

2018 MINISTRY UPDATE

MAY



CALVARY NEWS

National Day of Prayer "UNITY" Thursday, May 3

Noon Gathering

Thursday Noon - 12:50 pm, Prayer in the Government Center (Council Chambers 151 Fourth St. SE)

Main Event

Thursday Evening 7:00-8:15 pm.

Evangel United Methodist Church (2645 North Broadway). Praying 4 Unity! We will celebrate God's Faithfulness. Live broadcast hosted by Betsy Singer with several guest speakers.

FaithExpo

Connect before and after the main event (4:00-6:45 pm and 8:20-9:15 pm). Meet and network with community leaders, faith leaders, and learn more about faith resources.

Musical "Danny & the Shacks"

The Hallelujah! Kid's Choir spring musical is on Sunday, May 6 during the 9 & 10:30 am services. Join us as we learn that even in very difficult circumstances we can trust God to sustain us and have faith that He will be with us even when a situation seems impossible!



Mother's Day Roses

We're again offering Mother's Day roses from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) in the lobby during the morning services to honor mothers. \$1.50 suggested donation.

Bible Study on John

11 am-noon (men and women). In this *Gospel of John* Bible study the author chooses seven signs to prove that Jesus is the God-man who saves everyone who believes in Him. \$10, Calvary Fireside Room. Join anytime! Led by Pastor Larry Orth.

Compassion Experience

This summer Calvary is going to be hosting a VERY special event called The Compassion Experience. This free multi-generational event, brought to us by Compassion International, will help you increase your mission-mindfulness by experiencing the life of a child in need of sponsorship. Individuals, groups, and/or families will walk through a multi-sensory, audio-guided tour together. It's like bringing a mission trip to you!

Questions? Contact Brian at bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

Register to Attend: <https://cts.compassion.com/events/1039>

To Volunteer: <https://cts.compassion.com/volunteer.php?l=1039>

Dates and Times for Compassion Experience at Calvary:

Thursday, June 14, 11 am-7 pm

Friday, June 15, 11 am-7 pm

Saturday, June 16, 11 am-7 pm

Sunday, June 17, 10:30 am-6:30 pm

FAMILY MINISTRY

June Family Ministry Notes

June 3 - Last day of school year Sunday school for grades K-12. This date is also the LAST day in a student's current grade! After this time, they are promoted to the next grade! (Preschool - including those going into Kindergarten - does not transition until the Fall.)

June 10 - No Sunday School for grades K-12 due to VBS preparations

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

June 11 - 14, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am- Noon. Put the dates on your calendar now! While shipwrecked on an adventurous island, we will explore how Jesus rescues us when life gets hard. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities. Volunteer signup and child registration are now available online at www.calvaryefc.org.



Family Equipping Connect

Family Equipping Connect will be off in May. Watch for more details to come about what is new in Family Equipping on Sunday mornings!

Awana + Events in May

May 2 - Awana Clubs (per usual)

May 9 - Awana Carnival

May 16 - Awana Awards Night 6:00-7:00 - Sanctuary AND

Transitions: 7:30-8:15 youth room [for students and parents (see below)]

May 23 - Family Ministry Gala (for volunteers and leaders)

Transitions

Students who are moving from 4th to 5th grade AND students who are moving from 6th to 7th grade, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 16 from 7:30-8:15 pm in the youth room. We will explain next steps, invite students to summer activities, answer questions, eat snacks, and have some fun together! Please note that this will occur AFTER Awana Awards has concluded. If you have questions, contact Brian Martin (bmartin@calvaryefc.org).

Mother's Day Fundraiser

On Sunday, May 13, there will be a special Mother's Day Fundraiser to support our team heading to Montreal this summer. From 8:45-12:15 in the Fireside Room, a professional photographer will be available to take casual family photos of you and yours. Please consider donating for the sitting fee, and then purchasing your prints from the photographer directly. Even if you don't plan to buy or donate, it would be great to get your updated photo for the church directory as well!

Dynamic Partnerships

Dynamic Partnerships is a guided process of self-evaluation, goal-setting, and intentional, helpful conversations for parents. Contact Brian Martin, bmartin@calvaryefc.org if you are interested in learning more.

YOUTH

Youth Ministry Wednesdays In May (MS = Middle School; HS = High School)

May 2 - MS: Small Group Night Out / HS: Youth group

May 9 - MS: Serve at Awana Carnival / HS: Small Group Night Out

May 16 - Transitions 7:30-8:15 youth room (event for students and parents)

May 23 - Family Ministry Gala (for volunteers and leaders)

May 30 - Senior Banquet

June 3 - Senior Grad Recognition Sunday

SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

Senior Day at Ironwood

Tuesday, May 1, 10 am-2:30 pm, Senior Day at Ironwood Christian Ranch in Stewartville. We will begin at 10:00 am. with coffee and rolls, followed by a wagon ride (handicap accessible) through the woods to see the spring flowers (or snow banks!) Lunch is \$25/person followed by entertainment by Ken Olson, Nashville-produced singer, songwriter and guitarist. If you want a ride, we will meet at the church at 9:30 am. Contact Sharon Landsworth at 288-0592 or rsland1971@gmail.com to reserve your spot. In June, we are planning a paddle boat ride on Lake Pepin. More details to follow.

CARE GROUPS

Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus)

Single Adult Fellowship will meet Sunday May 6, 4-6 pm in the Fire-side room at Calvary. Please join us for games, snacks and fellowship. Contact Carol Siverling 358-2417 or Nancy Monsen 281-4152.

WOMEN

Weave Gatherings

Summer Weave Gatherings and Mentoring Gathering are currently being organized. If you are interested in getting involved with planning, leading, or hosting feel free to contact Ingrid Ansell at ansell.ingrid@outlook.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.

Worship Team

Join the Worship Team this spring! 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.

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

May 6 "Danny and the Shacks" Musical
May 20 Pentecost Sunday
May 27 Communion

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)

You Matter. Do you feel lonely or not valued? Do you feel powerless to change your situation? Healing and hope can start here. Compassion Counseling Center (CCC) offers counseling in a grace-filled environment that is free of charge and kept strictly confidential. To start the process of counseling, follow these three steps:

Step 1. Get an intake form from outside the CCC office (next to the prayer room) and fill it out. The intake form can also be printed from www.CompassionCounseling.org.

Step 2. Put the completed form in an envelope and put it in the CCC mailbox in the workroom next to the front office.

Step 3. The CCC will then contact you to set up an appointment to see if our services are a good fit for the situation.

Rochester Christian Hospitality Network (RCHN)

Would you like to open your home to a clinic patient or their family for short stays? Join RCHN to consider requests as they arise. Contact coordinator Dianne Orth, orth.dianne@gmail.com for more information and hosting tips!

Camp Victory

Open House Sunday, May 6th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Come see the new dining hall. Enjoy wagon rides, miniature golf, & a tour of camp. www.campvictory.com

Send a child to camp Join us for the 14 Annual Best Ball Benefit Golf Tournament June 1, 2018 at Maple Valley golf Club. Noon Shotgun Start - Lunch at 11:00 am. Benefits Camper Scholarship Fund. www.campvictory.com

Camp Champion Specifically designed for individuals with exceptionalities. Ages 9 & up. June 4 - 6 and June 11-13. www.campvictory.com

Nurses Needed

Volunteer to be a camp nurse this summer at Ironwood Springs! Day Camp and Overnight Camp opportunities are available. Contact Grace Buckner, Youth Programs Director at grace@ironwoodsprings.com or 507-533-4315.

Resounding Voices

We are looking for singers (no experience required) living with mild memory loss or dementia, care partners or friends, and volunteers of all ages to participate in a joy-filled experience that is good for the brain and overall wellbeing! Directed by local choral conductor, Suzy Johnson. Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 9-11 am, at Calvary. Contact info@resoundingvoices.org or call 507-218-8376.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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