



THE VISITOR December 2023

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1301 S. Ridge Road
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Dear Ones of Calvary,

Grace and peace to you from God our creator and Jesus our redeemer. Amen!

I was walking my dog, Daphne, around the neighborhood this last weekend. The snow had just fallen the night before. As we lived out in the country, Daphne had never really needed to go on walks. She had the freedom of the acres upon acres of fields. So, as we were walking along, Daphne was all over the place, dragging me behind her on the leash. She was smelling everything; interested in anything that moved; trotting through yards like she owned the place. Meanwhile I was nervous about how the neighbors might react to Daphne's intrusion. But then I noticed something: two sets of footprints – one pair of boots and one set of paws. Suddenly, I felt my shoulders relax and my mind settle as I realized other dogs and their owners have been through this neighborhood before us. When journeying through any transition, the promise that God gives us is that we are not alone. In the book of Isaiah, God says, "Look! I am doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, a path in the wilderness" (Isaiah 43:19). That path that God is making has been forged by our ancestors in faith. Like Daphne's and my journey through the neighborhood, others have walked with God into a new chapter of ministry before us. And while our journey will not be the same as theirs, the stories of the past have brought us to each other, and the future God has in store for this community. I am excited to walk with you all and experience all that the Holy Spirit will do in this place.

I give thanks and praise to God for calling me to Calvary. As we embark on this journey together, I invite you to pray for me and my family as we transition into this beloved community. I invite you to pray for one another, that we have patience with each other through the growing pains of transitions. And, mostly importantly, I invite you to pray that God's love be known through our work together so that all may know that their beloved and they belong.

In Christ,
Pr. Ben
Lead Pastor
Calvary Lutheran Church



Sunday School News

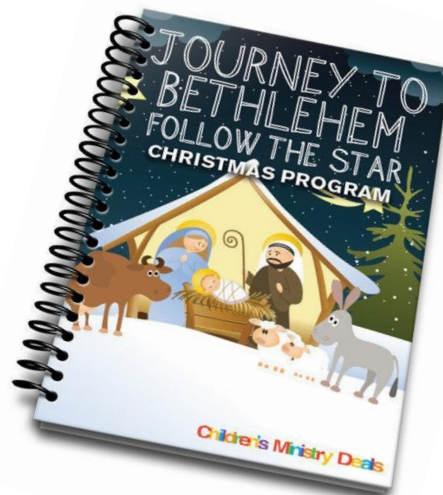
On Reformation Sunday our Sunday School children put together Healthcare Kits. Our kits contained hand warmers, socks, toothbrushes, and many other personal care items to help our Green Bay homeless maintain dignity while they may be struggling at this point in life.

Students were able to assemble 65 kits with the help of donations collected from the Calvary congregation!!!! Thank you so much for helping us make a difference in the community.

At the end of our day, the students blessed the kits and had a bit of fun with the parachute.

Kits were donated to St. John's Ministries.

**Sunday School
Christmas Program
is on
December 10th, 2023
10:30 am
worship service**



Thank you, thank you, dear Calvary congregation, for the wonderful send off as my interim ministry with you came to an end. Anita and I were both deeply moved by the warmth, love and gracious words extended to us. Thank you for the many cards and expressions of gratitude sent our way. We both will remember with fondness these past 16 months, the memories created and the relationships built. We give thanks to God for all of you and pray God's rich blessing as you begin a new chapter in Calvary's life.

In Christ's peace and love,
Pastor Jerry and Anita Mansholt

Calvary's Year To Date Financials	
October YTD Giving / Receipts	\$571,906
October YTD Expenses	(\$666,320)
YTD Net	(\$94,414)

2024 Pledge Cards

If you haven't filled out and returned your 2024 commitment card, you can mail or drop off at Calvary office.



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Thank you!



Genesis Preschool



December is one of our favorite months at Genesis! We have been practicing for our Christmas program which will take place on Friday December 15th.

We are so excited to show our families what we have been working so hard on!

We will make lots of fun Christmas crafts this month, have a Green Day and a Red Day, and hopefully we'll have a special visitor in our class this month. Also in December, we will finally get to go on a field trip! We will be attending Holiday on the Rails at the National Railroad Museum. Along with a train ride we will get to make some Christmas crafts, tour the trains, and play games.

For more information about our preschool please call 920-494-2431 ext. 110.

Registration for next school year will start in January of 2024.



Kimps Ace Hardware sponsored a lovely “Ladies Nite” event at it’s Green Bay and Horward locations.

Calvary had two good fortunes to be the recipient of the “Bring a food pantry donation” portion of the event. The annual event had an attendance sign up requirement and Kimps offered games, discounts, and prizes. A food pantry donation meant an extra chance into the big prize drawing. It was an obvious total success in all aspects of the occasion, especially at the holidays when there is such a large need for food.

The results of the event was 6 car/truck loads of food for Calvary’s Food Pantry as well as a large cash donation. Obviously, those attending were very generous! A HUGE “Thank You to Kimps is in the mail!



NEW Community Shelter

Thank you to all who prepared hot dishes and desert and who served at the NEW Shelter on November 14th. Special thanks to confirmands Luke and Nolan for serving. It was by far the most people served this year. As always we got a ton of thankyou from patrons going through the line and from Shelter staff.

If you are baking cookies for the holidays and have a few extra, you are welcome to put them in the large kitchen freezer at Calvary and label them “for the NEW Shelter”. They will certainly be served in December and January.





Holiday Bed Delivery Story

Recently on a bright sunny morning our delivery team arrived at our first stop of the day. It was an older apartment building that was recently renovated with new locks, paint, and flooring. Mom met us at the door and to our surprise she ushered us into a downstairs apartment. You see we always seem to deliver to the second floor so it's starting off to be a good day. As we entered the apartment the lights were off and the living room curtains drawn closed making it hard to see as she led us towards the bedroom. Suddenly out of the corner of my eye something on the floor moved! Was it a cat or dog my mind thought as I struggled to make out the image in the darkness. Nevertheless Mom continued on and we entered the bedroom where she explained where we would be setting up the bunk bed and the single bed for her three boys. We turned around ready to retrieve our tools and supplies from the trailer when the lights were turned on in the hallway. To my surprise I'm now looking at the floor where something had just moved again. But this time it wasn't the pet my eyes couldn't make out earlier. It was three kids all under the age of ten, snuggled together in a nest of blankets and clothes. They had spent the night on the cold hard laminate floor struggling to find a comfortable place to sleep. Our team made quick work of assembling the beds and we were off to the next delivery but not without a reminder of our mission.

"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"

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2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young
Adult
Gathering

Calvary is still looking for youth ages 8th—high school seniors who would be interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering 2024 in June 2024!

We will be going to New Orleans for this fun gathering of ELCA Lutherans.

If interested in attending or just want more information, email Angel at

angel@calvarygb.com

Scholarship

Are you a college student currently enrolled in a Christian University pursuing a degree in a ministry related service?

If so, the Calvary Endowment Trust Committee is accepting scholarship applications for the 2023 second semester.

Please request an application from the church office.

Submit completed application no later than January 15, 2024.

Scholarships will be awarded by January 31, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact

Lynn Des Jardin ([920-494-2431](tel:920-494-2431)) or

text David Gehrke ([920-494-2036](tel:920-494-2036)). Thank you.



Christmas Poinsettias

We will be decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias.

Flower Offering envelopes available in the Narthex or stop by the Church Office for in person orders.

The cost is \$15.00 per plant.

Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Day Service.



Mitten Tree Collection

The Membership and Evangelism Committee will be collecting child-sized mittens for students at Annie Jackson School.

Mitten collection will be **Sunday, November 26 through Sunday, December 31**. Items

can be dropped off in the Narthex.

Mittens will be delivered in January.



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What's Happening



Next time you are in the church office, please feel free to take a Pocket Prayer Shawl for someone in your life who may need a little extra comfort. They easily fit in your purse or pocket and have a note attached that says, "Throughout the day, when your fingers touch this, be mindful of God's love and grace for you."

If anyone would like to make Pocket Prayer Shawls, Fran Graves has graciously brought a copy of the pattern to the Calvary office. Please feel free to stop in for a copy.

We Care About You!

To receive a pastoral call and communion, please call the Church Office at 920-494-2431

Pastors and Communion Volunteers would love to bring communion and pray with you!



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Just a reminder that you can watch Sunday Worship

on Calvary's YouTube channel.

Please go to our website

<https://www.calvarygb.com/home>

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Visitor is the monthly newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church. Information for the newsletter can be dropped off at the Church Office or emailed to: dawn@calvarygb.com.

The deadline for the January issue is December 20, 2023.

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