



The Calvary News

A community where all can receive and share God's love

From Pastor Zach

Just like that, it's summer!

And with that, is a change of routine.

On June 22, we celebrated another year of Sunday School and, though it might sound strange, I loved it!

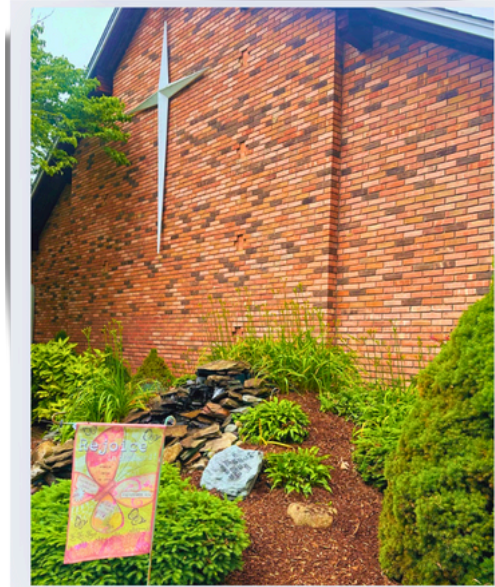
Not because Sunday School was ending for the year, but because of the rich support of many of our families who came to worship for it.

On Sundays like that, I always hear a few comments along the lines of, "it was so good to see so many people here," or, "the singing was great with so many people," and as much as I agree with those comments, it only happens when we all make the commitment together. More people show up when you show up, because you are the people! Understanding, of course, that life gets in the way, Sundays like that offer a lovely reminder that when we show up, God does amazing things with us.

This summer, as routines change, I invite you to show up to Church in the ways that best work for you: in-person, at a congregation nearby while on vacation, financially, in community with and for one another, using your gifts, lending your time, in the comments section of the live-stream—all of these are ways to show up, and to do so with joy, as the first reading for the first Sunday in July says, "You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants." (Isaiah 66:14)

And all of it, because God shows up for us.
Again and again, dear ones, God is here for you!

Pastor Zach +



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From The President

Happy Summer!

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer!

Please continue to come to worship and all the fun events that are happening at Calvary in July and August. It's so important to stay in community with each other and hear God's word. If you are traveling, try going to other churches to hear their Good News message, and share yours too!

Let us pray:

Dear God, thank you for the beautiful summer time. Help us to listen to each others needs and share the Good News with one another. Give our spirits the wisdom to recognize the wonderful freedom we have to live peacefully here on earth, for You are our rest and our refuge. Amen



Laura Aupperle
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Worship Leadership

JULY

Altar Guild:

July 6	Bob Hallam
July 13	Madeline Riedell
July 20	Erin Conklin
July 27	Lori Boyle

Assisting Ministers:

July 6	Joe DiVilio
July 13	Ellen Hoffman
July 20	Karen Kraemer
July 27	Bill Bushman

Ushers:

July 6	Helga Dyer/Tom Dyer
July 13	Liz & Dave Bender
July 20	Paula DePaul/Bob LaRocco
July 27	Kathy & Erich Schwarz

AUGUST

Altar Guild:

August 3	Jeannine Comito
August 10	Lorraine Valenza
August 17	Ellen Hoffman
August 24	Laura Aupperle
August 31	Vivian Pentecoste

Assisting Ministers:

August 3	Eric Pentecoste
August 10	Eva Decker
August 17	Len Ott
August 24	Jackie Narkiewicz
August 31	Jeannine Comito

Ushers:

August 3	Bob Munder/Mady Riedell
August 10	Melanie Einsfeld/Jane Hafner
August 17	Christie & Kris Mansfield
August 24	Claudia Lyman/Laura Aupperle
August 31	Len & Geri Ott

Financial Update

Calvary recognizes that there are many ways that members contribute to our ministry, not all of which can be quantified in a budget. Calvary's ministry is carried out through the extensive time and energy of our Pastor, deacons, parish secretary, council, committees & members!

At the annual meeting, the congregation approved a 2025 budget totaling \$321,489, to be covered by the combination of donations, building use, cell tower, fundraising activities and the use of cell tower reserves for renovations. For the year to date ending May 31, we received \$95,125 in gross revenue, \$54,975 of which came from offering, and had total expenses of \$114,608, including a new roof for the parsonage and replacing the Boy Scouts trailer damaged by a tree.

Contributions from our members are what help Calvary to keep our ministry going. Contributions can be brought to a service, mailed, made on our website **www.longislandlutherans.org/donate** or through the Tithe.ly app.

We are thankful for all of the ways that members give to our ministry!

Summer Giving



Each financial gift provided to Calvary is important for our mission and ministry, which continues throughout the summer.

If you are traveling this summer, please consider a summer donation to keep Calvary well-supported! Looking to set up automated giving online? It's easy, and ensures you never miss a week!

Check out how at **www.longislandlutherans.org/give**

Something Special Has Arrived...

An exciting gift! Worship just got a little more beautiful with a fresh upgrade that ties beautifully into our space and story.



**Thank you to Bob and Mady,
and thanks be to God!**

On Sunday, June 29, Calvary's new pulpit was dedicated in worship!

Earlier this year, as the Worship and Music Committee began exploring meaningful ways to use existing memorial funds, Bob Munder and Mady Riedell generously came forward with the offer to make this gift.

Our new pulpit, also sometimes called an ambo, matches our existing baptismal font, which had been kindly gifted years ago by Paula DePaul in memory of her husband. Thankfully, we still had the original purchase slip and were able to match the style and color, from the very same manufacturer!

Our worship's guiding documents tell us, "The unity of the proclamation of God's word is reinforced when all the readings and the preaching are led from a single place of the word."

To have a dedicated reading desk made for this purpose, one which is flexible in its placement, will serve our assembly well for many years to come.

Plans to repurpose Calvary's existing pulpit are in place.

A prayer from the dedication:

*Send your Spirit of truth, O God;
from this ambo that we set apart today,
rekindle your gifts within us,
renew our faith, increase our hope,
and deepen our love,
for the sake of a world in need.*



Reconciling in Christ

Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions in the Lutheran church.

We at Calvary Lutheran Church are proud to be recognized as a Reconciling in Christ congregation!



Sharing Our RIC Journey:

We showed up with Defiant Joy at this year's Long Island Pride in Huntington Village, which took place in June. It was more than a celebration, it was a movement. The push for visibility, safety, and change continues all year long.



Pastor Zach also spent an evening with a wonderful group at Advent Lutheran Church in Mattituck.

They're exploring what it means to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation, and since Calvary has recently gone through this process, they invited him to share our experience.

It was a meaningful time of reflection and encouragement - a reminder of how powerful this journey of inclusion can be.



RIC Leaders:

*Bill & Daisy Bushman, Deacon Bob, Deacon Tanya,
Tom Dyer, Pastor Zach, Michael White*

Bibles & Brews Takes on the Big Screen



Thank you to everyone who joined us last month for a great discussion on Biblical Laws. We're excited to try something NEW for the summer!

Based on group suggestions, we'll be hosting movie-based discussions for July and August.

Think of it as a film club twist on our usual Pub nights. Here's how it works:

- > Watch the selected movie on your own beforehand
- > Come ready to discuss it over dinner with the group

For our next gathering on July 15, the group has chosen.....

Conclave (2024) - Starring Ralph Fiennes, this timely and gripping drama is based on Robert Harris's 2016 novel about the secretive selection of a new pope.

It's available on streaming platforms like Amazon Prime, for rent on Apple TV, or through public libraries - if you need help finding where to watch it, just let us know.

At the July meeting, we'll vote on a film for August, so bring your suggestions. Both July and August gatherings will take place at Jack Dolan's to stay on track for our Annual December Ornament Exchange.

Looking forward to cinematic conversations this summer!



You're Invited! Annual Parsonage BBQ

Why did the burger go to the gym? To get better buns!

For good burgers and even better dad jokes, join us at the annual parsonage barbecue hosted by Pastor Zach and Ana.

Please bring a side dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, plus beverages will be served.

All are welcome to attend!

When: Saturday, July 19 at 2:00 PM

Where: 10 Apple Tree Drive in Hauppauge



All Aboard! NOAH Live Show in Lancaster County

Join us for an exciting ark-venture!

Reservations for the NOAH Live Show day trip are open until August 20th.
We set sail (on a comfortable coach bus) on September 23rd.

You can view full event details below and RSVP by:

Visiting our website: www.longislandlutherans.org/noah

Sending us an email: calvarylutheranli@gmail.com



Price
\$175
/Person

All-Inclusive Package:

- ✓ **ROUND TRIP BUS TRANSPORTATION**
To and from Lancaster County, PA
- ✓ **PICKUP AT CALVARY**
Early morning departure at 6:40 AM
- ✓ **LIVE SHOW TICKET**
September 23rd at 3:00 PM
- ✓ **LUNCH AT THE SHADY MAPLE**
Buffet of Pennsylvania Dutch comfort food
- ✓ **DROP-OFF AT CALVARY**
Relax and ride back in the late evening

 Calvary Lutheran Church
860 Townline Road
Hauppauge, NY 11788

ARK ADVENTURE Package

Join us for an unforgettable experience!

In celebration of its 30th anniversary season, the epic voyage of Noah's Ark comes to life to in an immersive production, complete with live animals filling the Sight & Sound Theatre stage in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Payment is due by August 20th.

Secure your spot at:
www.longislandlutherans.org/noah
or email calvarylutheranli@gmail.com

➔ Please make checks payable to:
Calvary Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School - Registration Continues



Every year, young people come together for a week of camp-style fun known as VBS - Vacation Bible School!

Each morning is filled with storytelling, games, crafts, snacks, and music. We're excited to welcome so many familiar (and new!) faces back for this year's program.

When: August 11-15, 9 AM—12 Noon

Cost: \$40 per camper, \$35 for each additional sibling, Calvary members attend for free

Registration: Reach out to our church office for the registration form and submit by August 1st!



This year's theme is a good one!

"At The Table" celebrates each of our stories when we gather to share them around our tables:

Tables where we eat, the table of the Church, and the gathering places in our lives.

Every child of God is unique and celebrated!

Bible in a Year - Mission Accomplished

Caitlyn Toback (Calvary's council secretary) and Brianna Santomassino committed to reading the Bible in one year, and they successfully did it! We are inspired by their dedication.

To celebrate, they joined Pastor Zach for a visit to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. Located in Manhattan's Morningside Heights, it's one of the largest churches in the world and is known for its stunning Gothic Revival architecture.

Fun fact: Construction started over 130 years ago and it famously remains unfinished!



July Commemorations

July 1: Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

July 3 Thomas, Apostle

Though frequently remembered as “doubting Thomas,” this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as “my Lord and my God!” By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas’s celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

July 6 Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

July 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

July 22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sometimes called “the apostle to the apostles” because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus’ crucifixion and his burial.

July 23 Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

July 25 James, Apostle

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

July 28 Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the “fifth evangelist” for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel’s great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

July 29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

August Commemorations

August 8 Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

August 10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

August 11 Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

August 13 Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

August 15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord
The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

August 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

August 24 Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

August 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Prayer List

The family and friends of Bette Errig and Elizabeth Zettl; Eileen Hausle; Grayson Danielski (Colleen Oriano) Jay Kamean, Kwok Mak, Olivia Carone (Jackie Narkiewicz); Jackie Narkiewicz; John Stuerzel; Ed DiMarco; Seminarian June Bradshaw; Brad Russell and family (Deacon Tanya); Pastor Stanley Knull; Jennifer Hubbard (Pat Sheridan); Diane Toto, Nicholas (Mady Riedell and Bob Munder); Kim Lauricella, John Malley (Paula DePaul); Aleya Warner (Barbara Morecraft); Ellen Thompson, Ronnie Hoffman (Ellen Hoffman); E.J. Beach, Barbara Hansen, Jim and Keith Hansen (Marion Arnecke); Susan & Marilyn Delaney (Joann Hansen); Nick Larock (Melanie Einsfeld); Carol Manganaro (Lewis family); Beverly Strada-Bushley, Brooklyn Reed, Holli Phillips (Pam Vanek); Larry Shen (Bob LaRocco), Ellie Kelly (Joann Hansen); Patty Cesaro; Easton Clarke, Lorraine Calfa (Dianne Davis); Joann Hansen; Holly Schank; Kathy Fuchs, Judy Boyle (Patty Cesaro); Nitza Greco (Jeannine Comito); Mark Dyer; Eileen Walter; June Buttner-Stransky, Heather Williams (Holly Schank); Sal Oliveri (DiVilio family); Ray Jackson; Doris Peterson

Visited at Home: Larry Bomgardner, Paul Chmara, Marion Arnecke, David Catchpole, Arlene Pisano, Janine and Mel Smith, Madeline Steiner, Doris DeVoe

Military: William Downey, Jr. (Einsfeld), Danielle Reminger (Dyer), Tram Walter



CALVARY KIDS CORNER

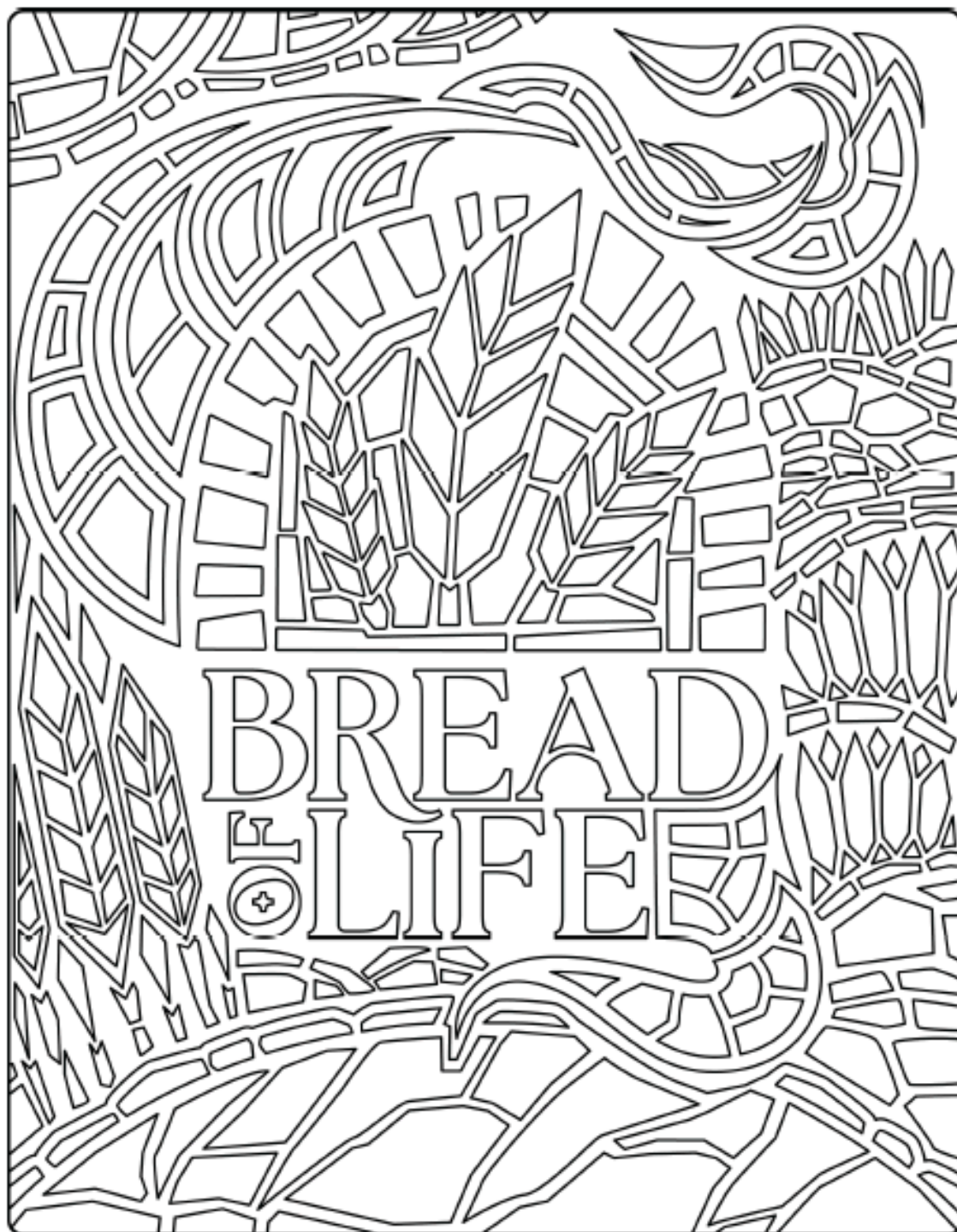
Upcoming Events!

Summer Movie Night—Date TBD

Sunday School—on summer break, restarts Sept. 14th

* free to all families who wish to join!

Want to help plan family friendly events? Let us know!



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JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:30AM: Bible Study	2	3	4 Happy July Fourth! 	5
6 10AM: Worship	7	8 10:30AM: Bible Study	9 7:30PM: Finance Committee Meeting	10	11	12
13 10AM: Worship	14	15 10:30AM: Bible Study 7:30PM: Bibles&Brews (Jack Dolan's)	16	17	18	19 2:00PM: Parsonage BBQ
20 10AM: Worship	21	22 10:30AM: Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 10AM: Worship	28	29 10:30AM: Bible Study	30	31		



JULY 2025

Tuesday, July 1 - 10:30 AM Bible Study

Friday, July 4 - Happy July 4th!

Sunday, July 6 - 10:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, July 8 - 10:30 AM Bible Study

Sunday, July 13 - 10:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, July 15 - 10:30 AM Bible Study

Tuesday, July 15 - 7:30 PM Bibles & Brews at Jack Dolan's

Saturday, July 19 - 2:00 PM Annual Parsonage BBQ

Sunday, July 20 - 10:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, July 22 - 10:30 AM Bible Study

Sunday, July 27 - 10:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, July 29 - 10:30 AM Bible Study



AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 VBS Registration Deadline	2
3 Pinecrest 10AM: Worship	4 Pinecrest	5 Pinecrest	6 Pinecrest	7 Pinecrest	8 Pinecrest	9 Pinecrest
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24 10AM: Worship	25	26 10:30AM: Bible Study	27	28	29	30
31 10AM: Worship						



AUGUST 2025

Friday, August 1 - VBS Registration Deadline

Sunday, August 3 - 10:00 AM Worship

Sunday, August 3 - Pinecrest

Monday, August 4 - Pinecrest

Tuesday, August 5 - Pinecrest

Wednesday, August 6 - Pinecrest

Thursday, August 7 - Pinecrest

Friday, August 8 - Pinecrest

Saturday, August 9 - Pinecrest

Sunday, August 10 - 10:00 AM Worship

Monday, August 11 - VBS

Tuesday, August 12 - 10:30AM Bible Study

Tuesday, August 12 - VBS

Wednesday, August 13 - VBS

Thursday, August 14 - VBS

Friday, August 15 - VBS

Sunday, August 17 - 10:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, August 19 - 10:30 AM Bible Study

Tuesday, August 19 - 7:30 PM Bibles & Brews at Jack Dolan's

Wednesday, August 20 - 12:30PM Senior Lunch &

Left/Right/Center Game

Thursday, August 21 - September Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 24 - 10:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, August 26 - 10:30 AM Bible Study

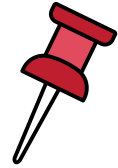
Sunday, August 31 - 10:00 AM Worship

From The Social Ministry

We will again plan our Thanksgiving program this Fall with some new thoughts that have been suggested. We will review these program ideas at our next meeting, taking place in early October.

Save The Dates!

We've got some exciting lineup of Fall events coming up!



Sunday, September 7: "God's work. Our hands."

What new project and ways of serving will we get up to as summer comes to an end? Come and find out, and wear your yellow Calvary t-shirt! If you don't have one, just let the church office know.



Sunday, September 14: Holy Cross Day, Rally Day, Church Picnic



The Sunday to celebrate Calvary and begin a new year of Sunday School is always fun! Look for sign-up opportunities over the summer to bring food to share at the picnic. Will there be an ice cream truck this year?



Do you have an event coming up and need support?
Do you have a fun idea that you'd love to see come to life?
Let us know! We're here to help make it happen.