

# CALVARY UPDATE

December 2024

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> after church
- Sunday School Christmas Program 15<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4PM

Find us on 

Fellowship Hour 10:30 AM  
Church Services 11:00 AM  
Sunday School 11:00 AM



### December Church Services

- December 8<sup>th</sup>- Jenny Lien
- December 15<sup>th</sup>- Sunday School Program
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>- Pr. Sletto
- December 24<sup>th</sup>- Jenny Lien (4PM Christmas Eve)
- December 29<sup>th</sup>- Jenny Lien

### SERVICE UPDATES

*The Candlelight  
Christmas Eve Service  
will be at 4PM, December  
24<sup>th</sup> with Jenny Lien. We  
will also livestream it  
again on our Facebook  
page for those who  
cannot attend in person!*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Calvary members,

As we go through the 2024 holiday season let us remember to give thanks for all the blessings we have for the area we live in and the people we are blessed to be able to call our neighbors. I would also ask you to remember the people that help keep our congregation viable, the people who keep our church clean, organize the lay people to lead our services, lead our Sunday school and volunteer their time in any way necessary to keep our church going.

We are truly blessed.

Steve



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met after church on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Members present included Steve, Elmyrna, LaVonne, Marissa, Byron and Dave.

The meeting was called to order and the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved.

Under Old Business, Bob and Steve finished the cross in front of the church. Let's thank them for a job well done! It looks great!

LaVonne ordered the smoke detector that Church Mutual offered. It just needs to be installed. She is also working with Lonny to get the back awning finished.

For New Business it was mentioned that the Lucken family will be providing cookies for fellowship time to celebrate the baptism that will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> along with the new member ceremony.

The final item was the planning of the Christmas Eve service.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary

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*"For a child born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

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*-Isaiah 9:6*

## COUNCIL CONTACTS

President: Steve Carlson

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Secretary: Marissa McWilliam-Donner

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### Church Secretary:

Marissa McWilliam-Donner

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### **Prayer List:**

**Jesse Hickman,  
Connie Smeby,  
Judith Gieseke,  
Chris Benesh,  
Norman Versdahl,  
Norman Hillstad,  
Homebound,  
nursing home &  
assisted living  
members**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear parents,

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and we are excited about working on our program. In addition to working on their parts, please have your child listen to the songs we will sing. The songs are Away the Manager, Joy to the World, and Silent Night. The congregation will sing additional songs with the Sunday School.

The program is at 11 AM on December 15th. We will have a one-hour practice on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and will have pizza after the practice so we should be done by noon.

After the program, there will be no Sunday School until January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

If you know of a child not currently involved in our Sunday School, we would love to have them participate in the program. Please invite them or give me the contact information and I will contact the child and their parents.

Thanks and have a wonderful Christmas season,

Devra



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

### December 1<sup>st</sup> (Advent 1)

1<sup>st</sup>: Jer 33: 14-16

Psalm: Ps 25: 1-10

2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Thess 3: 9-13

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

### December 8<sup>th</sup> (Advent 2)

1<sup>st</sup>: Mal 3:1-4 or Bar 5: 1-9

Psalm: Luke 1: 68-79

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil 1: 3-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

### December 15<sup>th</sup> (Advent 3)

1<sup>st</sup>: Zeph 3: 14-20

Psalm: Isa 12: 2-6

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

### December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Advent 4)

1<sup>st</sup>: Micah 5: 2-5a

Psalm: Luke 1: 46b-55

2<sup>nd</sup>: Heb 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-55

### December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)

1<sup>st</sup>: Isa 9: 2-7

Psalm: Ps 96

2<sup>nd</sup>: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

### December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)

1<sup>st</sup>: Isa 62: 6-12

Psalm: Ps 97

2<sup>nd</sup>: Titus 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

### December 29<sup>th</sup> (Christmas 1)

1<sup>st</sup>: 1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26

Psalm: 148

2<sup>nd</sup>: Col 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

**Just a reminder that offerings can be sent to the church at PO Box 100, or you can set up a direct deposit from your bank using ACH or Bill Pay.**



AND SHE WILL HAVE A SON,  
AND YOU ARE TO NAME HIM

# JESUS

FOR HE WILL  
SAVE HIS PEOPLE  
FROM THEIR SINS.

*Matthew 1:21  
New Living Translation*



*D. TRIMBY  
2008*