

# Calvary Lutheran Church



December 14, 2017

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
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## SALT Advent/Christmas Gathering

Senior Adults Living Triumphantly our get together to celebrate the season of Advent along with a look ahead to Christmas is **today, Thursday, December 14, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** We'll have refreshments, carol singing, a Christmas quiz, a "tour" of the nativity sets displayed in Fellowship Hall, sharing of other nativity sets the folks may bring, and a special program by Pastor Ken and Marcella sharing the history of nativity sets.

## Calvary Christmas Poinsettias

Red and white Poinsettias are available for purchase, to be placed at the altar for Christmas services. The plants are top quality with three plants per pot, wrapped in colored foil.

We invite you to purchase one or more by filling out the form using the link below or in the bulletin this weekend and returning it to the church office, along with your check (made out to Calvary Lutheran Church) **by Monday, December 18.** Please note, "Poinsettia" in the memo line of your check.

[Poinsettia Order Form](#)

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## **"Blue Christmas" Prayer Service 4 p.m. Sunday, December 17**

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or in the mood for celebrating during this time of the year. There are many things that can contribute to feelings of emptiness at a time when calendars are often full and the ground beneath the Christmas tree is beginning to fill with gifts. Grief over a death of a loved one is a primary reason for this, but illness, advancing years, or the loss of a job can likewise contribute to a nagging sense of sadness when all around we're presented with images of smiling faces and happy homes. Come join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 17th for a "Blue Christmas" prayer service. We'll spend time in readings from Scripture, prayer, space for silence, and song to help center us on the love of God for us all. John 1:5 says of Jesus, "the light shines in the darkness, and darkness did not overcome it." Our intent is not to "create" sadness, but to acknowledge it exists in many hearts, and to seek God's solace and reaffirm his eternal message of hope.

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### **Food Sunday**

Comfort food items are requested for the next Food Saturday/Sunday with collection on December 16 and 17. Mac and cheese, spaghetti noodles and sauce, potato mixes, rice and other starches are especially needed. Other items of need are peanut butter, soups, canned meats, fruits or vegetables, and cereals. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please mark your envelope or check with the notation "Food Pantry". Your continued support is greatly appreciated-thank you!

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### ***Mission of the Month - December***

#### **NALC Seminary Fund**

This month Calvary's mission focus is on education with the support of seminaries and seminarians. Donations will be used to support the two components of one NALC Seminary system: the Seminary Center at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., and Houses of Studies located within NALC Mission Districts.

The primary purpose of the Seminary is to educate and produce orthodox, confessing, evangelical Lutheran Pastors for our NALC churches. Financial support enables us to continue to train such Pastors and send them out to do the work of our Lord. The NALC recently sent five graduates out to begin their work. Financial support is also required to support students with funds for scholarships to help them in their quest for such an education without being burdened by excessive debt.

Please join us in sending our Christmas gift to the NALC Seminary as our response to the blessings we have received. Use your weekly offering envelopes or a white pew envelope to contribute and note "Mission of the Month" on your check and/or envelope.

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## **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](#)

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## **December Crossroads**

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

[December Crossroads](#)

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## **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](#)

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## **Calvary Office Hours**



*Upcoming Events at Calvary*

<b>Christmas Family Service</b>	<b>Dec. 24, 4 p.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Candlelight Service</b>	<b>Dec. 24, 10 p.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	<b>Dec. 25, 10 a.m.</b>
<b>Family Ski Outing</b>	<b>Jan. 6</b>
<b>Christmas Un-decorating</b>	<b>Jan. 7, 10 a.m.</b>
<b>Soup &amp; Chili Cook-off</b>	<b>Jan. 27, 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Youth Winter Retreat</b>	<b>March 2-4</b>

**Keep an eye out for more information!**