

weekly focus: language café

Every Thursday evening, a small group of volunteers from Calvary gather at Arnie's on Leonard Street to see who God will bring to the Language Café. The Café is open to anyone who is a non-native English speaker wanting some conversational English practice. Just recently we had 15 people around the tables representing Italy, Brazil, China, Persia (Iran), Korea, Iraq and America; there was a lot of laughter and pantomiming as we had fun speaking together.

The Café is an informal, relaxed setting with games like chess and checkers to get conversation going, as well as suggested talking points and questions. Gary and Linda Rodenburg, the leaders of the Café, make sure everyone has a cupcake or French fries (a favorite with our guests), and coffee or tea as everyone spends time together talking.

If you know someone whose native language is something other than English and who would find practicing in a non-threatening setting helpful, invite them to come to Arnie's and have some fun. Friendly volunteers are waiting to welcome them and help them improve their conversational English. No registration is necessary; come to the downstairs Banquet Room at Arnie's Bakery Restaurant, 722 Leonard Street NW, Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gary or Linda at languagecafe@calvarygr.org. Please note this is not an ESL class – no experience or skill is necessary other than a love of people and a willingness to help them learn.

Missions Booth | Africa

Calvary supports several missionaries who are serving on the continent of Africa – ex-pats as well as nationals. We invite you to familiarize yourself with these workers, and ways you can pray for them; stop by the Missions Table in the Crosswalk between services to pick up a booklet.

30 Days of Prayer

Remember to pray for Muslims during this month of Ramadan; that God would reveal Himself to them in a mighty way and that they would turn to Him in repentance and faith. 30 Days of Prayer booklets are available at the Information Desk across from the Chapel.

congregational care

Recently Hospitalized Prayer List

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 956-9377.

Blodgett: Ray Westra

Waterford Rehabilitation:

Howard Keegstra

Meijer Heart: John Barlow,
Mychal Peterson

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need prayer, contact Don & Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at 450-9622.

Bereaved

We extend our Christian sympathy to Donna Abson at the homegoing of her mother, Marian Mason, on June 6.

FOR THE RECORD

	Revised Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 128,610	\$ 173,851	\$ 45,241
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jun. 4	\$ 5,882,096	\$ 5,896,439	\$ 14,343
Open Door Project		\$ 118,990	

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June 11, 2017

9:00am & 10:45am

Redeeming Bitterness

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Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*

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If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many communities, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at calvarygr.org, or stop by the Connection Point in room 215 (located in the East End beside the Chapel). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the center of the Crosswalk.

coming events & announcements

Go Getters Summer Picnic June 20 | 6:00-8:00pm Johnson Park 2600 Wilson Ave NW

Join in on the fun this summer. Bring your own food and beverages, we supply the fun!

Take Note: Care providers must remain with their individuals.

Enter the park on Butterworth Street. First park entrance just off Wilson Avenue. If a tornado watch or severe weather warning is issued, the picnic is canceled.

Young Adults: Whiffle Ball & Waffle Cones

June 20 | 6:30-9:00pm

Grand Rapids Township Park

Whiffle ball and waffle cones...a match made in heaven. We will play ball and then have ice cream! All young adults ages 18-34 welcome! Register in advance at calvarygr.org/events. Questions? Contact Samantha (sheetderks@calvarygr.org).

OASIS Bike & Breakfast June 22 | 8:00am

Bike Millennium Trial to Kent Trails. Meet at the North Millennium Trailhead on Butterworth St. SW. Brunch at Byron Family Restaurant. For more information, email bruce@calvarygr.org.

High School: Going Deeper Making the Gospel Attractive Through Service

June 23 | 9:00-11:00am

The book of Titus tells us that Christ gave himself for us to “purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” Come join Josh Karhan (Pastoral Staff, High School) and Brian Novak, Calvary’s Custodial Supervisor, as we explore the heart that is eager to do what is good and that rejoices in service. We will begin with a fun activity before we dive into cleaning deeper than the facilities team is regularly able to, and conclude

with a devotion encouraging us to follow the example of Christ, who “made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.”

5th/6th: Day at the Lake June 24 | Entrance D | \$3

Enjoy a day with us at a cottage on the Lake!

Guys: 10:30am-2:30pm

Girls: 2:30-6:30pm

Bring your swim suit, towel, and sunscreen. Register at calvarygr.org/events. Questions? Contact sheetderks@calvarygr.org.

Guyana Short-Term Team

From July 19-30 a team from Calvary will be on the ground in Guyana, participating in seven nights of open air, crusade-style meetings sharing the Gospel with the local people. Pray for this team as they plan for and present all the different aspects of these meetings – worship, drama, and testimonies. Pray also that the Spirit will move in people’s hearts to accept the love and forgiveness of Jesus. The Guyana 2017 team is accepting donations at bit.ly/stmgiving. Thank you for praying for them, and supporting them.



GRACE BEYOND GIVING

Total Giving Commitment to Date: \$ 20,277,761
Cash Received: \$ 16,306,876

Construction Update

Work continues to progress on the major areas of new construction including the Calvary Kids ministry area and the Gathering Place. From painting and tiling to connecting utilities, behind those walls we are getting closer and closer to being ready for our mid-August completion date. In fact, the temporary wall at the Gathering Place entrance off the crosswalk will come down at the end of the month!

Outside the building landscaping has recently been completed in the parking lot and in the patio area outside the Student Space (208). Construction has also begun on the external portion of the prayer garden. Please pray that the work stays on track in both timeliness and safety, as the summer continues.

this week at calvary

- 1 Calvary Kids: Pizza on the Playground
June 14 | 6:00-8:00pm | Millennium Park**
Enjoy pizza on the playground and play games with other Calvary Kids families. We will provide the pizza and drinks. Families with the last name beginning with A-L bring a side dish and M-Z bring a dessert to share. Register at calvarygr.org/events by **today**.
- 2 7th/8th: Day Away at the Dunes
June 15 | 9:00am-3:00pm | \$10 | Meet/Pick Up: Entrance D**
Experience the Silver Lake Sand Dunes like never before with Mac Wood’s Dune Buggy rides! Register at calvarygr.org/events by June 13. After that date, we will not be able to accept registrations.
- 3 Short-Term Mission Team in Central Asia
June 16-July 2**
Our Central Asia Short-Term Mission Team leaves on Friday. Follow along with their trip at calvarygr.org/stmblog. Thank you for supporting them in prayer!



Save the Date
Monday,
August 14
6:00-9:00pm

Gather with your church family to celebrate the completion of the latest phase of the Grace Beyond building project. You will have an opportunity to tour the new Gathering Place and the Calvary Kids Ministry Area. Join us for food, fun & fellowship.