

west michigan friendship center

Share Life - Share Love - Share Yourself

"This place is like home!" We hear this every week at the West Michigan Friendship Center. What makes the Center so special? Every week up to 70 internationals gather for a meal, games and a 10 minute message on topics such as: hope, parenting, treating your wife well, and dealing with a critical attitude. These evenings are so valued, children pester their parents to go; families drive in from surrounding areas.

Thursday mornings bring women out for exercise, coffee, crafts and lunch. The Center's goal is to make this the place our international friends think of when they desire community. We want them all to feel like they have come home when they walk through the door.

Starting in October, the weekly friendship meal will move to Friday evenings. Each week, the Center needs a small group to volunteer to provide the meal, help serve and interact with our friends. Come, *Share Life*.

Help us spread the word. Tell your neighbors, coworkers and friends from the other nations about the Center. Help us get the word out. Stop by the Connection Point today to pick up invitation cards.

The West Michigan Friendship Center is a place of ministry to immigrants and refugees in our community. Come, *Share Love* with our new friends. The Center is located at 3665 29th St SE (between Lake Eastbrook and Broadmoor).

Learn more about the West Michigan Friendship Center in the Connection Point this morning. Learn how you can be involved through praying, volunteering and helping provide needed resources.

Come, *Share Yourself*. Make a difference in the life of your new neighbors.

Join our prayer team at prayer@wmfriendshipcenter.org.

Visit wmfriendshipcenter.org

Neighbors International: Friendship Families/Individuals Still Needed

This is our last day taking applications to join us in being a Friendship Family/Individual. We still need several more people willing to extend friendship to our newly arrived International college students. Stop by our table right in front of the Connection Point and speak to us about this amazing opportunity to truly make a difference in the life of a student. Or contact Sonja (neighborsinternational@calvarygr.org) at 340-2568.

Giving Opportunity: Fabric Needed for Tanzania Team Project

Do you have stacks of cotton quilt fabrics that you had good intentions of using but never got to? We need materials – print or solids – for making washable/reusable monthly supplies for women and older girls. We also need flannel, any color will do. Cottons need to be at least 10" x 10" in size, flannel needs to be by the yard. Please no fleece, decorator weight, or stretch fabrics. Drop fabric in the tub marked Tanzania at Entrance K by Oct. 14.

congregational care

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

PRAYER LIST

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

Blodgett: Pat Koetsier, Ken Lorenz

Butterworth: Jim Ribbens

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Sherri Hall at the homegoing of her sister, Michelle Dobbs-Carey, on August 31; and also to Jim and Tammy Stortz at the homegoing of their nephew, Dillon Thompson, on September 10.

THANK YOU

We are thankful and have been comforted by all the notes, meals, visits and prayers as we grieve together, for the loss (on earth) of our little Ruth Christine Nicholls (Isaiah 41:13).

Love you all,

Darin and Shaun

Victoria and Lillian Nicholls

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and numerous pastoral visits from Josh Mateer, during the passing of our mother, Marian Peterson. We appreciate Calvary Church and the love and care you have shown us over the years.

Dan & Roxanne Challa

WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During this sermon series in Isaiah, we are incorporating an extended time of prayer, *Prayers of the People*, during the Sunday morning service. We are seeking a wide variety of individuals, ages five and up, in the congregation to pray each week. If you are interested in participating, contact Andy Crowder (acrowder@calvarygr.org).

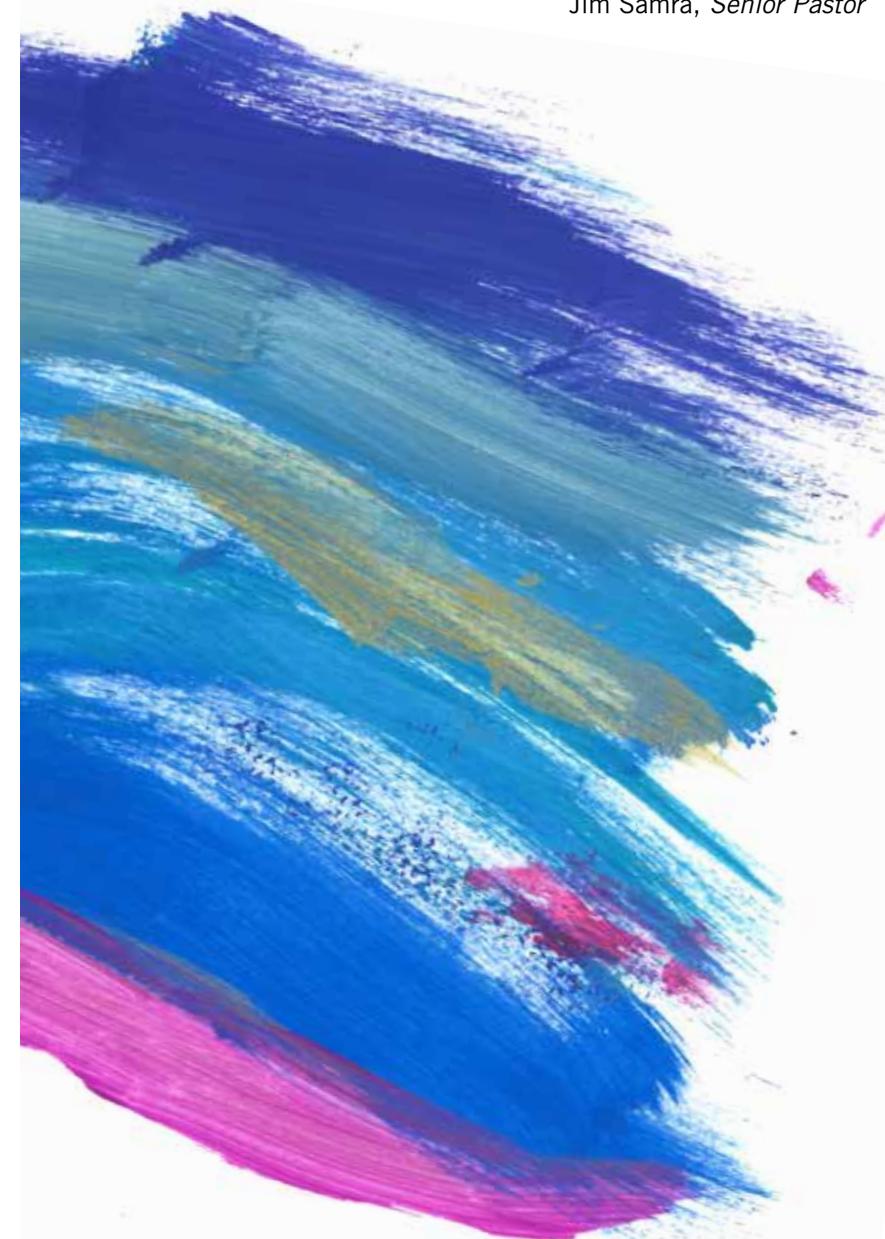
September 16, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

How to Read Isaiah

Isaiah 1

Jim Samra, Senior Pastor



FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 145,043	\$ 141,295	(\$ 3,748)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Sept. 9	\$ 290,086	\$ 235,791	(\$ 54,295)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 2,720	

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TODAY at calvary church

LISTENING TO TODAY'S MESSAGE

Language Translation: During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center (across from the main Sanctuary entrance).

Hearing Assistance: If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

PRAYER

Pre-Service Prayer | 8:30-8:50am | Room 255: Pray for our worship services with the morning's teaching pastor.

Boiler Room | 8:50-11:50am: Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary to pray over every aspect of the worship service as the Holy Spirit leads, including staff-initiated requests.

NEXT STEPS

Whether you're new to the church or just ready to try something new, visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance just inside the Gathering Place) following the service to take your next right step at Calvary.

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

We send out a reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today's message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

Isaiah Reading Plan: For the Isaiah series, we are providing a reading plan to help the congregation prepare for the upcoming message each week. An updated reading plan for September & October is available in today's bulletin. Or sign up for the *Reflect* email to receive the passages in your inbox each Tuesday.

Reading For the Week of Sept. 17: Isaiah 1:18-31 & 1 John 1:5-2:2

coming events & announcements

Annual Meeting

TONIGHT | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

Come participate in this important time as we celebrate how God has moved at Calvary Church over the last year and look forward to what is to come. A report on the 2017-2018 budget will be given by the church treasurer. The elder chair will share about three constitutional updates (including women serving as deacons) that members will vote on October 28. Pastor Jim will share a State of the Church update. And we will select elders and deacons for the upcoming term. Childcare is provided (birth through age four).

All Calvary attendees are encouraged to attend, however only members may vote. Absentee ballots are available at the Chapel Information Center and should be returned by noon today at the Information Center. Bios and pictures of the nominees for elder and deacon are included in the Fall Calvary Life, available at the back of the Sanctuary. If you consider Calvary to be your church home, this meeting is for you!

Calvary Equip

Calvary Equip is a series of classes offered on Sundays and Wednesdays. Equip provides opportunities to learn faith-enriching practices. You'll 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. A full list of classes being offered this semester is at calvarygr.org/equip. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Beginning Today:

**Parenting Teens with Love & Logic
10:45am | Room 212**

Develop the skills necessary to set limits, teach important skills, and encourage decision-making in your teenager without going crazy or damaging the relationship.

Fall Brunch for Widows

Sept. 24 | 10:00am | Gathering Place
Enjoy brunch & a panel on *Coping through Widowhood* - with Lorna Dobson, Laurie Petroelje, & Marilyn Wiersma. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Middle School 78: Pizza in the Park

September 23 | 12:15-2:00pm

GR Township Park (1836 E Beltline)

Invite a friend and join us in the park for pizza! We'll have games and hammocks, and will soak up the last bits of summer together. Please register in advance at mycalvarygr.org.

New Sunday Evening Series:

Becoming a Contagious Christian

Begins Sept. 23 | 6:00pm | \$7

Register at mycalvarygr.org

We will be going through a series on *Becoming a Contagious Christian*. This video series will help you learn how to communicate your faith in a style that fits you. DVD segments, as well as individual and group activities, will help you gain confidence and equip you to build spiritually significant relationships, direct conversations toward matters of faith and tell your own story of coming to faith. We will meet weekly in the Gathering Place through December 9.

this week at calvary

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Free College Lunch

Today | 12:00pm | Room 208B (Gym)

Hey college students! We are so glad to have you here at Calvary. Join us after the 10:45 service for our free College Lunch!

2

UNITED (High School) Kickoff

TONIGHT | 6:30-9:00pm | Room 208

Join us for an incredible evening jam-packed with fun, food, and games as we celebrate the beginning of another ministry year together. New to UNITED? Been a while since you were last with us? This is the perfect time to jump in and bond with both fellow students & our awesome leaders.

3

Monday Night Bible Study

Begins Tomorrow at 7:00pm | Chapel | Register at mycalvarygr.org

Monday Night Bible Study combines small group discussion with 30-minutes of large group teaching for both men and women. Small groups are gender specific. This year, we will embark on a journey to discover the treasure in the Old Testament book of Isaiah using the *Revealed* study. The cost for the year is \$20.

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Women's Bible Study

Begins September 18 | 9:15am | Gathering Place | \$20

Join women this fall for growth in God's Word, prayer, worship and community. We invite you to join us as we discover ways the LORD is *Revealed* through imagery found in the book of Isaiah. Children can participate in Tuesday Kids (for free!). Register at mycalvarygr.org by September 17.

THANK YOU CALVARY FAMILY!

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in CityFest last week. As a church family you faithfully showed up to see God's name lifted high as we united with churches across West Michigan. What a joy to see the people of Calvary Church so present in all aspects of the festival. To God be the glory!

CONNECTING BEYOND THE BULLETIN

We produce a quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine with ministry updates, and faith-enriching articles. Pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary. We also share regularly on Facebook (CalvaryChurchGR) and Instagram (calvarygr) and would love to connect with you there. Find an archive of sermons, our events calendar, a staff email directory and more at calvarygr.org.

