# **WELCOME** We are so glad you're here!

If you're new to Calvary, please stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby. We would love to meet you and give you a small gift.

# **DECEMBER 10, 2023**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Advent Candle Lighting**

## Sunday School Program: Heaven's Christmas Tree

Bulletin cover art was created by Will Kramer

#23 Silent Night

#### A Savior Is Born

(2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **Special Music**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (Amber Nelson, soloist)

#22 Angels We Have Heard On High

#33 The First Noel verses 1-3

#### **God's Greatest Gift**

(K-1<sup>st</sup> grade)

# **Who Loves Little Baby Jesus**

(Preschool)

## **Special Music**

Go Tell It On The Mountain (Seth, Tate, Will, Amara, & Ember Kramer)

## **God's Gifts**

(5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls)

#18 Joy to the World

## Christmas Message—Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

**Benediction** 

**Threefold Amen** 

The purpose of Calvary Free Lutheran Church is to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that will impact our families, our community, and the world to the glory of God.

#### THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

## Monday, 12/11

9 AM – 3 PM Calvary Quilters

## Tuesday, 12/12

9:30 AM Kyria Bible Study 1 PM Lydia Bible Study

## Wednesday, 12/13

2 PM & 7 PM Advent Bible Study 3:45 PM Kids Club 7 PM CSM 8:15 PM Council Meeting

## Friday, 12/15

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

## Sunday, 12/17

No Sunday school, Confirmation, New Members Class or Coffee Connection – these will resume on January  $7^{\rm th}$ .

10 AM Prayer Time

10:30 AM Worship & Livestream.

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A staffed nursery room is available throughout the service for families who may need it (past the kitchen on the north end of the building).



We have assisted hearing devices for the hearing impaired. Please inquire at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

#### **Food Shelf Donations**

Today is Food Shelf Sunday. If you would like to give to the Community Food Shelf, you can write a check and note "Food Shelf" in the memo line. Those checks can go in the regular offering plates or there is a basket on the Welcome Center specifically for cash or check food shelf offerings.

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

10:30 AM Sunday Worship – Join us for Sunday morning worship. The message is entitled "A Definitive Christmas: The Story of the Shepherds" 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Candle Light Service – "Christmas Through the Carols" – hear the message of the first Christmas as told through some of the Christmas hymns and from the Biblical accounts in Matthew and Luke.

#### Save the Date

Calvary's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for January 21, 2024 at 12:45 PM.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

- > Praise God for his great gift, that he "so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
- > Nation: Pray that in the midst of gift buying and giving people will remember and receive the gift God gave that first Christmas.
- > Linda Nelson, who has appointments in Rochester this week pray for a definite diagnosis and effective treatment plan.
- > Home Missions: Living Stone Chinese Fellowship, U of M, St. Paul pray many people will open their homes to Chinese students during the Christmas season to build relationships and to point them to Jesus.
- World Missions: Paul and Becky Abel serving in Brazil pray for effective outreach through special Christmas events at their two churches and at the Retreat Center.
- > AFLC: Dean of Bible College, Pastor Adam Osier
- > Additional Requests:

