

2019 MINISTRY UPDATE



January

CALVARY NEWS

Prayer Gathering

Prayer Gathering, Sunday, **January 6**, 6-7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Join believers from other churches to pray for 2019 community outreach, ministries, and personal needs.

CareFest on Wheels

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

Colossians-Philemon Bible Study

Bible study on Colossians-Philemon starts **Jan. 9**, 2019. 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 for details.

Welcome Lunch

If you are NEW to Calvary, or you still FEEL NEW, please join us at noon, Sunday, **January 13** in the Fellowship Hall for a lunch. Meet Calvary leaders, get a peek at Calvary's DNA, and learn how to take the next steps toward greater connection, serving, or membership. Good food, straight talk, and childcare! RSVP tnelson@calvaryefc.org with number and ages of kids needing care.

Organic Outreach for Ordinary People

Room 221 at 9 am, starting Sunday, **January 20**. A 13-session DVD-discussion study that helps you learn how to share the good news of Jesus with others in natural ways that fit how God wired you. Contact, Wayne at waynovike@yahoo.com.

Connect Lunch

Sunday, **January 27**, at NOON in the Fellowship Hall. Calvary wants to become a church where everyone is connected in relationships. Join us for a working lunch when we will imagine the possibilities, identify the obstacles, be reminded of what we already have in place. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP number and ages of kids needing care to tnelson@calvaryefc.org.

Thank You

Thank you, Salvation Army bell-ringers! Together we rang 88 hours, providing shelter, food, and other needs to our community in Jesus' name.

Read your Bible in 2019!

We encourage all Christians to read the Bible each year. Whether you use an app like YouVersion, Glo Bible, Navigators, or an old-fashioned paper plan (available at the Welcome Center), daily reading or listening is vital to your spiritual health.

Refugee Care Ministry Update

There are ongoing opportunities to care for the refugee families that God has brought to Calvary. Please check Calvary's website at www.calvaryefc.org/serve/refugee-care for practical and specific ways to be of help. Questions? Contact Sharon Bjerkaas at refugeecare@calvaryefc.org or 507-282-9850.

Weather Cancellations

If school is closed, typically our weekday events are cancelled. On SUNDAYS, we rarely cancel services, but we will cancel them if MnDOT has "Travel Not Advised" on major roads in the Rochester area. Notification will be made by 6:00 am on Sunday via an all-church email and publicized on KTTTC's website.

Family Meal

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

Membership Class

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

FAMILY MINISTRY

Alumni Night - January 2

Any and all Calvary Student Ministries alumni are invited to join us for youth group (6:45-8:15 pm) and/or for appetizers afterwards at Applebee's near Target north. We'd love to connect with some old friends!

Parent Summit - February 23, 9 am-3 pm

Parents with kids of all ages are invited to join us for our second Parent Summit. This year's focus will be on parenting and technology - something just about every parent has questions about. We'll explore the area from multiple angles and from every age-range from preschool and up. Our keynote speaker will be our very own Vicki Tiede. \$10/person with lunch included. Register online at www.calvaryefc.org/ministries/family-ministries. Questions? bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

Parent/Child Dedication

The next dedication will be Sunday, February 3. Please register before Thursday, January 24 to ensure a spot. Register at www.calvaryefc.org/connect/parent-child-dedication.

For reference, the next dedication is scheduled for July 14. Questions? bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

Awana

Jan. 2 - Sharing Night
Jan. 9 - Crazy Hat Night
Jan. 16 - Beach Night
Jan. 23 - Future Jobs Night
Jan. 30 - Inside out Night

Student Ministries

Youth Group nights resume on **January 2**
DR Team application deadline is January 23

CARE GROUPS

Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus)

Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus) will meet Sunday **January 6**, 2 - 4 pm in the Fireside Room at Calvary. Please note the time change. Join us for games, snacks and fellowship. Contact Carol Siverling 358-2417 or Nancy Monsen 281-4152.

Financial Peace University

Class will start Tuesday, **January 8** (6:30-8 pm) and meet for nine weeks. Childcare can be made available (please RSVP if needed). Course materials can be purchased online or directly from Jay Homme (while supplies last). Scholarships may be available to cover part of cost – just inquire. Contact Jay Homme, 507-202-1158. Register on the Calvary website under support then finances.

WOMEN

Renovaré

Spring session will begin on **January 17**. Three new Bible studies will be starting. Check the Calvary website for the details. Any questions regarding Renovaré should be directed to Stephanie Conkright at garstepmn@q.com or 507-990-0923.

SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

History Center

No activities planned for the month of January. We are looking forward to Wednesday, **February 6**, 2019, tour of the History Center of Olmsted County. Following the tour, we are planning to have lunch. More details to follow. Any questions, please contact Sharon at rsland1971@gmail.com.

WORSHIP

Worship Chorale

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15 pm. Singers grade 9 and up are welcome. **Worship Chorale will resume rehearsals on Wed, January 16.** 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, guitarists, keyboard players, and drummers. Contact Pastor Dan at dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org.

Calvary Orchestra and Brass Ensemble

Play a band or orchestral instrument? Consider playing in our brass ensemble or orchestra. Ages 9th Grade and up. Contact Pastor Dan Limkeman at dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org.

Upcoming Worship Ministry Dates

January 6, Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir
January 13, Communion
February 17, Communion

MEN

A Man and His Traps

A new Series 33 will meet from **Jan. 2 - Feb. 6**, 6:30-7:45 pm, at Rochester Ford. Digging into a man and his traps. Contact Micah at micahschott@gmail.com.

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*.

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

Opera Event

One of the world's top emerging Opera tenors grew up at Calvary. Evan Johnson is home over Christmas and holding a FREE RECITAL with accompanist, Celeste (his sister) on Thurs, **Jan. 3** at 7:00 pm at Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester. The Johnsons will share insights and experience to help make opera more approachable. FREE! All ages welcome!

Ark Encounter, Creation Museum Tour

Travel with Calvary Hosts, Gary & Nancy Holty, on a deluxe motor-coach to Richwood, Kentucky to see the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, April 25-28, 2019. If interested, come to an informational meeting on Sunday, **January 13**, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Nancy Holty with questions at nancyholty@gmail.com.

Perspectives

Join thousands of believers on a journey into the heart of God for all people. **January 24**, 6 pm Autumn Ridge Church. Details at perspectives.org/RochesterMN-S19.

Creation Tour

Grand Canyon Tour, July 25-28, 2019, with recent Calvary speaker Jay Seegert, of Creation Science Ministries (www.thestartingpointproject.com), \$800/adult (sharing a room) from Phoenix, AZ (transportation to/from is additional), if you register by 1/31/19 (increases by \$25 2/1/19). To register or for questions, call Carol at (262)422-1918.

Rochester L'Abri 2019 Conference

Theme: Common Grace for the Common Good: Living Life Vocationally. The weekend conference will be held on Feb. 8-9 at Mayo Civic Center. For full schedule and registration details, please visit www.labri.org.

Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)

Compassion Counseling Center has new volunteer openings in its office and on its administrative teams. If you have good organizational abilities and are interest in serving a few hours a month in either of these thriving ministry areas, please email 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 or call 507-208-8822.