer
 September 13 Marion Aase
 September 14 Kristen Duke

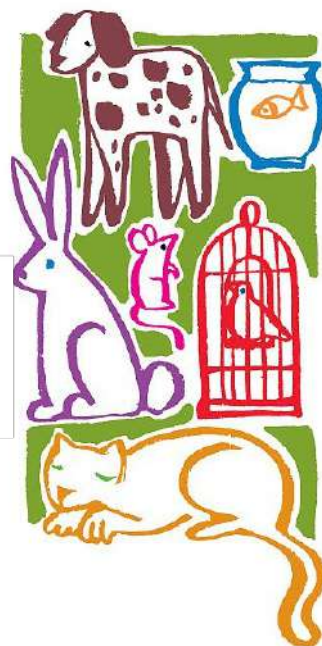
September 16 Ryan Derrico
 September 17 Samuel Chilian
 Avery Hartman
 September 18 Timothy Klein
 September 19 Victoria Gooden
 September 20 Richard Karpowich
 September 22 James Vasicko
 Alyssa Ortiz
 Jen Yapp
 September 24 Julie Borst
 September 25 DJ Bonifacic
 September 26 Mercedes Caes
 September 27 Bob Frueh
 September 29 Susan DelGatto



Outdoor Worship

with the

Blessing of the Animals



September 20

10:30am

Calvary's Outdoor Worship Service

is always a wonderful day of faith and fellowship!

The service begins at **10:30 on September 20th**

and includes the Blessing of the Animals.

We will bless your animal companion and the hands that care for him. If your pet is shy or doesn't play well with others, bring a picture so we can still bless him!



**The 2026 Calvary Church Picnic
is scheduled for
September 20!**

Come for the traditional picnic
with hotdogs, hamburgers,
and good old fashioned fellowship!

Each family is asked to
bring a side dish or dessert to share.

contact Laurie Jacober with questions

Help will be needed for set up, cooking, and clean up.

ONE SPRING MORNING, A STRANGER NAMED THEO ARRIVES IN THE SMALL SOUTHERN CITY OF GOLDEN. HE DOESN'T EXPLAIN MUCH ABOUT WHERE HE CAME FROM OR WHY HE'S THERE—BUT WHEN HE VISITS THE LOCAL COFFEEHOUSE, WHERE PENCIL PORTRAITS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOLDEN HANG ON THE WALLS, HE BEGINS PURCHASING THEM, ONE AT A TIME, AND GIVING EACH PORTRAIT TO THE PERSON DEPICTED. IN EXCHANGE, HE ASKS ONLY FOR THE PERSON'S STORY. AND SO PORTRAIT BY PORTRAIT, PERSON BY PERSON, SECRETS ARE REVEALED, REGRETS ARE SHARED, AND ORDINARY LIVES ARE PROFOUNDLY ALTERED.

A STORY OF GIVING AND RECEIVING, OF SEEING AND BEING SEEN, THEO OF GOLDEN IS AN UNFORGETTABLE NOVEL ABOUT THE POWER OF GENEROSITY, THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTION, AND THE QUIET MIRACLES THAT HAPPEN WHEN WE CHOOSE KINDNESS AND WONDER.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Theo of Golden



Allen Levi

COME JOIN US FOR: **BOOK
DISCUSSION
& POTLUCK**

**Monday, 9/28
6:30PM**

If Attending, Please RSVP to:
Christine Souza -
csouza0167@gmail.com
Attendance via Zoom is Available!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE P.KARA TO
ORDER A COPY (\$15), PLEASE LET
HER OR THE OFFICE KNOW.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>September</i>		1	2 Carter-Glennon 6pm	3 Office Hours 10am-2pm	4 Office Hours 10am-2pm	5
6 10:30am Communion Service	7 Labor Day	8 Office Hours 10am-2pm Bible Study 2pm	9 Office Hours 10am-2pm	10	11 Office Hours 10am-2pm	12
13 9:30am Property Mtg. 10:30am Blessing of Teachers/Students 10:30am Sun. School 11:30am Council Mtg.	14 Office Hours 10am-2pm	15	16 Office Hours 10am-2pm Choir Practice 7-8:30pm	17	18 Office Hours 10am-2pm	19
20 10:30am Outdoor Worship Blessing of the Animals 11:30am Picnic	21 Office Hours 10am-2pm	22 Bible Study 2pm	23 Office Hours 10am-2pm Choir Practice 7-8:30pm	24	25 Office Hours 10am-2pm	26 Allendale Fireworks
27 10:30am Worship w/ Praise Band & guest speaker (LSMNJ) 10:30am Sun. School	28 Office Hours 10am-2pm Book Group with Potluck dinner 6:30pm	29	30 Office Hours 10am-2pm Choir Practice 7-8:30pm			



Our collection items in September are tuna fish and Mac & Cheese. Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

NEPAL FLOODING

SUMMER 2026

ELCA.org/disaster

Communities in Nepal are facing catastrophic loss after deadly, devastating floodwaters swept through the Himalayas. Many have died, homes have been destroyed, and entire communities are struggling to access basic necessities.

Lutheran Disaster Response has long-standing relationships with trusted partners throughout Nepal. With your help, we stand ready to support emergency relief and long-term recovery through these established partners who know their communities best.

Your gifts enable this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need and to remain for as long as recovery takes.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike.

Will you give today to provide critical aid in these early days and, crucially, in the months and years to come?

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Yes, I want to help!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response

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☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: International

\$_____ IDG0016

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to the ELCA, write "Lutheran Disaster Response" on your check's memo line and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Calvary is participating in the

ALLENDALE TOWN-WIDE

GARAGE SALE



SAT. 10/3, 9AM-4PM

**CALVARY IS PARTICIPATING AGAIN AND WOULD LOVE
ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE!
DONATION COLLECTION UNTIL 9/26 (ROOM #5)**

FALL FESTIVAL



Our 2026 Fall Festival will be held on Saturday October 3

The planning Committee is looking for volunteers
to assist that day with
crafts, rummage sale, mum sale, and concessions.

We are collecting items for the rummage sale
please bring donations to room 5

to volunteer or for more information:

Please contact Christine Souza at csouza0167@gmail.com

CULTURAL FOOD OUTING

Filipino Food!

Sun. 10/18,

Meet @

12:30pm at

church to

carpool

or @ 1pm at:

Bamboo Grill

(54 S. Washington
Ave ,Bergenfield, NJ 07621)

Please RSVP

to Pastor Kara

(pkara.calvary@gmail.com)

if interested in

this Free
outing!





Choir is starting up again on Wednesday September 16th at 7pm

Choir is welcome to anyone who likes to sing whether or not you read music. Please contact Elise Carter if you would like to join so she may meet with you to see what your vocal range is and put you in the right section.

Calvary has been blessed to be the recipient of two valuable baby grand pianos. This Sunday in Church you will see a new piano in the sanctuary.

Karen Bartholomew, who many of you know because she has been a regular substitute organist/pianist at Calvary for over 10 years has donated her grand piano because she is moving to Chicago.

Karen Demsey, a former music professor from William Paterson University and a colleague of Elise Carter, who plays in her group "UpTown Flutes" has donated her piano in memory of her grandparents. Karen Demsey's piano will be in the choir room and used for choir rehearsals. Both pianos have been well cared for and are high quality instruments who are going to add a richness and beauty to our music ministry here at Calvary.

Many thanks to these wonderful musicians for their donations to our music ministry here at Calvary.

Submitted by Elise Carter





What's the Buzz?



October 11 at 3 p.m.

**Calvary Lutheran Church
165 W. Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ
A Benefit concert for
the Carter-Glennon Arts Center and Nature Preserve
the Concert is free...donations accepted**

What's the Buzz?!

Englewins, the award-winning chamber music ensemble
performs virtuosic music for woodwind quintet and piano

“Flight of the Bumblebee” by Rimsky-Korsakov

“The Bees” for piano by Chopin

“Honeybee” by Elise Carter

and much more...

Englewins

Sarah Davol, *oboe and Director* ; Marcia Hankle, *flute* ; Mitch Kriegler, *clarinet* ;
R.J. Kelley, *horn*; Andrea Herr, *bassoon* ;Tomoko Ohno, *piano*



Church 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: plz refer to the calendar

MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church

Music Director

Elise Carter
longnote@msn.com

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	Bill Scher
Worship & Music	Kathy Peterson

2026 Choir Summer Retreat





Special Guest Speaker
Executive Director, Dr. Kathleen
Ruen



Baptism of Carter Thomas

