

Calvary Lutheran Church  
**Crossways**  
December 2024



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Join Us for Worship  
Sundays in person at **10am**

or on Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 840 5961 8157  
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# Pastor's Page

## Taking Time to Pause

*O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight*



Living in a world where Christmas items appear on shelves before Halloween is even over, it feels a little silly to now say, 'it's that time of year to get ready for Christmas.'

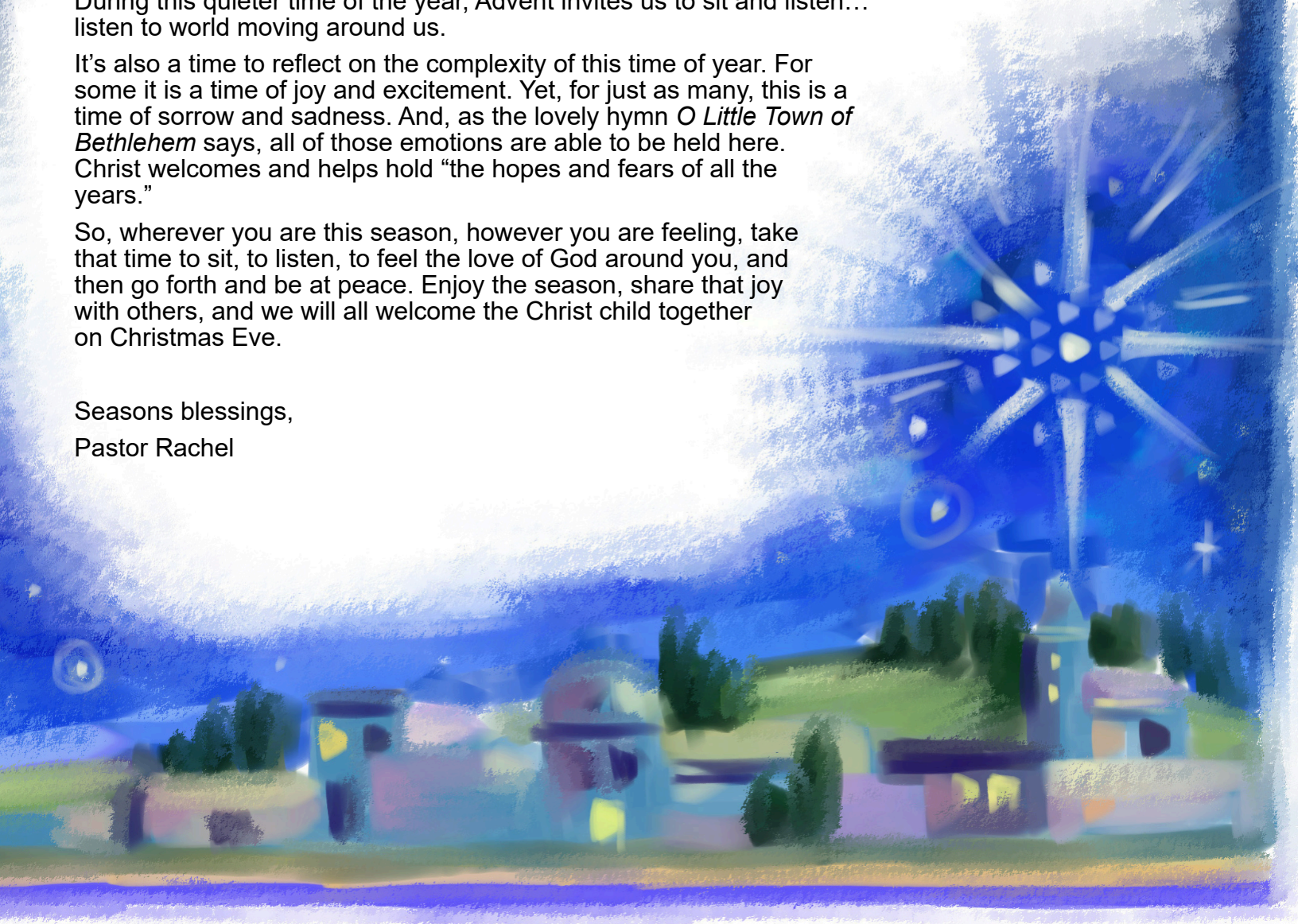
But, friends, that is what the season of Advent (the weeks leading up to Christmas) is for - preparing. And if there is one thing the secular world could learn from the liturgical year it's to take time to get ready, to pause and reflect, before leaping ahead.

During this quieter time of the year, Advent invites us to sit and listen... listen to world moving around us.

It's also a time to reflect on the complexity of this time of year. For some it is a time of joy and excitement. Yet, for just as many, this is a time of sorrow and sadness. And, as the lovely hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* says, all of those emotions are able to be held here. Christ welcomes and helps hold "the hopes and fears of all the years."

So, wherever you are this season, however you are feeling, take that time to sit, to listen, to feel the love of God around you, and then go forth and be at peace. Enjoy the season, share that joy with others, and we will all welcome the Christ child together on Christmas Eve.

Seasons blessings,  
Pastor Rachel



# Updates from the Council

Advent and Christmas Greetings!

**News Shorts:** We are still in need of three Nominating Committee members and two attendees for the 2025 Synod Assembly (5/31-6/1) in Portland. It is time to review the long-term building use agreements. We are looking at making changes to Calvary's street signage.

**Congregation Care:** Marta Bassett returned home after being in rehab care. Sophia Johnson is still gaining strength in rehab. We ask for your continued prayers.

**Community Care:** Calvary's Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 14. The Giving Tree information is on the bulletin board in the narthex for the refugee families referred to us by Lutheran Community Services NW. All donations need to be at Calvary by Dec 10. Preschool Board meeting was on 11/12. Their enrollment numbers are still low since the pandemic. We plan to help them advertise in the spring. Project Homeless Connect, a nonprofit organization in Hillsboro, collects hygiene kits for the homeless. We are donating our extra kits.

**Worship:** There has been some input regarding font and color used on worship service slideshow. A cord has been purchased so that the audio from the microphones would be heard on Zoom. An omni-directional microphone has been purchased to help improve the Zoom audio. We are making some adjustments to the side room that was set up for the children.

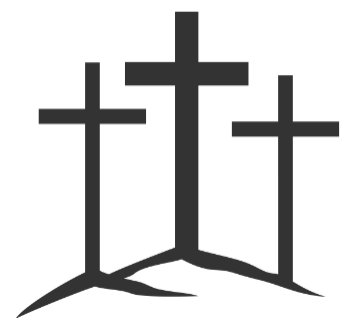
**Property Team:** The exterior door closure by the office was repaired. Bark chips have spread in the area behind the building by the BBQ. A faucet leak under the sink in a Preschool classroom has been repaired. The plumber will return to repair a leak in the basement water turnoff valve.

**Thrivent Mortgage:** The current balance is \$4,253. Thank you to those members who have helped bring the balance down and made the end of Calvary's mortgage so much closer.

**Sanctuary furnace:** The sanctuary furnace is not working properly. It cost less to replace the system than to repair, \$11,512 vs \$12,139.67. Pledges have been made for \$8,756 of the cost with an additional pledge to cover the balance should it be needed. Per Calvary's constitution, the council is authorized to enter a contract for 5% or less of the previous year's general fund offering. \$11,512 exceeds this amount.

Wishing you the blessings of love, hope, peace, and joy this Christmas season.

In peace, Leslie Rabon



# Book Club Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join book club gatherings. We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. **However, this month we will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 1:30 pm** at Margaret Deveraux Jefferies' house (262 NE 18th Ave, Hillsboro). At this meeting, we will discuss and vote on book suggestions for 2025. Everyone is invited to recommend one or two books that they have read or reviewed upon a trusted friend's suggestion. Please be prepared to describe or summarize the suggested book(s). We try to read books that are available at the public library in a variety of formats.

Please feel free to join us for fellowship and voting if you don't have book suggestions. We will be voting on and selecting ten books for 2025 meetings. Then we will organize the books by month for January through October of next year.

Looking forward to hearing about wonderful books!

Peace,  
Leslie Smith Mayfield



# An Important Message from



To the Calvary Lutheran Hillsboro Family,

You have proven to be critical in our work to support refugees and immigrants. **Our commitment to welcoming new arrivals is unwavering.** We anticipate there will be an immediate and severe change in both the number of refugees and immigrants arriving and the funding to support the integration of those already living in our communities. We need you now more than ever as we face challenges in the coming months. We are just beginning to understand the impact of the recent election. Right now, we are preparing for **two phases of support.**

First, refugee and immigrant friendly states around the country are expecting an increase in the number of people seeking refuge. Washington and Oregon are high on these lists. **To handle this increase in people needing services during this timeframe, we are looking to fulfill donations of \$800,000 to provide housing, basic needs support, case management, and community connection resources.** We ask that you stand with LCSNW in supporting refugees and immigrants as they arrive, and into the future.

Second, following the January 20th inauguration, incoming refugees and immigrants will decrease significantly – but there will be many people in Northwest communities who will continue to require services, and the funding to meet their needs will likely dry up. **At that time, we expect a need of \$1.2 million for the first six months.** This time period will allow our staff to operate critical programs while pivoting to a new service model that we can sustain for the next four years.

In the next eight months, we expect to fundraise a total of \$2 million to reach an estimated 2,000 newly settled people with services. **We know you understand the impact that your funds have on these families, and we ask you now to join us in offering them safety and support.**

In Hope,  
David Duea  
CEO Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Scan the QR code to donate

OR

Click if you're reading online!



YOU'RE INVITED  
TO A

# Birthday Party

FOR JESUS!

DECEMBER 22ND \* 11AM-12PM  
AND JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 10AM



We'll be welcoming our preschool families and any other youngsters (or oldsters) who want to celebrate!

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY  
SERVICES NORTHWEST

“SPONSOR A REFUGEE”  
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

As we approach the holiday season, we always consider those in need.

Once again, Calvary Lutheran will participate in the yearly and very successful Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) “**Sponsor-A-Refugee Family**” holiday program.

As last year, our program will center around gift cards.

We will be collecting gift cards for about 20 people. These cards are then distributed by their case workers who take the families shopping. LCSNW will send us a list of names, ages etc. as well as from where they came and when they arrived in the US. As soon as I am given the names, I'll send everyone an e-mail so that you will learn about the families sponsored.

To participate, please take nametags from the giving tree on the bulletin board across from the library (which I will make as soon as I receive the names and needs) and purchase some gift cards.

Place each in an envelope with the amount of the gift and return cards to the church office by **December 10**.

If you decide to mail gift cards, please be sure that they are mailed early enough to reach the church by **December 10**.

Last year several handmade items were also donated such as hats, scarves and even blankets as well as household items. I'm not sure about family needs at this time but will add the information to the giving tree.

Don and I will make an appointment to deliver the cards and any gifts to LCSNW.

Thank you for your continued support of this program. The families have always been so appreciative of your generosity.

*Maria Hudock*

# Ways to Participate

Looking for community and fun? You are looking for the...

# Not-so- Youth-Group

**6:00 PM**

937 NE Jackson School Rd  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

*1st and 3rd Wednesdays!*

*All Are Welcome*



**American  
Red Cross**

**GIVE SOMETHING THAT**

*Means Something®*

**GIVE BLOOD**

[Online readers: click here to register!](#)

Or scan the QR code





# ADVENT

## *Dinner and Worship*

TUESDAYS :: December 3-17, 2024

Dinner  
06.00 PM

Worship  
07.00 PM

Tuesday, December 3 - at Calvary Lutheran Church  
Tuesday, December 10 - at All Saints Episcopal Church  
Tuesday, December 17 - at Calvary Lutheran Church

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### **All Saints Episcopal Church**

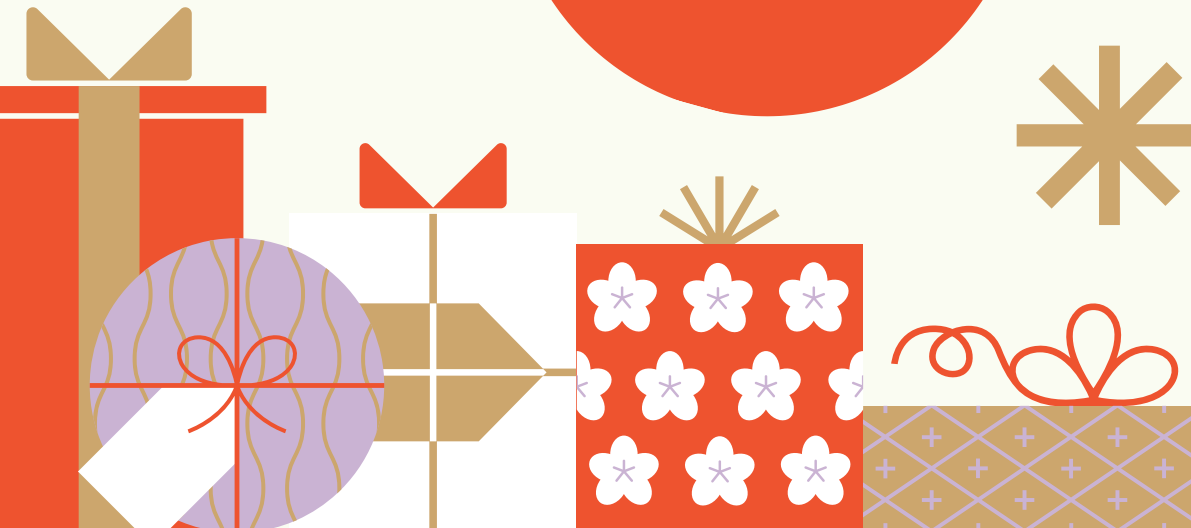
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# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, December 14th  
11am - 5pm



presented in  
collaboration with





# December Birthdays

03 Kourtney Peterson

06 Brent Young

07 Hollee Geise

07 Merle Kind

09 Margaret Deveraux-Jefferies

10 Jolene Geise

15 Frank Hiebel

18 Michelle Karaffa

25 Carol Chase

29 Sophia Earl

## In Our Prayers

### For the World

Be persistent in praying for peace, justice and reconciliation in the world, including in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### For the Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany

Theresa Becker

Jill Bjerke

Bette Carlisle

Bonnie Clark

Carol Dougall

Daniel Dougall

Harold Britton

Marta Bassett

Gail Eilmes

Betty Shannon

### For the Oregon Synod

For Rhonda Powell, synod assembly planning coordinator, as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Gail Nagel Erickson

Sophia Johnson

Merle Kind

Shelley Kubik

Rik Mayfield

Jann Patton

Kourtney Peterson

Edie & John Pyle

Julie Steward

Diana Thompson

**The Friends and Family of**

Mary Lou Coyner



# December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	<b>3</b> 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's 6:00pm Midweek Advent Gatherings - Dinner 7:00pm Midweek Advent Gatherings - Worship	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	<b>7</b> 9:00am Quilting and Knitting 2:30pm Recital 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
<b>8</b> 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:15am Council Meeting 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Midweek Advent Gatherings - Dinner - OFFSITE 6:30pm Piano Recital 7:00pm AA Meeting - 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm Midweek Advent Gatherings - Worship - OFFSITE	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b> 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Piano Recital 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	<b>14</b> 11:00am Holiday Bazaar 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
<b>15</b> 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 2:00pm Piano Recital 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Midweek Advent Gatherings - Dinner 7:00pm Midweek Advent Gatherings - Worship	<b>18</b> 9:00am Preschool Christmas Program 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	<b>19</b> 9:00am Preschool Christmas Program 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	<b>21</b> 9:00am Parents' Day Out 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
<b>22</b> 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:00am Birthday Party for Jesus! 11:00am Gift Wrapping 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	<b>24</b> 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b> 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	<b>28</b> 2:00pm Life Center/Fellowship 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
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