

CALVARY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

For more information on any of these events check our church website at www.calvarylv.org,
the Guest Information Booth, our Sunday bulletins, or call the church office (360) 423-1160.

GENERAL EVENTS

"Kidz Church" Christmas Program— Sunday, December 9, 6 pm. Refreshments follow.
Calvary's Adult Choir Christmas Outreach "Christmas Is Calling"— Sunday, December 16, 7 pm. Admission is free!
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service— Monday, December 24, 6 pm.
End of Year Contributions— The church office will be open Monday, December 31, 8 am-4 pm for end of the year contributions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Studies:

Tuesday (Childcare arranged if needed), 9:30 am in the Library. No Bible Study December 25 & January 1, resumes January 8.
Wednesday group will attend the bible study brunch on December 5, 9:30 am, then are taking the rest of December off. Study will resume on January 9.

BYKOTA— Thursday, December 6, 11:30 am at Calvary.

Dorcas— Tuesdays, 10 am. No Dorcas December 25 and January 1, resumes January 8.

"The Journey," the support group for Calvary's widows, will meet on Sunday, December 16, at the home of Susan Sterkel, 3810 Rosewood Street. Ladies are welcome to bring a sack lunch immediately following the 10 am service. The meeting will start at 12:30. All widows of the church are welcome. Questions? Contact Jackie, 423-6509 or Susan, 636-3611.

Mark your calendars for our December events—

Women of the Word Christmas Brunch— Wednesday, December 5, 9:30 am. Bring a brunch dish to share. All ladies welcome.

Joyful Journey of Homes— Saturday, December 8, meet at Calvary at 12:45 pm.

Ornament Exchange —Monday, December 10, 7 pm at Calvary

Sign up in the Garden Room to bring Christmas goodies to share at the December events.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Fellowship Breakfast— Saturday, December 1, 9 am.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AWANA— Wednesday Nights, 6:30 pm. No AWANA on December 26 and January 2. AWANA resumes January 9.

FREEDOM YEARS

Board Meeting— Monday, December 3, 1:30 pm

Progressive Dinner— Monday, December 3, 5 pm. Begins at the church. Sign up at the bulletin board in the Garden Room.

Potluck— Wednesday, December 12, 12:00 pm

Sizzler— Sunday, December 16 after the worship service

Freedom Years Newsletter available at their bulletin board & at the Guest Information Booth.

December Birthdays:

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MISSIONS

Pray for the many Local, Home and Foreign Missionaries that CCC supports. Detailed information about them is on the Garden Room bulletin board and at the Guest Information Booth.

Look for the turquoise Christmas tree in the Garden Room. It is decorated with items from the Ban San Faan Christmas "wish list". You can help make the Ban San Faan children's Christmas a special one. You can take a gift suggestion from the tree and write a check for that item and we will see that the money is sent to Thailand where the gift will be purchased. Thanks for taking part in this ministry.

YOUTH

Christmas Caroling and Party— Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-8 pm.

Next Steps Class— Sunday, December 2, 11:30-12:30. The class will help you in your walk with Christ. Snacks provided.

Calvary Youth— No Calvary Youth on December 26 and January 2. Resumes January 9.

Newsletter available at the Guest Information Booth and the church office.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Sunday Anthem Choir Practice- Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 pm — Christmas Choir Outreach Practice- Thursdays, 6:15-7 pm

FINANCIALS 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes & Offerings- October	56,981	68,750	-11,769
Tithes & Offerings YTD	650,593	687,500	-36,907

FAMILY LIFE

Mark your calendars for the next Sticky Faith Family Gathering: Sunday, January 27, 2019. Begins at 5 pm, includes a family meal.

CALVARY COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Christmas Programs— 4's Class (AM & PM Combined) Wednesday, December 19, 10:45 am

3's Class- Thursday, December 20, 10:45 am.

Christmas Vacation— December 21- January 4. School resumes on Monday, January 7, 2019.

THANK YOU

Calvary's Women's Ministry Board would like to thank our wonderful Calvary family for the delicious donations of soup and cookies! A big thank you to Dennis Thomsen for generously donating all of the rolls. We thank Laurie Benshoof for her leadership the last three years. She made the Pat Korthuis Soup Fundraiser bigger and better! Also a big thank you to Brad Benshoof for the wonderful wall of plug ins which enabled all 19 crockpots of soup to stay heated. Thank you to Phyllis Collins and Earl Nielson for their help in the kitchen. \$1250 was donated by those in attendance! Don't you just love our Calvary family?!

The Pat Korthuis Soup Fundraiser Committee: Kristi Hensley, Peggy Hoffman, Holly Keyser, Sarah Koss, Kathy Pratt

Thank you for all of the prayers, food, love and attention given to me during my recent illness. Continued prayers for Vonda are appreciated. Ed Barnes

Thank you to all of our church family for the prayers, encouraging words, cards, food and visits during this hard struggle of caring for and now grieving for my daughter/sister Beth Koelsch. Christ was shown through you all. Jennifer Green and Brittany Thomas

Thank you to the individual who donated a box of baby clothes for the Caring Pregnancy Center. They were very thankful.

HOLIDAY GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Angel Tree – The local Salvation Army runs a gift center for local families in our area. Tags will be available on the tree in the Garden Room after Thanksgiving. Gifts should be returned to the tree UNWRAPPED by Sunday, December 16.

Gift Of Love – These gifts are for families in our own congregation. Red gift tags will be on the tree in the Garden Room with gift ideas. These are handled anonymously. Please return these gifts already wrapped by Sunday, December 16. (If you are aware of any family in our congregation who could use some help with gifts this year, please contact Dr. Curry.)

Ban San Faan – During this holiday season, please consider the opportunity to share Jesus' love with our "family" in Thailand. We currently have 23 children living at our Children's Home. Check the tree in the Garden Room for gifts large and small that you can "purchase." Please give the dollar amount only; the items will be purchased in Thailand.

FISH REPORT

Many thanks to the Calvary Community FISH team for a job well done in 2018. By the end of December Calvary Community Church will have served the FISH of Cowlitz County clients with food on 19 days. Each order supplies at least enough food for 3 meals a day for 3 days for everyone in the family. In 2018 we will fill 694 requests, which represents 2,469 people. Our next serving days will be December 26, 27, 28. We could use some extra help after church on Sunday, December 23, rebagging bulk items and also setting up at 8:30 am on Wednesday, December 26 if anyone would like to join us. Please call Janet Johnson, 360-636-1415, if you have any questions or would like more information.

DECEMBER 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9 am Men's Breakfast
2 9 am Sunday School and Adult Electives 10 am Worship Service and Kidz Church 11:30 am Calvary Youth Next Steps Class	3 9 am Prayer Partners 9 am Brown Bag Ministry 1:30 pm Freedom Years Board Meeting 5 pm Freedom Years Progressive Dinner	4 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Dorcas	5 9:30 Women's Bible Study Christmas Brunch 10 am Men's Bible Study 11:15 am Prayer for Revival 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Calvary Youth	6 9:30 am Library Committee 11:30 am BYKOTA 5:30 pm Choir sings at St. John tree lighting 7 pm Calvary Young Adults 7:15 pm Worship Team practice 7 pm Young Adults	7	8 1 pm Joyful Journey of Homes
9 9 am Sunday School and Adult Electives 10 am Worship Service and Kidz Church 12:30 "Journey" 2 pm Missions Committee 6 pm Kidz Church Christmas Program	10 9 am Prayer Partners 9 am Brown Bag Ministry 7 pm Ornament Exchange	11 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Dorcas 6 pm Band Rehearsal for Choir Christmas Program 7 pm BSF Meeting	12 10 am Men's Bible Study 11:15 am Prayer for Revival 12:00 pm Freedom Years Potluck 6:30 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Calvary Youth	13 No Book Club 6:30 pm Full Dress Rehearsal for Choir Christmas program 7 pm Young Adults	14	15
16 9 am Sunday School and Adult Electives 10 am Worship Service and Kidz Church Freedom Years Lunch at Sizzler's after 10 am service 7 pm Choir Christmas Musical Program	17 9 am Prayer Partners 9 am Brown Bag Ministry 7 pm Budget Committee	18 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Dorcas	19 10 am Men's Bible Study 10:45 am 4's Preschool Christmas Program 11:15 am Prayer for Revival 12 pm January Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm AWANA/Calvary Youth Christmas Party	20 9:30 am Library Committee 10:45 am 3's Preschool Christmas Program 7 pm Young Adults 7:15 pm Worship Team practice	21	22
23 9 am Sunday School and Adult Electives 10 am Worship Service and Kidz Church	24 9 am Prayer Partners 6 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26 FISH set-up 10 am Men's Bible Study 11:15 am Prayer for Revival	27 7 pm Calvary Young Adults 7:15 pm Worship Team practice	28	29
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