

helping those in poverty in our community

God has been teaching Calvary how to care for the people who are marginalized and hurting in our area. Before we can help, we have to understand the situation. There are currently 3,000 children in Kent County who are homeless. Most are victims of modern poverty which occurs when the adults in the family are working but not able to make enough money to afford housing. Grand Rapids is booming, pushing families out of affordable housing as rents skyrocket.

Learn More

Calvary has an opportunity to grow in appreciation of the struggles that these families face by taking part in our Poverty Simulation. Space is limited – sign up at accessofwestmichigan.org/about-us/poverty-education/. Christie Kendall, wrote this about her experience:

“I came to the Poverty Simulation with some knowledge and experience gained from reading, working with families in poverty through my classroom as a teacher, and leading on the 5/6th grade missions trips here in downtown GR. Even so, I walked away from the simulation with a far deeper understanding and empathy...This experience was action-packed, eye-opening and visceral. I would highly recommend it to everyone who has not lived the reality of poverty themselves.”

Take Action

Homelessness isn't hopelessness: we are taking steps to reduce it in Grand Rapids. Calvary is uniting with Partners in Housing, a local nonprofit that buys manufactured homes and refurbishes them for homeless families to live in and own. This creates stable and affordable housing with the average lot rent at \$450. Calvary volunteers assist with demo, renovation, furnishing, and even stocking the pantry of this new home. When we work together, we can bless our community.

To ask questions and sign up today for the Poverty Simulation or Partners in Housing, visit the Connection Point after the service. For further questions and signing up after today, contact Natalie (nuecker@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5181.

Poverty Simulation

June 19 | 6:30-9:00pm | Gathering Place | \$30

Partners In Housing

Reach out to Natalie to set up a time to volunteer. Tools are provided.

TAKE
your
NEXT
step»

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need prayer, contact Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at 956-9377, ext. 5997.

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Karen Nash at the homegoing of her husband, Bob, on May 19; to Leslyn, Kevin and Maddie Koehler at the homegoing of Leslyn's mother, Leann Fowler, on May 19; and also to Ruth Lane at the homegoing of her husband, Jerry, on May 19.

CENTRAL ASIA TRIP

Trip Dates: June 16-30

For the last two weeks of June, a small team from Calvary will be traveling to Central Asia, to work alongside our missionaries there in a camping outreach to young adults. The team will

also meet with local believers to learn about ministry in this context and prayer walk around the city. Please keep the team in your prayers and consider donating to support the team.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS BLOG

For more updates on what is happening in missions at Calvary, visit our blog at calvarygr.org/stmblog. It is a source of praises as well as prayer requests for our mission teams.

RAMADAN PRAYER GUIDES

Through June 14 over 1.8 billion Muslims around the world celebrate Ramadan, a month of fasting. *The 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*, is an international movement that calls the church to make a deliberate but respectful effort to pray every day during the month of Ramadan for our Muslim neighbors. Pick up a prayer guide today at the Connection Point or Chapel Information Center. A children's version of the guide is available at Calvary Kids Check-In.

May 27, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

Let Go

Mark 10:17-31

Jim Samra, Senior Pastor

RESCUED
RESTORED
READY
STORIES OF REDEMPTION

FOR THE RECORD

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 131,539	\$ 123,879	(\$ 7,660)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - May 20	\$ 5,816,074	\$ 5,673,553	(\$142,521)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 214,842	

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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 morning

Language Translation Details

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. Anyone needing interpretation can pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center, near the main Sanctuary entrance.

Family Service Today

Nursery is available; children preschool age and older are encouraged to attend the service with their families. If needed, room 124B is also open for a limited number of preschool age children.

Boiler Room Prayer

8:50-11:50am | Room 222

Pray over every aspect of the service as the Holy Spirit leads, assisted by a request sheet composed by staff.

sunday night service

The Sunday night service resumes June 3 with a new series for the summer: *Be Who You Are*. Together we'll explore what it looks like to live out of your identity in Christ. In addition to leading the Sunday night service, God is leading Pastoral Resident Adam Anderson to plant a church in East GR. If you would like to hear more, please reach out to Adam (aanderson@calvarygr.org).

coming events & announcements

UNITED (High School) Summer Kickoff June 3 | 6:30-7:30pm*

Join us for our summer kickoff. In addition to introducing our summer series, *Ruins Restored*, we'll also enjoy good food and fun games that will help you to forget any stress associated with the end of the school year!

*Note: Summer UNITED hours!

UNITED (High School) Overtime Following UNITED | 7:30-9:00pm

Overtime is an extension of UNITED designed to give students extra time for building community over the summer. Each Overtime is tied to one of the four "classical elements," which several ancient cultures and religions believed made up the cornerstones of creation, but which we know were created by Christ to uniquely reveal his power and wisdom. The first element is EARTH - Stay after UNITED for street games & an outdoor party to kick-off summer!

Gender + Sexuality Young Adult Summer Series Begins June 5 | 7:00pm | Room 208

This summer the young adult community will be discussing *Gender and Sexuality*. We will look at this topic holistically beginning with God's creation, the brokenness of sin, and the hope we have in Christ. Together we will learn what God's Word says about our own sexual brokenness, LGBT+, and what it means to follow Christ and

share His love and grace in community. Join us for this interactive and engaging series filled with dynamic speakers, the *Grace//Truth* videos, and discussion panels. **Save \$5 on study materials (\$15) when you register by May 31 at mycalvarygr.org.**

Middle School 78: Pets on the Patio June 8 | 6:30-8:00pm | Free Students Patio Outside Room 208

Invite a friend (and your pet) and join us on the patio for smoothies from Tropical Smoothie Café! 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.

Men's Ministry: Whitecaps Baseball Game June 11 | 7:00-10:00pm | \$7 Register at mycalvarygr.org

Are you a Grandfather? Father? Uncle? Join us with your son, daughter, nephew, and/or niece at the Whitecaps Baseball game. Questions? Email Jakob (jjackson@calvarygr.org).

Calvary Kids: Pizza on the Playground June 13 | 6:00-8:30pm Millennium Park Register at mycalvarygr.org

Join Calvary Kids families to kick off the summer together! We will provide the pizza and water to drink and we ask that your family bring a dish to pass. See calvarygr.org/events for the list.

Middle School 56: Slime Party June 14 | 6:00-8:00pm | \$3 Room 208 (Entrance D) Register at mycalvarygr.org

Celebrate the end of the year by getting your hands dirty making slime and enjoying slime themed-games! Snacks provided. Incoming 5th graders welcome!

Women's Armor of God Bible Study Begins June 20 | 7:00-9:00pm | Chapel | \$15

Join us for a seven-week summer study, *The Armor of God*, by Priscilla Shirer, which will equip you to face the invisible war that is going on all around us. Develop an action plan for putting on the Armor of God and create a personalized strategy to secure victory. We will view the DVD, then break into small groups to discuss the lesson. Register at mycalvarygr.org by June 12. Questions? Email women@calvarygr.org.

this week at calvary

- 1 Church Building Closed: Memorial Day**
The church is closed tomorrow for Memorial Day. If you have a need and would like to speak to a pastor during this time, please call the main church number at 956-9377. A pastor is always available.
- 2 Women's Golf 9:00am | Maple Hill Golf**
This informal group of golfers will meet Tuesdays, through early September (weather permitting). Sign in at 9:00am – be ready to play at 9:15am. Cost is \$13.75 to walk and \$15 to ride. Questions? Email women@calvarygr.org.
- 3 High School: Halftime (Last of the School Year) Wednesday, May 30 | 3:30pm | Gathering Place**
Refresh and reconnect with your High School friends midweek to enjoy snacks, various games and activities, and exciting conversation... all while hanging out with Josh Karhan (Pastoral Staff, High School) and a guest Calvary staff member or ministry leader. No need to register, just show up!