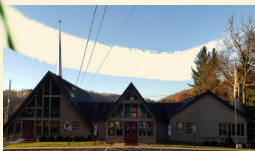


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**Connecting People to the Love
of Jesus**

Calvary Lutheran Church invites you to explore the love of Jesus. We offer many ways to connect with the love of Jesus whether it is through traditional or contemporary worship, Christian education or church and community ministries. We invite you to be a part of the journey to everlasting life and to know and experience the loving, saving grace of God.

Calvary Worship Times
Opportunities for Worship
Sunday - 8:30 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - 6:30 pm

Office Hours
M-TH 8 am - 4 pm
Friday
9 am - 2 pm

Elected officers, staff, and administration also need a time to worship, receive the Lord's Supper, and study God's Word over the weekend. Please allow them to do that and refrain from business discussions during those spiritually edifying times. Feel free to write a note, send an email, leave a message, visit the office during office hours, or otherwise let an Elder know of your needs and concerns.



I am pleased to introduce two new ministry opportunities; High School Bible Study and Dave Ramsay's Financial Peace University. These two opportunities will be starting in January 2025.

Our new high school age Bible study will be called College, Careers, and Christ. As ninth through twelfth graders start planning for the next stage of their lives, my hope is that they can do that with Christ in forefront. In other words, we will explore topics like living a Christ centered life at a university and serving God with our future careers. I hope this Bible study will our high school youth to found lasting relationships with one another and God's church.

The other ministry is Dave Ramsay's Financial Peace University. This program seeks to teach individuals and families how to apply Biblical principles of stewardship to their own personal finances. The program teaches the importance of maintaining an emergency fund so that you do not need to rely on high interest credit cards to get by. It also teaches you how to get out of debt. The course itself is nine weeks and costs \$80 for supplies. If you need financial assistance, please let me know.

Please pray for these ministries. Pray that they will not only be well attended, but that those who attend them will grow deeply in their faith and love of the Lord.

If there are any ministries that you would like to see as we approach a new year, please do not hesitate to ask. It is my goal to help you and our communities to grow in faith and love as best as we possibly can. So please consider how I can serve you.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Josh



Hannah's Desk

As we enter the season of gratitude and reflection, Psalm 136:1 calls us to pause and recognize the enduring love and goodness of God: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." This verse is a reminder that no matter the circumstances, God's love is constant and unwavering. His goodness surrounds us in both joyful moments and challenging times. As we meditate on this truth, may our hearts be filled with gratitude, knowing that His love endures through all generations.

At Calvary, we have much to celebrate this November! First, we extend a warm congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2024, who will officially join us as members of Calvary on November 3rd. We are so proud of these young members and excited for the journey ahead as they continue to grow in faith and service to the Lord. Please join us in welcoming Savannah Boden, Sienna Bodet, Troy Boden, Cady Kuehn, Colbin Kuehn, Everett Kuehn, and Bryce Snyder. We have truly enjoyed getting to know these students through their confirmation instruction and are so happy that they will be celebrating their confirmation and first communion with us on All Saints Day. Please remember we will have one service at 10:00, followed by a celebration luncheon on November 3rd.

We also invite you to join us for our first Family Movie Night on November 15th at 5:30 PM in the Community Center. Bring the family for a screening of *Toy Story*, and enjoy pizza, popcorn, and a time of fellowship. This will be a fun-filled evening, so invite your friends and neighbors!

For our middle school students, don't forget about the Middle School Bible Study on November 24th at 6:30 PM. This study is a great chance to engage with peers and explore how biblical teachings apply to real-world challenges in a fun and interactive setting.

As we prepare for these events, let's hold Psalm 136:1 close to our hearts. God's goodness and love are woven into every moment of our lives, and for that, we give thanks.



Elder's Corner by Bob Kemper

The 2024 celebration of All Saints' Day at Calvary is special. Even as we remember our dear ones and fellow believers who are now in heaven as part of the church triumphant, we celebrate the seven catechumens who are confirming their Christian faith, becoming communicant members. We thank and praise God for them and pray that He would guide every one of them during their walk through life.

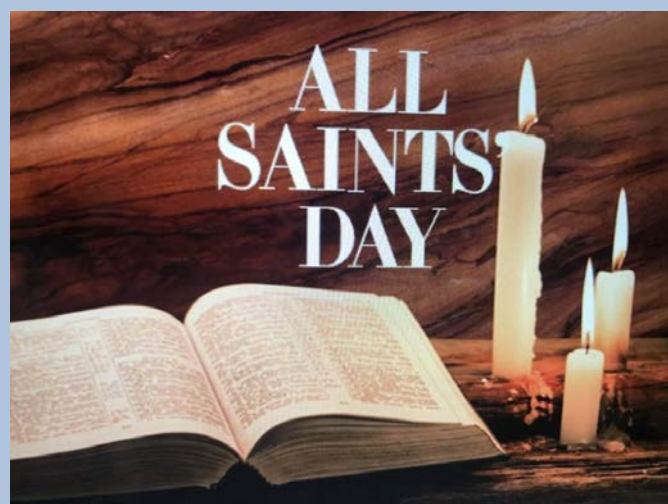
On All Saints' Day we thank God for those in heaven who are now among a multitude so great that no one can number it. While on earth we are always the little flock; then we will be among a great host arrayed in white. In Revelation 7:9 in the NIV translation John reports: "I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every tribe, nation, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."

The beloved hymn "For All the Saints" [Lutheran Service Book #677] speaks of these saints. In verse 2 the hymnist declares that Jesus was their rock, their fortress, the one true light in the darkness of this earth. Verse 3 implores us the living to continue the fight against the forces of evil in this world, while verse 4 declares us to be one with those who have gone before even as "we feebly struggle, they in glory shine."

Per Revelation 7:14 those in heaven with God have come through the great tribulation – but we the living have not as yet. On All Saints' Day the Lord comforts us, His weary pilgrims. Again referring to "For All the Saints", on that glorious day we shall rise and join "the countless host" as everyone who has been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb follows Him into heaven, "singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hebrews 12:1 reminds us that as we run the race of faith and confront the evil of this world we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses: apostles, prophets, evangelists, and martyrs. Hebrews 12:2 inspires us to fix our eyes on Jesus, who is "the author and perfecter of our faith," as we do so. Christ did not give up when the going got hard, and neither must we. A final thought I would leave with not only our confirmands but also with anyone reading this is that whenever sorrow or pain or disappointment weighs you down, persevere in running your race. Never forget you have been redeemed by Christ Crucified and that you are assured by God's grace through faith in Jesus of participating in the splendor awaiting all who believe in Him in heaven.

Bob Kemper



Evangelism/Hospitality & Fellowship Update

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

November-a month of being thankful for all the blessings God has bestowed on us. Too many to mention, abundantly given with His grace and mercy. Treat others kindly, be a blessing to those in need and thank God daily. Think of others before ourselves and give praise and glory to our Lord.

Thanks for all donations for Concordia's Fall Party . They were extremely appreciative of our generosity.

Blessing Bags We are planning on filling 40 blessing bags for the Dream Center in McKeesport. Thrivent money has been granted for this outreach but more items are needed. Please consider donating cake mix with can of icing, brownie mix, small vegetable oil, small sugar, small flour, small salt/pepper, to help fill our bags. **Donations must be received Sunday, November 3. We will pack bags on Monday, November 4 in Community Center.**

Christmas Angel Tree will be going up at the beginning of November. Please return gifts by December 10.

Blackburn Center Make their holiday special. Help fill laundry baskets with much needed items i.e. dinnerware sets, silverware sets, all sizes ladies' robes, bed-in bags set twin and full, pillows, sheet sets(full), electric can opener, toasters, mixer, duffle bags, baby wipes, newborn – 12 mos. sleepers, etc. See full list on bulletin board. Collecting through November.

Craft Fair Saturday, November 9th. 10 AM to 3 PM. Kitchen will be open 10-2. Asking from congregation donations of homemade soup, and baked goods to sell. Proceeds will benefit the personal emergency fund. Soup to go will be available.

Veteran's Day Recognition Sunday, November 10. Peg will put flags up on the 9th. We would like pastor and worship teams to plan patriotic songs that day and have a recognition of Veterans in attendance and their importance. God Bless our Vets.

Church Decorating Looking for volunteers to decorate on December 1st after 2nd service. Light refreshments will be served after our work is done.

Caroling at Concordia, Saturday, December 7 at 1:30. Join us and make a joyful noise to lift the spirits of many.

Blue Christmas will be on Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 PM and will be open to the congregation and entire community. Invite those who need to hear God's assurance and love.

Go in peace and serve the Lord!



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Together In Mission

Below: Fall Retreat 2024 group pic!



Brrr it's getting chilly outside this time of year! But at our annual Fall Retreat (see group pic!) on September 27th-29th we still had a great time with about 90 students and our staff team meeting the Lord together and having great times of fellowship just outside of Danville, PA.

This year our colleague, Mark Scott, came to bring the gospel to life for us through the book of Mark. It was a stripped down, plain-sight look at Jesus and all of the ways that he truly proved his "awesome unpredictability" while ministering on earth. Through Mark we got to see how the Gospel (the good news that Jesus came for us "while we were still sinners" to die in our place; taking our deserved punishment for sin and giving us a clean record with God, plus a new life through his resurrection) is ALWAYS good...no matter how long we've claimed to be a Christian. Whether it has been 15, 20 or more years or whether it's been days, The Gospel is always good news.

We also prayed as a staff team specifically for students who grew up thinking they belonged to Jesus but maybe never actually understood the good news. We prayed for those who had heard it for the first time as well; that they would surrender their lives to Jesus and worship him forever, starting now! We also know that so many of you on our team also prayed over our weekend which we all felt in every way: from travels going smoothly, for the Holy Spirit to move in hearts, to equipment working and having great weather on Saturday to play, we saw God answer all of your prayers-so thank you!

Another thing I know about the Fall Retreat is that students had a great time connecting with one another across campuses and within, as well as playing team games, worshipping together, having meaningful conversations and coming back to campus feeling like they had a safe group to belong to (especially the freshmen and new students which is always a goal we have as a team).

We haven't been able to follow up with all 90 students

that came along with us on the weekend retreat, but I am pleased to report that **so far this semester we have had three students from either Bloomsburg or Penn College surrender their whole life to Jesus!** Two were for the first time, and one of the students may have come back home to the Lord (Joel will be following up with him this week!). This job surely is a privilege we will never take for granted.

Our season of life is extremely busy (as it is for many of you), but we would not be doing as well as we are in ministry or in our family if it weren't for your faithful prayers and support. Thank you for covering our first 2 months of campus ministry and for being such a great village for us to minister with!

Joel + Jenn

CALVARY CLASSIFIEDS ARE HERE

Do you have an item you would no longer need?
Would you like some help up with spring cleanup, baby-sitting etc?

Do you have a talent you would like to share?
Do the kids want to earn a couple bucks for the latest video game?

Are you leery of public advertisements?

We are a tight knit group that have many goods or services to offer but how do we let each other know?
With Calvary Classifieds we can get the word out to each other.

We are starting a new section in the newsletter and on the bulletin board at church for "classifieds".

If you have something to post contact Joy by email at calvarylut@clcs.comcastbiz.net or drop off a note at the church office. We'll publish it in the next newsletter and post new items on the bulletin board.



This is the treadmill that I'm trying to find a good home for. It was purchased from Sears Robuck so repair parts, if needed in the future, should be available. Right now no repairs are needed. I'll even throw in the TV set if wanted. It is free, but if you want to make a momentary donation give it to Calvary.

Thank you,
Steve Wutzke

Nov. 2024

Give thanks to
the LORD for
he is good. His
love endures
forever.

—Psalm 136:1

Events at Calvary Lutheran Church

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| 03 | Confirmation Sunday | 10:00 AM |
| | We will be having one service with a celebration luncheon following the service.
Contact: Pastor Josh | |
| 09 | Holiday Craft Fair | 10:00–3:00 |
| | Support Calvary and browse some holiday crafts in our fellowship hall
Contact: Audrey McVeigh | |
| 10 | Veteran's Day Recognition | 8:30 and
11:00
Services |
| | God bless our Veterans! We will be recognizing those that serve in our Sunday morning services.
Contact: Lori Gulaskey | |
| 15 | Family Movie Night | 5:30 PM |
| | Join us in the Community Center for pizza, popcorn and a screening of Toy Story.
Contact: Hannah Obermann | |
| 24 | Real Life, Real Faith | 6:30 PM |
| | Join our new Middle School Bible Study the fourth Sunday of the month in the Community Center for games, food and a look into how to apply "God's word to our world"
Contact: Hannah Obermann | |
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1 | Christmas Decorating | 12:00 PM |
| | Stay after the late service to get our building ready for Christmas!
Refreshments will be served. Contact: Lori Gulaskey | |

Giving with Purpose: We will be collecting donations throughout November for the Blackburn Center. Help fill our laundry baskets with much needed items. Full list is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Holiday Craft Fair
November 9th
10 am to 3 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pa

Bring a pet supplies donation
and receive 5 FREE raffle
tickets! Donations benefit
Cross Your Paws Rescue

The kitchen will be open!
The purchases made
from the kitchen will
benefit Calvary
Lutheran Church!

Vendors, please contact Caitlyn Akarman
at Caitlyn.akarman123@gmail.com if
interested in a spot.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

WINTER

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

FREE ADMISSION ~ REFRESHMENTS

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
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**10 AM
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Cruising with CELC Fundraiser



We raised \$3360.
Thank you for
your support!



The Murrysville Fire Department came to CELC. On October 16th.



Pastor Josh explained how we are like pumpkins in our chapel services:

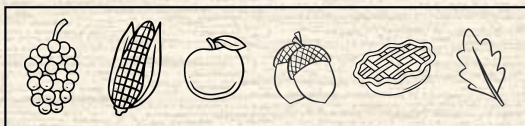
God chose us. He washed us and cleaned up the yucky stuff (sin) we have on the inside. He put His light in our hearts, which helps us to shine His love in the darkness.



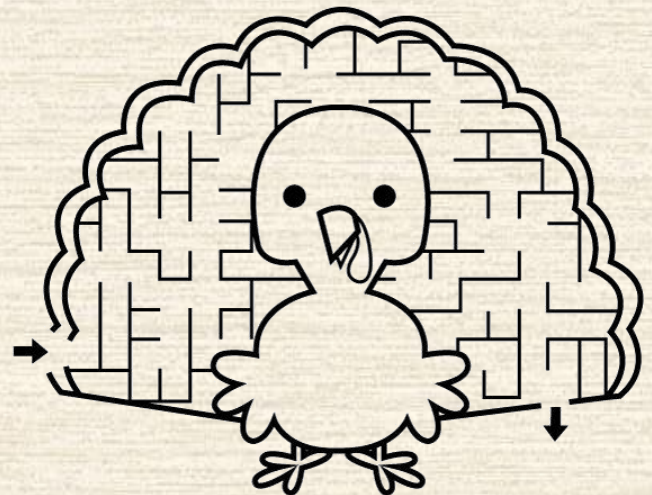
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THANKSGIVING HIDDEN OBJECTS



Turkey Maze



Across

1. Combines
 5. Numero uno
 9. Classic late night TV
 12. Field yield
 13. Bow
 14. Ornamental pond fish
 15. Instrument
 16. Uncommon
 17. Actor Brynner
 18. Water source
 20. Pressing
 22. It's brewed
 23. Honey maker

24. ___ band
 28. Unruly crowds
 32. Afire
 33. Uses shears
 36. Boxing great
 37. You walk on them
 39. Evicts, in a way
 41. "And ___!" (really)
 44. Kind of gun
 45. Orb
 48. Dynamite units, usually
 52. Wrath
 53. Computer contents
 55. Extinct
 56. Average score for Woods
 57. Tied

58. Notion
 59. Regular, abbrev.
 60. Let
 61. The latest

Down

1. Behaves
 2. Lose hold of
 3. Way in or out
 4. Shares equally
 5. Good buy
 6. Two or more periods
 7. Prepare for surgery
 8. Cry of accomplishment
 9. Isle of ___ (largest of the Inner Hebrides)

10. Verb preceder
 11. Merry-go-round music
 19. Some kitchen staff wear them
 21. Jewel
 24. Santa's helper
 25. Tell a whopper
 26. Polished off
 27. El ___ (Spanish hero)
 29. Boat propeller
 30. Kind of sandwich
 31. Bro's counterpart
 34. Country dweller
 35. Roasting rod
 38. Definite article
 40. Ancestry

42. Command
 43. Make a rug
 45. Drinks slowly
 46. Kind of fall
 47. Rancher's concern
 49. Secret message
 50. Was aware of
 51. Seven ___
 54. Millimeters in a centimeter?

