

weekly focus: faith comes from hearing

Picture this: you are sitting down in a small room when they put a silver headset over your ears. A large microphone in front of you is on as you wait for the first songs to begin. This is how Sunday morning starts if you are one of our three Calvary attendees simultaneously interpreting the sermon into Farsi, Korean and Arabic. These interpreters have put in a lot of time to make sure they are prepared to speak the words of the songs and sermon to non-native English attendees. Did you even know this was happening every Sunday as you were sitting in your seat? Spread the word! Invite people to church - even if they are just curious about a Sunday service.

During the 9:00 service, the songs and sermon are interpreted into Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Help your fellow attendees find the right place to pick up the receivers and the right channel to hear their language. Anyone needing interpretation can pick up a receiver at the Information Counter located near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Help those needing assistance near you — receivers need to be on channel 13 for Farsi (the only language during first service), channel 3 for Arabic and channel 13 for Korean (the only languages during the second service). If you are new to Calvary, the people working at the Welcome Center are friendly and would love to help you! Find them stationed with receivers in the Crosswalk, just outside the main Sanctuary entrance.

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” Romans 10:17

Calvary family, won't you join us in celebrating the diverse body of Christ that God is growing here?

Do you have a heart for missions? We have two trips leaving soon that need your support. In May, we have a team traveling to France. This is one of our family trips and includes all ages. Please pray for this team to grow in their faith and to be used by God to share the gospel. A little closer to home, we have trip leaving in June to serve in Detroit. This team is training to share the gospel with the least reached people in our area. Please pray that the people this team interacts with have open hearts.

Both of these teams are still collecting funds and would appreciate if you would consider supporting their trips prayerfully and financially.

- **France | Trip Dates: May 3 - 9**
- **Detroit | Trip Dates: June 24 - July 1**

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: Petra Rozinska

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

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Barb Hondorp at the homegoing of her husband, Hank, on April 6; and also to Steve and Linda Hamlet at the homegoing of their granddaughter, Sariah Hamlet, on April 11.

CALVARY EQUIP: WHAT WE BELIEVE MAY 5 | 9:00AM-2:30PM ROOM 208

REGISTER AT MYCALVARYGR.ORG

This class is for anyone desiring to become a member of Calvary Church or wishing to review what we believe. Anyone age 12 and older is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided as well as all materials. Childcare is not available. Registration ends May 2.

April 15, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

The Uniqueness of Jesus

Mark 9:1-13

Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*

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FOR THE RECORD

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 149,250	\$ 148,965	(\$ 285)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Apr. 8	\$ 4,973,708	\$ 4,862,621	(\$111,087)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 182,936	

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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.

this week at calvary

- 1 Widows Monthly Coffee**
April 16 | 10:00-11:30am | Room 108 (Entrance E)
Join us for a panel discussion with fellow widows Lorna Dobson, Laurie Petroelje and Marilyn Wiersma as they share some of their journey with us.
- 2 Third Monday Missionary Prayer**
April 16 | 11:30am | Room 114 (Entrance G)
Hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your lunch and join us tomorrow.
- 3 Generations at Prayer**
April 18 | 6:35-7:45pm | Room 261
Join other grandparents (and parents) to pray for your grandchildren together and encourage one another.
- 4 Blended & Blessed Livestream Event**
April 21 | 9:00am-5:00pm | Room 208 | Cost: \$8
Blended & Blessed is a one-day livestream for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Lunch, snacks and materials included. Each family will receive a copy of Ron Deal's, *The Smart Stepfamily*. **Register by April 19** at mycalvarygr.org.
Questions? Contact Josh Warren at 308-6151.

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

LUMIN8 (Kids Choir) Presents
In the Big Inning
April 22 | 5:00pm | Sanctuary

When a group of baseball lovers come together for a friendly game and put a ball through the church window, they get a glimpse into the Bible's "Hall of Faith." They'll meet Moses (he got his start in the bush leagues), Noah (that guy can really swing the lumber!), Abraham (with his son Isaac at the plate, looks like the manager is calling for a sacrifice), and many more! Join LUMIN8 for a fun-filled night as we step up to the plate, swing for the fences and meet the heavy hitters in the Hall of Faith!

Calvary Kids: Adventure Night
April 22 | 6:00-8:30pm
Gathering Place (Entrance A)

Enjoy a time of food, fun and fellowship immediately following the LUMIN8 Spring Musical! We will have dinner (hot dogs), balloon animals, inflatable fun, photo booth, caricatures, air brush tattoos, and crafts.

Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering
April 24 | 11:30am-12:30pm
Room 215

Women, gather with us for inspiration and prayer as we take steps of faith into our neighborhoods, workplaces, families and friend groups.

Foster Care Awareness Event
April 26 | 6:30-7:45pm | Room 253
Register at mycalvarygr.org

A training session for anyone at Calvary interested in doing foster care or providing support to families who foster.

Michigan Men's Weekend
April 27-29 | Cost: \$135
Register at:

michiganmensweekend.com
Calvary is co-hosting Michigan Men's Weekend, a retreat — fellowship, incredible food, fun, worship, skeet shooting, basketball, trails — as well as a time for men to encourage one another. This cross-cultural, cross-denominational event will talk about The Cost of Leadership, Bridging the Divide, Unity and Diversity, and more. Join us!

the latest on cityfest

Friendship Evangelism Training

April 17 at Fair Haven Church · April 18 at Ada Bible East Paris | 7:00pm

God has called us to share our faith with our friends, family, and neighbors. We want to make sure you're ready. Learn more about your own personal style in sharing your faith through this powerful training with Mark Mittelberg. Get ready to be used by God in powerful ways. Register to attend this free training at cityfestwestmichigan.org.

upcoming events for calvary students

There's a place for you in Calvary Students! Are you a student in 5th-12th grade? Join us in the weeks ahead at these special events, to connect with other kids your age and have fun.

Unless otherwise stated, please pre-register for all events at mycalvarygr.org. At MyCalvary you can also sign up to receive regular email updates from Calvary Students. Questions? Email sheetderks@calvarygr.org.

5th/6th: Amazing Race
May 4 | 6:30-9:00pm | Room 108 | \$5 | Register by May 2

Race all over the city, completing challenges and solving clues that will take you to landmarks throughout GR. This is a high-energy game that everyone loves. Snacks provided at night's end.

5th/6th: Slime Party
June 14 | 6:00-8:00pm | Room 208 | \$3

We will be celebrating the end of the school year by getting our hands dirty making slime and enjoying slime themed-games.

7th/8th: Friday Fun Day
May 18 | 6:00-8:00pm | Room 208 | \$3

Who doesn't like to eat yummy food and play dodge ball, basketball, video games, board games, crafts and more?! If that's not enough for ya, we'll also be playing a movie.

7th/8th: Pets on the Patio
June 8 | 6:30-8:00pm | Room 208 | Free | No Registration Required

Invite a friend (and your pet) and join us on the patio for smoothies! We'll hang out, play some games, open the gym and celebrate the start of summer. Note: If you are planning on bringing your pet, a parent or guardian must be present.

High School: Student-Led Spring Event
April 22 | 6:00-8:30pm | GR Township Park | No Registration Required

Come celebrate spring with us with an event organized by some of our very own UNITED students! Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

High School: Halftime
Wednesdays | 3:30-5:00pm (Through May 30) | Gathering Place
Free | No Need to Register

Connect with fellow high school friends midweek to enjoy snacks, games, and exciting conversation.