

CALVARY NEWS

New Refugee Family

We have the privilege of serving new refugee families. Our newest family, Nyigwo and his wife Abang, and their five children, moved to Rochester last September. They are friends of Peter Ojullu and arrived from Kenya. Please go to www.calvaryefc.org/serve/refugee-care to learn more about this family and ways we can be of help to them and other families. Question? Contact Sharon Bjerkaas at refugeecare@calvaryefc.org or 507-282-9850.

Membership Class

February, 18, 10:30-11:45 am in the gym. Sign up on www.calvaryefc.org under *Connect* or contact the church office at 282-4612.

CareFest on Wheels

Mission to Texas, Feb. 23 - March 3. Join the citywide church as we seek to send skilled people to help rebuild the lives and homes of people in Deweyville, TX, following Hurricane Harvey. Homes need electrical upgrades, plumbing, foundation inspection and repair, sheetrock, tape, painting, flooring, and demolition. Contact Larry Orth with questions; Register by Feb. 15 at www.teamrochester.org.

Children's Heart Project

Calvary will be hosting three families (young child/mom) from Mongolia. Surgeries are anticipated for March 6. "Sodnom" and "Enkhuslen" will be hosted by Dan & Merideth Orvis, followed by Pastor Tim & Michele Nelson for the second half. "Tenger" will be hosted by Gary & Ellen Larson followed by Cedric and Stephani Bernier. Please lift these children and hosts up in prayer. Assistance is needed from the Calvary family for meals, transportation, and diversional activities (crafting, sightseeing). Contact Dianne Orth for details at 507-269-7112.

John Bible Study

Bible study on Gospel of John starts March 7, Calvary Fire-side Room, 6-7 am, men; 11-noon, mixed. Join anytime! Led by Pastor Larry Orth.

Theater & Dessert Night. (Adults)

Friday, March 9, 7-9 pm, Calvary Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. \$10 per person. *Theater for the Thirsty* specializes in entertaining, music-infused, funny, thought-provoking, redemptive, and imaginative theater. Check them out at theaterforhethirsty.com. Tickets available at www.calvaryefc.org or in the lobby soon. Please be seated by 7 pm. No childcare.

Calvary Community

Currently studying the Old Testament prophets. David Henry, our own Old Testament scholar, is the teacher. Everyone is welcome, Sunday morning, 9 am in the Gym.

FAMILY EQUIPPING/CHILDREN

Family Ministry Website

We have a brand-new, highly-informative website for parents and families. Its focus is to equip you with important experiences to do with your children, and there is one for every year. Explore, play, and enjoy! We hope it helps to equip your family to love Jesus more.

5th grade and below:

https://ministrytoparents.com/sl_new/index.php?site=kids&key=iusedfmnsdfgbsiudf

6th-12th grade:

https://ministrytoparents.com/sl_new/index.php?site=youth&key=iusedfmnsdfgbsiudfn

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.

Parent Summit

Saturday, March 17, 9 am-1 pm, Youth Room. Our theme will be "Parenting on Purpose." We will have sessions about gospel-focused parenting, developing a family mission statement, internet and social media, and many more age-and-stage specific content. The cost is just \$5 per person with lunch included. Signup online soon. Contact Brian Martin with questions bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

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.

Montreal

Calvary will be sending an Intergenerational Service Leadership Team to Montreal, August 4-12, 2018. The team will be teaching English, serving immigrant families, and doing projects for our in-country ministry partners. Families and/or family combos (ie: father/son, etc.) of any age are especially encouraged to apply. Those 16 and older may travel with the team as individuals. The deadline to register for the trip will be Feb. 18, and the first team meeting will be Feb. 25. Contact Brian Martin with questions: bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

AWANA

We will celebrate Missions in the month of February. Kids are encouraged to bring money to help support Awana clubs around the world throughout the month.

WOMEN

Renovaré

Thursday morning, Feb 1, and Monday evening, Feb 5, will be the starting dates for our spring session Bible studies. Several groups are beginning new books, so it's a perfect time to join us, even if you didn't attend in the fall. Register on line if you are switching groups, or if you will start a new book. No need to re-register if you are continuing in the same group as the previous semester.

Devoted Hearts Conference

Registration has opened 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, at Autumn Ridge Church in Rochester. Registration and details found at www.devotedheartsrochester.com.

WORSHIP

Women's Chorus Weekend February 10 & 11

Join with other women (8th grade-adult) in leading worship and singing praise to the Lord. One rehearsal, one Sunday morning commitment.

February 10 Fellowship/brunch/coffee time, 10:30–11:10 am

February 10 Rehearsal 11:15 am–12:45 pm (childcare provided)

February 11 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 winter! 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

Hallelujah! Kids Choir will resume rehearsals on **February 11**. The choir (grades 2-6) rehearses Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm. Come join us! 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

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| February 11 | Women's Chorus Weekend |
| February 18 | Communion |
| March 11 | Communion |
| March 30 | Good Friday services |
| April 1 | Easter Sunday services |

YOUTH

High School Winter Retreat

Ft. Wilderness, March 2-4. Great time to connect with friends, make new ones, and grow in your walk with Christ. Look online for more information and to register.

MEN

No Regrets Men's Conference

Grace Church, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, on February 3. Topics include: *Living a life of no regrets; Successful parenting; Happy wife, happy life; Growing in the Lord; Avoiding temptation; Influencing your world*, and more. \$15 per ticket (includes lunch). Register at www.grace-free.org by January 28.

CARE GROUPS

Single Adult Fellowship

Single Adult fellowship (50 plus) will meet Sunday, February 4, 4-6 pm in the Fireside Room. Join us for games, snacks & fellowship. Contact Carol Siverling, 358-2417 or Nancy Monsen, 281-4152.

Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)

Transforming lives with hope and healing. 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 www.compassioncounseling.org if you would like more information or are interested in volunteering.

SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

Crime Prevention

Feb.7, Fellowship Hall, 9:30-11:00. Our speaker will be Darrel Hildebrandt, Rochester Police Crime Prevention Specialist. He will be speaking about home and computer security, identity theft, and scams to avoid. Any questions, contact Sharon Landsworth at 288-0592 or at rsland1971@gmail.com.

TreeHouse Ministries (PEP)

Coming on Wednesday, March 7, an overview of TreeHouse Ministries, an outreach to at-risk children and the opportunities it gives us to serve them.

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

Barnabas Ministry

Special Moms Day Away. Saturday, March 10, 9:30 am-2:00 pm. Grace Church, Eden Prairie. Come be encouraged and inspired as we dialogue about the challenges and opportunities of raising siblings in a family affected by disability. The Special Needs mom's Bible study at Calvary is planning to caravan up. Rides available. Contact Denise Songstad at dnbobmn@msn.com.

Weekend to Remember

Mpls, February 23-25, or March 2-4

This marriage weekend will help you and your spouse escape the daily grind and focus on your relationship. Our trained speakers will help you learn about, and apply, God's plan for a healthy marriage. Contact Mike Sunderman at mrs0429@charter.net, or 507-421-1053. Group Code: GodsUnion3. Visit FamilyLife.com/Weekend.

Super Bowl at Camp Victory

Come out to Camp Victory and enjoy food, fun & fellowship with family and friends during Camp Victory's first annual "Super Sunday FunDay Family Super Bowl Party." We will have food, beverages and plenty of activities before, during, and after the game for the whole family. You don't have to be a Vikings fan to attend. \$10/adult; \$5/child; \$25/family. Visit www.campvictory.com for more information and to RSVP.

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