

COME and SEE



what's happening at
Calvary Lutheran Church

165 West Crescent Ave
201-327-4786

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

January 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.*



It's Un-decorating Time

Your Help is Needed!

It's time to put away the Christmas decorations.

Saturday, January 6

9:30 AM

Please come and give whatever time and assistance you can.

If you donated a poinsettia, feel free to take it home.

Altar Flowers 2024

The 2024 flower chart is in the narthex.

Please take this opportunity to beautify the sanctuary and celebrate the many joyous events in your life or remember loved ones.

Each arrangement costs \$15

Payable to Kathy Peterson



Bible Study



Join us Tuesdays

Jan 16 , and 30

2:00-3:00

We will continue in the new year with a study of
Women of the Bible



Positive Tails is a non-profit organization founded in 2013, working in conjunction with VERG and other partner veterinary hospitals.

Our mission is to improve both animal and community welfare in New York City, in three ways: 1) We provide funding for lifesaving emergency veterinary care for those who can't afford treatment, or for animals who are abandoned or abused. 2) We organize and hold an average of 9 veterinary and One Health Clinics for people

who can't afford or don't have access to veterinary care for their animals. 3) We provide follow up care and spay/neuter services to help animals lead long, healthy lives, and to control the incidence of unwanted animals.

Our mission is centered around the belief that dogs and cats are part of our families, and we're committed to helping to keep these families together. **Positive Tails** is an all volunteer run organization, so your donations go directly to helping animals and families in need. This holiday season, help keep animals healthy, safe, and home with their families. For more information and stories of animals who have been saved and can now live good lives go to positivetails.org.

Let's show our love for God's creatures and support our Sunday school's efforts by donating to **Positive Tails**. Look for the special collection jars and more information about this opportunity to serve.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you for all the compassion and generosity you've shown throughout the year as we continued to support our missions here and abroad. Hundreds of dental care kits and water filters have improved the lives of our neighbors in Honduras and Haiti via **GTWater/Project Smile**. Recently, we delivered a crew's worth of satchels (28) to bring holiday cheer and much needed supplies to seafarers far from home through the *Seafarers International House's Christmas-at-Sea*. (Special thanks to those who knitted hats.) Back in February, intrepid members of Calvary dove in to raise funds for the **Special Olympics** during the **Polar Plunge** event and last spring, Calvary cruisers sprang into action and walked the hills of Ridgewood to support **Family Promise**. Throughout the year, we regularly donate to the **Center for Food Action**.

Upcoming Events:



Our Sunday school students have chosen to help **Positive Tails**, an organization based in NYC that raises funds for health care and emergency services for those who cannot afford such care. Please consider a donation to this life-saving cause. Donation cannisters are in the narthex or contact a member of the Christian Ed committee. This collection will continue until Easter.

In addition to our regular food and supplies collection for the CFA, Calvary will again help our local friends with our **Souper Bowl – Can Can Drive**. Beginning January 1 through February 11, we will collect cans of hearty soups and canned fruits and vegetables. Check your local stores for upcoming great deals on canned goods and keep the CFA on your list.



Also look for announcements re the **Polar Plunge** on February 24. The Calvary Cruisers will participate and we need your support. Join the team, it's cool!!



Whether you donate your time or skills, make financial pledges or purchase food or supplies, you are making a difference and spreading God's love. Bless you



The Annual Congregational Meeting for 2023 Reports and 2024 Ministry Spending Plan Approval is Sunday, February 11, 2024

immediately following the worship service

All confirmed members are encouraged to attend

This meeting is a review and celebration of the past year and looking forward to the possibilities of life together as Calvary Lutheran Church this year.

Your presence at this meeting is important!

Please come to worship together and participate in the decisions that guide us to be church together. See you on February 11 at 10:30 am



Join us for Sunday School at 10:30 on
January 7, January 14, & January 28

There will not be Sunday School during the school vacation on January 21. Join your family in the worship service!



Youth/Young Adult Cultural Food Outing

Our next Youth/Young Adult Cultural Food Outing will be
Mediterranean/Middle Eastern Cuisine

Sunday January 21, 2024

1:30 PM Allendale Mediterranean Grill

101 W. Allendale Ave, Allendale

RSVP to Pastor Kara

Stewardship

A Way of Life

STEWARDSHIP ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

The ELCA identifies 10 Principles of Stewardship. The following is taken from the ELCA website. We will share the principles and their verses over the next few newsletters for your consideration.

*Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions—grateful, responsible, self sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. **You must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7***



Principle 6: Give proportionately is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our “means”, not according to an income or budget.

“If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has— not according to what one does not have.” 2 Corinthians 8:12



January Worship Assistants

Counters Christine Souza & Kristine Nooney

Date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Lector	Greeters	Ushers
Jan 7 White	Cindy Strauch	K. Peterson Mike Levitzke	Christine Souza	Levitzke	George Strauch Mike Levitzke
Jan 14 green	Cindy Strauch	*****	Nancy Glaeser	Glaeser	George Strauch Mike Levitzke
Jan 21 green	Cindy Strauch	*****	Nancy Holland	Holland	Jim Peterson George Strauch
Jan 28 green	Cindy Strauch	*****	Kristine Nooney	Heitman	Ned Roller George Strauch
Feb 4 green	Kathy Peterson	Kristine Nooney George Strauch	Rich Karpowich	Peterson	Mike Levitzke Ned Roller

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - PLEASE NOTE: In case of a conflict, please find a substitute and then inform the church office at 201-327-4786.

January Birthdays

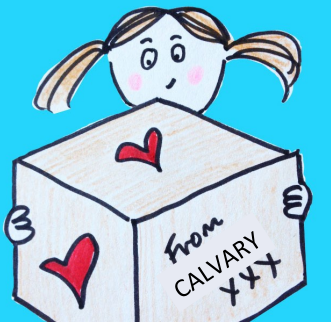


Your Calvary family wishes you
a happy birthday and joy in the year to come.

January 3 Matthew McCue
Samantha O'Connell
Dawn Rohsler
January 4 Chapman Grumbles
January 5 Thomas Ewald
January 5 Thomas Johnson
Kelsey Heitman
January 7 Nancy Holland
William Kembal- Cook
January 9 Betty MacFarran
Bennett Derrico
January 14 River Budesa
January 16 Alison Piercy
January 18 Bill Scher

January 19 MaryAnn Veleber
January 21 Louis Ludwig
January 22 Laura O'Leary
January 23 Aidan Feeley
Susan Poff
January 24 Kristine Nooney
January 25 Christine Kinahan
Jessica O'Dell
January 27 Christine Souza
Debra Alexander
January 29 Pearl Weller
Joan Fricchione

If we miss your birthday, please let the office know! We are working to update records



College Student Valentine Update

Our college student Valentine Care Package tradition has brought smiles to many of our young adults over the years! We would like to keep the tradition going even if your college student is still living at home. Everybody needs a study break treat.

Parents who have a college student, please reach out to Laurie Jacober with your student's name and college experience location. Even if we only have one or two, keep the tradition going!

If you would like to join in the effort you can donate some treats or make a monetary donation and let the Caring Committee do the shopping for the treats!

There will be a box for both in the Narthex.

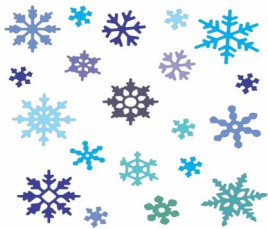
Looking Back and Living Forward

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, January 27
at 1:00*

*for an informal, small group gathering.
Light refreshments will be served.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Office hours 9:15-11:45	4	5 Office hours 9:15-11:45	6 un-decorate 9:30
7 Property Mtg 9:30 Communion Service 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Christian Ed Mtg 11:45	8 Office hours 9:15-11:45 Choir Practice 7:00 Bells practice 8:30	9	10 Office hours 9:15-11:45	11	12 Office hours 9:15-11:45	13
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Church Information

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

**If you are in need of pastoral support,
please contact:**

**Intern Pastor Kara Song
through the church office**

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MINISTERS AND WITNESSES :

All the people of
Calvary Lutheran Church

Music Director

Elise Carter

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

CARING

Laurie Jacober
Janet Berger

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nancy Glaeser

OUTREACH

Lori McCue

PROPERTY

George Strauch

STEWARDSHIP

Marilyn Agresta

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Kathy Peterson

Scenes of the Season



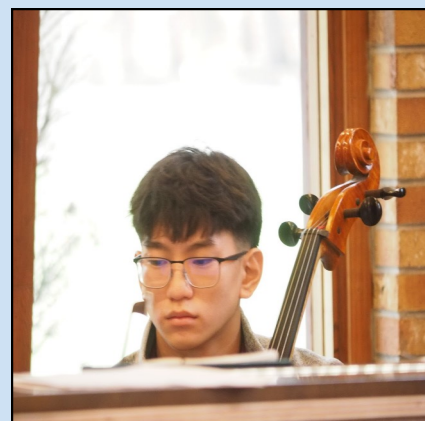
Advent—we prepare our space by decorating...

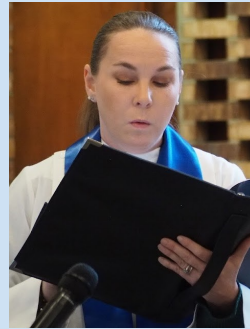
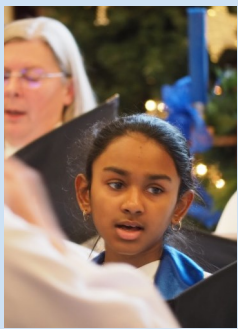
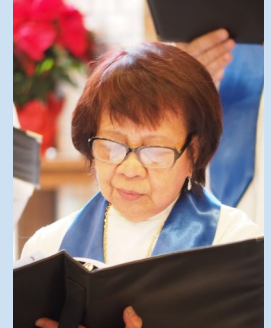
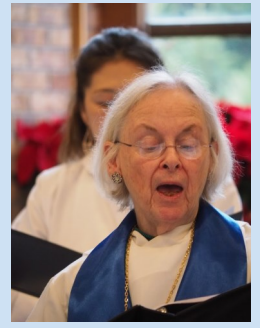
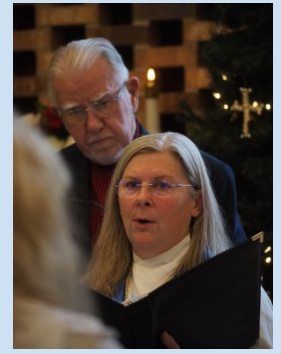


*...and we prepare our hearts by
lighting the wreath and coming
together in worship*

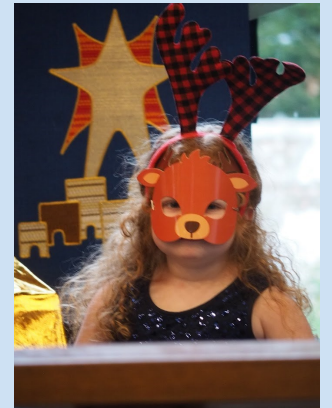
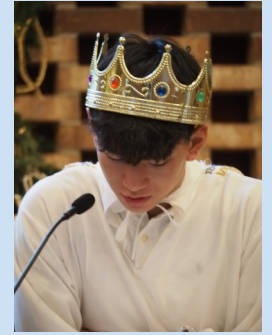


Calvary's traditional Choral Worship Sunday





The Children Share Santa's Favorite Story—the Birth of Jesus





Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service



Many thanks to Jim Nooney for sharing his photos!