

# Calvary Lutheran Church

## January 2026



It is time to welcome in the New Year - 2026. I would like to share some Bible verses that will help us focus on the promises of God. May they bring you hope and a sense of renewal as we embrace the dawning of a new year.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you." declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not swell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness & streams in the wasteland."

God Bless You,  
Pastor Mark



Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> after our worship service. We will have a potluck dinner after the meeting.

Reports are due January 5th!!!



*January 4, 11, 18, 25 - Worship Service 9:00*

*January 4, 11, 18 - Fellowship coffee 10:00*

*January 11, 18 - Sunday School 10:15 am*

*January 6, 13, 20, 27 - Tuesday Fellowship 9:30 am*

*January 7, 14, 21, 28 - Confirmation 6:00 pm*

*January 7 - Sunset Manor Bible Study 2:00 pm*

*January 13 - PMNH Bible Study 2:00 pm*

*January 14 - Bible Study 9:30 am*

*January 18 - PMNH Worship Service 2:00 pm*

*January 25 - Annual Meeting after worship with Potluck to follow*

## Readers

January 4 - John Brockmueller  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Ephesians 1:3-14

January 11 - Terry Jensen  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Acts 10:34-43

January 18 - Confirmation Student  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

January 25 - Linda Kroeger  
Isaiah 9:1-4  
1 Corinthians 10-18

## Acolytes

January 4 - Sawyer Hansen  
January 11 - Corbin DuBois  
January 18 - Lyla Holm  
January 25 - Estie Kuchta

## Altar Guild

Verlene Olson & Donna Viergutz

Head Usher Russell Harts



January 1 - Nicole Kruse  
January 3 - Julie Peterson  
January 4 - Jenny King  
January 5 - Danielle DuBois  
January 6 - Scott Schmidt  
January 8 - Loann Kjeldseth  
January 9 - Jolene Lyngstad  
January 12 - Diane Kribell  
January 14 - Rosalyn Rasmussen  
Kevin Gale  
January 15 - Sawyer Hansen  
January 18 - Sandra Swensen  
January 21 - Sarah Schmidt  
January 22 - Sandra Bak  
Maxine Brockmueller  
January 23 - Logan Anderson  
January 24 - Creedance Coulson  
January 25 - Judy Learning  
Jason Lee  
January 26 - Taliyah Broer  
January 27 - Renae Knutson  
January 30 - Jodi Sherman  
January 31 - Shawna Davis

Reminder. The  
2025 year end  
reports are  
due January 5<sup>th</sup>  
for the annual report!!!



Our Country, Cathy Fystro, Hayley Anderson,  
Ted Bartz, Sharyn Ostrem, Maxine Hansen,  
Matt Kuchta, Marvin Hinseth, Brenda Mellegard,  
Gale Bender, Jackie Murray, Roger Nielson.,  
Theo Soll, Harper Lucas, Lily Shields, our military  
members, our Elderly & Shut-Ins.

If you would like to add/remove names to this list  
contact Pastor Mark or Vicki Mork



Calvary Women's  
Bible Study  
January 14  
at 9:30 am at Calvary



## Lay Readers

We are short of Lay  
Readers. If you would be  
willing to read the lessons at  
Sunday Worship service  
please let Vicki know.  
You would only have to read  
maybe 3-4 times a year.

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**Colt Douglas Van Hull**  
was baptized on December 7th.  
He is the son of Lane & Ellie Van Hull.



**Craven Christopher Biggs**  
was baptized on  
December 14th.  
He is the son of  
Michael and Carrie Ann Biggs.

## Recipe from the **PARISH KITCHEN**

### **Cheesesteak Style Sloppy Joes**

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup beef broth
- 1 Tsp cornstarch
- 4 slices white american or provolone cheese
- 4 buns



#### Directions

Heat hamburger with salt and pepper until well browned. Remove from pan and set aside. Add butter to pan. Once melted, add onion and bell pepper and saute until vegetables brown and onions begin to turn translucent. Reduce heat to low, then add hamburgerr to pan. Add garlic powder, Worcestershire sauce & beef broth, scraping the bottom of the pan as you incorporate your ingredients. Add cornstarch and stir until dissolved. This will thicken the broth and create a sauce. If beef look dry, add 1-2 Tbsp of water. Remove from heat. Top meat mixture with cheese slices and allow to set for 1-2 minutes, or until melted. Remove from heat, spoon onto rolls and serve.



## Calvary Sunday School Christmas Program



Another wonderful Christmas Program  
put on by our Sunday School kids  
Thanks to Linda and Melinda  
Kroger for directing the play and to the  
Sunday School teachers for helping.  
P.S. Linda wrote the play.

## Kayla's annual Christmas Concert



Kayla put on another  
beautiful concert again  
this year.  
She raised over \$1400  
for the local  
Angel Tree.



Sharyn and I would like to thank our Calvary family for  
showering us with blessings over the holiday season.  
Your kindness and generosity mean so much.  
May God richly bless you as we continue in service for our King!

Thank you,  
Pastor Mark & Sharyn

*God is bigger than your  
anxieties and fears.  
Pray, trust and keep  
moving. God's got you.*

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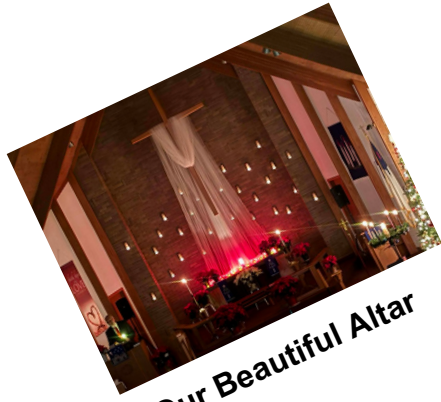


*We can't always  
choose the music  
life plays for us,  
but we can choose  
how we dance to it*





# *Calvary's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



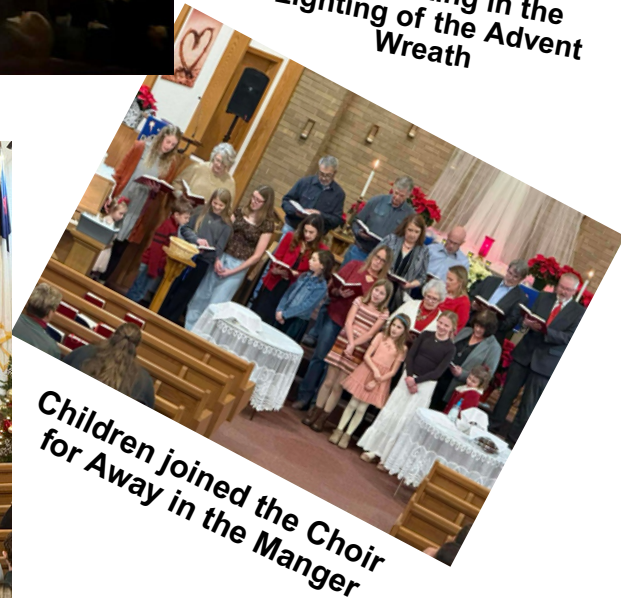
**Our Beautiful Altar**



**Mabel taking in the Lighting of the Advent Wreath**



**Calvary Adult Choir**



**Children joined the Choir for Away in the Manger**



**Angelique & Renlee Livingston**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**



**Sarah Erickson**



**Brecklyn Sherman**

**These ladies added beautiful music to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.**