

CALVARY

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 30, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE WHEN IT'S DARK

LUKE 2 AND JOHN 1

PASTOR HAROLD VELDMAN

DECEMBER 7, 2025

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE WHEN DREAMS
ARE SHATTERED**

MATT 1:18-24; LUKE 1:26-38

PASTOR HAROLD VELDMAN

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HYGIENE PANTRY

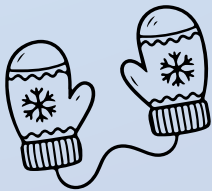
The hygiene pantry offers people the ability to live with dignity and respect without negative social stigma. It's open weekdays during Coffee Spot hours:

M-F from 9 am - 1 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

DECEMBER NEEDS:

Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Black Hair Products, seasonal items such as hand and foot warmers/ hats and gloves



Come hang out at the Coffee Spot! Open M-F from 9 am - 1 pm in the fellowship hall, the Coffee Spot provides space to build relationships, enjoy a cup of coffee, use the WiFi, be a part of Lighthouse, and connect with local resources as needed.

To stop by the church building during the week, please do so between 9 am - 1 pm using the Coffee Spot doors, either Door B by the laundry room, or Door C on the west side of the building. To contact any staff member directly please use the information on the front page.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

- Sunday, Nov 30:** 9:45 am Worship Service/Children's Worship
11:00 am Sunday School & Youth Groups
- Monday, Dec 1:** 11:00 am Bingo
5:30 pm Bingo
- Tuesday, Dec 2:** 9:30 am Women's Prayer and Bible Study
11:00 am Seated Stretch & Strengthen
- Wednesday, Dec 3:** 6:30 pm Cadets
- Thursday, Dec 4:** 12:00 pm Kitchen Time
5:00 pm FA Mobile Food Pantry
- Friday, Dec 5:** 7:00 pm Family Movie Night
- Sunday, Dec 7:** 9:45 am Worship Service/Children's Worship/Lord's Supper
11:00 am Calvary 101
No Sunday School & Youth Groups until Jan 4.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: FAMILY NETWORK OF WYOMING



Family Network of Wyoming's mission is to help families in need move forward by providing food and resources. Their goal is to ensure that everyone who walks through their door is given personalized service with a high degree of dignity and respect. Their vision is to demonstrate the love of Jesus through acts of service, believing that we all will help to build a stronger community and create a better life for future generations.

- Kristine, the director of Family Network, provided a critical needs food list. We will be collecting these items at a table in the back of the church throughout the month of November. SOUP, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, MAC & CHEESE, CANNED VEGETABLES, PACKAGED PASTA, RICE

- Offerings to Family Network will also go towards Calvary's support of the Wyoming Christmas store which is available to low income families in our community.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Levi Quist	2
Sam De Groot	3
Jim Warners	3
Roger Levering	5
Art Operwall	10
Erna Craven	16
Wayne Griffioen	20
Joy Betten	21
Tim Vande Zande	21
Marcia Van Drunen	22
Richard Koll	23
Paul Modderman	23
Marvin Polderman	23
LL Jones	24
Marva VeNard	26
Wilhelmina De Graff	29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

George and Sarah de Vuyst	18
Gerald and Thelma Haverhals	22
Larry and Phyllis Guindon	28

OFFERING TOTALS FOR OCTOBER

General Fund Offerings: \$24,867.02
• 74.3% of monthly budget
• 98.2% of yearly budget has been given year-to-date

Christian Ed Offerings: \$3,235.00
• 125.2% of monthly budget
• 111.7% of yearly budget has been given year-to-date

Ministry of the Month:
• \$1,463.00 Hope Speaks

Welcome to Calvary!

Bagel bits, coffee, and hot chocolate are available before and after the service. Our worship services are live-streamed at www.youtube.com/calvarywy and www.facebook.com/calvarywy. These bulletins are available each week via email, on the table behind the sanctuary, and on our website. Children's worship bulletins themed on the common lectionary are on the table behind the sanctuary. For older kids or adults there is a Sermon Notes page to respond to and reflect on each week's sermon.

Today **Pastor Harold** will begin an Advent Series, *Hope When You Need It*.

Nursery Attendants:

This Week 11/30: Sara Jewett, Parker Grigoletti

Next Week 12/7: Jim and Kristi Potter, Nicole Willemstein

Prayer Servants: (after the worship service at the front of the sanctuary):

This Week 11/30: Dale Elders

Next Week 12/7: Leon and Shirley De Lange

Calvary 101: Are you interested in learning more about Calvary and what the next steps might be for you? If so, we would love to have you stick around next Sunday after the service. Grab a cup of coffee, and head on down to the Lounge, so that we can meet you!

Children's Worship is a ministry for kids ages 3 through 1st grade during the worship service, led this week by Joy/Rosie. Children and teachers are dismissed before the sermon. Kids can be picked up by parents/guardians from the Children's Worship room (close to the nursery) after the service. If this program is new to you and you would like your kids to participate, you are welcome to walk out with your kids to make sure they are comfortable and so that you know where to pick them up.

Sunday School & Youth Groups: These ministry groups gather after morning worship. K-4th Sunday School and Middle School Youth Group (5th-8th) will meet in rooms down the education wing, and the High School Youth Group (9th-12th) in the Youth Room at the end of that same hallway.

Lord's Supper Next Week: Next Sunday during our worship service, we will celebrate holy communion together. Through this sacrament, God nourishes our faith and reminds us of His sacrifice for our sins. Consider spending time this week reflecting on your relationship with the Lord; spend specific time in confession, repentance, and reflecting on His redemption. May the Holy Spirit move in our hearts as we prepare for the gift of this holy communion.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, December 14, following our morning worship service, all Calvary adult professing members will be invited to vote on the question of "whether the congregation agrees with Council's resolution to disaffiliate from the CRC, and therefore approves Council moving forward with the process of disaffiliation." This is the first of two potential congregational votes prescribed by the CRCNA process for disaffiliation. A "yes" answer to this question would not mean that we are disaffiliated; it is simply the next step in the process toward disaffiliation. If you have any questions regarding this vote, please reach out to council President, Steve Weeda, or your district Elder or Deacon.

Lighthouse Community Movie Night is this Friday at 7:00 pm! Enter through Door A. Doors lock at 7:15 pm. Snacks will be provided.

Advent 2025: The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 30. Check out the flier on the info table previewing some of the ways you can participate individually and as a church body together. Hardcopies of the devotional by Kate Bowler, *The Season of Waiting (and Waiting...and Waiting...)* are available on the table, and digital copies are available on the website. If you have any questions, connect with John Quist (jquist@calvarywy.org).

Advent Art: Beginning on November 30, there will be an Advent-themed poster to color! Please join us in this annual tradition. These will be found on a table, behind the worship center.

Invitation to Write a Calvary Christmas Card: You are invited to write cards to members who cannot make it to church on a regular basis: Christopher Bolling, Sam & Sharon De Groot, Gerry & Thelma Haverhals, Larry & Mikki Hekman, Lucille Lankheet, Deb Nye, Richard Schaap, Arnie Toering, Jim & Mary Vander Ploeg, Carol Vryhof, Frank Williams. The cards will be collected in labeled bags, on a table at the back of the church until Sunday, Dec 14. They will be distributed by the deacons.

TNT (Tried-N-True) Lunch Bunch Adults, come join us for lunch at Russ' (on 28th St near Byron Center Ave) When? 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Take a break from decorating, cookie baking, shopping and Christmas programs for lunch and a good time with friends and other members of Calvary. You can even wear that ugly Christmas sweater hidden in the back of the closet! Get your name on the sign-up sheet at church or let Barb Stone know by December 8 if you are able to attend.

Christmas Bingo is coming up quickly on December 15. This has become an annual event that is a highlight of the year. We have in the past asked for gift card donations to give out as prizes. We are starting to collect those gift cards now. \$5, \$10 or \$15 increments please. Popular places are Walmart, Dollar General, Fast Food, Family Dollar, Meijer and Family Fare. Thank you!

Each December we highlight a **Year-End Giving Opportunity** instead of a specific ministry of the month. This year we are highlighting the opportunity to give to: Calvary Ministries (which is the general church budget), FA Mobile Food Pantry, Hand2Hand, Lighthouse Community Ministries, Benevolence Fund, and Mission Support to those we have committed to supporting financially: Ben & Kari David (Hope Speaks, Uganda), and Jesse & Jari Rodriguez (Nicaragua). Please see the flyer on the table behind the sanctuary for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Calvary Photo Board: Most all of us walk past our Calvary photo board. Here we find photos of our Calvary Family. We are hoping to do some updating. Are you currently not on the board, and you would like to be? Do you have a child who is 10 years old in the photo, and now they are a Junior in College? If you have an updated photo that you would like to share, please send it to the office or put it in the slot next to the office door, or you can send a digital copy to office@calvarywy.org, and we will print it. Would you like someone to snap a photo of you on a Sunday morning? Kristi Potter would be happy to do that for you. People enjoy looking at our church family photos because they foster a sense of belonging and connection. You are encouraged to help in this process. Thank you.

Area Churches with Prayer Needs. Every couple of weeks we will have a local church listed on our prayer page, along with a request that we can lift up in prayer. It's beautiful to stand with neighboring Christ-followers before The Throne.

MINISTRIES TO JOIN:

- The Women's Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am with a new 10-week study on 1st and 2nd Peter, *Living Hope In A Hard World*. All are welcome. For more information contact Nondi at nondigurley@gmail.com or 312-818-0510.
- Feeding America Mobile Food Truck is the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. The next food truck will be this Thursday, Dec 4 at 5:00 pm. To help set up and hand out food, please arrive at church by 4:30 pm. For more details, contact Shanna Grigoletti.
- Cadets, a program for boys in 4th-8th grade. Meetings are held each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Cadet Building.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, at 7:00 pm.

Severe Winter Weather Policy:

During the week, if the Wyoming Public Schools are closed due to winter weather conditions, all activities at church also will be canceled.

On weekends, a decision will be made by the chair of council along with the pastor and staff regarding our Sunday worship service, and a decision will be made by staff regarding other activities. Watch for closing announcements on television or the websites of WOOD TV8, WZZM13, and FOX17. Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook and sent out by email.

PRAYERS & PRAISES NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Kate Philips (friend of Coffee Spot and Calvary) had a lumpectomy for breast cancer on Monday, Nov 24. She received a call on Wednesday from her surgeon that they didn't get all of the cancer and will have to do another surgery. Prayers for peace for Kate and for smooth scheduling.

Jim Vander Ploeg (District 6): is back in the hospital, due to changes in his medication. Please pray that these issues can get fixed and Jim can feel better and go home.

Cisco Gonzalez (District 2): Cisco's mom passed away. Please pray for peace and strength for Cisco and his family.

Doug Seelye (District 5): Doug is back home from Idaho and recently experienced seizure activity. Pray for healing and strength and peace as he navigates these changes.

Carol Vryhof (District 6): Carol is experiencing some hearing loss and is currently taking prednisone in hopes that this will be effective. Let's bring these concerns to our Heavenly Father.

Rhonda Vander Horn (District 6) recently had knee surgery to fix the damage from her fall this past March. Praying for a complete recovery.

Paul Modderman (District 4) was hospitalized recently with stroke symptoms. He is now home. Please pray for his health issues, along with finding a place to live and to continue working.

Joel Van Asperen (District 6): Please pray for Van Asperen Construction, for more work to come in. Prayers also for way to have a house of his own and for his relationships.

Ken Koster (District 3): Ken's 16-year-old grandson Francis Bergsma, son of John and Dawn, is battling an aggressive cancer. His most recent MRI did show some growth. Let us continue to lift this family in prayer.

True Life Bible Church (4550 Byron Center Ave)

"Please pray for our MentorMe ministry. This is a ministry which places Christian adults in the lives of at-risk kids for 2-4 hours per week. Pray for the spiritual protection of our Students, that the Lord would keep them safe from the evil one. Pray also for wisdom and favor for our Mentors. And lastly please pray for God to raise up more Mentors, especially men."

Let us pray for those struggling with hunger and food insecurity. That their daily needs are provided. Prayers that resources are available to help strengthen their families. That they see hope and comfort in this time of need.

Ministry of the Month (November) Wyoming Family Network.

Psalms 16:8-9 (NLT) "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety."