

APRIL

HOLY WEEK at CALVARY

Palm Sunday, March 25

Services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Jesus' triumphal entry declares to everyone that He is King and Lord

Good Friday, March 30

Tenebrae Services at 7:00 and 8:45 pm

Join us for this time of remembrance of our Savior's great sacrifice of love (nursery - 5-yr-olds at 7pm service)

Easter Sunday, April 1

Worship services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am

No Sunday School (K-12) or King's Kids

Nursery and preschool available at all three services (infants - 4-yr-olds)

No Mini-Congregations

Easter Breakfast 7:15 - 11:00 am

Join us for breakfast on Easter morning in the Fellowship Hall (free-will donations)

CALVARY NEWS

Children's Heart Project (CHP)

Our three CHP children, their moms, and interpreters will return to Mongolia on April 3. Thank you to all who prayed, visited, donated meals, rides, and money, and to our four host homes, Cedric & Stephani Bernier, Gary & Ellen Larson, Tim & Michele Nelson, and Dan & Merideth Orvis.

Bible Study on John

11 am-noon (men and women). In this *Gospel of John* Bible study the author chooses seven signs to prove that Jesus is the God-man who saves everyone who believes in Him. \$10, Calvary Fireside Room. Join anytime! Led by Pastor Larry Orth.

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 3

Noon Gathering

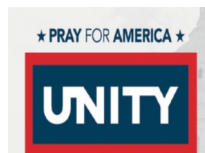
Thursday Noon - 12:50 pm, Prayer in the Government Center (Council Chambers 151 Fourth St. SE)

Main Event

Thursday Evening 7:00-8:15 pm, Evangel United Methodist Church (2645 North Broadway). Praying 4 Unity! We will Celebrate God's Faithfulness. Live broadcast hosted by Betsy Singer.

FaithExpo

Connect before and after the main event (4:00-6:45 pm and 8:20-9:15 pm). Meet and network with community leaders, faith leaders, and learn more about faith resources.



FAMILY EQUIPPING/CHILDREN

Family-Equipping Connection

Our Family Equipping Connection meets most Sunday mornings throughout the school year at 9 am in Room 225. We hope it is a place you can learn, grow, connect, and belong. Join us any Sunday! Contact Brian Martin to learn more, bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

5/6 Retreat at Camp Shamineau

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for a special 5th/6th grade retreat April 13-15 (Departing 2:30 pm Friday and returning 4:30 pm on Sunday) at Camp Shamineau. Cost is \$85 - register online by Friday, April 6. Contact Brian Martin (bmartin@calvaryefc.org) for more information.

AWANA

April 4 - Super Hero Night

April 11 - Patriot Night

April 18 - Paper Airplane Night

April 25 - Crazy Hair Night

Set Volunteers Needed

The Hallelujah! Kids Choir spring musical is on Sunday, May 6. Set coordinator and volunteers are needed to help build the set for the musical. Contact Laura at reedbrook@live.com.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS June 11-14

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am- Noon. Put the date on your calendar now! While shipwrecked on a adventurous island, we will explore how Jesus rescues us when life gets hard. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities. Volunteer sign up in now available online at www.calvaryefc.org. Child registration is coming soon.



Dynamic Partnerships

Dynamic Partnerships is a process of self-evaluation, helpful conversations, goal-setting, and conversation to help parents be the best they can be. It involves *Next Phase Families* from within our church who have been in your shoes before and can share wisdom and encouragement. Any family with children in any phase are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in learning more about these partnerships, please contact Brian Martin, bmartin@calvaryefc.org. Please note: space is limited.

SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

No activities planned for the month of April, but reserve Tuesday, May 1 for Senior Day at Ironwood Christian Ranch in Stewartville. We will begin at 10:00 am with coffee and rolls, followed by a wagon ride (handicap accessible) through the woods to see the spring flowers. Lunch and entertainment, \$25/person. To carpool from the church, meet at 9:30 am. Contact Sharon Landsworth at 288-0592 or at rsland1971@gmail.com and reserve your spot!

WOMEN

Weave Gatherings

We are in the process of planning new Weave gatherings for summer. If you were involved in hosting, leading, or helping out in some way last year, please attend an upcoming meeting so that we can get your feedback. If you would like to be involved this summer, please consider yourselves invited! We will also be talking about some exciting High School mentoring opportunities. Meeting - 7pm, Monday, April 9 at Ingrid Ansell's home, 2032 Scenic View Lane SW. Ingrid's cell number for any questions, 507 269-3483.

Devoted Hearts Conference

Registration is open for the 2018 Devoted Hearts Conference, *An Unlikely Joy*. You will hear speaker and Bible teacher, Lisa Harper; speaker and story-teller, Karen Abercrombie; and musical artist and speaker, Laura Story. April 27-28, held at Autumn Ridge Church in Rochester. Registration and details can be found at www.devotedheartsrochester.com.

YOUTH

District Blitz, April 27-29, Duluth, Grades 7-12

District Blitz is an annual student ministries conference, for both high school and middle school students grades 7-12. The purpose of District Blitz is to provide a conference that challenges students to love God, love one another, and love the lost. The theme for this year is "No Filter." For more info. and to register please check online under student ministries.

MEN

Series 33

This DVD discussion will give us an inspiring vision of work from God's bigger perspective. Meets through April 14, 8-9:15 am, Room 224. Cost \$20. Join us anytime. Sign up not required but helpful for planning and books. Email lorth@calvaryefc.org.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 21, 8:30-9:10, with the Men's Chorus rehearsal immediately to follow.

CARE GROUPS

Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus)

We will meet Sunday, April 8, 4-6 pm at Nancy Monsen's home, 3721 Arbor Dr NW. Join us for games, snacks and fellowship. Note we are not meeting the first Sunday in April because of Easter. Contact Nancy Monsen, 281-4152 or Carol Siverling, 358-2417.

Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)

You Matter. Do you feel lonely or not valued? Do you feel powerless to change your situation? Healing and hope can start here. Compassion Counseling Center (CCC) offers counseling in a grace-filled environment that is free of charge and kept strictly confidential. To start the process of counseling, follow these three steps:

Step 1. Get an intake form from outside the CCC office (next to the prayer room) and fill it out. The intake form can also be printed from www.CompassionCounseling.org.

Step 2. Put the completed form in an envelope and put it in the CCC mailbox in the workroom next to the front office.

Step 3. The CCC will then contact you to set up an appointment to see if our services are a good fit for the situation.

Touching lives with healing and hope.

WORSHIP

Men's Chorus Weekend

Join with other men (9th grade-adult) in leading worship and singing praise to the Lord. One rehearsal, one Sunday morning commitment.

April 21 Rehearsal 9:15-10:45 am

April 22 Sing during both morning services, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Worship Chorale

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15 pm. Singers ages 9th grade and up are welcome. Formal music background or training is not required. We ask that you be able to match pitch and have a heart for worship ministry. Contact Pastor Dan at dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org.

Worship Team

Join the Worship Team this spring! We need singers, guitar and keyboard players, and drummers. "O magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt His name together!"

Contact Pastor Dan at dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org.

Hallelujah! Kids Choir

Grades 2-6 rehearse Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm. We are preparing for our spring musical on May 6. Set volunteers needed! Contact Laura at reedbrook@live.com.

Technical Arts Team

We need sound, projection, lighting, and video "So the Word can be seen and heard." Interested in serving behind the scenes? We will train you. Contact Joel at jminchinton@calvaryefc.org.

Usher Ministry Team

Consider serving on one of our Usher Ministry Teams. Ushering ministry is open to men and women ages 14 and up. This is also a great ministry for couples or families to serve in together. We need you! Contact Eric at eric_andringa@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Dates

April 1 Easter Sunday

April 15 Communion

April 22 Men's Chorus

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

Together For Good

Supporting children and families in crisis. Saturday, April 7. Informational meeting, 9:30-10:30 am; Host family training 9:30 am-2 pm with lunch (\$5 suggested donation). Held at Calvary. Register at www.tfgood.org/events. For more information, please contact Joy McAfee: joy@tfgood.org.

Rochester Christian Hospitality Network (RCHN)

Would you like to open your home to a clinic patient or their family for short stays? Join RCHN to consider requests as they arise. Contact coordinator Dianne Orth, orth.dianne@gmail.com for more information and hosting tips!

Camp Victory

Summer Camp Registration is now open. Day Camps, Lego Robotics Camp, Water Sports Camp, Survivor Camp, Fishing Camp, Creative Arts Camp... Leaders in Training ... *So many camps, not enough summer!* www.campvictory.com.

Announcements are due on the 15th of each month for the upcoming month. Please email Nancy in the church office at nsobczak@calvaryefc.org.