



Every day, the people of Calvary are putting their Christian faith into action through the social ministries of our church and shining the light of Christ into our community and world. We partner with local and international organizations such as Cooperative Christian Ministry, Winecoff Elementary School, Samaritan's Purse, ELCA World Hunger Appeal, The Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool, and Habitat for Humanity to lend a hand with hunger, housing, and education needs in our community and world. We hope that you will use this calendar to put your faith into action, live the greatest commandment, and shine the light of Christ into our world during 2021.

### **Social Ministry Calendar of Emphases for 2021**

*(More information about each of these projects is provided in monthly communications)*

#### **January**

-Serve those in our community touched by domestic violence by gathering supplies for CVAN during the month.

-Possible Winecoff project to gather clothes or shoes

#### **February-**

-Serve those in transition through preparing a meal for My Father's House.

-Serve our neighbors everywhere by putting aside \$2 a day for world hunger during the month. Share your offering as part of our Ash Wednesday service on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember the 2.5 billion people that live on less than \$2 a day. Learn more about the ministry of ELCA World Hunger.

#### **March-**

-Project to support Winecoff teachers

-Share an offering for CCM and Calvary Cares

#### **April-**

-Join us for worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1st, and give a financial gift to support CCM and Calvary Cares.

-Wish list for Calvary food pantry

#### **May-**

-Serve those in transition through preparing a meal for My Father's House

-Mobile Food Pantry will be held this month. (subject to possible Covid-19 restrictions)

-Book Drive for Concord Detention Center.

-One of Calvary's Day of Service days will be in May. We are planning to work with The Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool this month.

#### **June-**

-Serve the hungry in our community by helping our youth with the Give Away Garden

-Bring in canned food to support the CCM summer food drive

**July-**

- Serve the hungry in our community by helping our youth with the Give Away Garden
- Support our youth in their service this summer by remembering to pray for their mission trips
- Gather school supplies for Winecoff Elementary School

**August-**

- Serve those in transition through preparing a meal for My Father's House.

**September-**

- God's Work Our Hands Day. Look for opportunities to serve alongside other Calvary members or friends and share a meal afterwards.
- Wish List for Calvary's Food Pantry

**October-**

- Serve the hungry in our community, nation, and world by walking in the Crop Walk or offering a financial gift to support the Crop Walk
- Bring the message of Christ to a child by filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child

**November-**

- Serve those in transition through preparing a meal for My Father's House
- ELCA Good Gifts emphasis- opportunity for alternate giving
- Serve those less fortunate at Thanksgiving by helping with the Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels

**December-**

- Help our congregation's youth by buying a Scrip Card. A portion of each card comes back to our youth ministry and allows them to go on mission trips where they learn to serve. Scrip cards make great Christmas gifts.
- Serve those less fortunate through buying an angel tree gift

**Throughout the year, you may participate in collections for Calvary's food pantry, CCM, CVAN, and other, local groups. Calvary has collection boxes in the coat closet off the narthex. There will be reoccurring opportunities for service such as an adult mission trip and Habitat workdays that are not on this calendar. Look for announcements on these in our other communications.**

**We also encourage you to support youth missions throughout the year by purchasing a Scrip Card for use in grocery stores, clothing stores, restaurants, and so much more. A percentage of each card comes back to Calvary's youth ministry. You may also support Calvary through Amazon Smile.**