



CALVARY CHRONICLE

To know Jesus and to make Him known...faithfully, boldly, excellently.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrate 50! Next weekend, the celebration of our school's 50th anniversary continues with a special guest preacher. Pastor David Strucely, a graduate of our school and current pastor at Atonement Lutheran in Plano, will share God's word with us in all weekend services. Read more about Pastor Strucely on the back of this newsletter!

Advent Worship: Advent services continue this Wednesday, December 7. This week the school children will enrich our service with their music. Come at 6 PM to participate in food and fellowship with an Italian themed potluck meal. Worship will begin at 7 PM. Let's prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior!

Angel Tree: Spread joy this Christmas with Calvary's virtual Angel tree! Visit www.calvarydallas.org/connect/angel-tree/ to select your angels, review step-by-step directions, and timeline. Gifts are due by December 11th. This is an exciting opportunity to bring joy to others this Christmas season.

Calvary Team Gifts: If you would like to contribute to Christmas gifts to the Calvary team, please leave your gift in the marked box in the church lobby. (Checks can be made payable to "Calvary.")

Cleaning Crew: Looking for a way to serve your Savior? Consider joining the church cleaning crew! Volunteers will be put in groups of two or three and will be scheduled to clean every 6-8 weeks. Cleaning generally takes about 2 hours on a Friday night or Saturday, whenever you can fit it in your schedule. Contact Sarah Schemm (churchsec@calvarydallas.org) if you can help!

Warm Welcome: Calvary's Greeter Program is back and we would love for you to join us! Sign up as either an individual or a family to occasionally come 15 minutes before the service to welcome both members and guests to Calvary. This is a great way to get involved and get to know others. If you are interested, contact Amy Barbour at amothy@sbcglobal.net.

Offering Envelopes: Thank you for supporting Calvary's ministry to know Jesus and to make him known! If you use weekly offering envelopes and would like to continue to use them in 2023, let us know using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you prefer to give online and do NOT need offering envelopes, no action is needed.

Children's Christmas Service: The students of Calvary will share our reason for joy this year in their Children's Christmas Service. Join us on Friday, December 16th at 6:30 PM for this special Christmas tradition. May God bless you with his love through their recitation and song.

Voter's Meeting: Calvary will hold its semi-annual voter's meeting on December 18th after the 11 AM service. The meeting will include highlights from Calvary's boards and committees and 2023 leadership elections.

Christmas Worship Schedule: Worship Jesus at Calvary!

Christmas Eve Services:

3:30 PM - Lessons & Carols

7 PM - Lessons & Carols

11 PM - Candlelight Compline

Christmas Day Service:

9:30 AM - Christmas Day Festival

THE WEEK AHEAD

DATES:

December 7th:

- Advent Potluck, 6 PM
- Advent Worship, 7 PM

December 8th:

Power Hour, 10 AM

December 9th:

- Power Hour, 9 & 10:45 AM

December 10th:

- Saturday Worship, 6 PM

December 11th:

- Sunday Worship, 8 & 11 AM
- Family Bible Hour, 9:30 AM

NEED A PRAYER?

At Calvary, we are a family. We carry each other's burdens and share in each other's joys. Let's pray for each other, knowing our loving Father hears us. How can we pray for you this week? Submit prayer requests at: www.calvarydallas.org/prayers/



VISITING PASTOR INTERVIEW

Meet Pastor David Strucely

Throughout this fiftieth anniversary year of Calvary Lutheran School, we will be joined by guest pastors, all of whom are Calvary alumni! What a blessing to witness the impact of Christian education! We look forward to hearing the Word preached by Pastor David Strucely on December 10th and 11th.

MEET PASTOR DAVID STRUCELY

Pastor David Strucely was born in Dallas in 1989. At not even four years old, he was part of the welcoming committee for Pastor Koelpin when he arrived in 1993.

Pastor Strucely attended Calvary Lutheran School from 1993-2004. Many of Calvary's current teachers were his teachers too—Mr. & Mrs. Henrickson, Ms. Aswege, and Ms. Fritz. He also learned from Mrs. Hengst, Mrs. Ihms, and Mrs. Jungemann.

He then attended Luther Preparatory School (2004-2008). In 2007, his parents made the heart-wrenching decision (for Pastor Strucely) to move from Dallas to Wisconsin. He also attended Martin Luther College (2008-2012), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (2014-2018). From 2012 to 2014, Pastor Strucely worked as an English teacher in Carmen de la Legua (Reynoso), Callao, Peru. He also helped the church there during his time.

In 2018, Pastor Strucely was assigned to Atonement in Plano, TX. That same year, he married Katelyn Hansen, and one year later they welcomed their firstborn, a son named Nicholas. In 2021, they welcomed their little girl named Ava. Perhaps, you will see Nicholas and Ava in the halls of Calvary Lutheran School one day.

