

# CALVARY CHRONICLE

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## Pastor's Thoughts

Thanks so much to all of YOU who remained after worship Sunday, November 19. I believe that we not only had a great time of worship but also a great time in God's Word during our Bible study together. I believe that this past Sunday is showing us that God has plans for us. We may have been caught off guard this year with all that has happened at Calvary, but God was not surprised. In 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 St Paul explained what we have been going through as a congregation – that although it felt like we were abandoned and have been struggling for the past few years, God is using this for His glory and our good. Here is what St Paul says, **For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.**

As 2017 comes to an end, God shows us that He has been using this time to remove our fears and to draw us close to Himself. But more than this—He has removed our comfort so that we can remember the purpose God has for His Church. His Church is to be a light of hope shining into a hopeless, misguided world through faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. I hope you can join us for worship this Thanksgiving Day at 10 AM and for the coming Sundays and special times of worship during December so that we can get back to the Lord's plans for our congregation.

We have been so blessed by each guest pastor and the message they brought but now it is time for us to come together and reflect the mission God has given to us. WE are the Body of Christ and as such, if our neighborhood is to meet Jesus, we need to be visible examples of His love and grace. Each one of you is a vital part of this Body of Christ. I look forward to seeing each of you each week as we gather to worship the God of our salvation. May the joy and peace of Christ be reflected in all we say and do.

After some deliberation, confusion and corrections, here is our worship schedule for the rest of 2017:

### Calendar

Thursday, November 23 – 10 AM Thanksgiving Day Worship

Sunday, November 26 – 9 AM Worship followed by 10:30 AM Bible Study

Saturday, Dec 2 – 9 AM workday to set up Christmas Decorations

Sunday, December 3 – 9 AM Worship followed by 10:30 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6 – 6 PM Soup, etc Potluck in parish hall followed by:  
7 PM Mid-week Advent Worship in the sanctuary

Sunday, December 10 – 9 AM Worship followed by 10:30 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13 – 6 PM Soup, etc. Potluck in parish hall followed by:  
7 PM Mid-week Advent Worship in the sanctuary

Friday, December 15 – 6 PM, 6:30PM or 7:00 PM get on the Bethlehem Express

Sunday, December 17 – 9 AM Worship followed by 10:30 AM Bible Study  
*At the end of service invite all kids to join us for a **special visit from Santa Claus***

Wednesday, December 20 – 6 PM Soup, etc. Potluck in parish hall followed by:  
7 PM Mid-week Advent Worship in the sanctuary

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 9 AM Worship  
5 PM Christmas Eve “Lessons and Carols” Worship  
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 10 AM Worship

Sunday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve – 9 AM Worship

For all these services, please pray a short prayer asking God if there is someone I can bring to join with us in our time together. I hope you are as excited as I am in looking forward to what God has in mind for us as we wrap up 2017 and enter 2018 together

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## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

**Worship is at 9:00 a.m.**

Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes &  
Sunday School are at 10:15**



## December Birthdays

- 1 Carmen Caspersen
- 2 Maren Giannini
- 4 Howard Goldhammer
- 17 Judy Molini
- 18 Gene Curler
- 25 Susan Hoffman
- 31 Jane Arndt



## No Anniversaries

Pease let us know if we missed your dates

## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

CARMEN CASPERSEN

SANDI ELLIOTT

STEVE ELLIS

DONNA ZODY

We are still in need of someone to fill a vacancy on the Church Property Board. Please let one of the BOG members know if you would be willing to serve in this area.



Available weekdays in office or Sunday after service. Great gift ideas.

**SCRIP (gift cards)** purchase gift cards and a percentage is given to Calvary. We have a small inventory but 100s of vendors available for order. Special orders take 2 weeks but for \$5 extra you can receive it in a week. Some cards can be refilled. Available in office Tuesday - Thursday 9a.m. - 2p.m. & Sunday after church at the information booth. Cash or checks accepted.

**E-scrip at Lucky** (was shares) sign up at Lucky and a percentage of your purchase is given to Calvary.

**Office Depot** 5% given back. Use ID number 70014535 on every purchase.

**Target red card** designate Calvary and a percentage of purchases go to Calvary.

**Choice dollars** Assign to Calvary from qualifying Thrivent products.

Gift cards for Christmas need to be ordered by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

New list of all that can be ordered is in the information booth.



## **THE BETHLEHEM EXPRESS IS RETURNING!**

Invite your neighbors, family and friends

Where: Calvary Lutheran Church

When: Friday, December 15

Trains: 6:00, 6:30 & 7:00 P.M.

### **HELP IS NEEDED**

**December 2, at 9:00 A.M.** - 'til finished Put up lights and signs around the buildings.  
Bring hammers or staple guns.  
Bring burned out light detector if you have one.  
Some ladder climbing needed. Bring ladders.

**December 13** Cookie bakers: Donate total of 25 dozen HOME MADE cookies (need to be in the office by 2pm on December 13<sup>th</sup>)

### **December 15**

Food Coordinator and helpers: Serve cookies coffee and hot chocolate clean-up kitchen

Ticket attendants: Hand out tickets

Conductors: Lead the train around, dress like a train conductor (train whistle) conductor hats provided.

Parking Attendants: Direct traffic and parking

Christmas Carolers and key board Musician

Craft Coordinator and helpers: Set-up, assist, and clean- up craft area

**January 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. 'til finished** Take down all decorations

**Please contact Margie Luehrs by December 2,** if you are able to help in any of these areas.

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**There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex.**