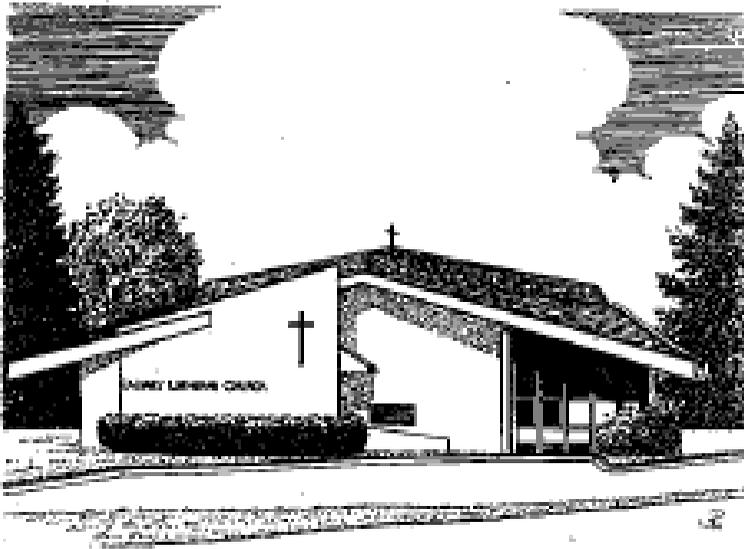


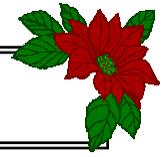
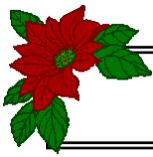
CALVARY NEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00am & 10:30am
BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15am



DECEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019





Advent and Christmas
at Calvary Lutheran Church

“The Word Made Flesh...For Us”
Advent Midweek Evening Prayer
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Suppers, 5:30 p.m.



December 5
“The Word: God, life, light”

December 12
“The Word: Coming into the world”

December 19
“The Word became flesh”
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CHRISTMAS EVE, 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service



CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:00 a.m.
Divine Service with Holy Communion

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS
MUSICAL PROGRAM



Sunday, December 16
9:30 a.m.

All members and friends of Calvary are invited to enjoy the Christmas program of Calvary’s Sunday School children, entitled “What Child is This?”, set around the well-loved hymn and echoing the theme of this year’s Advent Devotions. Join us in hearing our children confess the wondrous and gracious truth of the Christ Child’s birth.

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The Festival of Epiphany

Sunday, January 6
Divine Services, 8:00am & 10:30am
The early Church celebrated Epiphany many years before celebrating Christmas. The



largely gentile Church rightly understood that it is Epiphany that clearly testifies that the Christ was born not just for the line of Abraham, but for *all nations*. Join us on January 6, as we observe this ancient festival:

“For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

36 members were present at the November 13th meeting to hear reports from the Pastor, Treasurer, and Board representatives. The past months have been busy and December similarly looks to be very active! The Advent season will soon be upon us with the hymn sing and Advent luncheon. There is one service scheduled for Christmas Eve night. The Sanctuary work is progressing nicely and there is still more to come prior to a holiday break. A motion was carried to include \$15,000 in the budget (w/authority to spend up to \$20,000) to replace the carpet in the nave with faux wood planks in 2019. With the New Year also right around the corner, new members have been elected to various Boards as the nomination ballot was unanimously approved. Another task each new year brings is the budget. A budget, compiled with the expected needs and foreseen expenses of all Boards accounted for, was distributed, and after discussion a motion was carried to accept the budget as submitted. All voting members are encouraged to attend the next Congregational meeting on February 12, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Christian Death: Don Hahn, November 16

Transfer Out: Sal & Jennifer Garcia, Jack, Emme & James, to St. Johns, Burlington

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018

	Actual 2018	Budget 2018	Actual 2017	Budget 2017
Receipts	228,465.27	239,649.29	222,111.81	252,404.66
Disbursements	227,689.93	261,454.14	222,175.01	252,381.18
Net	775.34	-21,464.14	-63.20	23.48

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me. Joe Baker, Treasurer

CHRISTMAS GIFTS The congregational president would like to offer a brief reminder that any monetary gifts given to the staff of Calvary Lutheran Church for Christmas should be made out to the individual person and not the church. Thank you!

ORGANIZATIONS



CALVARY SERVICE GUILD Calvary Service Guild members sincerely thank everyone for supporting our Bake/Craft Sale on All Saints Day. Also thank you for contributing to our warm clothing collection for Elgin Wayside Center. We will have our Annual Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon Recital together with Calvary Home School families on Thursday December 13th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Guests are invited & encouraged to attend. Our next regular meeting will be January 17th at 12:30 in the Gathering Room. Pastor Bestul will lead us in a Bible study. Our January charity is St. Matthews Soup Kitchen. Our hostesses will be Kim Dorwaldt & Ramona Johnson. Guests are always welcome.

CALVARY EVENING CIRCLE Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th. Sue Rucks and Marian June will be the hostess and planners for the evening. We will meet at 4 and make sugar cookies for our bake sale. After baking we will have our pizza dinner and a brief meeting before we frost the cookies. All are welcome to join us.



Our cookie bake sale will be Sunday, December 2nd. We will not have a December meeting. Joan Rud will be our hostess and program planner for our January 22nd meeting at 7:00.



SWADDLING CLOTHES It has been a year since we first opened Swaddling Clothes. I can't begin to tell you the blessing we have been to our co-op families and how appreciative they are of the help. It has also been a blessing to me to interact with, and help these families. Anyone wishing to help work on our shopping days, or sort & wash donated clothes, please let Lila White know at 217/652-2609.

The next "shopping days" for Swaddling Clothes will be December 8th and January 12th, from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Anyone wishing to help work either of those days will be greatly appreciated.

During this Christmas season, please consider joyfully donating diapers sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6; baby wipes; powdered formula - gentle or sensitive; and baby food. Donations can be put in the basket in the narthex. We have many new patrons and consumable items continually need to be replenished. Thanks!