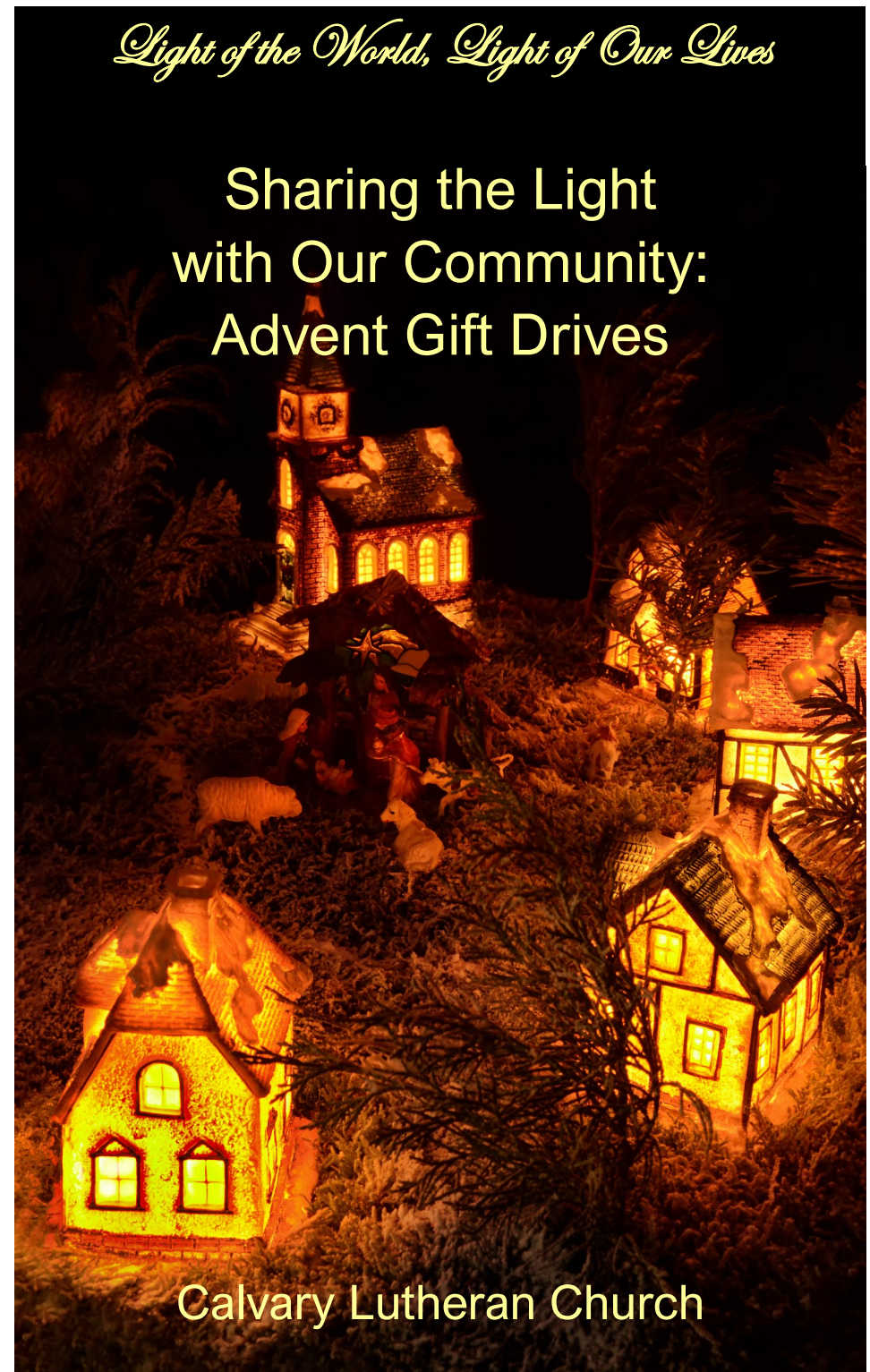


"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

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This Advent, let's shine the light in our community by assisting four organizations who are helping our neighbors in need.

Directions for the Advent Drives

1. Gather four brown paper bags or other containers (one for each week of Advent.) Cut apart the tags in the back of the brochure and attach one to each container.
2. Read over the "needs list" for each of the charities and decide as a family or as an individual how you will practice the spiritual discipline of Giving/Sharing. You may decide to fill all the bags at once or add to each bag as the weeks progress. It is up to you. **Please do not wrap any gifts.**
3. On **Sunday afternoons from 12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.**, bring your filled bag to church to drop off in the downstairs parking lot. Members of our congregation will be there to receive them. Use it as a time to say hello to others, but remember to wear your mask and keep socially distanced. **(If you are unable to come on Sunday, you may drop off items at the downstairs Gathering Room from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. the week before the dates below. Please call Jeff Moeller to make arrangements at 330-618-7837.)**
4. In addition, monetary donations are welcomed and can be given by check (make out to Calvary, specific charity on memo line) or through the Give Now button on the website. To give: Go to www.calvarylutheranchurch.org/give/. Scroll down and click the "Give Now" button. Locate the line for the specific charity and enter the amount of your donation. Click "Continue" and enter your payment information.
5. The schedule for dropping off donations is:



November 29: Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry

December 6: TACO (Third Avenue Charitable Organization)

December 13: Christmas Angels & STEP

December 20: Interfaith Community

Tags for Advent Gift Drives



My/Our "Sharing the Light" Gift for
**Lutheran Border Concerns
Ministry**

**Final Drop-off:
Sunday, November 29**



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Sunday, December 13**



My/Our "Sharing the Light" Gift for
**Interfaith Community
Services**

**Final Drop-off:
Sunday, December 20**



Interfaith Community Services

Who they are *Interfaith Community Services has been helping people help themselves since 1979, when they came together with faith communities and compassionate individuals to stabilize and improve people's lives. Now, Interfaith is comprised of five main areas: Supportive Services, Housing, Clinical & Behavioral Health, Recovery & Wellness, Employment & Economic Development.*

With more than 300 member faith centers and over 150 dedicated staff, Interfaith offered support through North San Diego County to more than 17,000 unique individuals last year alone. Since the pandemic began, the need has only grown.

Website <https://www.interfaithservices.org>

Greatest needs *Interfaith provides bridge and permanent housing for individuals and families in need. An area of great need is outfitting small apartments with items for the kitchens.*

- ♦ New **kitchen supplies** (dish soap, paper towels, napkins, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, plastic storage bags, large garbage bags and sealable containers)
- ♦ New **flatware, glassware, and dinnerware sets**
- ♦ New **pots, pans, and lids**
- ♦ New **small kitchen appliances** like toasters, coffee makers, and blenders
- ♦ Monetary donations also accepted through the Give Now button at www.calvarylutheranchurch.org/give/.

Questions?

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Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry



Who they are *LBCM overall purpose is to help people who live south of the border, including both spiritual and material needs. They also inform people who live north of the border about the spiritual and physical needs of their sisters and brothers to the south. To this end, LBCM collects (from churches, groups, and individuals) food items, socks, underwear, toothpaste, toothbrushes, quilts and blankets, Spanish Bibles and just about any other item and distributes them to people in Mexico. They take them to orphanages, the churches and missions they support, including Lutheran churches, and to the neighborhoods where there is a need. A breakfast feeding program has greatly expanded since the onset of the pandemic to not just feed the children, but also their families. Calvary's youth group has supported this ministry in the past by making blankets.*

Website <http://lutheranborderconcernsministry.org>

Greatest needs

- ♦ **Food items** including beans, rice, and ramen noodles as well as other non-perishable food items.
- ♦ New **socks and underwear for children**, all sizes
- ♦ New or gently used **warm clothing for children**, all sizes
- ♦ Monetary donations also accepted through the Give Now button at www.calvarylutheranchurch.org/give/.

Questions?

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TACO (Third Avenue Charitable Organization)

Who they are TACO provides meals, medical, dental, and law clinics, end-of-life services and links to social services for those most vulnerable in the downtown San Diego area. The organization serves everyone, regardless of race, gender, faith, age, or sexual orientation. A large number of those served are without permanent homes or are living on the streets. Many others are of retirement age, living in the surrounding senior citizen residential towers on low fixed incomes. Still others are physically disabled living on relatively little income from sources such as state disability and Federal SSI. During the course of an average week, the majority of TACO's clients are men, many of whom are homeless. Single women also take advantage of the services offered by T.A.C.O. Occasionally, homeless families who for a variety of reasons are living on the streets of San Diego receive assistance from TACO.

Website <https://www.tacosd.org>

Greatest needs With winter arriving, the following new or gently used items are needed:

- ♦ **Sleeping bags or blankets** that can be rolled up.
- ♦ **Backpacks and duffel bags**
- ♦ **Jackets and hoodies**
- ♦ **NEW only socks and underwear** for men (med/large) and women (briefs and pullover sports bras)
- ♦ Monetary donations also accepted through the Give Now button at www.calvarylutheranchurch.org/give/.

Questions? Contact Marybeth Norgren at norstav@aol.com.

Christmas Angels and STEP



Who they are: Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) assists local military families experiencing severe financial hardship. STEP offers grants to families to cure their immediate crises, like catching up back rent to stop evictions or covering the cost of car repairs. The families then work with STEP's social workers and financial counsellors to learn how to reduce spending, budget and save, pay down debt, and use credit wisely to achieve their goal: long-term financial self-sufficiency.

We can help the STEP families stay on budget during their financial training by donating Christmas gifts.

Website <https://www.stepsocal.org/>

How We Can Help—Three socially distanced ways!

1. **Drop off a toy or two** – Collection bins will be at Calvary through December 13. Toys must be new and unwrapped. Board games, puzzles, and outdoor family fun gifts are great options.

2. **Donate a gift card** – STEP can pass these on as gifts to a family or use them to purchase other needs.

3. **Donate to STEP's Emergency Relief Fund** – Your donation helps fund the grants STEP offers to families in crisis. To give, send a check to Calvary with STEP on the memo line or donate online:

Go to www.calvarylutheranchurch.org/give/.

Scroll down and click the Give Now button.

Locate the line for Christmas Angels/STEP

Enter the amount of your donation.

Click Continue and enter your payment information.

Thank you for shining your light on the STEP families!

Questions? Email Susie Shattuck, calvaryangels@gmail.com