

weekly focus:
sanctity of human life sunday

Today we are observing Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion and since that day, it is estimated that over 60 million babies have been aborted. In the Bible, we are taught that all life is from God and that children are a blessing from the Lord. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a day where Christians around the world celebrate the life that God has created, commemorate the lives that have been lost to abortion, and commit to protecting all ages of human life. How can you take a stand against abortion?

Come pray for one hour to end abortion. 40 Days for Life is a pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of praying, fasting, and holding a peaceful vigil in front of an abortion clinic. The spring campaign will take place from February 14 through March 25. This will be the 17th campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion clinic still operating in our community. At least two individuals are needed for each hour of the vigil from 7:00am-7:00pm. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Yvonne Bodell (ybodell@inraspacedesign.net) at 550-4245.

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Temporarily Closed to Donations

As we transition the Calvary Care Ministry from the Yellow House to the main church building, we will not be accepting donations of food or clothing. Watch the bulletin for when donations will resume. Questions? Contact Lynnell (lbok@calvarygr.org) at ext. 3510.

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.

Metro: Tom Bateman, Denise Winkleman

Blodgett: Ryan Avink

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

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Larry & Judie Fielstra at the homegoing of their grandson, Bryce, on January 12.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent in honor of my mom, Joyce Buning. She was a wonderful Christian mother whose influence will continue. We rejoice in her homegoing.

Don & Jean VanHorn

I would like to thank you for the Christian sympathy our Calvary family expressed to me and my family on the recent passing of my father. My mother and my family truly appreciated the flowers and cards we received from our friends and relatives at Calvary. Thank you!

Brian & Amy Geers

We can't thank you enough for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that was sent to us on the passing of our mother, Jessie Fouch. It has been a rough Christmas season, but our faith has gotten us through the rough time. Calvary Church has truly been a blessing from God to us. We feel so at home every time we come to church. God bless you all!

Sue & Jerry Fouch

January 21, 2018

9:00am & 10:45am

Loving God in Suffering

Mark 4:35-41

Jim Samra, Senior Pastor



FOR THE RECORD

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 123,212	\$ 114,030	(\$ 9,182)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jan. 14	\$ 3,311,358	\$ 3,164,952	(\$146,406)
Open Door Project		\$ 60,982	

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welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many groups, 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 (located in the Gathering Place across from the main Sanctuary entrance). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

opportunities to get involved

Needed: People Committed to Prayer

The Saturday Night Prayer Team (SNP) has several openings for people to pray. Each team member is scheduled to pray for a 1/2 hour from 8:00pm to 8:00am every Saturday night. We pray specifically for Pastor Jim, his family, and the Sunday services the next day. If you would like to receive more information about this wonderful opportunity to lift our pastor in prayer, contact Amber (amberkkoster@gmail.com).

New Year, New Opportunities

Now is a great time to join choir and orchestra as we begin our new year. Contact Christie Thompson (cthompson@calvarygr.org) for more information.

Calling French Horns, Violins and Trombones!

The Calvary Church Orchestra currently is looking to add french horns, violins and trombones to our ensemble. If you are high school age or above and have an interest in serving the Lord through your musical talents, contact Orchestra Director, Mark Grevengoed (mgrevengoed@calvarygr.org) for more information.

sunday night service

6:00pm | Gathering Place

Sunday night services at Calvary Church are an opportunity to worship God in a unique, discussion-oriented setting. Join us!

coming events & announcements

Turn on the Light An Inspirational Evening for Women January 29 | 7:00-9:00pm Gathering Place (Entrance A or B)

Catch up with friends, enjoy delicious desserts and hear an encouraging word from Wendy Palau. Wendy and her husband Andrew have dedicated their lives to serving churches around the world through city-wide evangelistic outreaches. They will bring CityFest to Grand Rapids in September. Tickets are \$10 and available at mycalvarygr.org.

High School: Winter Retreat February 2-4 | Cost: \$100 Register at mycalvarygr.org by January 30

Join us for fun and get challenged to grow spiritually as we travel south to Gull Lake Ministries for Winter Camp 2018! This 3-day event is a great time to bring your friends who don't attend church.

Generation Rising/Foundation's Icebreaker Festival February 3 | 10:00am-4:00pm | \$5 Meet at Entrance D

Join us as we head together to South Haven and celebrate winter at their annual Ice Breaker Festival! You'll find ice sculptors, ice skating, chili and more at this fun, Michigan outdoor festival. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Weekend to Remember Feb. 23-25 | Grand Rapids April 13-15 | Kalamazoo

Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges. Make an investment in your marriage. Visit familylife.com to sign up, use code ccgr or cckzoo to save \$100 per couple on registration.

Calvary Equip: What We Believe Membership Class February 10 | 9:30am-2:30pm

Have you been wanting to become a member of Calvary Church? Already a member, but would like to review what we believe? This class is open to anyone wanting to explore what Calvary Church believes. It is a pre-requisite for membership, but we encourage anyone who wants to become more familiar with what we believe to take the class. The class is open to anyone 12 years of age or older.

this week at calvary

- 1 Mozambique Short-Term Mission Trip Info Meeting
TODAY | 9:00 & 10:45am | Gathering Place**
Interested in learning more about possible mission trips to Mozambique? Join us today. Trips would be tentatively scheduled for early summer and fall. Questions? Contact Natalie (nuecker@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5181.
- 2 College Lunch (FREE)
TODAY | 12:15pm | Room 208B (Gym)**
College students this is a lunch made just for you! We will have various meals each Sunday after the second service. We have many groups who will take the time to make you an amazing home cooked extravaganza or we will order food and have it waiting for you. Either way we want you to have a free meal and time for relaxing fellowship.
- 3 5th-12th Grade: Mission Trip Info Meeting
TODAY | 12:15pm | Room 208**
Learn about mission trips available to middle school and high school students. We will tell you about the trips, answer any questions you might have and hand out the trip applications. Light snacks will be provided.
- 4 Calvary Equip**
Calvary Equip provides opportunities to learn faith-enriching practices. You will be equipped to live out what you are taught and engage more fully with what God is doing in and through His church in this place. Classes have begun but there's still time to join. *A list of classes being offered this semester is at calvarygr.org/equip.*
Meeting today: Prayer | 10:45am | Room 211
This course focuses on the wholeness and importance of prayer. Drop in and join us!
- 5 High School: The Great Escape
January 26 | 6:30-9:30pm | \$10 | Meet at Entrance D
Register at mycalvarygr.org by January 24.**
The Great Escape Room® is an exciting Sherlock-themed escape adventure located downtown Grand Rapids. Their rooms are part scavenger hunt and part puzzle-solving. Our group must work together as a team to escape in only 60 minutes... will you escape?