Words from Pastor Josh

Dear Calvary,

Hannah is quick to remind me that I spend a lot of time talking about youth ministry. She tells me that sometimes it may appear that I am only worried about that. It is a good reminder because ministry is multifaceted. As Hannah is fond of saying, "Ministry is conception to crown!" That means ministry is for every Christian young and old. Evangelism is for all people. She is absolutely right.

I do spend a lot of time talking about youth ministry because that was a big part of the conversation when I was called to be your pastor. Many have commented "No youth, no future." It is something I take very seriously. Because of that, I would like to share with you my vision for Calvary's mission and ministry moving forward. I am including two diagrams that will help us to visualize this in a different way.

The vision starts with our mission to connect people to the love of Jesus. Then it helps us to explain how the mission of our church is to be put into practice. First, we identify ministry targets; such as families, neighbors, community members, and the like. Then we identify the missions and ministries that we utilize to reach people. The biggest ministries that we currently have are our worship, Bible studies, and fellowship gatherings. Beyond that we may look at things like VBS, our School, a car cruise, mission trip to Concordia, and the like. Finally, we want to ask what other opportunities exist? What does our community and membership need that we don't already have? As we ask that question we will also ask, "What do we need to accomplish these things?" These three categories begin to paint a picture for us. They paint a picture of what we are doing now and also where we are headed.

Worship Hours:

Sunday - 8:30 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - 5:30 pm

4725 Old William Penn Hwy
Murrysville, PA 15668

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Pastor Joshua Obermann

I mention all of this to you because we are discussing next steps for the community center. Should we build, buy the house next door, renovate our current building, or something else entirely? Our current ministries tell us what we need now and our future goals and opportunities tell us what we will need to proceeded into the future. As the picture comes together, we can see what we need to reach be successful.

As I focus on youth and building that program for a sustained future, I am very adamant that we need a Youth Room. A room that the youth are free to gather in, decorate, and organize anyway they see fit for their ministry goals. They would enjoy gathering together in fellowship and playing sports and various games. They like to sit comfortably and talk to each other. They enjoy hanging out together outside. We can accommodate all of these things in different ways.

I would also like to see us create space where we can meet for Bible study, watch movies, and utilize technology to help facilitate learning for all ages. It would be great for us to have a space where groups can meet for card games, scrapbooking, quilting, or gaming. All of these opportunities allow you to invite friends to church and get comfortable.

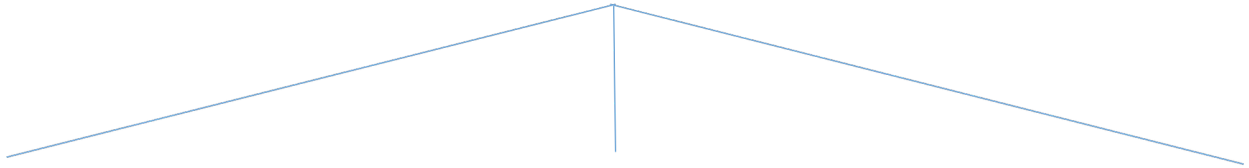
Over the next several months, our council will be working to present to you all the options for building and supporting our ministry goals. I pray that you will prayerfully consider all the ministries. Pray for Calvary. Lastly, share your input as to what we need to be able to create new ministries moving forward.

In His Love,

Pastor Josh

Connecting Youth to the Love of Jesus

By creating opportunities to share God's love.



Ministry Targets:

1. Preschool and Kindergarten children and families.
2. Sunday Morning Youth.
3. Youth from Murrysville, Penn-Trafford, and Monroeville.
4. Invited friends of our youth.

Ministry Tactics:

1. Movie nights.
2. Family Events.
3. Youth Bible Study.
4. Youth Recreation.
5. Youth Room.
6. Sunday School.
7. VBS.

Ministry Opportunities:

1. Youth Room.
2. 1^{st} – 5^{th} Grade
    a. Big Cost
3. Investing in technology.
4. Investing in infrastructure.

There are three components to our ministry: Bible Study, Fellowship, and Service.

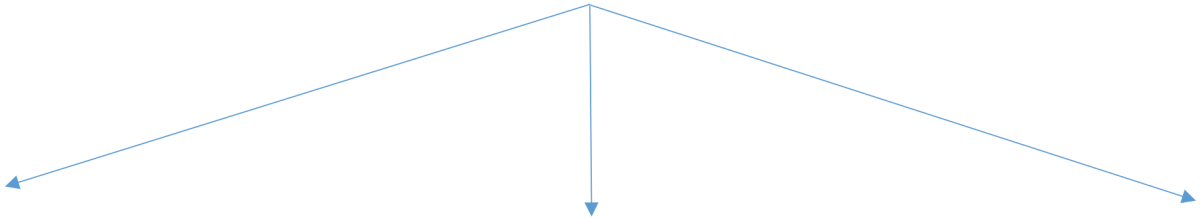
Bible Study is where we teach the kids about the Bible. Fellowship gives our kids a chance to have recreation and make friends. Service teaches them how to put their faith into practice. The three of these components working in tandem with one another naturally leads to evangelism.

Utilizing our staff, properties, and stewardship resources to help actuate this vision will have the most substantial results.

Connecting People to the Love of Jesus

Calvary Lutheran Church Mission and Vision

We will do this by creating opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service.



Ministry Targets:

1. Members of Calvary
2. Visitors of Calvary
3. Residents, workers, students, families, and all other community members in Murrysville.
4. Neighbors in Delmont, Plum, Harrison City, Irwin, Greensburg, Monroeville, and all surrounding Burroughs.
5. All others.

Ministries and Missions:

1. Worship. Traditional, Praise, and other times.
2. Bible studies for all groups on various days and times.
3. Evangelism to local community members.
4. Fellowship dinners and gatherings.
5. Mission trips both local and abroad.
6. Financial support for the down trodden.
7. Shut-in ministries.
8. Christian School and Education
9. Events for our community.
10. Youth Ministries.

Ministry Opportunities:

1. Choir
2. Invitations to friends and neighbors.
3. Church Library.
4. Drama Club
5. Art Show
6. Child Care for families with young children.
7. Helping those impacted by floods and inclement weather.
8. Hosting Christian concerts and plays.
9. Much more!!!!!!

Youth & Family

All Youth Bible Study
Sundays | 6:30–8:00 PM

Youth of all ages are invited to join us as we dive into the Bible, grow in God's Word, and enjoy time together in faith and fellowship. Each week will include age-appropriate games, crafts, activities, and meaningful Bible study. And, of course, there will be food, snacks, and lots of fun!

Upcoming movie nights:

November 20th--Wreck it Ralph
December 18th--The Star

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Nights | 5:30 PM

Come grow in God's Word with other adults during our Wednesday Night Bible Study!
Join us for an evening of Bible study, fellowship, friendship, and meaningful conversation as we dive into Scripture together.

All adults are welcome—we would love to have you join us!

Men's Bible Study
2nd & 4th Saturday at 8:30AM
11/14 & 11/28

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10AM in the Community Center, for now. Questions? Reach out to Kris.

Circle of Moms
See flier in this newsletter for upcoming dates!

Elder's Corner

Being Thankful – God, Family and Country

'God, Family and Country' – we have all heard that phrase before.
It has various origins in classic Latin ('Pro Deo et Patria'), St. Thomas Aquinas philosophy (a natural debt of gratitude should go first to God, then to family and country) and modern parlance (such as US military and Christianity mottos).

Growing up on Military Bases as a young child, I often heard soldiers recite it and teaching it as what we should aspire to do. Back then, I didn't think much about it, it was somewhat of a 'blah, blah, blah'; I was more interested in getting to the fun things that occurred after it was discussed such as playing sports, playing 'hopscotch' with the girls (yes, my friends made fun of me for it, but I really liked it), eating and school recess.

There are different ways to look at it. For me, it's not so much a set of priorities because no matter what we consider whether its family and country or something else, God must be the center of everything we do. God makes all things possible, and we serve Him through our belief and faith, by loving and serving one another as we have been loved.
'Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.' (Deuteronomy 6:5). So, perhaps the saying should re-phrased as 'God, God and God'?

God blesses us in many ways, too numerous to count.
When I think of family, I think of more than flesh and blood, it's really all of God's children. Yes, God tells us to honor our father and mother but in doing so, we keep God at the center. 'As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Joshua 24:15

Our country was formed on Christian values, and we enjoy many things that flow from these values such as independence, civil rights, and law/order to name a few. So yes, we should support and pray for our government and its leaders while keeping God in the center. 'I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers and intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for…all those in authority' 1 Timothy 5:8

So, as we approach November and the Thanksgiving Holiday, let's continue to keep God in the center of all we do, take time to reflect on the many blessings He has bestowed upon us and give Him thanks for loving us.

-John Fasnacht

Hospitality and Fellowship/Evangelism

Happy Fall to our Calvary family!! This time of year is a busy one for our team! The summer flies by, and before we know it, we are planning fall activities and moving into Christmas. As always, we welcome anyone to join us as we fill our calendar with fellowship and outreach. Your gifts of time and talent are welcome!!

Our Oktoberfest was yet again a success, with wonderful food and fellowship enjoyed by all who joined in. Thanks to all who brought delicious dishes and desserts!

October was another month of collecting Blessing Bags for the Dream Center. A huge THANK YOU to all who filled a bag to share with those in need. Amanda and the team at the Dream Center are so very appreciative of all that we give, and those receiving the bags will be blessed because of your generosity and willing spirits!

Please keep an eye out for the Angel Trees, which will be up very soon! There will be tags for families of the Dream Center, as well as residents of Concordia in Monroeville. Please take a tag, purchase the item(s) listed, wrap the gift, and then add the tag securely to the outside of the package so that it can be delivered. Again, the recipients of these gifts are so thankful to know someone was thinking of them!

Christmas decorating at Calvary will take place on November 28 at 10 a.m. Please mark your calendars to join us as we prepare our church home to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

Christmas caroling at Concordia in Monroeville is set for Saturday, December 12 at 1:30. Please know that all voices are welcome...the only requirement is a willingness to share the joy of the Christmas season! The Concordia residents are so happy to see us, and we are always ready to share Christ's love with them in song!

We thank you for your willingness to help and your generosity...we hope and pray that you all have a joyous season!!

Blessings,
Peg and Tracy



Circle of Moms



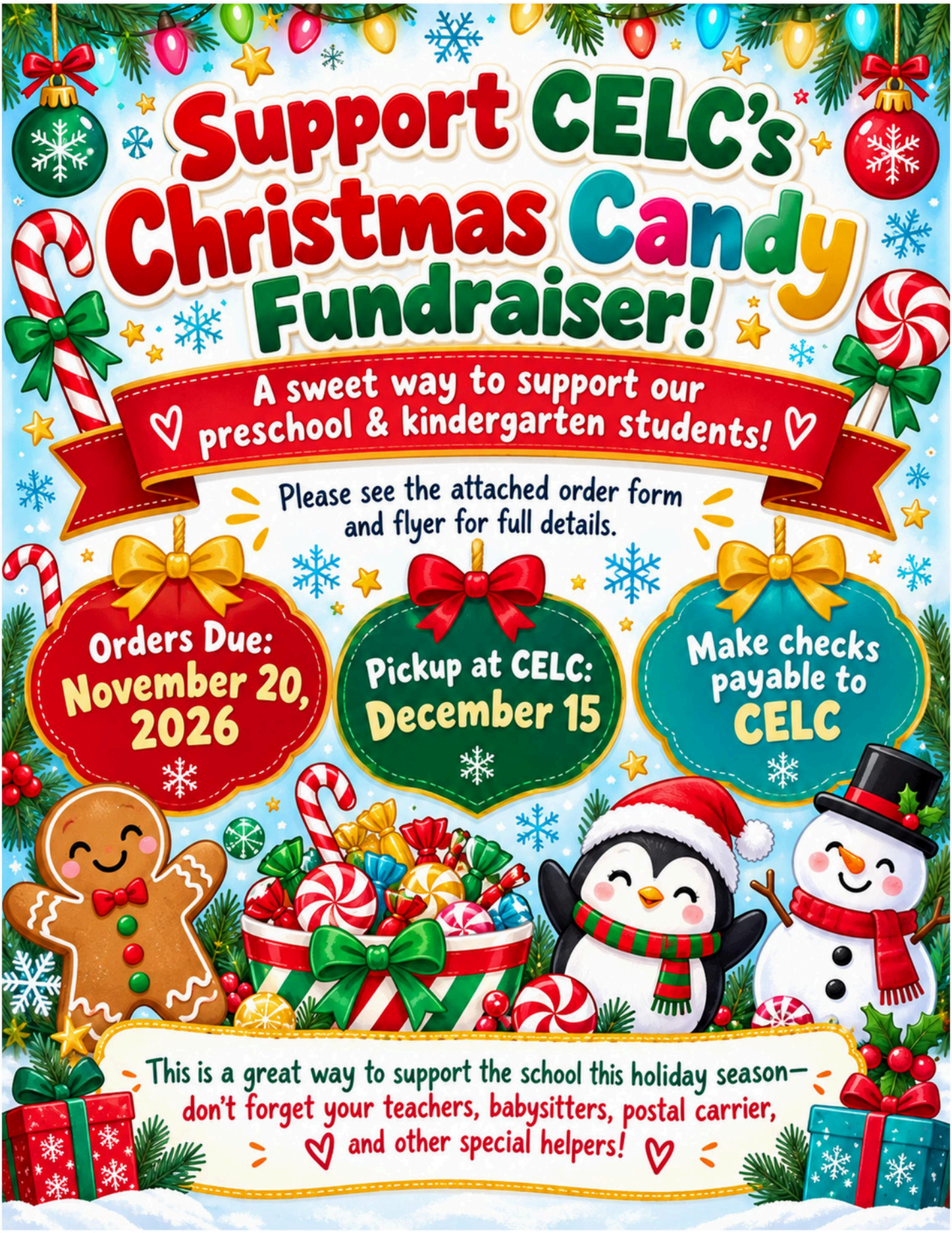
A group for ALL moms with kiddos from 0-18!

Come together to share faith, have fun together, and talk mom life! There is no cost to attend and childcare can be provided if needed!

2026-2027 dates:
(6:30-8 PM-Thursday evenings)
10/8 11/12 12/10
1/14 2/11 3/11
4/8 5/13

To register, contact
Shannon Getkin at
jsgetkin23@gmail.com

Takes place at:
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4725 Old William Penn Hwy
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Support CELC's Christmas Candy Fundraiser!
A sweet way to support our preschool & kindergarten students!
Please see the attached order form and flyer for full details.
Orders Due: November 20, 2026
Pickup at CELC: December 15
Make checks payable to CELC
This is a great way to support the school this holiday season—don't forget your teachers, babysitters, postal carrier, and other special helpers!

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Merry Christmas

GOURMET CHOCOLATES



1. Peanut Butter Melties
Milk Chocolate - 8.5 OZ



2. Milk Assorted
Milk Chocolate - 8 OZ



3. Truffles Assorted
15 Count



4. Caramel Sea Salt
Milk Chocolate - 8.5 OZ



5. Peanut Butter Lover
Milk Chocolate - 8 OZ



6. Peanut Butter Meltie Pretzels
Milk Chocolate - 6 Count



7. Nonpareils
Dark Chocolate - 12 OZ



8. Mini Pretzels
Milk Chocolate - 8 OZ



9. Chocolate Oreos
Milk Chocolate - 6 Count



10. Mixed Nuts
16 oz box

Bark



11. Toffee Bark Assortment
Milk & Dark Chocolate Toffee and Almond Toffee - 12 OZ



12. Peanut Brittle
12 OZ Box



13. Dog Treats
6 Peanut Butter 2 Yogurt



14. Christmas Assortment
6 Bags (Approx. 4 cups each) Grinch Mix, Peppermint Crunch, Nut Cracker, Reindeer Mix, Gingerbread, Christmas Cupcake

Styles of Tin May Vary



15. Christmas Popcorn Tin
Milk Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt, Meltie (aprox.15cups)
*Refillable in Stores

GOURMET POPCORN

Approximately 8 Cups Per Bag



16. Dark Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt
Caramel Popcorn, Sea Salt & Dark Chocolate Drizzle



17. Kettle
Classic Sweet & Salty



18. Milk Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt
Caramel Popcorn, Sea Salt & Milk Chocolate Drizzle



19. Christmas Cupcake
Kettle Popcorn, Seasonal Sprinkles & White Drizzle



20. Cheddar
Bold Cheddar Cheese



21. Spider
Caramel Popcorn, Pretzels, Milk Chocolate & Peanut Butter Drizzle



22. Meltie
Kettle Popcorn, Milk Chocolate & Peanut Butter Drizzle



23. Dill Pickle
Tangy, Bold Dill Flavor



24. Buffalo & Ranch
Mixture Of Spicy Buffalo And Savory Ranch



25. Grinch Mix
Sweet Marshmallow Base With a White Drizzle



26. Peppermint Crunch
Sweet Minty Flavored, Candy Cane Pieces, & Dark Chocolate Drizzle



27. Nutcracker
Almonds, Cashews, Pecans, Walnuts Roasted With Cinnamon Caramel Corn



28. Reindeer Mix
Caramel Corn, Peanuts, Cashews, Pretzels, M&M's, & Chocolate Bridge Mix



29. Gingerbread
Gingerbread Spiced Caramel Corn With White Drizzle

GUMMIES



30. Gummi Bears
26 oz bag



31. Sour Worms
24.9 oz bag



32. Peach Rings
24.9 oz bag

HOMEMADE FUDGE



33. Peanut Butter
8 OZ



34. Chocolate Peanut Butter
8 OZ

#	Item	Size	Price	Customer 1	Customer 2	Customer 3	Customer 4	Customer 5	Customer 6	Customer 7	Customer 8	Customer 9	Customer 10	Customer 11	Customer 12	Customer 13	Customer 14	Customer 15	#	Total Items	Multiply Price	Total Cost
1	PEANUT BUTTER MELTIE CHOCOLATES	8.5 oz	$17																1		$17	
2	MILK ASSORTED GIFT BOXES	8 oz	$17																2		$17	
3	TRUFFLE ASSORTMENT	7 oz	$20																3		$20	
4	CARAMEL SEA SALT CHOCOLATES	8.5 oz	$17																4		$17	
5	PEANUT BUTTER LOVERS	8 oz	$17																5		$17	
6	PEANUT BUTTER MELTIE PRETZELS	6 ct	$15																6		$15	
7	DARK CHOCOLATE NONPAREILS	12 oz	$19																7		$19	
8	MINI PRETZELS	8 oz	$17																8		$17	
9	CHOCOLATE COVERED OREOS	6 ct	$13																9		$13	
10	MIXED NUTS	16 oz	$16																10		$16	
11	TOFFEE BARK TIN	12 oz	$24																11		$24	
12	PEANUT BRITTLE TOTE	12 oz	$12																12		$12	
13	SMALL DOG TREATS	8 ct	$10																13		$10	
14	CHRISTMAS POPCORN GIFT BOX	6 ct	$40																14		$40	
15	CHRISTMAS POPCORN TIN	15 cups	$32																15		$32	
16	DARK CHOCOLATE CARAMEL W/ SEA SALT POPCORN	14 oz	$10																16		$10	
17	KETTLE POPCORN	4.5 oz	$9																17		$9	
18	MILK CHOCOLATE CARAMEL W/ SEA SALT POPCORN	14 oz	$10																18		$10	
19	CUPCAKE POPCORN	7 oz	$10																19		$10	
20	CHEDDAR POPCORN	4.5 oz	$9																20		$9	
21	SPIDER POPCORN	14 oz	$11																21		$11	
22	MELTIE POPCORN	6.5 oz	$10																22		$10	
23	DILL PICKLE POPCORN	4 oz	$9																23		$9	
24	BUFFALO & RANCH POPCORN	4 oz	$9																24		$9	
25	GRINCH POPCORN	14 oz	$10																25		$10	
26	PEPPERMINT CRUNCH POPCORN	14 oz	$10																26		$10	
27	NUT CRACKER POPCORN	14 oz	$11																27		$11	
28	REINDEER MIX POPCORN	14 oz	$11																28		$11	
29	GINGERBREAD POPCORN	14 oz	$10																29		$10	
30	12 FLAVOR GUMMI BEARS	26 oz	$12																30		$12	
31	SOUR GUMMI WORMS	24 oz	$12																31		$12	
32	PEACH RINGS	24 oz	$12																32		$12	
33	PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE	8 oz	$11																33		$11	
34	CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE	8 oz	$11																34		$11	
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CHOCOLATES & POPCORN

Calvary Early Learning Center
Turn in Day: November 20, 2026
Pick Up at CELC: Tuesday, Dec. 15th
Checks payable to: CELC

Organization/Group

Turn In Day

Delivery / Pick Up Day

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I (Jenn) always look forward to Fall. The colors (yes: the pumpkin everything), the crisper, cooler air, a little more routine in our family and ministry life and the chance to show up faithfully and see what our God has in store for our staff team and our students who we get to know. One great way to get to know new students each year is at our Fall Retreat.



Fall Retreat 2026 was a success because of prayer and leaders who want to serve!

This year, we saw about 110 students arrive at the camp, and we invited our good friend Shelby Abbot to return for his second year as our guest speaker. This year he concentrated on the importance of fellowship in an increasingly lonely world and putting on the "white robes" of Jesus (by accepting that He, Himself, put on a red robe of his own blood for us first). In addition to his sincere, honest sharing, our student leaders led group games and activities, sharing times, times for being in God's presence and worship together. Our students were able to stay up late, share struggles and wins with friends, pray over one another and have deep conversations with our staff team members as well. It is not lost on me how we have this incredible window of privileged opportunity in each student's life here to be a small part of their journey with our God! It's also a huge personal blessing that our four kids (TJ, Abby, Eli and Hope) get to see these young adults who want to follow Jesus and ask incredible questions in order to grow a deeper faith.

One student-leader, Elaina, had this to say about the Fall Retreat:

"I came to the retreat so physically tired but during Shelby's talk felt so prompted by the Holy Spirit to be available to the freshmen women. I just sat there and decided to be available, and had such great conversations with some of the new women! I also have heard God urging me to consider ministry for even a short while after I graduate."

Praise God for Elaina, and other students who are learning to open themselves up to the Holy Spirit who is constantly at work in our hearts. As the Fall harvest season is in full swing, I am reminded that the harvest truly is plentiful, but the workers are few. Will you trust God and pray with us for Elaina and her other peers as they are invited by us to consider joining our staff team and sharing the truth of Christ in the Susquehanna Valley or abroad after graduation? It's so exciting to dream of a staff team here big enough to Win students to Christ, build them up in their faith, and send more out in a life-long adventure with Jesus!

God is moving in the Susquehanna Valley, regardless of our own wisdom, triumphs or failures. One constant truth we remind each other on our team is: He is the one who builds the house. Without him, the builders labor in vain. Thank you so much for being a part of this ministry by praying and giving to Cru. YOU remind us that God wants to invite ALL people into an adventure with Him and all that takes is faith...He does the rest!

Joel + Jenn

November 2026 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 One Service 10 AM	2 No Service	3 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	4 Bible Study 5:30 PM	5	6	7 Craft Fair
8	9	10 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	11 Veterans Day Bible Study 5:30 PM	12	13	14 Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM
15	16	17 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	18 Bible Study 5:30 PM	19 Voter's Meeting 7 PM	20 Family Movie Night 5:30 PM Wreck-It Ralph	21
22	23	24 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	25 Bible Study 5:30 PM	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM Church Decorating 10 AM
29 First Sunday in Advent	30					

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.
— Psalm 107:1