

CONNECTION

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**December 22, 2025 is
the Deadline for the
January 2026
Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

I was talking with Deb the other day and reminiscing about past holidays. Not so much about when we were children, although that often comes up, but when our children were little.

Something changes when your kids grow up. The Thanksgiving Day parade just isn't as interesting. Watching "Frosty," "The Grinch," all the Charlie Brown's, "Rudolf," "The Year Without a Santa," – all those wonderful animations that I grew up with and then was able to enjoy with my kids. Even the new ones like the "Polar Express" seem a little less...less meaningful without the joy of watching them with little ones.

Deb and I try and sneak in "The Sound of Music", "Holiday Inn," or a "White Christmas" but even then, it often feels like a holiday obligation rather than a heartfelt desire. We've somehow morphed into Holiday Baking Championships on the Food Network.

Where have all the good Christmas specials gone? Andy Williams. Perry Como. Bing Crosby. Well...they're all dead and so it seems the family Christmas shows. I wonder if the simple reading of the Christmas story will one day be obsolete - a thing of years gone by. I hope not.

As we head into the Advent season and focus on the gifts of God to humanity through his son, Jesus, may we still have the childlike enthusiasm we once had as children and that we experienced with our own. Let joy

December Birthdays

Mike Hopkins	December 2
Beth Workman	December 2
Frank Austin	December 4
Cindy Heinzman	December 4
Martha Cotner	December 6
Danny Reef	December 6
Jeff Beeman	December 13
Malcolm Bainbridge	December 18
Kathy DeWitt	December 28
Steve Sims	December 29
Jane David	December 30

December Anniversaries

Steve & Joyce Reed

married for 64 years December 16

Dave & Beth Workman

married for 42 years December 17

Patrick & Judy McNarny

married for 65 years December 30

of the season with its festive lights, gift giving, and family get-togethers bring a parental joy to our Father in heaven. May the memories of Christmas' long ago still make us smile and spur us on to make new ones...with the grandkids...and maybe one day with the great grandkids.

May we stay true to the reason for the season,

Blessings,

Dr. Dan Lute

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

The next prayer meeting will be Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm. It gives us an opportunity to spend some time in prayer where we can pray for each other, for the lost, for our nation, or just pray through the scriptures to hear God's voice.

We hope that you can join us and invite someone to come with you.

CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS

For those covenant partners who would like to share Christmas card greetings with other covenant partners, there will be baskets at the entrances to the sanctuary to deposit the cards. The Deacons will sort and pass them out. If you would like to send greetings to shut ins, place them in the baskets as well and Deacons will deliver personally to those shut ins.

Any questions please contact Chris @574-722-1237

SENIOR CHRISTMAS BAGS *by Sara Overway*

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who donated funds this year for this project. Thank you to those of you who have helped sign the cards. We will come together and pack bags on Sunday, December 7th after the Ezekiel study. We will meet in the Preschool room at noon. If you are not able to help out on that Sunday, I will be at the Church on Saturday, December 6th helping with Loaves and Fishes, and will start packing the nursing home bags. Delivery will take place on December 13th. We will load up starting at 8:30 a.m. and tackle the George St Apartments, then Cass Plaza, then Bend in the Woods. We should be done with all around noon. So if you have a truck, van, or Santa's sleigh, I would not turn you down.

Again Thank You!

Sara



Substitute office help volunteers

We are looking for some additional men and women who could volunteer to fill in a half day shift, when our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Malissa, needs to be off work. You don't have to use a computer. You would answer the phone, take a message, or let someone into the building. (training available) You can bring a book or something else to fill your time. If you are interested in being added to the list, please let Malissa or Terrie VanSoest know.

Thanks

THE KING'S BRASS IS COMING BACK!

Calvary is excited to have The King's Brass back again for their Christmas concert. This year we will have two shows on **Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm**. The concerts are free but seating is limited, so get your tickets in the church office. What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season! Please share this information with your friends and family to help us fill the sanctuary for this event.

HAM LOAF DINNER

There will be a ham loaf dinner after the service on Sunday, December 21st. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement fund. Be sure to mark your calendars!

We want our covenant partners and any other friends of Calvary to know that there are wonderful scripture based Bible studies currently in session. We will try to keep our Connection viewers informed of what each study is studying monthly. The following is information on current studies. We welcome all who want to join a study to do so!

DR. DAN'S BIBLE STUDIES *by Rev. Dan Lute*

We welcome you to join us on Wednesday nights (6:30-7:30) for an in depth study of Genesis. Dr. Dan also has two Ezekiel studies, one after the morning service (11 - noon) for everyone and for the men from 8:15-9:15 on Thursday mornings. All are invited and bring a friend.

Elders: Class of 2025

Bill Heinzman
Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2026

Sara Overway
David Swigart

Elders: Class of 2027

Jeff Overway
Scott Rush

Deacons: Class of 2025

Dan Reef
Kay Rottet
Ron Rottet

Deacons: Class of 2026

Jeff Goltry
Pat Reef
Buttons Smith

Deacons: Class of 2027

Judy Bainbridge
Tim Roth
Chris Williamson

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Loaves and Fishes provide meals for the needy as well as fellowship by many of the local area churches including Calvary . This program provides a Saturday lunch, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., all year long. Donations are accepted. Meals will be served on the following dates:

December 6	Calvary Church
December 13	No Meals Served
December 20	Church of the Good Shepherd
December 27	Trinity Episcopal



Merry
Christmas

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	2 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Grp 6:00 Deacon's Mtg	3 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	4 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	5 10:00 am AA	6 <i>L&F at Calvary</i>
7 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Worship & Communion 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	8 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	9 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Grp	10 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	11 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Dance Fitness Class	12 10:00 am AA	13 <i>L&F – No Meals Served</i> 7:00 am-Noon Delta Kappa Brunch/Mtg
14 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	15 6:30 pm Session Mtg 6:30 Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	16 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Grp	17 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA	18 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 3:00 King's Brass Concert 7:00 King's Brass Concert	19 10:00 am AA	20 <i>L&F at Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
21 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Worship Ham Loaf Lunch after the Service 7:30 AA	22 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	23 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Grp	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 10:00 am AA	27 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
28 9:30 am Worship with Dave Reinking 7:30 AA	29 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	30 10:00 am 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Grp	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>Church Office Closed at Noon</i>			