

Calvary Lutheran Church



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Calvary Lutheran Church
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Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social

Invite family and friends to join us on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m.** for Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed by a Pie Social in the Fellowship Hall served by our youth. Sign up to attend the Pie Social on the sheet posted on the glass doors in the Narthex.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who have helped with Operation Christmas Child which provides gift-filled boxes along with the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world. As a reminder, **boxes packed at home need to be returned to the Narthex by Sunday, November 19.**

Decorate the Church - Nov. 26

All hands, young and old, are needed to decorate the Church for the holidays after Worship on Sunday, November 26. The beauty is created quicker with many helping hands!

Nativity Displays - A Growing Advent Tradition at Calvary

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Again this year, we would like to invite you to share your nativity set(s) during Advent. They will be on display from November 28 through December 17 for members to view after Worship, at Lessons & Carols on December 3 and at the "Blue Christmas" Prayer Service on December 17. Please drop off your set in the Church Office between Saturday, Nov. 25 through noon on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Plan to pick them up between Monday, Dec. 18 through Wednesday, Dec. 20. See the sign up sheet in the Narthex for more information. Thank you!

Men's Group Gathering Thursday, November 30

Since the 4th Thursday in November is the 23rd (Thanksgiving) we will meet the next Thursday, the 30th, for our Men's Group Gathering. We will view the film "Be your Brothers Keeper" a film about the Iraqi Christians and ISIS attacks on Christians and the desecration of ancient churches and historic sites. Join us at 6 p.m. for a social time with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the movie/discussion at 7 p.m. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!

Decorate the Mitten Tree

Please help decorate the mitten tree with warm items for all ages (think keeping warm in Wisconsin). New/used winter coats are welcomed also and can be put in the bin next to the tree. Our mitten-gloves-hat-scarf tree will be in the Narthex until December 11. Your donations will be delivered to B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Serving) for distribution in Milwaukee. Help keep our neighbors warm!

Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m.

Lessons and Carols service is a ceremony performed around the world. with its roots in the United Kingdom. Ours will have a flavor reflecting Calvary's heritage. Readings will be offered up by many Calvary members; hymns of the season will be led for the congregation to sing; and carols as well as other Advent and Christmas music will be presented by Calvary's Contemporary Musicians,

the Celebration Ringers, and the Alleluia Choir. The Lessons and Carols concert is free to the public, with a reception held afterward. The reception will feature a variety of Nativity Scene displays from around the world. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring cookies or bars for the reception. Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

Mission of the Month - November

Samaritan's Purse

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus-first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

Calvary also supports Operation Christmas Child which blesses children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes that become opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Use your weekly offering envelopes or a white pew envelope to contribute and note "Mission of the Month" on your check and/or envelope.

Pastor's Sermons

Click on the link below for last Sunday's sermon.

This can also be accessed on the Calvarylc.com homepage and prior weeks' sermons are available on the website under News & Events/Sermons or by clicking on the link below.

[Last Sunday's Sermon](#)

[Prior Sundays' Sermons](#)

November Crossroads

Click on the link below for the *Crossroads* for insights on what's happened and happening at Calvary Lutheran Church!

[November Crossroads](#)

Updated Pictorial Directory

The Calvary Lutheran Church Membership Pictorial Directory has been updated. Copies are available in the Narthex and at the link below.

[Click here for Pictorial Directory](#)

Calvary Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon
The office will be closed Thursday & Friday,
November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving.



Upcoming Events at Calvary

NALC Women's Council	Nov. 16-19
Women's Prayer Breakfast	Nov. 18, 9 a.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Service	Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
Pie Social	Nov. 22, 8 p.m.
Decorate the Church	Nov. 26, 10 a.m.
Men's Gathering	Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
Intergenerational Advent Activity	Dec. 3, 10:30 a.

Lessons & Carols

Dec. 3, 4 p.m.

Keep an eye out for more information!