

Calvary Connection



Calvary Calendar

Sunday, November 6
Hoe Down and Chili Cook-off

Sunday, November 13
Operation Christmas Child
Packing Day
Pocket Change Sunday

Thursday, November 17
Yarn Spinners

Friday, November 18
OPUS Geology Museum Tour
Women's Literary Society
Scrapbooking

Sunday, November 20
Organ Dedication Concert

Sunday, November 27
St. Francis Center Sunday

Friday, December 2
Family Advent Night & Golden
Candlelight Walk

Sunday, December 18
Advent Lessons and Carols

Saturday, January 14
Women's Luncheon

Historic Church Restoration Nears Completion

The interpretive restoration of the Historic Church has been a twenty-year project. It will be substantially finished by the end of this year due to a very generous special gift designated for that purpose. The decorative painting on the ceiling and under sides of the trusses will be completed in November and will be followed by the restoration of the east and north entrances. The ornamentation on the ceiling and trusses will complete the visual restoration of the space. Also in November, the baptismal font that was carved out of local limestone by George Morrison (after whom the town was named) will be cleaned and restored.



In addition to the Victorian designs on the walls, ceilings, and trusses, the work has included the complete restoration of the old stained glass windows at the front and back of the church and in the east entrance; the repair and refinishing of the floor; new electrical wiring; recasting replacements for the early 20th c. pew mechanisms; repair and restoration of the outside trim, brick wall, and chimney; rebuilding the front steps of the church out of dressed stone blocks; a new roof decking and 50-year shingles, and outside drainage improvements. Eventually, the pews (from the early 1900s) will need to be repaired and restored.

Along with the Historic Church, the 1903 "Guild Room," the north section of the Historic Church's parish hall, is in the process of being restored to how it could have looked in the early 1900s. So far the project has included restoring the ceiling and period light fixtures, re-exposing the east wall, refinishing the doors, and period carpet in the entire parish hall. Remaining to be done is a bead board wainscot and period trim and molding.

Thank you to all who have given so generously of time and money to restore these historic spaces.

Senior Pastor's Report

I guess I spoke too soon. In my letter that accompanied the third quarter giving statements, I noted how income had exceeded expenses in July and August and that we were poised to end the year on a strong note with the possibility of taking a bite out of last year's General Fund deficit.

September didn't turn out that well and October is not looking promising as of the writing of this article. Expenses in September were close to budget, but income was down more than \$4,000. The shortfall was due to lower regular giving.

True confessions: as much as I pray and seek to not be concerned when such things happen, it still weighs on me when they do. Is it choice or oversight that these downward fluctuations happen? Neither reason brings me comfort.

We have a great church community with wonderful things going on. I take great delight seeing God at work in his people at Calvary. It's an honor to be part of the many ways this faith community reaches out and serves others. I experience great joy and gratitude when thinking about these things. But as much as I seek to stay focused on all of the positive, I'm still nagged by thoughts like, "Will we be able to pay all our bills this month?" and "The end of the year will soon be here. How's it going to turn out? Will we enter 2012 on an up note financially, ready to take on the new ministry opportunities and challenges before us, or are we going to have to pare back, be conservative, reign in expenses, put excitement on hold?"

The giving of money to Calvary means much more than paying the bills. It means doing God's work, having a vibrant community with a rich offering of programs and ministry opportunities.

What Ruth and I personally give is an expression of gratitude for all God blesses us with and of our desire to see God's work continue to flourish in and through Calvary.

Help us end the year well, ready to embrace where God wants to take us in 2012.

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Some time ago, Calvary was given a generous gift of a 4.89ct tanzanite. The slightly violetish blue stone is loose and has a cushion cut. It has no visible inclusions. In other words, it's beautiful!! The stone was professionally appraised and has a replacement cost of \$3,300. The sale of the stone will benefit Calvary's General Fund, and any amount over the appraised cost will be recorded as a charitable gift. If you or someone you know would like to see the stone, please contact John Wengrovius at the church office. As a loose stone or in a new setting, this would make a very special and unique Christmas gift!

—John Wengrovius, Senior Pastor

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A Generous Man Will Himself be Blessed *Proverbs 22:9*

In last month's newsletter, I announced a new "Sound of Music" special giving opportunity at Calvary:

- Completing the funding for the new organ in the Historic Church (\$10,000 remaining),
- A portable sound system for the community rooms in the upstairs Ministry Center (already funded through last year's Special Campaign),
- A new sound system for the Great Hall (\$42,143 remaining).

Why do we have such special giving campaigns/opportunities every year, and why this one at this time of the year given the article earlier in this newsletter about year-end financial challenges in the General Fund?

I work and seek to provide leadership to Calvary under three assumptions:

- God has provided Calvary with an abundance of resources in the spiritual gifts, skills, and financial abilities in our members.
- If not challenged, human nature leads us to give what is "comfortable" in all of the above, thus not stimulating spiritual growth in us individually and as a faith community and limiting what God is capable of doing through us.
- God the Father did not create us in his image and likeness, Jesus did not die on the Cross for us, and the Holy Spirit was not poured out upon us so that we might be *comfortable*, but that we might grow into who we were created to be, children of God working together to further his work of ministry and redemption in the world around us.

Since Jesus taught more about money than anything else, I figure that money and how it is made and used is a major spiritual issue that must be kept before us and an issue that calls for constant challenge, to the point of being uncomfortable. Those who tithe, who give at least 10% of their income to God's work, have learned that the initial discomfort of generous giving eventually becomes a source of deep joy and freedom and want to give even more.

So I believe it is important for us to be in a place of financial challenge at all times. Over the years, we have learned that if God calls us to do something, he has already provided through his people the capacity to do it

(even though it seems beyond our means) which leads to life-stretching and life-giving sacrifice from us all. This means two things:

First, your giving to Calvary for the General Fund is budgeted fully to support and enhance the mission and ministry God calls us to. We, therefore, do not have a "rainy day" fund. We are always on the edge financially in our General Fund. Every year the Vestry goes through a budget process that looks primarily at God's Vision and Mission for us followed by a discernment of what we are being called to do to further fulfill that vision and mission in the coming year. Every year we see the greatness of

the call and are challenged to embrace as much as possible, which always involves faith and risk. I cannot remember a year when I have not written letters to the congregation during the year urging us all to greater generosity to meet the call before us.

Second, every year for at least the past 20 years there have been special gifts outside of the General Fund to accomplish a variety of things not budgeted for in the General Fund:

- Land purchase (where the parking lots are now, across from the Great Hall)
- Construction of the Great Hall and paying its mortgage through 2005
- The altar in the Great Hall
- Light fixtures, etc. in the Great Hall
- Finishing the lower level of the Great Hall
- Remodeling the rooms above the 1954 parish hall
- Restoring the old stained glass window in the Historic Church
- The interpretive restoration of the Historic Church
- Landscaping around the Great Hall and Ministry Center
- A new furnace for the Historic Church
- Furniture for the Great Hall and Ministry Center
- Etc, etc, etc.

This latest appeal for special gifts comes out of the need to bring to a level of excellence the audio capabilities in our buildings that will provide the foundation for a vital and robust music program and serve Calvary and the Golden community for many years to come.

And so for God's sake and yours, rise up to the challenge of being a generous, cheerful giver. You won't regret it and others will be blessed.

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Kids Korner



FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT AND GOLDEN CANDLELIGHT WALK

All are invited to participate in the Family Advent Night & Golden Candlelight Walk on **Friday, December 2nd**. We will start in the Ministry Center at **4:30 pm** with Advent crafts for the whole family, enjoy a pot-luck dinner at **5:00 pm**, and then walk to 15th/Washington to join in on the walk by **6:00 pm**. At **8:00 pm**, we will gather back together at Calvary for hot beverages and cookies.

Advent Night has been a tradition at Calvary for many years. It is an opportunity for families to focus on the Advent season by gathering together for fellowship and make crafts that help prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Crafts are geared for children ages 3yrs and up.

Please bring a pot of soup and/or a side dish to share before the walk. Beverages and cookies will be provided. If you are unable to join us for crafts, come at 5:00 pm for the pot-luck soup dinner and Candlelight Walk. RSVP to Sarah Ferdig at 303-279-2188 or sarah.ferdig@calvarygolden.net.



Youth Matters

Sunday night Youth Group is now for 7th-12th graders!



That's right - Middle School-ers will join their High School buddies - from this Sunday at Calvary, 6-8:30pm. There will be small group bible study "spelunking" time where MS & HS meet separately.

No more Wednesday Night group for Middle School.

Bring Your Friends!

For details, contact Hilary at hilary@theascentonline.com or 303-358-5757. Check out www.theascentonline.com

Praise the Lord with Timbrel and Dance!

Have you ever had the desire to lift your hands in praise to our Lord? If so, would you enjoy dancing this Advent/Christmas season at Calvary? I am talking about older teens and adults to be involved in the worship in the historic church and possibly a group of intermediate-middle school aged children to dance at the Great Hall on Christmas eve. Children would rehearse from 4:45-5:45 on Thursday and the older group would rehearse after that or on Saturday morning depending on the needs of the participants. We would need to begin rehearsals by the week of Nov. 14th so I need to know very soon if you are interested. Please contact Stephanie Hobbs at 303-567-4986 in the evening if you are interested or email jandshobbs@msn.com.

K-2nd grade children along with older students will begin rehearsals in mid January for Easter. Watch the newsletter for more information later.

Pocket Change Sunday — An investment in the future



"Pocket Change Sunday" this month will be November 13. It will be the last PCS for this year. Also, bring your aluminum cans and put them in my well marked truck.

If you have any questions on the Scholarship Fund or how you could help with it, please call me at 720-935-4841 or email me at mkeckler@comcast.net.



Still!

King Soopers & Safeway Grocery Gift Cards Make Cents for Calvary!

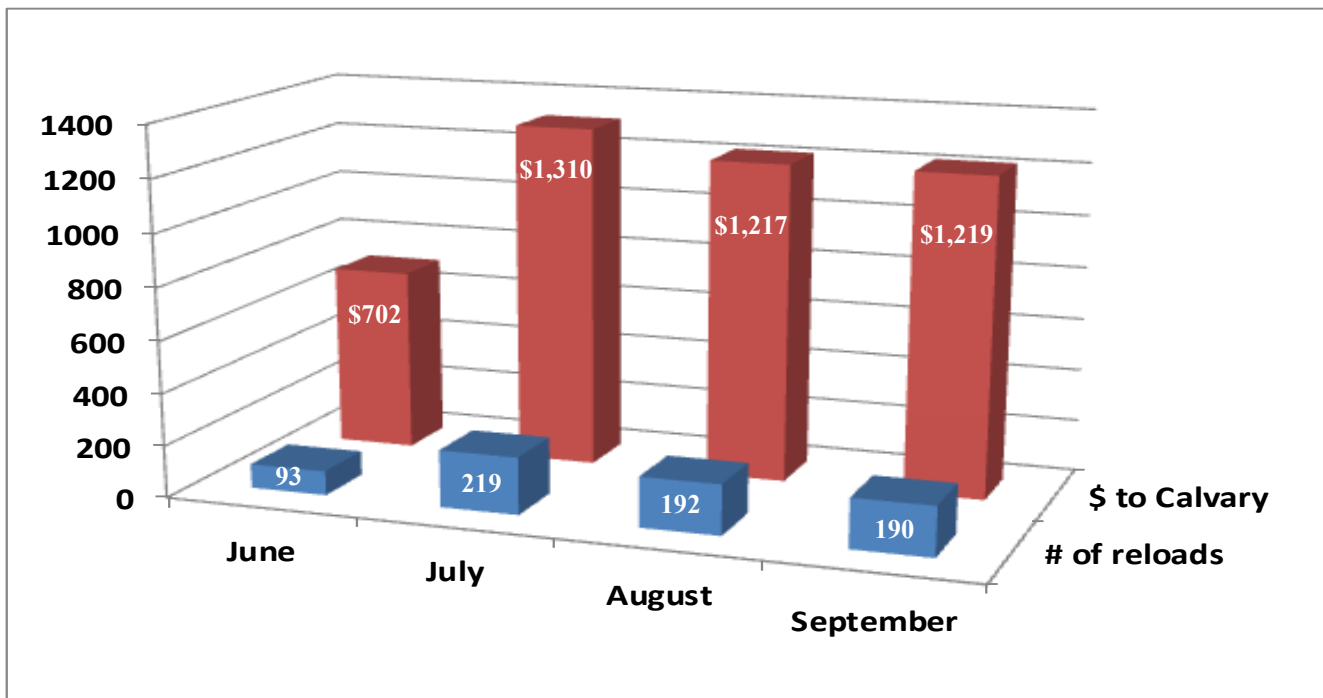
If you use a Calvary reloadable **King Soopers** gift card to purchase groceries, gas, prescriptions, even items at in-store Starbucks, Calvary receives 5% of the total! The cards can be re-loaded via cash, check or credit card, with a credit amount you specify, right at the check-out. (We also have non-reloadable Safeway gift cards available for purchase at the face value of the cards. Calvary receives 4% of the total for these cards.) It seems small but take a look at the results from the last 4 months—in the table & graph below. It's such a no-brainer - when you're already spending that grocery and gas money anyhow. We have free **King Soopers** reloadable gift cards available for anyone on Sunday mornings - please see a host or Patrice Adamson.

Here are some creative ideas for getting even more use out of your card, & helping Calvary in the process:

- ! Teen drivers - designate and load a card with gas money for the teen driver in your house
- ! Stay on budget - keep and load a card for each budgetary item such as groceries, gas, prescriptions
- ! Include all household members - the primary grocery shopper isn't the only one that needs one; pick one up for your spouse today!

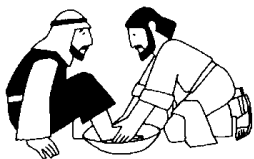
RESULTS of KING SOOPERS Reloadable Gift Cards for CALVARY SO FAR!

	# of Card Re-loads	\$ charged to cards	5% \$ to Calvary
June '11	93	\$14,043	\$702.14
July '11	219	\$26,207	\$1,310.33
Aug '11	192	\$24,355	\$1,217.77
Sept '11	190	\$24,386	\$1,219.28



A huge Thank You to all who have made using these gift cards a regular part of your weekly shopping habits.

Outreach Ministry



ST. FRANCIS CENTER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Would you like to this month to give part of a morning this month to serve at the St. Francis Center, a day shelter for the homeless? If you would like to participate in this ministry, please talk to or call Eileen Regan at 303-906-6222. **Volunteers are needed for the center to keep their**

doors open. The morning starts with a short service at 8am and ends at 12noon.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.....NEEDED: GIFTS AND TOYS TO FILL THE BOXES!!!

Calvary will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this month, with an all-age Christian Education hour on Sunday, November 13th. From 10-11 am, we will be putting the boxes together and we need YOU (Calvary members of all ages) to come and help with assembly.

We also need donations of small gift items, as well as

practical things like socks, bandanas, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc., to actually put in the boxes and donations of money to help ship the boxes (\$7/box). This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Questions? Speak with Lynda Staab.

\$25



THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO BUY A COMPLETE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR A FAMILY IN GOLDEN!

Calvary is working with Golden Rotary Club and Food Bank of the Rockies to provide Thanksgiving food boxes (with a Safeway gift card to buy a turkey) for seniors and families in Golden! If you are able to participate in this outreach to others in our community, please write a check to Calvary (with the note: *Thanksgiving*), or place cash and your name in one of the envelopes found in each church building. Last year members of

Calvary provided 165 dinners. We have many more families in need this year, so please participate if you are able. Orders must be turned in by the middle of November, so **we need donations by November 13th.** Questions? Please speak with Bethany Thomas.

We will need help unloading the food on Thursday, November 17th and packing and distributing the boxes on Saturday, November 19th.



BELL CAMPAIGN 2011DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF SOME GREAT FUN THIS MONTH AND NEXT?

The Golden Service Extension Unit of The Salvation Army will once again be ringing bells at Safeway and King Soopers to raise funds used to assist individuals and families in our community. All of the money raised stays in the community to assist residents with prescriptions, rent and utilities. Our goal for this year is to raise \$38,000 between November 25th and December 24th. We had a great turn-out of ringers in 2010, and need the same for this year. Sign-up sheets will be available in each church building starting the first week of this month. Ringing slots are for 2 hours and it is **GUARANTEED** that you will experience many blessings during that time!!! Questions? Speak with Bethany Thomas at 303-279-2188 or deacon.bethany@calvarygolden.net.

Weekly Service Schedule

Morning Prayer
9:00 am **Monday—Thursday**

Holy Eucharist
9:00 am **Wednesday**
(with healing prayer)

Weekend Service Schedule

SATURDAY

5:00 pm **Traditional Service**
Historic Church

SUNDAY

8:00 am **Said Service**
Historic Church

9:00 am **Blended Service**
Great Hall

9:00 am **Traditional Service**
Historic Church

10:10-11:00 am **Christian Education Hour**

11:05 am **Informal Service**
Great Hall

11:05 am **Traditional Service**
Historic Church

**Nursery available on Sunday from
8:45 am to 12:30 pm**



**What's happening in Golden?
A few of the upcoming events in
our community...**

Nov 4, Dec 2 —
First Friday

Dec 2 —
Christmas Candlelight Walk

Dec 3, 10, 17 —
Olde Golden Christmas on Parade

Adult Ministries & Opportunities

MINES MINISTRY



Student Lunch & Bible Study

You need to eat, right? We know you're busy, but we hope you can find an hour on Wednesdays to join us for a short Bible study and homemade lunch. We start serving lunch at 11:45 and go until 12:45. Come late or leave early as your schedule dictates. If you have any questions, contact Daniel Coffey at daniel.coffey77@gmail.com or 303.994.4510.

wednesday night LIVE!

Looking to grow in your faith as a disciple of Jesus? Look no further than Wednesday Night Live. We have something for everyone! Dinner starts at 6:00, and the program starts at 6:45. The cost of dinner is \$5 per person, \$10 per family, Mines students eat free.

Nursery care is available at Calvary for infants through four years of age. Three year olds through the sixth grade are encouraged to go to **Awana** at First Baptist Church on Washington St. It starts at 6:30, which gives you time to get back to Calvary by our 6:45 start time!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

It's always a great time to join the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We're studying the book of Hebrews this fall and you won't want to miss it!

This is a great group of prayerful, caring women, and we are always looking for new people to join us. We meet from 9:30-11:30 in Community Room 1. Contact Cathy Hitch, 303-278-4436 or cathy.hitch@calvarygolden.net.

Calvary Women's Literary Society

All women are welcome to join our book club! We have a wonderful group of women who enjoy a relaxed evening with dinner and a great discussion of an interesting book.

Friday, November 18 we'll discuss *Now I Walk on Death Row* by Dale Recinella, at Cathy Hitch's home, 237 Berthoud Way, Golden, 303-278-4436. This is the **THIRD** Friday, since the last Friday is the day after Thanksgiving.

December – No meeting. May the Christmas season be truly joyful for you; **January 27** - *The Book Thief*, Marcus Zusak; **February 24** - *The End of the Affair*, Graham Greene; **March 30** - *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, Amy Chua.

Group 1 — Hebrews Bible Study

Join Cathy Hitch for an in-depth study of this intriguing New Testament sermon. No one is sure who wrote it or who it was written to, but Hebrews has some amazing passages about the identity and work of Jesus Christ as well as how to live a life of faith in him. It also goes to great lengths to explain Jesus' relationship to the Jewish faith and the Old Testament – a fascinating topic in its own right. Bring your Bible and prepare yourself to learn more about our Lord and Savior!

Group 2 — Men's Group

The men's group will take a close look at the first four chapters of the Gospel of Matthew which asks such questions as: What significance does this first-century Jewish rabbi have for our lives today? What difference does it make that he claimed to be the Messiah? As Christians, we believe we are saved by faith alone. But we often live as though God accepts and loves us based on our actions. We will also explore Galatians, where Paul teaches the rich joys and freedom of living under the grace of Christ. Contact Mick McManus at Mick.McManus@usfood.com or 303.279.2432 if you have any questions.

Group 3 — Women's Group

If you are looking for an evening women's fellowship group, come join this friendly, caring group of women as we share our Christian walk together. The group started with a seven week video series entitled "Discerning the Voice of God" by the dynamic Priscilla Shirer. Then they will be reading the Christian classic *Practicing the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence. Contact Julie Sheridan if you have any questions: jsl_p2@sheridanlaw.com or 303.279.5376.

STASI ELDREDGE TO SPEAK AT WOMEN'S LUNCHEON!

We have an amazing speaker coming to our Women's Luncheon this year. Stasi Eldredge, author of the book *Captivating* and wife and ministry partner of John Eldredge (*The Sacred Romance*, *Wild at Heart*) will give us her insights into the core desires of women, and how God, who gave us those desires, seeks to fulfill them. It's truly an honor to have her with us – you won't want to miss it! Saturday, January 14th at the Fossil Trace Golf Course clubhouse. \$20 for lunch with scholarships available. Put it on your calendar!

Adult Formation

—SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION—

Sunday morning is a great time for adults to get together for fellowship and learning as we live into our discipleship of Christ. We meet in the Ministry Center community rooms from 10:15 to 10:55, between the 9:00 and 11:05 services.

November 13th – Operation Christmas Child during the Sunday School hour

Please see the article on this wonderful event on the Outreach page.

November 20-December 18 – Love, faith and now...hope.

Isaiah writes that those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed (Is. 49:23). As we look at the last of Christianity's great ideals, we examine what our hope looks like and what difference it can make in our lives. Especially during the Advent season, which looks to the second coming of Christ as we remember his first coming, hope is a vital part of our faith. Join Cathy Hitch for an engaging discussion in the Ministry Center classroom.



NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP AT CALVARY

Recently we've seen a surge of young adults attending Calvary – YAY!!! We don't have an official ministry to

those of you in your 20s and 30s (yet!), but want to give you the opportunity to gather for fun and fellowship. To that end, join us for a dinner on Friday, November 4th at Suzanne Brenimer's apartment. Come at 6:30 to 12587 W. Dakota Avenue #302, Lakewood. We're making a big pot of spaghetti, so invite your friends! Talk to Suzanne for more particulars: brenimers@gmail.com or 303.241.4015.

CONGRATULATIONS! Parishioner Dr. Patricia Killian has won the Writer's Award from the Jefferson County Historical Commission for her article, *Through Glass Darkly: The Stained Glass of Calvary Episcopal Church*. She will be honored at the Historical Commission's 150th Anniversary dinner at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on Friday, November 18. (Jefferson County was formed 150 years ago.)



Musical Notes

MUSIC FAIR RESULTSOver 55 people signed up for more information regarding music opportunities at Calvary. If you signed up, you will be hearing from Gwen Blumenschein, Music Facilitator. If you are interested in more information and did not have an opportunity to sign up, it is never too late!

CALVARY SINGERSor whatever we will be called! First rehearsal for an adult, traditional choir experience will be Thursday, November 3 in the north end of the Ministry Center. Hope to see you there!

HANDBELLSStayed tuned for information on organizational meetings. There will be several in order to best accommodate your schedules. Participation in a hand bell choir requires special considerations-which will depend on your input—so face-to-face meeting will be important for this ensemble.

INSTRUMENTALISTSYou are on my list! As opportunities arise I will be calling you. If you just can't wait and want to share some music, give me a call or send an email.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Dedication of the
Johannus Ecclesia D-47 digital organ.

Sunday, November 20 5:00 PM in the Historic Church

Hear this amazing instrument played by guest artist, Frank Perko. Frank began his organ career as a teenager playing at the Organ Grinder on their incredible pipe organ. He received classic organ training at CSU and the University of Cincinnati Music Conservatory. Frank beautifully weds these two disciplines. One of his specialties is improvising on hymns. Come celebrate and participate in the blessing of this wonderful new musical resource.

Advent Lessons and Carols
Followed by a Soup Supper

Sunday, December 18 5:00 PM in the Great Hall

In preparation for the Christmas celebration, we begin in darkness and move to the coming of the Light of Christ. Here is an opportunity to reflect on seven Biblical lessons and respond by singing and listening to the beloved music of the season of Advent. No worries about cooking or doing dishes THIS Sunday night — just stay for a simple soup supper afterwards.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS regarding the music program at Calvary? Contact Gwen Blumenschein: 303-279-2188 ext 14 or gblumenschein@calvarygolden.net.