



CALVARY CALLER

The Newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church

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### Advent Events & Services at Calvary

### Advent Vespers

Saturday, December 6, at 6:00pm, prepare for the season with word, music, song and a ballet by Pr. Kristen Klade. A reception will follow the service.



### Blue Christmas Service



On Saturday, December 21st at 6pm, Blue Christmas, also known as A Service for the Longest Night, acknowledges that Christmas can be a very lonely, depressing, "blue" time for those grieving the loss of loved ones or other losses. Through liturgy and song and shared meal we bring our pain and sorrow to the Christ child who is the light shining in the darkness and seek the consolation and healing of God's presence.

### Blessing of the Creche

The Children's Choirs will sing and place the Italian porcelain nativity figures in the manger on CHRISTMAS EVE at the beginning of the 4:00 o'clock p.m. service.



### Christmas Eve Services



Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m.

All services will include singing of traditional Christmas carols, individual candles for each worshipper, Holy Communion and **singing of "Silent Night."** 15 minutes prior to the each service we will sing several carols that are not included in the service itself. Come early if you want to enjoy caroling.

4, 6, 8 pm – Lessons, Carols, Eucharist

4pm -- Children's Choir, soloists & ensembles 6pm -- Harp Ensemble, Handbell Choir and soloists 8pm -- Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists 11 pm -- Midnight Mass The full liturgy with Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists

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### WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

For most of the infrastructure needs of Calvary, there is no need to call GHOSTBUSTERS. However, there might be the need to call the Property Committee. The Property Committee is made up of a diverse group of helping hands with different skill sets and ages that span close to 50 years.

Whether it is a leaking roof, repairing a toilet, replacing a doorknob or trouble shooting the church bus – CALL PROPERTY!

For all the different tasks tackled by Property over the past 15 years, Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, rates as one of the most unusual. I was near SMU in Dallas when my phone went off. I answered the phone, only to hear Kathy's cry for help......

"There's a squirrel in Classroom 11!"

A squirrel....... I am sure that Kathy could hear me shaking my head all the way from Dallas. Since this happened on a Thursday it must have been entertaining for the Legacy Enrichment students in the Sunday School wing.

Cut to the chase, a live trap was set and the poor, disoriented critter was humanly relocated to the Fossil Creek bottoms to continue a less stressful life.

The moral of the story is that the Property Committee stands ready to continue to take care of the church and participate in meaningful worship. We deeply appreciate the love and support of the church staff and congregation. So, when something comes up — CALL PROPERTY!

Don Acker

### **JANUARY CALLER DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

### Worship & Music

### **Advent Prayer Ornaments**

Advent Sundays and Wednesdays

This Advent, as part of a congregational project, you are invited to create an ornament and add prayers to it week after week.

They'll adorn our narthex Christmas trees during the season as a reminder that you do not hold your hopes, fears, joys, and longings alone.

Follow the instructions on the tables in the narthex to create and grow your ornament this season.



Blessed Christ-Mass From all the Worship & Music





Sunday,

December 28

There will be one service at 10:00am

<u>Orchestra</u> <u>In the Sanctuary</u>



攀Christmas Eve 7:30pm

攀Epiphany, January 11

攀Baptism of Our Lord.

January 18

ADVENT IS THE FOUR WEEKS LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS AND ADVENT CALENDARS ARE A TRADITION FOR MANY FAMILIES. THIS YEAR WE CONTINUE THE ADVENT TRADITION TO REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE BLESSINGS MIGHT NOT INCLUDE ENOUGH FOOD



Are you a member and

### your birthday is missing

from the

# Monthly Caller birthday calendar?

Contact the church office with your birthdate & year, and we'll get you added! (calvary@calvaryftw.org, 817-284-8724)

### THE CALVARY CAFÉ

MENU

### DECEMBER 3

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS ROASTED CORN, SALAD

### **DECEMBER 10**

CHILI BAR W/CHEESE &
SOUR CREAM, FRITOS
RELISH TRAYS

CALVARY CAFÉ WILL RESUME JANUARY 7, 2025

# Long Term Prayer Requests

If you have had someone added to our list and feel it is appropriate to have their name removed at this time, please contact the office at calvary@calvaryftw.org or 817-284-8724.

# Tai Chi Class

Join the fun Wednesdays.



Tai Chi will meet December 3 & 10 and then will take a break for Christmas, resuming again on January 7, 2026.

### **NEW BEGINNING TAI CHI CLASSS**

Starting in January, Dale will offer a beginning
Tai Chi session starting at 9:00am every
Tuesday if there is enough interest.

Come and give it a try. See if its something you might be interested in. All ages and physical abilities are welcome. The 45 minute class will focus on gentle breathing and movements. We even have a little fun as well.

Any questions please contact Dale Taylor at d.taylor54@outlook.com or 817-680-9815.



### 2026 Altar Flower Signup

Is now available

Please <u>click here</u> and complete the online form or utilize the sign up sheet outside Fellowship Hall. There is no limit to the number of members who wish to recognize someone and there is no requirement for payment.

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 8AM - 12NOON

# **CALVARY WORK DAY**

### Make a positive impact!

Volunteer to help clean up Calvary's Property and keep our church and grounds beautiful.

BRING YOUR
TOOLS:
RAKES, BROOMS,
HEDGE TRIMMERS,
GLOVES, ETC.





Please join us on Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 am as we decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.



Sympathy to the Family of...

Calvary member Janis Tubre

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends

# THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED



December 25th & 26th in observation of Christmas

January 1st in observation of New Years.



# Come Enjoy the 2025 Gold Medal Barbershop Chorus in their Annual Christmas Show! Your Holidays will be blessed by the music of the Men of





Four Performances at the Eisemann Theater in Richardson

- \* Thursday, December 4 @ 7:30pm
  - \* Friday, December 5 @ 7:30pm
- \* Sunday, December 7 @ 2pm Matinee
  - \* Sunday, December 7 @ 7:30pm



One Performance at White's Chapel in Southlake, TX

\* Thursday, December 18, 7:00 pm



The Visitation Team will be providing a supply of Christmas Cards in the Narthex, we welcome all congregants to pickup cards

and make Christmas greetings to our Homebound Members.

We want to send as many Hollday wishes to these folks who are no longer able to actively attend church services.

We currently have 18 Homebound Members, a list will be provided with the cards. Return them to church between December 3rd and December 17th (Visitation Team mailbox) and we will ensure they are mailed in time for Christmas. Help us make this a very special season for these folks.



### Christmas Poinsettias

Envelopes for Christmas poinsettias are in the blue attendance binders in the pews. All orders are due by Sunday, December 15th.

Fill out the envelope, put your cash or check made payable to Calvary Lutheran Church (memo: Poinsettias) in the envelope and place it in the offering plate.

Requested donation: \$10 per poinsettia. You may honor or remember loved one(s), by filling out the form on the envelope. Worshiping at home? Contact the church office to arrange.



We want to thank our amazing Pastors and Debbie for the most memorable Remembrance Service; our hearts were blessed. We want to thank Caroline and the Funeral Committee for the lovely reception we were blessed with. And to Kathy and Janelle and all our Church Family for the outpouring of sympathy and love during our time of grief. All of Our

Church Family has been a blessing during this sad time. We are very blessed by everyone's remembrances, cards and the tremendous number of prayers and sympathy. We are very grateful to have you in our lives. Mom loved Calvary and everyone who is a member.

God's Peace be with you all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

Robin, David, Emma, Eddie, Alaina, Larry

Chase, Maili, Evalynn and Gentry



### The Men's Group Says "THANK YOU!"



The Calvary's Men's Group would like to share with the congregation an update on how the proceeds acquired from the congregation through their meat smoking events are used. This holiday season they have decided to support the NEED West Food Pantry in Haltom City. Three separate donations of \$800 in groceries, including 42 turkeys, will be made to NEED West during the holiday season and they are truly thankful for your support.

They enjoy smoking chickens, brisket, ribs and now meatloaves for the congregation and are grateful for all of your wonderful comments about the meats they smoke.

So, this Thanksgiving the Men's Group gives thanks to God and to you the congregation for supporting them. Also, the joy it brings to donate their proceeds to those less fortunate. Nothing brings a group together more than a good meal.

Thank you all for your generous support.

# <u>Calvary Senior Adult Activities</u>

2nd Friday Senior Lunch Friday, December 12 1:00pm

All are welcome to join us at **Anna's**Mexican Grill, located at 1009 Cheek-Sparger
Rd, Colleyville. RSVP to either Carolyn at
817-683-6411 or Sheila at 817-480-4938 by
Wednesday, November 10.



Sunday, December 21nd at 5pm.

Kyrie Pub Church hosts its 12th Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at Shaw's Patio & Grill (1051 W Magnolia, FTW). Food, drinks, candles, a family friendly atmosphere... all await on this night of singing and Christmas celebration.



Accompanied by Calvary Musicians

Calvary WELCA, the Children, and Calvary Cafe happily invite you to celebrate the spirit of the season with sweet treats and a singalong.

We welcome any goodies you would like to share! Child and adult beverages provided.



December 10, 2025 during Calvary Cafe



Save the Date

CALVARY YOUTH PRESENT

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TRIVIA & TALENT NIGHT

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TRIVIA
TALENT
DINNER
FELLOWSHIP

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE 2026 MISSION TRIP! SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 5:30PM

**CALVARY FAMILY LIFE CENTER** 

It is time to gather your team and see if you can take the trophy away from Pr. Kyle S' team!



The holidays are approaching and as people are celebrating, it can be a difficult time for those who have suffered a loss and are grieving. We have Stephen Ministers available to offer support through the holidays and after. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Debbie Thomas at 817-676-4638, Sharon Dobbs at 817-988-6302 or Don Holmes at 817-933-8946.

# Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?"

One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

### Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
  - ... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
    - ... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
      - ... after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
        - ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People."

They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and

provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

### **Adult Education**



### **ADULT EDUCATION**

### Monday & Tuesday Women's Bible Study

The group continues their six week Advent study reading *Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here*, by Max Lucado. Contact Tricia Huston with any questions. Women's Bible Study will take a break after December 16 and resume January 5, 2026.

### Pastor Kyle's Wednesday Bible Study

Meets in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. If you are interested but want to attend via zoom Pastor Kyle will arrange that with you. Please email kyle@calvaryftw.org for a zoom link. This bible study will meet on December 3rd and 10th, and then will take a break until January 7, 2026.

### Sunday Adult Education 9:30a & 10:45a

9:30a and 10:45a classes have been taking in-depth look at Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, led by the pastors. Through videos, questions and conversation have discovered how Catechism is still a "common language with which to talk about faith, engage scripture and make sense of our lives in the 21st century." The last session will be December 7 and then Adult Education will resume after the first of the year, beginning on January 11, 2026 with a new series.



### Saturday, December 6th

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:30-9:00a in the Fellowship Hall.

# Are you are Primary Caregiver?

Calvary has a ministry focused on selfcare for caregivers. The group gathers on the third Sunday of each month at 2:00pm in the Library where they enjoy fellowship, education and the opportunity connect with themselves in order to leave feeling nourished, empowered and energized. For more information contact Debra Machos via phone/text at 817-980-2117 or email debramachos@usa.net

# Women ELCA

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."



# Calvary Quilters

Friday, December 19,

10a-2P Bring a potluck item to share

Saturday, December 20,
10a -3p Christmas Party
Lunch will be catered at noon but please
bring a dessert or snack to share, as well
as canned items for the NEED pantry.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a handmade or purchased gift (less than \$10).

To join the catered lunch, RSVP to Jeanne at jeanneheggen Dsbcglobal.net

No experience necessary, all women are welcome.

### Yarnwinders



YARNWINDERS WILL MEET DECEMBER 4TH IN THE NARTHEX.

ON DECEMBER 18TH,
BONNIE DYKHOUSE WILL
HOST THE YARNWINDERS
MEETING AND A POT LUCK
LUNCH IN HER HOME.



# Lutheran World Relief

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest—Matthew 11:28

Since 1945, Lutheran World Relief has carried the love of Christ into every corner of our hurting world. During 2025, quilts and kits have been delivered to Gazan refugees in Egypt, our neighbors in war torn Ukraine, victims of the recent hurricane Melissa, and countless others in need around the world.

On November 6th, Calvary WELCA was able to deliver 53 boxes of quilts and kits to the LWR Ingathering site. The boxes contained 98 quilts, 102 school kits, 30 baby care kits, and 146 personal care kits.

WELCA would like to express appreciation for the support the Calvary congregation provided, which enabled WELCA to assemble these much-needed supplies.

We couldn't have done it without you!



Thank you for your support!

### **FINANCIAL NEWS**

### **Financial Report: October 2025 Results**

	<u>October</u>			Year-to-D	<u></u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance*</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance*</u>
Income	\$ 74,487	\$ 75,027	\$ 540	\$ 705,517	\$ 684,204	\$ (21,313)
Expense	\$ 74,671	\$ 69,607	\$ 5,064	\$ 745,251	\$ 716,911	\$ 28,340
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (184)	\$ 5,420	\$ 5,604	\$ (39,734)	\$(32,707)	<u>\$ 7,027</u>

Mortgage Balance as of 10/31/25 = \$900,921

The full financial report is posted on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall and on http://calvaryftw.360unite.com/newsletter

### 2025 Year End Statements

To have your contribution included on your 2025 statement, it must be received in the office by December 31, 2025 and all electronic contributions must be processed and deposited into the Calvary Lutheran Church account by December 31, 2025.

Note that electronic contributions take 2 -4 days to process.



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CALVARY'S MINISTRIES

If you write a check in support of one of Calvary's ministries (ie, WELCA, Chicken Ministry, Mission Trip, etc.), please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and put in the memo line where you would like your donation to go.

### **GIVING OPTIONS:**

### **Info On Different Options:**

https://godshearthumanhands.org/faithfulgiving.htm **Vanco Mobile Giving App:** Download from your smart phone's app store.

Text: 817-760-2980 with amount contributed

(Example: 25).



<sup>\*</sup>Favorable variances are reported as positive numbers while unfavorable variances are shown as negative numbers.



### **Spotlight on Stewardship**

### Seasons of Stewardship

Ever wonder why we only talk about stewardship one time per year? Do you suppose it has something to do with the thought that 'stewardship talk' is associated with requests for money? And maybe, just maybe, we feel a bit uncomfortable talking about money.

Our newly formed stewardship committee wants to change that line of thinking. Certainly, stewardship involves financial matters. But not ONLY financial matters. In January we will be launching a *Seasons of Stewardship* initiative. We want to really dive in and explore what it means to 'Be a GOOD Steward'. We want to look at ways we can *give with joy and thanksgiving; ourselves, our time and our possessions*, something that we pray each week in our worship service.

Being a GOOD Steward is faith practice, and we will be encouraging you to do some self-discovery to realize we all have skills, we all have a set amount of time and we all have too much stuff. Be on the lookout for a Ministry Index that will allow you to match your individual skills and interests with Ministries that are here at Calvary and could use you.

Our goal is for 2026 to be the year of cultivating GOOD Stewards.

Your Stewardship Committee

### **Calvary's Community Support**



# Room In The Inn

Room in the Inn, our outreach program that welcomes ten homeless guests for a night of hospitality and quiet rest, resumes for the winter season every Tuesday in January and February.

We are requesting donations of new or gently used men's outer wear, including winter coats or jackets, hoodies, winter gloves and hats. At this time we do not need any other types of clothing.

If you would like to donate any of these items, there is a box labeled RITI in the Office.

For questions or to volunteer in Room in the Inn, please contact Margaret Russell at 817-999-6020 or margarettrussell@vahoo.com.



### **ELCA GOOD GIFTS**

SPREAD JOY AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS TO HONOR THOSE AT HOME,
AND GIVE OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO

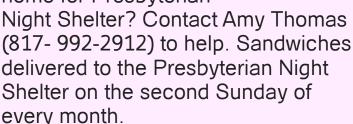
https://goodgifts.elca.org/

THRIVF!

Gifts for as little as \$10
Catalogs, ornaments and
Instructions will be available in the Narthex
during the month of December.

# Sandwich Making... at home!

Interested in helping make sandwiches at home for Presbyterian







NEED has experienced an increase in individuals that have never required assistance before, which can be devastating and extremely emotional. Calvary has stepped up with an increase in food donations. We have been able to make several purchases at Sam's for items needed with the monetary donations. A big thank you to the choir and orchestra for their extra contributions. Thank you to Calvary's 456 club who enthusiastically made 80 day bags. Also to the Men's Group for their generous donations, including groceries and 42 turkeys. NEED West is extremely thankful for all of Calvary's support.

**CALVARY SUPPORTS THE** COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER'S TOY DRIVE Benefiting the Annual CEC Christmas Extravaganza Calvary wishes to help CEC deliver gifts to 1,500 Children in our communities -Dec 14 There are two ways to donate: Drop unwrapped gifts in this box for delivery to CEC ❖Donate through the CEC Amazon wish list using the URL code below cec Amazon Wish List All toys will be distributed at the CEC's cec Christmas Extravaganza, benefiting Birdville ISD children on the reduced lunch program.



UPBRING'S

Foster Children's Christmas Party

BREAKFAST WITH

SANTA!

Saturday, December 13th at 10:00am

\*\*Set up & Decorating is Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center\*\*

You are invited to help us make this a Christmas
Party to remember for our local foster children
and their families!

Contact Janelle to volunteer

You are invited to join us for our annual...

# Children's Christmas Pageant &

# Cookie Reception

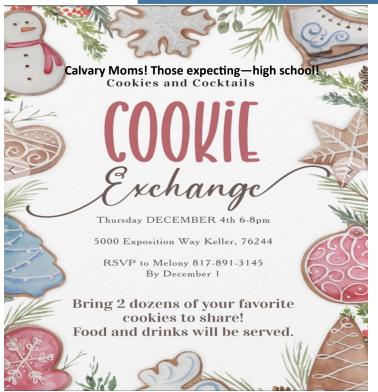
Sunday, December 14
9:30am

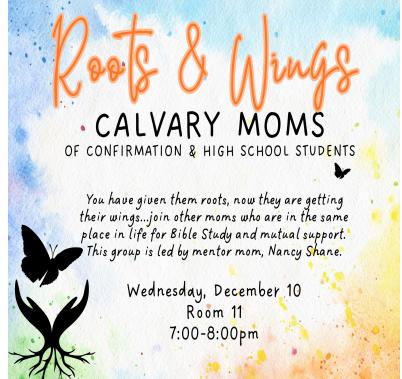
in the Sanctuary

(Cookie reception immediately following the service)



### **Calvary Moms**







### CALVARY CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

WE ARE EXCITED FOR OUR CHILDREN TO SHARE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

LUNCH & REHEARSAL- DECEMBER 7
FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL - 1:30PM

### A FEW NOTES:

- FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL THE KIDS WILL ALL GO THE THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
- PIZZA LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- PARENTS CAN PICK UP AT 1:30 IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

#### **PARENT NOTES**

PROGRAM - DECEMBER 14 @ 9:30

### A FEW NOTES:

- CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE BETWEEN 9:15 9:00AM.
- 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS CAN GO TO THEIR CLASSROOM; K 6TH PLEASE GO TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
- AFTER THE PROGRAM THE CHILDREN WILL SIT WITH THEIR CLASS UP FRONT
- PARENTS WILL MEET THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM TO ENJOY COOKIES, PICK UP YOUR FAMILY GIFT & ENJOY FELLOWSHIP

CALLING ALL CALVARY MOMS OF LITTLES THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Monny Claus Workday

Food Fun Fellowship & Blessing others SUN 7 10:30a DEC after worship

Help make magic this Christmas season FELLOWSHIP HALL & KITCHEN LUNCH PROVIDED

CALL ELLEN SLEZAK WITH QUESTIONS 817-308-2203 unday School children will be at Christmas Program practice, but let us







### Kid's Club!

(3 year old—3rd grade)

We will just meet on December 3
\$ 10 this month due to counselor
exams & Christmas break

### High School

December 13

8:30am

HOST BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (FOSTER FAMILIES CHRISTMAS)

December 13

1:30pm

A DAY OF HOLIDAY FUN & LOCK IN!

December 14

9:30am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (come see your day camp & kids club kiddos share the Christmas story)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday, December 7 from 9:30—10:30am (Sunday School resumes January 111)

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays December 3 & 10 7:00-8:00pm (Wednesday Night resumes January 7)

### Club 456!

All 4th-5th-6th graders!

JOIN US ON

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

FOR CHOIR, DINNER, BIBLE STUDY,
GAMES & CRAFTS!

WE WILL MEET ON
DECEMBER 3 & 10 AND
RESUME JANUARY 7

# Confirmation

7th & 8th Grade

### **Confirmation!!**

We will meet December 3 § 10 and then be off on the 18 for those of you who have exams and then Christmas break!

Wednesday Nights resume January チ

Wednesday Night Confirmation is from 7:00-8:15pm in the Family Life Center.

# The Church Mouse

November is ending and it seems like it just began. Mike put a new shower in for me, right by the Family Life Center! It has cold water so I can use it on school days when Momma says to Wake Up! It is really cool. The kids think it is to fill up their water bottles and get drinks, silly kids!

There have been lots of stockings this month! WELCA made stockings for people to fill and there was such a stampede for those that we hid in our mouse hole so we would not be trampled! Momma got our stocking the next week — those ladies had to make more because so many Calvary people want to love children through Christmas stockings. There is also a classroom that is starting to fill up with Christmas stockings and gifts for the foster children's Breakfast with Santa! The first graders are so sweet to share their classroom with all of the gifts.

Our 4th-5th-6th graders (and me) got to attend an Advent Retreat with kids from other church and Pastor Katie from camp! They sang songs and learned about Advent. They even made a Jesse Tree with Shrinky Dinks! This was my first time to make them and I just sat by the toaster oven watching the miracle that is Shrinky Dinks.

Daylight Savings Time really messed up our choir because they decided to sing on a Sunday afternoon! They even invited their singing friends from other churches. Momma said it was a special concert and they did it on purpose. I really like Sunday afternoon music!

My high school friends are so fun — they come and play with me all night long! They all brought food and had something called Friendsgiving. I am glad they are friends and like to come hang out at church. I like playing sardines, but basketball with big boys is a little scary!

One of my squirrel friends came in to play and apparently while all are welcome, creatures that poop on the floor and chew on furniture are welcome OUTSIDE. Ugh, I didn't realize squirrel didn't have church manners! Don had to catch him in a trap and take him back outside. Momma's new rule is that I have to ask before inviting friends IN, but that I can play outside with everyone!

Mommas joined some of the young moms from the Growing in Motherhood group for a game called Bunko! She tried to explain to us, but I think Bunko means laughing with friends and rolling dice. Momma sure was in a good mood when she got home. Daddy said it is important for mommas to spend time together because being a momma can make you tired.

There was lots of food that went from Calvary to NEED this month. Some of our friends in the neighborhood had some extra challenges when there was some shut down. Daddy said that when there was a shut down, that Calvary STEPPED UP! He said that churches and groups everywhere stopped what they were doing to Step Up for their neighbors.

This month is one that we are supposed to focus on being thankful and we are working on our annual Thankful Tukey. One of the things I am going to put on my feathers is Pastors Kyle. Monday marks one year of Calvary being in it's Pastor Kyle Era — and it is good! What will you put on your turkey feathers?

Love, Walter



# December, 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue		Ved	Thu	Fri	Sat	
SUNDAY	SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE			DNESDAY N	IGHT SCHEDULE			
8:00a. 9:3	8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a Sanctuary Worship			5:00p—6:30p Calvary Café				
				<b>5:45p-6:55p</b> Kids Club & Club456				
<b>9:30a, 11:00a</b> Online Worship				<b>6:00p</b> Handbell Choir Practice				
<b>9:30a</b> Chi	<b>9:30</b> a Children's Sunday School			<b>6:30p</b> Adult Bible Study <b>6:33p</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice				
<b>9:30a</b> Adı	9:30a Adult Education			7:00p Confirmation				
<b>10:45</b> a Ad	10:45a Adult Education			7:00p High School Bible Study 7:00p Moms Group for Conf & HS moms (1st & 3rd Wed)				
		7:0						
<u> </u>	1	2	3		4	5	6	
			<b>10a</b> Tai C	hi (FLC)	Legacy		7:30a Men's Bkft	
	10a Staff mtg		<b>12:30p</b> Pr	Kyle's Bible	Enrichment in Education Wing		Bible Study (FH)	
	1p Women's	10a Women's	<b>7:30p</b> Ord		& FH		<b>6p</b> Advent Vespe	
	Bible Study (Library)	Bible Study (Library)	Rehearsa		9:30a			
			wed. Nig	ht Schedule	Yarnwinders (Narthex)			
	8	9	10		11	12	13	
:30-1:30 nildren's Christmas							8a Property Work Day	
ogram Rehearsal	10a Staff mtg	ff mtg <b>10a</b> Women's Bible Study		hi (FLC)	Legacy Enrichment (FH)	<b>1p</b> 2nd Friday Lunch	9a Decorate	
Lunch after Sunda :hool	y <b>1p</b> Women's Bible Study	(Library)	<b>12:30p</b> Pr Study	Kyle's Bible	Lindinient (111)	Triday Editori	Sanctuary	
:30-1:30	(Library)		Cookies	& Carols			<b>10a</b> Upbring	
om's Gather to			during Ca				Breakfast with Santa	
epare for Breakfas th Santa	t		Wed. Nig	ht Schedule				
	15	16	17		18	19	20	
<b>30a</b> Children's	10a Staff mtg	Staff mtg <b>10a</b> Women's		Activities	s 10a Yarnwinders	<b>10a</b> Quilters	10a Quilters (FH)	
nristmas	1p Women's	Bible Study			Home of Bonnie	(FH)	,	
ogram	Bible Study	Home of Mary Reichenbach	<b>6:33p</b> Cho	oir Practice	Dykhouse			
Sunday School	(Library)							
	22	23	24		25	26	27	
Self-care			4p, 6p, 8p					
aregivers (Lib)  Blue Christmas			Christmas Services	Eve		Office Closed	<b>12n</b> Scrapbooking	
Sunday School			<b>7:30p</b> Ord		Christmas Day		Scraphooking	
Canaay Concol			Rehearsa	l	Office Closed			
<u> </u>	29	30	31					
ne Service at 10a			New Year	s Eve				
Sunday School								



### December 2025 Birthdays!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Jackie Corbell Darlene Christian Lindsey Rawls Rusty Reichenbach Melanie Swenson	2 Pr. Kyle Rouze Payton Dorchak	Savannah Harris Remington Rawls Ryan Shane Nancy Wilhelm	4 Michael Newbrough	5	6 Fran Burns Ricky Grubbs Brad Herd
7 Scott Mraz	8 Leslie Gamel Joann Gibson Carl Krogness	9 Carleen Wheeler	Harbara Fields Elliott Herring Dennis Melton Betty Parker Dave Schlaf	11 Patty Lentz	12 Lisa Emiliusen Alyssa Kitch Michele Kitch Alan Machos Mike Sandberg	13 Chris Aguilar Bob Machos Susan Williams
14 Don Acker Jonah Liegl	15 Lynn Boyk	16 Karsyn Kirkham Jeff Morken	17 Anna Dawson	18 Joan Talbott	19	20 Ron Boyk John Graaf Demarjae Jefferson Sage Rouze
21 Chelsea Cooper Matt Kammerdiener	22 Montie Rouze Joy Savage Dan Smith	23	24 Neil Krey Krista Porter	25 Keathley Berry	26 Brooke Rothe	27
28 Rick Miller Greg Musfeldt	29	30	31 Lynne Goodman			



# To have a loved one's name added, email the prayer chain: prayerrequest@calvaryftw.org Names added to Long-Term & Military lists remain until the family asks to remove them

Lists also updated every Friday online: https://calvaryftw.360unite.com/long-term-prayer-list

### LONG-TERM ILLNESS

Sally (friend of Jessica Chambers), Richard Acker (brother of Don Acker), Paula Willet (cousin of Greg Musfeldt), Veronica Britton (friend of Whitney Jonson), Alan Sivi & Miles (friends of Laura Gallagher), Doug Bevins (friend of Lori Saxen), Deb Anderson (friend of Carol Hutchison), Lester Lackey (father of Jennifer Rawls), David Lockwood & Family (relatives of Margie Mountcastle), Carolyn Holman (friend of Virginia & Keith Williams), Melissa Chandler, Caleb Roberts, Madison Tener, Katie & Kent Hopkins (friends of Susan DeFanti), Shirley Vogle (mother of Brent Anderson), Ruth Ann Guess (friend of Peggy Cox), Brother and Sister of Catherine Gollhofer, Jack Alexander; Nikki Perez (friend of Hannah Melton); Cameron (friend of Susan Scott); Dick Christie and family (requested by Alice Lee); Dianna Beaman-Finzen (friend of the Saxen's); Carl Raines (request from Gary Gollhofer); Pat Specht; Karen Pence (friend of Margi Mountcastle); Taylor Scott and Family (requested by Stubblefield and Ringler families), Judi Loy (Peggy Cox's request), Kristin Frazer (Peggy Cox's niece), Tim Garrett & Family (Margi Mountcastle's request); David Mountcastle (Margi Mountcastle's husband); Lawrence Trimm (Anna Trimm's father); Kevin Williams & Family (Keith Williams' brother); John Cannaday (Naomi Tijerina's request); Carolyn Holman (Virginia Williams' friend); Susan DeFanti; Leah Stanfield (Kyrie Pub Church member); Tom & Joey Prohaska (Ringler & Stubblefield families' request); Cory Thompson (Ringler & Stubblefield families' request); Abbi DeFanti; Marvin and Francis Bradley (Mabel Atkinson's brother-in-law and sister); Harold Lorz (Peggy Cox's brother-in-law); Roger Guinn (Barb Guinn's brother in law); Emily May (Kyle May's sister-in-law); Layla (Lloyd & Carolyn Johnson's granddaughter); Mike Neeley (Monica Neeley's brother); Jim Allen; Bob Machos; LaVonne Luedke; Fran Kliebert; Bobbie Thompson (Louise Wagner & Monica Neeley's request); David & Suzanne Bayer (Margaret Bayer's son & daughter-in-law); Amelia DeFanti; Clare Graham-Smith (Meg Acker's niece); Cora (Lloyd & Carolyn Johnson's grandniece); Lenka Wanzer; Alex Tedmon-Bury; Teressa Cox (Meg Acker's friend); Michelle Lanham; Todd (Lloyd & Carolyn Johnson's nephew); Andrew May (Rex & Shirley Norris's request); Connie (Melissa Herring's request); Paul Wilson (Don Acker's coworker); Clay (Susan DeFanti's brother-in-law); Dellis May (Kyle May's father); Lauren Neeley (Monica Neeley's niece); Anne Kells (Mignon Kells's daughter-in-law); Ethel Weydert (Theresa Jorgenson's step-mother)

### FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN MILITARY

Lindsey Smith, Air Force (member & daughter of Troy & Beck Smith), Lindsey Rawls, Army (member & daughter of Jennifer Rawls), Mason Proctor, Navy (member & son of Shaun & Lynn Proctor), John Elliott (son of Len & Mel Elliott), Joseph Guinn (son of Barb Guinn), Major Ryan Hall, Army (grandson-in-law of Beverly Murray), Zachary Schade, Marines (grandson of Mabel Atkinson), Mason Gore, Air Force (grandson of Joyce Ness), Jason Holm, Air Force (son of Keith & Barbara Holm), Brent Rios, Air Force (son of Eric & Cheril Rios), Kelsey Peta, Army (daughter of Joe & Deb Peta), Allison Yanney, Air Force (daughter of Lloyd & Carolyn Johnson), Kyle Sullivan, Navy, deployed (son of Terry & Bobi Sullivan), Tanner Pegg, Air Force, deployed (grandson of Chuck & Geri Pegg), Alexus Fears, Air Force (friend of Mary & David Lakota), Katarina Rogers, Air Force (daughter of Don Roger), Bryant Hudson, Marines, (grandson of Neil & Debby Krey), Deanna Musfeldt (daughter-in-law of Greg & Diana Musfeldt), Jonathan Lee, Air Force (grandson of Alice Lee), Robert Chapman Marine (great nephew of Pat Specht), Jeffrey Place, Army (nephew of David & Mary Lakota)