

# *Come and See*



## *what's happening at Calvary Lutheran Church*

165 West Crescent Ave  
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Allendale New Jersey  
<http://calvaryluth.org>

### *January 2025*

**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 11**

**9:30 AM**

Please come and give whatever time and assistance you can.  
If you donated a poinsettia, feel free to take it home.

Pastor Kara will be away at the  
Asian Lutheran Worldwide Conference  
in Malaysia from January 12-22

Rev. Linderman will provide  
emergency pastoral care.

Rev. Plumstead will lead us in worship  
and share a Gospel Message on January 12 & 19.



Please pray for her journey and for her time in  
drawing closer to God and with other clergy brothers & sisters!

## LOOKING AHEAD



IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025  
WE WILL CELEBRATE COMMUNION TWICE A MONTH.

WE WILL NOT COMMUNE BY INTINCTION ,  
AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

WE WILL OFFER WINE OR JUICE IN INDIVIDUAL CUPS  
AND WHEAT OR GLUTEN FREE WAFERS.

## The Annual Congregational Meeting The Annual Congregational Meeting for 2024 Reports and 2025 Ministry Spending Plan Approval is Sunday, February 9, 2025



Congregational  
MEETING

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.



## Optional Ways to Give

**Thank you for your generous gifts which sustain the ministry of Calvary so we may participate in God's mission, serving our community and spreading the good news of Jesus' love. At the request of members and friends of the congregation we have established three options to donate online: Zelle (with no fee) Bill Pay, (one-time set up through your online banking) and PayPal (3.5% convenience fee). All can be accessed on our web-site: [www.calvaryluth.org](http://www.calvaryluth.org).**

**For more information please contact Church Council Treasurer, Carl Glaeser**

# OUTREACH

Calvary's Outreach to local families in need includes collecting groceries to be distributed through the Center For Food Action in Mahwah.  
**ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME and GREATLY APPRECIATED AT ANY TIME.**  
 This calendar reflects the need for specific items in very short supply. Grocery store **GIFT CARDS** are also appreciated. (Please give gift cards to Lori McCue rather than placing them in the collection wagons.) Donated items are delivered to the CFA in Mahwah at the end of each month.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**



## MONTHLY DONATION CALENDAR

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
HEARTY SOUPS	PASTA	TUNA
	SAUCE	MAC 'n CHEESE
	RICE	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
HEARTY SOUPS	BACK-TO-SCHOOL	PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED FRUITS	ITEMS	& JELLY
& VEGETABLES		(plastic containers)
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
CEREAL &	BACK-TO-SCHOOL	THANKSGIVING
OATMEAL	ITEMS	DINNER ITEMS
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
DIAPERS	SCHOOL LUNCH	PANCAKE MIX
	SNACKS/JUICE	SYRUP
	BOXESS	

# January Worship Assistants

Counters : Alma Costello & Ned Roller

Date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Lector	Greeters	Ushers
5	Alma Costello	Alma Costello George Strauch	Chris Souza	Petersons	G.Strauch N.Roller
12	Alma Costello	*****	Mike Levitzke	George Strauch	M.Levitzke J.Peterson
19	Kathy Peterson	Kathy Peterson Cindy Strauch	Nancy Glaeser	Glaesers	G.Strauch J. Tangen
26	Kathy Peterson	*****	Nancy Holland	Hollands	N.Roller J.Peterson

**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  
January 6 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  
Jenny Fullam

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.



Join us for Sunday School at 10:30 on January 5 , January 12, & January 26.

There will not be Sunday School during the school vacation on January 19. Join your family in the worship service!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 office hours 9:15-11:45 Council Meeting 5:30 Praise Band 7:30	3	4
			5 9:30 Outreach Meeting 10:30 Sunday School  10:30 Communion Service 11:40 Worship & Music Meeting	6 office hours 9:15-11:45	7 office hours 9:15-11:45  Book Group Pot luck] 6:30	8 office hours 9:15-11:45
12  10:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship Service	13 office hours 9:15-11:45	14 office hours 9:15-11:45  Bible Study 2:00-3:00	15 office hours 9:15-11:45	16 office hours 9:15-11:45	17	18
19  10:30 Worship Service	20 office hours 9:15-11:45	21 office hours 9:15-11:45	22 office hours 9:15-11:45	23 office hours 9:15-11:45	24	25
26  10:30 Sunday School  10:30 Informal Service 11:45 Council Meeting	27 office hours 9:15-11:45	28 office hours 9:15-11:45  Bible Study 2:00-3:00	29 office hours 9:15-11:45	30 office hours 9:15-11:45  Praise Band 7:30	31	



*Start the new year*

*by becoming a worship assistant !*

*Communion assistants, Greeters, and Ushers are needed. All are welcome.*

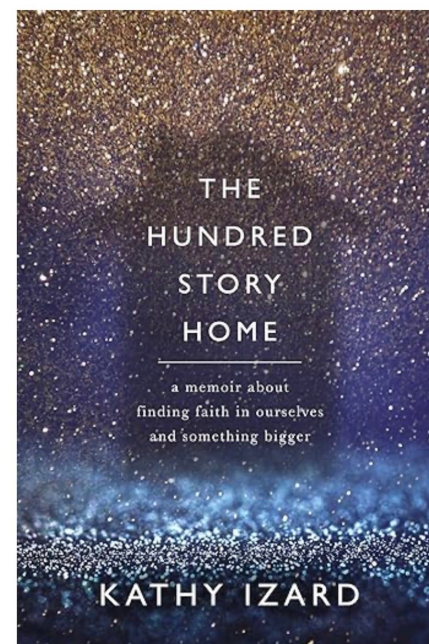
*Speak to Kathy Peterson to volunteer*

*It is a great way to serve your church family.*

## BOOK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK DINNER

**JANUARY 7, 2025 6:30**

Woven together in this uplifting story of a call to social action is Kathy's personal struggle with faith, forgiveness and fulfillment. In telling her story, Kathy invites you to consider what might be calling you and whatever it might be, big or small, **trust the whisper.** © Kathy Izard website



**WELCOME**  
**NEW MEMBERS**

**ON FEBRUARY 16 CALVARY WILL RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS DURING THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE!**

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KARA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH WITH OTHERS ON THAT DAY.

AN ORIENTATION WILL BE SCHEDULED IN EARLY FEBRUARY.



# **2025 Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights**



*Come and Join Calvary's*

*POLAR PLUNGE Team*

*and support the Special Olympics.*

*Sign up to take the plunge OR  
help sponsor our daring plungers.*

*For more information contact Tori Gooden or visit  
the [2025 Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside Heights - Special Olympics New Jersey](#)  
website *It's frosty fun and makes a difference!**

**Date:** February 22, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Seaside Heights Boardwalk  
50 Blaine Avenue  
Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Each year, the Polar Bear Plunge at Seaside challenges thousands of brave jumpers from around the state. It's a great way for everyone—individuals, teams, organizations and businesses—to get involved supporting Special Olympics New Jersey. All funds raised go towards programming and events for thousands of athletes statewide.

## **A REMINDER TO THRIVENT MEMBERS:**

**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AT LEAST \$250 THRIVENT ACTION TEAM DOLLARS PER YEAR, THAT CAN BE USED AS "SEED MONEY" FOR CALVARY OUTREACH OR EVENTS.**

**CONTACT PASTOR KARA IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP APPLYING.  
IT'S A VERY EASY PROCESS ONLINE OR BY PHONE.**





## Help Us Reach 1 Million Lives Transformed with Clean Water!



Dear Friends,  
As we close out an eventful year, we're doubling down on our mission to provide clean water to the people of Haiti and Honduras— and we're thrilled to share how close we are to an incredible milestone.  
Since our founding in 2026, the GT Water Project has delivered clean water to over 970,000 people in need. Our work

includes distributing, training for, and maintaining our innovative 5-gallon bucket systems equipped with medical-grade filters. These systems, handled by local, fairly paid personnel, provide clean water for just \$1.89 per person and last approximately 25 years with regular maintenance.

We are on track to reach 1 million lives served in early 2025— a milestone that reflects the transformative power of clean water.

Your support can help us get there.

As you consider your year-end giving, please remember the life-changing impact clean water brings:

- Healthier lives: Access to clean water prevents chronic illnesses, life threatening diseases, and parasitic infections.
- Brighter futures: Clean water empowers families to save time, reduce expenses, and focus on education and work opportunities.
- Stronger communities: Clean water is the foundation of education, income, and health— especially for women and children.

Your contribution to GT Water Project is fully tax-deductible under US law. We also welcome non-cash asset gifts, corporate matching program donations, and donor-advised fund distributions. For non-cash donations, please reach out directly.

Together, we can bring clean water— and hope— to even more people.

Let's make history in 2025. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to transforming lives.

Warm regards,  
Carl Glaeser

GT Water Project [gtwater.org](http://gtwater.org) EIN:81-4172473  
GT Water Project is a registered 501©(3)  
and a recognized Haitian NGO Foundation.



# Church Information

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Holland  
Alma Costello  
Gerry DelGatto  
Carl Glaeser  
Sarah Strauch  
Ned Roller  
Christine Souza  
Christina Metri  
Kristine Nooney  
Tori Gooden

**If you are in need of pastoral support,  
please contact:  
Pastor Kara Song  
through the church office  
Office Administrator: Edward Farnhagen**

**Office Phone 201-327-4786  
Office E-Mail: [office@calvaryluth.org](mailto:office@calvaryluth.org)**

**Office Hours: M,T,W, TH 9:15-11:45**

**Website: [www.calvaryluth.org](http://www.calvaryluth.org)  
Find us on Facebook**

## **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

## Decorating



Youth & Young Adults gathering to make sushi



Bible Study Christmas Party



Christmas Workshop



# Children & Youth Christmas Pageant





Our youth participated in worship in many ways





# Choral Worship Service



# Christmas Eve







Special Music



Candlelight Service

