

Calvary Lutheran Church

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High School & Middle School Winter Retreat January 4-6, 2019

The 2019 Winter Retreat is fast approaching!
Here's what you need to know:

[WinterXtreme at Camp Timber-lee](#)

Depart Calvary, Friday @ 5:30 p.m.

Return, Sunday between noon - 2:00 p.m.
\$146 per person (scholarships are available)

WinterXtreme is Timber-lee's winter retreat program for youth. Our junior and senior high students will enjoy fellowship, food, speakers, worship bands, community-building activities and an outdoor fire to warm up at the end of the day. WinterXtreme allows them to strengthen their relationships with each other and with God.

If your middle school or high school students would like to go, please RSVP to Kyle in person or via email (youthdirector@calvarylc.com.) A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday December 16th, and the remaining balance will be due upon departure.

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Advent Devotions

Are you looking for the Advent Devotion booklets that have been available in the past? The NALC has made a change in the 'delivery' of these booklets and they are now available online. You can access them two ways:

1) Visit the "Devotions" section on our website, www.calvarylc.com, - the link is towards the bottom of the home page. The Advent devotions will be published there on a daily basis.

2) You also may sign up to receive the Advent devotional material as a daily text or email message from the NALC.

* To receive a daily text message, please text "@nalcadvent" to 614-682-8693

* To receive a daily email, please visit: www.remind.com/join/nalcadvent and complete the brief request.

Mittens, Gloves, Scarves and Hats, oh my!

The Mission & Outreach team is collecting new and gently-used mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Serving) Milwaukee. These items will be distributed to children and families in the Milwaukee area. ***Please place your donated items on the tree in the Narthex by Sunday, December 16.*** Any and all items are appreciated!

CHRISTmas Story Live Sunday, December 23

during the 9:00 a.m. worship service

In the past, we've held our children's Christmas program during the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. This year, the children of Calvary will lead us in worship on the 4th Sunday in Advent (12/23/18) as they read Scripture, lead us in singing hymns, and act out

the events surrounding Jesus' birth.

If your child(ren), pre-K to 5th grade, would like to help lead worship as an actor, reader, and/or song leader, please speak with Kyle Jones, Youth Director. If your middle school or high school student(s) would like to help as student leaders to direct the children in standing, sitting and singing, please let Kyle know as well. His e-mail is youthdirector@calvarylc.com.

Song rehearsals will take place December 2nd, 9th, & 16th at 11:15 a.m. A full walk-through and dress rehearsal will take place Sunday, December 16th from 4-6 p.m. Dinner will be provided!

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

This year, because the children of Calvary will lead us through the Christmas story on **December 23rd, the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship Service** will have a more traditional structure but will feature a three-part message for children and adults. Children will be invited forward to hear the Christmas story read with three messages given on their level for all to hear.

All are invited to attend!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24 at 10:00 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of our Lord at our Christmas Eve candlelight service. The Alleluia Choir and Celebration Ringers will both be participating in this traditional service, which ends with the candlelight singing of "Silent Night".

Bring your family and friends to this special Christmas Eve service!

Year-end is Quickly Approaching!

As we approach the end of 2018, we ask you

to please look carefully and prayerfully at your financial giving for the year. The financial books close on Monday, December 31, 2018. To ensure proper credit for 2018 tax purposes, please have your contributions in the church office by noon on the 31st. Contributions received after the 31st will not be credited to your 2018 giving. Thank you for your continued support of the many ministries of Calvary.

December Crossroads

Click on the link below for the **Crossroads** *monthly newsletter* for insights on events and activities at Calvary Lutheran Church!

[Current Crossroads](#)

Calvary Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - noon



Upcoming Events at Calvary

Monday Morning Movie "The Christmas Carol"	December 10, 9 a.m.
CHRISTmas Story Live Dress Rehearsal	December 16, 4 p.m.
CHRISTmas Story Live	December 23, 9 a.m.
Christmas Eve Family Service	December 24, 4 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 24, 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Service	December 25, 10 a.m.

More information can be found in the weekly bulletins or the monthly *Crossroads* newsletter.