

# 2019 MINISTRY UPDATE

# MARCH



## CALVARY NEWS

### **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 complimentary tickets are available for friends and neighbors).

### **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 or **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).

### **Calvary Family Meal**

Join us in the Gym on Sunday, **March 17** (11:45 am) after the second service for a Calvary family meal. Suggested donation: \$3 per adult, \$2 per child. No sign up needed.

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

Several Calvary families are currently hosting three toddlers, with parents and interpreters from Mongolia. Please pray for the children's upcoming heart surgeries and the families. To help, please go to [www.calvaryefc.org](http://www.calvaryefc.org) and look for the Children's Heart Project *sign up genius*.

### **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.

### **National Day of Prayer—May 2**

**Main Event**, Thursday evening: 7:00 - 8:15 pm  
*Love One Another!* We will Celebrate God's Faithfulness. Held at Autumn Ridge Church. Evening special guests will include: Sheriff Kevin Torgerson, Fire Chief Eric Kerska, Police Chief Jim Franklin and others.

**Faith Expo**, Thursday after prayer event, 8:20 to 9:15 pm.  
Connect with People & Ministries! 40 ministries have been invited to participate. Held at Autumn Ridge Church, 3611 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN

**Noon Gathering** for Day of Prayer  
May 2, Thursday, 12:00 noon to 12:50 pm.  
Prayer at the Rochester Government Center  
Council Chambers, Main Floor, 151 Fourth Street SE

### **Refugee Care Ministry**

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

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### **5/6 Retreat**

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join in the fun at our 2nd Annual 5/6 Retreat at Camp Shamineau, April 12-14. You can learn more and register at [www.calvaryefc.org](http://www.calvaryefc.org). Look for the 5/6 retreat signups

### **Social Media**

Follow us on social media!  
Facebook: @calvaryefcrochester (students) @calvaryefcstudents  
Instagram: @calvary\_rochmynn (students) @cefc\_students

### **Parent Child Dedication**

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

### **Awana**

March 6 - Store Night  
March 13 - Missions Night #1  
March 20 - Missions Night # 2  
March 27 - Missions Night #3

### **District Blitz**

Grades 7-12, Save the date: April 12-14, in Duluth.

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

**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, **March 3**, 2-4 pm in the Fireside room at Calvary. Join us for games, snacks and fellowship. Contact Carol Siverling at 358-2417 or Nancy Monsen at 281-4152.

## MEN

### **Men's Breakfast**

**April 6**, 8-9:15 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a hearty breakfast and speaker.

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

A new Series 33 just started. Meets Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm, at Rochester Ford. An inspiring vision of work from God's bigger perspective. Contact Micah at micahschott@gmail.com.

## WOMEN

### **Devoted Hearts**

*April 26-27. Devoted Hearts 2019: Broken & Beautiful*, is an annual women's conference in Rochester, focused on encouragement and practical Bible teaching. Guest speakers this year are Sheila Walsh and Jennifer Rothschild, with musical artist Jonny Diaz, and dramatist Jeremiah Gamble, from Theater for the Thirsty. Sign up at [www.devotedheartsrochester.com](http://www.devotedheartsrochester.com).

### **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. 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](mailto: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+)

Due to the winter weather we have been experiencing, we have decided to cancel any March activity. Our next meeting will be on Monday, **April 8**, 9:30-11:00 in the church Fellowship Hall. Dick McIntosh from Seniors Helping Seniors, will be our speaker on "Aging Successfully." Hope you can join us! Questions, contact Sharon Landsworth at 507-288-0592 or at [rsland1971@gmail.com](mailto: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).

### **Hallelujah! Kids Choir**

Hallelujah! Kids Choir plans to resume rehearsals on Sunday, **March 3**. The choir (grades 2-6) rehearses Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm. The children will be participating in worship on Sunday mornings, March 17 and May 5. Watch for more details. Contact Carol Andringa at [andringa21@gmail.com](mailto:andringa21@gmail.com) or Pastor Dan at [dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org](mailto:dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org). Come join us!

### **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).

### **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](mailto:dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org).

### **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](mailto:jminchinton@calvaryefc.org).

### **Upcoming Worship Ministry Dates**

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| March 10 | Communion              |
| April 19 | Good Friday Services   |
| April 21 | 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.com](mailto:compassioncounseling@gmail.com) 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.

### **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. Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. Go to [www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/](http://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/) to find weekend dates and locations.

### **Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop**

This free 6-week workshop will help anyone caring for an older friend or a relative, whether it's at home, in a nursing home or across the country. Hosted at Zumbro Lutheran Church starting Monday March 11 - April 15 from 3:30-5:00 pm.

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble!* Psalm 46:1