



CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY

Worship Ministry Christmas Celebration

What a Glorious Night

Come hear the message of salvation and peace foretold by the prophets and proclaimed by the angels at Jesus' birth. Service led by the Calvary Worship Ministry includes Worship Chorale, Hallelujah! Kids Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band.

Saturday, December 2, 7 PM

*Childcare provided for infants through 4-yr olds
Refreshments following the Saturday evening service*

Sunday, December 3, 9 & 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Morning Worship

December 24, one service at 9:00 AM

Childcare provided for infants through 4-yr olds

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24, 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 PM

Childcare provided for infants through 4-yr olds

Church Office: Closed Dec. 25 – Jan. 2

CALVARY NEWS

Calvary Family Meal

December 10. A special **complementary** Family Meal to thank the entire Calvary family for serving and giving and praying and leading and loving. Theme is Famous Dave's. Serving begins RIGHT AFTER THE FIRST SERVICE and continues until 12:30 so EVERYONE can attend.

Coffee Connection

No Coffee Connection on December 10 due to the Family Meal or on Dec 24 for the one morning service. Self-serve coffee will be available both days in Fireside Room.

Love Gifts

Starting the beginning of December the Leadership Board will make Love Gift envelopes available in church mailboxes and at the Welcome Desk. We are inviting the church family to contribute through the end of the year to a special gift to be given to our Pastors and Staff in January.

Refugee Care Ministry

Calvary has welcomed more refugee families and individuals into our midst this fall. Go to the Refugee Care Ministry page on Calvary's website to meet these families. Many people have already generously provided furnishings, clothing and transportation. Thank you! There are additional needs that we have listed on the website if you wish to be involved. Questions, contact Sharon Bjerkaas at refugeecare@calvaryefc.org

Operation Christmas Child

Calvary donated 676 gift filled shoeboxes. In total the collection center received from southeastern Minnesota 11,414 gift filled shoeboxes! Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox gift.

Young Adult Game Night

Young adults are invited to enjoy a game night at Calvary. Jan. 1, 7 pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a snack, dessert, or drink to share. Questions, contact Alex at 271-9908.

Judges Bible Study

Bible study on Judges led by Pastor Larry Orth. Fireside Room. 6 - 7 AM (men) and 11 - noon (mixed). We will skip Dec. 27 & Jan. 3.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Register alone or as a group to ring bells for Salvation Army. One hour shifts indoor and outdoor sites available. Registration online at www.calvaryefc.org.

Weather Cancellations

If Sunday services are to be cancelled a decision will be made by 6:00 am. Check for an email, or if you have opted out of the email, check our website or KTTC online. Events during the week normally follow the school decisions – closed schools means no event.

FAMILY EQUIPPING/CHILDREN

No Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school for grades K-12 on Sunday, Dec 3 due to the Christmas Celebration.

Holiday Breaks

For Family Ministry, there will be no programming on Wednesdays, December 20 and 27. We will have programming January 3. Likewise, there will be no Sunday morning program on December 24 and 31 for grades K-12. Preschool and nursery programming will be available.

Family Equipping Elective - A New Chapter

No elective on Dec 3 (Christmas Celebration) or on Dec 24 or 31. Starting January 7, our "elective" classroom experience will transform to be more of a small group format. While anyone is welcome, how we impact the next generation will be our organizing principle. We will be sharing our hearts, lives, service, and prayers.

AWANA Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 6 - Grown Up Night - Wear Parent's clothes

Dec. 13 - Awana Christmas Store and Party

YOUTH

LAUNCH: For the class of 2018

We'd like to invite all graduating seniors to join us for an 8-week experience designed just for them, helping to look ahead to the future and prepare them for whatever is next. We'll talk about wise decision-making, examine questions of worldview, practice some important skills, and more. Parents of seniors: we'll be engaging with you as well! If you haven't been contacted about this opportunity, please email me at bmartin@calvaryefc.org to learn more.

Every Sunday Jan 7-Feb 26, Room 224, 9 am.

WOMEN

Januvahhré

We have all our speakers and demonstrations in place for Januvahhré 2018, and we're a little excited about them. This is our 4th year having these get-togethers where we enjoy fellowship time, are inspired by wonderful speakers, and learn new skills through demonstrations on a range of interests. Please put these dates on your calendars, as you won't want to miss out. These are wonderful opportunities to invite friends and neighbors! Look for flyers and more information coming soon!

Thursday morning - January 18

Tuesday evening - January 23

Thursday morning - January 25

MEN

Men's Chili Breakfast

Jan. 6, 8-9:15 am. Fellowship Hall. This month's theme: "Call to Discipleship Update." RSVP mattscheckel@gmail.com or sign up online at www.calvaryefc.org.

Series 33

Men's DVD/discussion, *A Man and His Story*. Saturdays, 8-9:15 am, Room 224, through Dec.16. Understand how our past shapes who we are today, and how we can enjoy God's best for our future. RSVP at lorth@calvaryefc.org.

The next session, *A Man and His Traps*, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17. \$20.

SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 6 - Plan now to join us as we sing Christmas songs and have our annual white elephant gift exchange. Bring an old/new inexpensive gift to share. We will meet in the fellowship hall from 9:30 - 12:00. Lunch will be catered by Canadian Honker. Donations will be accepted for the luncheon. RSVP Sharon or Rod at 288-0592 or rsland1971@gmail.com.

WORSHIP

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 together. Contact Eric at eric.andringa@ultrapure.com.

CARE GROUPS

Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)

Dealing with difficult issues and seeking counsel may feel overwhelming, especially if you feel alone. If you or someone you care about has reached a point of being ready for a positive change, CCC may be able to help.

Call 507-208-8822 or visit our website www.compassioncounseling.org if you would like more information or are interested in volunteering. *Transforming lives with hope and healing*. The counseling center will be closed December 21 and 28.

Financial Peace University

Class will start Tuesday, January 9th (6:30-8pm) for nine weeks. Childcare can be made available (please RSVP if needed). Course materials can be purchased (one per family) online or directly from me (online cost is \$129 and from church is \$93 while supplies last, scholarships to cover part of cost available - just inquire). Contact Jay Homme 507-202-1158. Online link: <https://fpu.com/1051777>

Single Adult Fellowship

Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus) will meet Sunday December 3, 4-6 pm in the Fireside room. Join us for snacks, games, & fellowship. Questions call Carol Siverling 358-2417 or Nancy Monsen 281-4152.

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

Hosting

If you're interested in hosting clinic patients or Children's Heart Project families, please contact Dianne Orth, at orth.dianne@gmail.com, (507) 269-7112.

FCA Night of Presents and Presence

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be having a night of fellowship for FCA huddles and local families through gift-giving and conversation. Free gifts/toys (limit 3 per child). Gift wrapping, cookies, and hot cider. December 10, 6-9 pm at Calvary.

Together for Good (TFG)

New ministry in Rochester (started by former staff of Safe Families). TFG is in need of new volunteers to provide overnight care for children, help with transportation, activities, or meals, and develop friendships with parents. We will also be partnering with MN Adult & Teen Challenge to provide long term support for children while parents are completing their programs. For more information, please contact Joy McAfee: joy@tfgood.org.

Children's Heart Project (CHP) Fundraiser

December 12, 6-8 pm. Help raise funds and awareness for CHP and hear how impactful the project is to the recipients and the Rochester host families. Appetizers, desserts, silent auction and crafts. Cambria Gallery, 400 South Broadway #105. Contact is Stephani Bernier at linebrawlhockey@gmail.com.

Calvary website:
www.calvaryefc.org

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