

CALVARY NEWS

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is THIS SUNDAY, October 28, starting shortly after the second worship service. A family meal breakfast buffet will be served all morning (8:20 - 11:30) in the Gym. Childcare is available through 4th grade.

Outreach Event

Trunk or Treat, October 31, is designed to say "thanks for being our neighbor!" to those who live near Calvary. If you know of anyone with kids in the area who would enjoy the evening, please invite them to come! Trunks will be open from 6:45-8:00 pm with a door prize drawing at 8:00 pm. We need volunteers! Please contact John Chaco to sign up at jchaco@calvaryefc.org.

Love Justice Sale (formerly Tiny Hands)

Fundraiser, **Saturday, November 10**. A \$15 ticket will include brunch, Love Justice speaker from 9-10 am, and the opportunity to pre-shop the sale. The Public sale is held from 10:30-1:30 pm in Calvary's Gym. It's a great chance to do some early Christmas shopping and raise funds for those who are preventing human trafficking. Tickets are available through Calvary's website, www.calvaryefc.org.

New Refugees to Calvary

Our newest family, Ochalla Gilo and his wife Abwolla Cham and their four children moved to Rochester in August. Nyakuer Deng, widow of Calvary member Mading Kuershong, arrived in June from Sudan with their 9-yr-old daughter Ayak. A 3-yr-old daughter is still awaiting arrival in Rochester. These families will all be experiencing their first winter! Please go to Calvary's website, www.calvaryefc.org, to learn more about these families and specific ways we can be of help to them and other families. Questions? Contact Sharon Bjerkaas at refugeecare@calvaryefc.org or 507-282-9850.

Sunday Mornings Groups/Fellowship

Coffee Connection, *Coffee and donuts* 8:30-11 am, Gym

9 AM

Encounter (*new group, age 35-60ish*) Room 225
Calvary Community Thanksgiving speakers Fellowship Hall
Reflections (small group) *Sermon-based discussion* Room 223

10:30 AM

ROCK (older middle aged) *The Truth Project* Room 225
Oasis (predominantly seniors) *Varies by week* Room 223
Connect (ages 20's -30's) *Varies by week* Room 222
Household of Faith (*Parents and children together*) Room 224

Grace & Gratitude Speaker Series

A special 4-week speaker series at Calvary focused on giving thanks in *all* things for *all* things. Sponsored by Calvary Community held at 9 & 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, no signup.

Nov 4 - Ponloeu Chim, miraculously escaped the Kymer Rouge
Nov 11 - Wendell Amstutz, survived 12 bouts Melanoma Cancer
Nov 18 - Emma McKinley, experienced miracle healing
Bob Bardwell, paraplegic 45 years, speaker, author
Nov 25 - Molly Matthers, life long challenge with tumor, surgeries

Shoe Box Collection

Have you packed a shoe box with gifts for a needy child for Operation Christmas Child? Gift ideas can be found at www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ. (Children, remember to bring your gift filled shoe boxes to church on Sunday, November 11, Shoe Box Dedication Sunday!) Shoe boxes will be collected in our Gym from November 12-19. Please volunteer to help at the Collection Center by signing up on our church web site, www.calvaryefc.org.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Ring the Christmas Bells at the Salvation Army Kettle. Register to ring alone or bring your family or group for one of our most important practical outreach opportunities of the holiday season. One hour shifts, indoor and outdoor available. Register at www.calvaryefc.org.

Love Without Boundaries

Calvary will host a 3-year old Ugandan girl, her mom, and translator thru an organization called Love Without Boundaries. Nov 2 - Dec 10. Hosts, Cedric and Stephani Bernier, welcome assists with Clinic appts, Costco, Trader Joe's, and Chipotle gift cards or cash, Mayo meal cards, visits, and prayer. See the church website for more details or contact Linda Laskowski, elblas6@gmail.com (Nov 2-19) or Dianne Orth, orth.dianne@gmail.com (Nov 20-Dec 10).

FAMILY MINISTRY

Thanksgiving Break

Programming for Family Ministry will be taking a break for Thanksgiving. On Wednesday, November 21, there will be no Awana or Youth Group. Sunday, November 25, there is no Sunday School for grades 1-12.

Greatest Volunteer Needs

We are looking for great teammates in Family Ministry in a variety of areas. Some our roles are hands-on with kids; others are more behind the scenes. We'd love to find a place that fits for you. Greatest Needs: Classroom helpers and teachers for Sunday morning Sunday school (age 13 and up), Hospitality Team Members on Sunday mornings, and Kitchen Team Members on Wednesday nights. Please contact Brian Martin to learn more and take next steps at bmartin@calvaryefc.org.

Awana

Nov 7 - Shoebox night
Nov 14 - Crazy Socks Night
Nov 21 - No Awana
Nov 28 - Duct Tape Night

Youth Group

Calvary youth will pack and load the trucks for Operation Christmas Child in the Calvary Gym on Friday, Nov. 16, 3:30-7:00 pm. Please sign up at youth group or online. The whole family can help pack as there is a job for every age. We need helpers to pack shoe boxes in cartons and label them correctly, and we need strong helpers lifting and stacking these cartons onto the trucks themselves.

WORSHIP

Worship Chorale

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15 pm. Singers ages 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. Childcare provided. Christmas Rehearsal/Worship Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 am-noon.

Worship Team

Join the Worship Team this fall! We need singers, guitarists, keyboard players, and drummers. "O magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt His name together!" 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. "Praise Him with instruments." Contact Pastor Dan Limkeman at dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org.

Hallelujah! Kids Choir

Hallelujah! Kids Choir plans to resume rehearsals soon. The choir (grades 2-6) rehearses Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Dan at dlimkeman@calvaryefc.org. Come join us!

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

November 11 Baptisms
November 18 Communion
December 1&2 Worship Ministry Christmas Celebration
Saturday, December 1, 7 pm
Sunday, December 2, 9 & 10:30 am

WOMEN

Renovaré

Over 100 women are meeting Thursday morning and Monday evening for Bible study and fellowship with other women. Sign up online at www.calvaryefc.org. Our Bible studies are listed on the website. Any questions regarding Renovaré should be directed to Stephanie Konkright at garstepmn@q.com or 507-990-0923. Call Ingrid Ansell with any general questions about Women's Ministry at 507-269-3483.

Moms of Encouragement

Moms of Encouragement is a Bible study for moms who have children with special needs. We meet the first Saturday of every month in the Fireside Room at 8:15 am. Contact Denise Songstad, dnbobmn@msn.com or Allison Hasileus, allmar477@kmtel.com.

CARE GROUPS

Single Adult Fellowship (50 plus)

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

SENIORS PEP (age 55+)

Buffet Luncheon

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm for our annual luncheon and white elephant gift exchange. The luncheon will be catered by Canadian Honker. Come and enjoy the fun!

If anyone is interested in serving on the PEP planning committee or submitting ideas for activities, please contact Sharon Landsworth at rsland1971@gmail.com.

MEN

A Man and His Story

Men's new Series 33, Vol. 2, *A Man and His Story*. DVD-discussion on Wednesdays, Nov. 7 - Dec. 19 (skips Nov. 21), 6:30-7:45 PM at Rochester Ford (4900 E. Frontage Rd). \$20 includes series notebook and refreshments. Contact Micah to sign up at micahschott@gmail.com.

October Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 8, 8-9:15 am. Calvary Fellowship Hall. A Tex-Mex Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am followed by a speaker on the theme of influencing the next generation. Contact Matt Scheckel at mattscheckel@gmail.com.

OUTREACH/COMMUNITY

Compassion Counseling Center (CCC)

CCC will be closed November 22.

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