

# 2019 MINISTRY UPDATE

# February



## CALVARY NEWS

### **Family Meal**

Join us for a Calvary Family Meal in the Gym, **Feb 3, 11:45 am** (Superbowl Sunday). Theme is Tex-Mex.

### **CareFest on Wheels**

Hurricane relief mission in Deweyville, TX (Feb. 22 - March 3, 2019). An organizational meeting will be held on **Feb. 4, 6-7 pm**, Fireside Room, for those interested in serving. Contact Pastor Larry, [lorth@calvaryefc.org](mailto:lorth@calvaryefc.org) to RSVP or for details.

### **Prayer Walk**

Peace Plaza, **Feb. 16, 9-9:45 am**, Join believers from other churches to pray for 2019 community outreach and city awakening. Refreshments provided by Autumn Ridge.

### **Membership Class**

For those wanting to know more about connecting, maturing, and becoming a member of Calvary Evangelical Free Church. Our next class will be on **February 17, 10:30-11:45 am**, Fireside Room. Contact the church office, 282-4612 to sign up, or email [lorth@calvaryefc.org](mailto:lorth@calvaryefc.org).

### **Colossians-Philemon Bible Study**

Bible study on Colossians-Philemon meets Wednesdays, 11 AM - noon, Fireside Room. Come learn about the majesty of the preeminent Christ, and his power to bring reconciliation and healing to our lives and relationships. Contact Pastor Larry, [lorth@calvaryefc.org](mailto:lorth@calvaryefc.org) for details.

### **Theater and Dessert Night**

Theater for the Thirsty. Friday, **March 1, 7 pm**, Calvary Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall. The Psalm King. One story, two actors, eight characters, a few tears, and a bunch of laughs. \$10/person, \$30/family. Tickets at [www.calvaryefc.org](http://www.calvaryefc.org). (Limited amount of free tickets are available for friends and neighbors.) Childcare may be available for kids grade 4 and below. You must register for childcare by February 22.

### **Baptism Class**

For those wanting to know more about what the Bible teaches on baptism. Offered **March 10, 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room and offered **March 17, 10:30 am** in the Fireside Room. Contact the Church Office, 282-4612 to sign up, or email [lorth@calvaryefc.org](mailto:lorth@calvaryefc.org).

### **Children's Heart Project**

Calvary anticipates hosting three Children's Heart Project toddlers from Mongolia, Feb - Mar, 2019. Please pray for surgery approval, visas, safe travels, identification of host homes, and support help in the coming weeks. To host or help, please contact Dianne Orth, [orth.dianne@gmail.com](mailto:orth.dianne@gmail.com).

### **Refugee Care Ministry**

Please check Calvary's website for updates on needs for our refugee families. Hopefully a 3-yr-old daughter of one of our families will be able to join her mother and sister here soon, traveling from Sudan. There will be clothing and other needs for her. Thank you for your care for and interest in these families. [www.calvaryefc.org/serve/refugee-care](http://www.calvaryefc.org/serve/refugee-care) Questions? Contact Sharon Bjerkaas at [refugeecare@calvaryefc.org](mailto:refugeecare@calvaryefc.org) or 507-282-9850.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### **Parent Summit**

Parents of children of all ages (and especially those who have kids still in the house), please join us for our third annual Parent Summit! On Saturday, **February 23** from 9 am-3 pm, you'll hear from great speakers and presenters on a number of topics around the theme "God's Got This." We'll look at the broken world our kids are growing up in and explore ways to both protect them from it and engage them in it with love! \$10/person (lunch included). Register at [calvaryefc.org/ministries/family-ministries](http://calvaryefc.org/ministries/family-ministries).

### **Parent Child Dedication**

Our next scheduled dedication after Feb 3 is July 14. If you are interested in dedicating a child on that date, please be sure to fill out the dedication form at [calvaryefc.org/connect/parent-child-dedication](http://calvaryefc.org/connect/parent-child-dedication). Thank you!

### **Social Media**

Follow us on social media!

Facebook: [@calvaryefcrochester](https://www.facebook.com/calvaryefcrochester) (students) [@calvaryefcstudents](https://www.facebook.com/calvaryefcstudents)  
Instagram: [@calvary\\_rochminn](https://www.instagram.com/calvary_rochminn) (students) [@cefc\\_students](https://www.instagram.com/cefc_students)

### **Awana**

Feb. 6 - Red Night  
Feb. 13 - Blue Night  
Feb. 20 - Green Night  
Feb. 27 - Yellow Night

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

Save the date: **June 10-13, 9:00 am-Noon** (Monday-Thursday). ROAR! Life is Wild; God is Good. Kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration is coming soon. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities, so contact [vbs@calvaryefc.org](mailto:vbs@calvaryefc.org) if you are interested in helping.

The VBS design team is looking for volunteers to help design and build the many items we use to transform the church for the week of VBS. The team will begin meeting soon. If you are available to help with construction, building, painting, or creating decorations and props, or have questions about this team, please contact [vbs@calvaryefc.org](mailto:vbs@calvaryefc.org).

## CARE GROUPS

### **Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus)**

Single Adult Fellowship will meet Sunday **February 3**, 2-4 pm in the Fireside Room at Calvary. Join us for games, snacks and fellowship. Contact Carol Siverling 358-2417 or Nancy Monsen 281-4152.

## MEN

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Feb. 16**, 8-9:15 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Men's chili feed. Speaker, Dr. Ed Laskowski, *How To Keep A Baby Boomer Buff: Activity As We Age*.

### **A Man and His Work**

A new Series 33 will start **Feb. 13**, 6:30-7:45 pm, at Rochester Ford. An inspiring vision of work from God's bigger perspective. Contact Micah at micahschott@gmail.com.

### **No Regrets Conference**

Video conference, Feb. 2, 8:30 am-4 pm, \$15 includes lunch. Hear from America's best Bible teachers to equip you for life. Held at Grace Church in Stewartville. Register online: [www.grace-free.org](http://www.grace-free.org).

## WOMEN

### **Evening Women's Bible Study**

*Becoming a Woman of Influence: Making a Lasting Impact on Others*, by Carol Kent. **Jan 28** - Mar 25, Mondays 6:45-8:00 pm, Calvary Prayer Room. Study guides \$11. Led by Char Derksen. Sign up at [www.calvaryefc.org](http://www.calvaryefc.org).

### **Evening Renovaré**

1st Peter. Mondays, **Feb 18** - April 1, 7-week study, 6:45-8:15 pm. Dianne Orth's home, 4609 Windslow Ln NW, Rochester. In the book of 1 Peter, Kyle Idleman walks through the short letter and unpacks the importance of our witness in this world. Please Contact Dianne Orth, call or text 507-269-7112 if you have questions. Sign up at [www.calvaryefc.org](http://www.calvaryefc.org).

### **Lattes & Life Evening**

**Feb 19**, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall. Lattes, appetizers, fellowship and an inspiring speaker. Come hear our speaker share her journey and find her mission to share Christ in far-away places with her family. Everyone welcome. You'll be blessed and encouraged!

### **Special Moms Day Away**

Finding Strength in God's Strength. *An event for moms of loved ones with special needs*. Join us on Saturday, **March 9** as we look at the mystery of grace and how it sustains and uplifts us during difficult times. Held at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. (It fills up fast.) Register at [www.grace.church/ccb-event/12581/special-moms-day-away](http://www.grace.church/ccb-event/12581/special-moms-day-away). For possible carpooling, contact Denise Songstad at dnbobmn@msn.com.

### **Loving Your Husband**

This class is geared toward wives who are on a different page spiritually than their husbands and/or are having challenges in other areas of their marriage. We typically meet every third Monday night in Conference Room 126. Visit the website for more information or contact Diane Eichten at 507-273-0554.

## SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

### **History Center Tour**

Wed, **February 6**, 10 am, meet at the History Center of Olmsted County for a 60-minute tour. Cost is \$5/person. Following the tour, we will go to the Star Ocean Buffet, (TJ Maxx Plaza) for a 11:30 am lunch. Any questions, please contact Sharon at 507-288-0592 or at rsland1971@gmail.com

## WORSHIP

### **Worship Chorale**

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15 pm. Singers grade 9 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](mailto:dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org).

### **Worship Team**

Join the Worship Team this winter! We need singers, guitarists, keyboard players, and drummers. Contact Pastor Dan at [dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org](mailto:dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org).

### **Hallelujah! Kids Choir**

The choir (grades 2-6) rehearses Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm. Come join us! Contact Pastor Dan at [dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org](mailto:dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org)

### **Upcoming Worship Ministry Dates**

<b>February 17</b>	Communion
<b>March 10</b>	Communion
<b>April 19</b>	Good Friday Services
<b>April 21</b>	Easter Sunday Services

## OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

### **Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)**

Compassion Counseling Center has new volunteer openings in its office and on its administrative teams. Please email [compassioncounseling@gmail.org](mailto:compassioncounseling@gmail.org) for more details.

Dealing with difficult times and issues can be very overwhelming, especially if you feel like you are dealing with them alone. If you or someone you know is ready for positive change, please visit [www.CompassionCounseling.org](http://www.CompassionCounseling.org) or call 507-208-8822.

### **Rochester L'Abri 2019 Conference**

Theme: Common Grace for the Common Good, Feb. 8-9 at Mayo Civic Center. For schedule and details, please visit [www.labri.org](http://www.labri.org).

### **Ark Encounter, Creation Museum Tour**

Travel to Richwood, Kentucky to see the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, April 25-28, 2019. Contact Nancy Holty with questions at [nancyholty@gmail.com](mailto:nancyholty@gmail.com).

### **Creation Tour**

Grand Canyon Tour, July 25-28, 2019, with recent Calvary speaker Jay Seegert, of Creation Science Ministries ([www.thestartingpointproject.com](http://www.thestartingpointproject.com)). To register or for questions, call Carol at (262)422-1918.

### **Marriage Retreat**

Weekend to Remember. Register at [www.FamilyLife.com/Weekend](http://www.FamilyLife.com/Weekend)