

# Calvary News Update – January 2020

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## *This Unknown Year 2020*

We are fast approaching the beginning of a new decade, 2020.

365 days ahead of us

We can live our life oblivious to what we are doing and barely noticing the people we see every day.

We can also make conscious choices about how we are going to live.

*We have no idea how this coming year will turn out.*

Some of us may not be here at the end of it.

Some of us may lose someone we love or just the opposite, have a new person to love in our family.

Some of us may experience special joys, special blessings, special goodness.

Some of us may experience serious illness, deprivation or suffering.

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At the end of it will we remember it as a good year or a terrible one?

Will we remain faithful to Jesus or go astray?

Will we grow in our faith, become stronger or will we become lazy and lax?

Will Jesus come and end the world as we know it or will he allow it to continue?

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How shall we live those coming days?

Shall we spend more of our God given time helping others or focusing only on our self?

Shall we spend more or less time in prayer?

Shall we spend more or less time in God's Word?

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We can only live this coming year the same way we have every other year, one minute, one hour, one day at a time.

God has given us only so much time, so much energy, so many resources so how does he want them used?

We know friends, family and acquaintances who ignore their spiritual life. How can we help them?

We have missed opportunities to make amends with others. Will we do so this year?

*We have no idea how this coming year will turn out.*

However, we do know that because of God's grace in Jesus we will be protected, cared for, loved and forgiven.

We do know that whatever happens to us and our family it will eventually turn out to be good.

We do know that whatever we have done wrong has been paid for by Jesus' death on the cross.

We do know that our ultimate destination is eternal life by God's grace, through faith.

*That's more than enough in spite of what we don't know about this coming year.*

– Pastor Joe



***Readers & Ushers needed: Please sign up!***

***Sign-up sheets on the ushers' table in the narthex.***

Have you snapped some good photos of Calvary happenings that you can share?  
Please email them to the church office at: [office@calvarystpaul.org](mailto:office@calvarystpaul.org)

# Christmas Tea 2019

Our December 15 Christmas Tea featured 8 hostess-designed tables. Thank you to all who attended, and to all the volunteers who made the event a success.



Joan Sedlacek



Erna Olson / Judie White



Mary Gardner



Gretchen Fett



Barb Ruuska



Sally Kahn



Marilyn Vaughan



A Czechoslovak nativity scene,  
courtesy of Joan Sedlacek.



Sandy Hall

## Let Us Pray for One Another:



Please pray each day for the following people of Calvary who have special needs: Fred Hall, Sandy Hall, Orlando Hash, Sally Kahn, Jack Lightfoot, Chris Steiner-Lightfoot, Bill White and Kay Witt. Please pray for Pastor Joe Marsh, for God's powerful guidance. Also please pray for other family and friends: Pastor Tom & Mary Aadland, Debbie & John Amacher, Marcie Ann Coville, Dan & Dawn Hall, Pastor Jay Eberth, the Mart Family (friends of Sally Iverson), Scott McClure, Rita Schenk, Dawn Stewart. If you know one or more people on the "other family and friends" prayer list in this newsletter, and you think that their names should continue on the list, please let the church office know not later than Jan. 22 so that those names will not be removed from the list.



What's Going On?

Newsletter

Submissions to

church office by Jan. 22.

[office@calvarystpaul.org](mailto:office@calvarystpaul.org)

or 651-698-6138



Want to Hear it Again?  
Share it with a Friend?

**SERMONS ONLINE**  
[www.calvarystpaul.org](http://www.calvarystpaul.org)

# JANUARY 2020

**Sunday Morning Fellowship Serving**  
January 2020  
Charlene Carter  
Sandy Hall

**5** 9:00 am Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Worship Service  
Choir Sings   
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship  
Ushers:  
Reader:

**12 ANNUAL MEETING**  
9:00 am Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Annual Mtg / Potluck  
1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship  
Ushers:  
Reader:

**19** 9:00 am Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
 Choir Practice  
1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship  
Ushers:  
Reader:

**26** 9:00 am Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Communion Service  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
 Choir Practice  
1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship  
Ushers:  
Reader:

**6** 9:00 am Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Worship Service  
Choir Sings   
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship  
Ushers:  
Reader:

**13** **Bryan Downing**

**20** **MLK Day**  
 **Karen Bauer**

**27** **CELEBRATION**  
9:00 am Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am Communion Service  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
 Choir Practice  
1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship  
Ushers:  
Reader:

**7** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**14** **Matt Taylor**

**21** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**28** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**1** **2020!**  
**Happy New Year!**

**8** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**15** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**22** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**29** 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

**2** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
AA Meeting - 7 pm

**9** Quilters 9:30 am  
Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
AA Meeting - 7 pm

**16** **Maddie Johnson**  
Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
AA Meeting 7 pm

**23** Quilters 1:00 pm  
 **Bob Fett**  
Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
AA Meeting - 7 pm

**30** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
AA Meeting - 7 pm

**3** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
Recovery Group 7:00 pm

**10** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
Recovery Group 7:00 pm

**17** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
Recovery Group 7:00 pm

**24** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
Recovery Group 7:00 pm

**31** Recovery Meeting Noon-1:00 pm  
AA Meeting - 7 pm

**4** Recovery Group 7:00 pm  
Karen CRC 6-8pm

**11** Recovery Group 7:00 pm  
Karen CRC 6-8pm

**18** Recovery Group 7:00 pm  
Karen CRC 6-8pm

**25** Recovery Group 7:00 pm  
Karen CRC 6-8pm

**(Feb.)1** Recovery Group 7:00 pm  
Karen CRC 6-8pm

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Thank you to all who contributed personal hygiene gifts for Metro Hope Ministries.



Angels we have heard on high? No, it's Matt Taylor, doing some Advent decorating on December 1.

# Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 12  
following worship.



**Potluck  
Luncheon  
Follows**

**Enlarged copies of the Sunday scripture readings are available** from the ushers. Please ask an usher if you would like an easier-to-read version of the week's Bible verses.

### **PRAYER REQUEST FORMS:**

The ushers have forms you can use to make a prayer request *prior* to the beginning of Sunday worship. If you like, request some forms to take home with you to prepare for the next week.

You may e-mail prayer requests to **office@calvarystpaul.org** during the week.