

an update from the elders

Steve Gronsmann, Elder Chair

The Elders have made the decision to put the vote on constitutional updates on hold until Spring 2019. The meeting and vote on October 28 is canceled.

As we move forward, the Elders would like to hear from members of the congregation. You have an opportunity over the next two weeks to affirm the direction of the updates on the ballot. Whether you call this a straw poll, a survey or vote of affirmation, the elders are essentially asking Calvary Church members to join us on this journey and affirm the direction we are moving before we continue down this path any further.

As a reminder, these updates are a response to God's leading and a desire to better align our constitution with Scripture. The proposed updates are:

1. Strengthen and clearly define Calvary's definition of marriage;
2. Allow women to serve in the role of deacon;
3. Move the annual congregational meeting and board start date back by one month.

A summary document on these updates is available at the Welcome Center and the Chapel Information Center.

There are surveys in the back as you leave the Sanctuary. Members, please fill one out and deposit it into the drop boxes at the Welcome Center or Chapel Information Center by November 4. If you have already submitted an absentee ballot for the original vote, we will count that as your submission to this survey. You do not need to vote again.

We thank you for your support and ask for your continued prayers for the leadership and for Calvary Church as a congregation as we seek to faithfully follow the Lord on this journey.

Finally, you are invited to gather with other church members to learn more about these updates and ask questions of the elders and Pastor Jim Samra at a lunch on October 25 at 12:00pm in the Gathering Place.

Please register at mycalvarygr.org by October 23.

congregational care & opportunities

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: Shaun Nicholls

Butterworth: Mike Brady

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to friends and family of Tina Johnson at her homegoing on September 3; and also to Dave & Susie Oviatt at the homegoing of Susie's mother, Irene Radecky, on October 11.

SALVATION CANDLE ON THE PLATFORM

The candle on the platform is lit to celebrate those who came to know Christ over the past week. If you have a salvation story to share, contact Kristen (kwhite@calvarygr.org).

THANK YOU

The deacons would like to thank those who contributed to our Benevolent offering last week. We collected \$19,047.

Calvary Church Deacons

Thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy given to me at the home-going of my husband, Roger. And thank you to the kitchen staff for the delicious lunch served after the memorial. A special thank-you to Pastor Josh for his visits and the wonderful message which meant so much.

Anne Bouwman

SERVING OPPORTUNITY: CUTTING FABRIC FOR TANZANIA TEAM PROJECT

Come join us in cutting fabric to size for the sewing project the team is taking to Tanzania in November. Bring your pinking shears and join us from 10:00am to 1:00pm in room 251 on Thursday, October 25.

HELP NEEDED IN MIDWEEK MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

Calvary offers two opportunities during the week for moms with small children, Tuesday Bible Study (9:15-11:15am) and Calvary MOPS (1st, 3rd, 5th Thursdays, 9-11:15). Would you serve with us? Please contact Donna (women@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5186.



FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 147,254	\$ 102,204	(\$ 45,050)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Oct. 14	\$ 1,019,723	\$ 912,770	(\$ 106,953)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 11,080	

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October 21, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

God's Vineyard

Isaiah 5

Jim Samra, Senior Pastor



Isaiah

THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: SAYING GOODBYE

At the end of this morning's service we will pray over Josh Mateer and his family as they end their time of ministry at Calvary. After 17 years of faithful service, Josh has accepted a position as Senior Pastor of New Hope Church in Rockford. You will have an opportunity to wish he and Katie well following the service in the Gathering Place.

If you would like to send a note of gratitude or celebration to Josh & Katie, you may send do so at: PO Box 1600, Attn: Josh & Katie Mateer, Grand Rapids MI 49501. We will forward them on to their new place of ministry.

LISTENING TO TODAY'S MESSAGE

Language Interpretation: During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Mandarin and 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

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.

coming events & announcements

Calvary Kids: Family Adventure Night October 26 | 6:30-8:30pm 5081 Bauer Road | Hudsonville

Join other families for a fun night of fall activities at Post Family Farms. Our evening will include a corn maze, bonfire, hayride, donuts, s'mores, and hot chocolate. The cost is only \$10 per family. Register and pay at mycalvarygr.org by October 24.

Hymn Sing October 28 | 7:30pm | Chapel

Lift your voices as we rejoice together with the timeless hymns you know and love. Maury Lehmann will lead us in singing. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Wednesday Nights Fall Break - Oct. 31
Calvary Kids & Students will not meet on October 31. There will also be no fellowship dinner that evening in the Gathering Place. Enjoy a night to rest as a family. Regular programming will resume on November 7.

Middle School 78: Craig's Cruisers November 4 | 12:00-3:00pm | \$15 Meet & Pick Up at Entrance D

Join your fellow 7th and 8th grade students for a fun day at Craig's Cruisers! Enjoy their pizza buffet and four attractions. Bring extra \$\$ for arcade and the trampoline and ninja course (optional). Register at mycalvarygr.org by November 2.

Calvary Equip: The Path of the Disciple Begins November 7 | 6:30-7:45pm Room 256

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

Isaiah Reading Plan: For the Isaiah series, we are providing a reading plan to help the congregation prepare for the upcoming message each week. **Reading For the Coming Week:** Isaiah 6-7 & Revelation 4.

What is the meaning of discipleship? What does it look like to practically follow Jesus? This course will consider these questions and others and will focus on the foundational aspects of the Christian faith. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Pray With the Elders November 6 | 6:15-7:15pm | Rm 211

The elders meet for prayer on the first Tuesday of the month. If you would like the elders to pray for you, please stop by. It is helpful to contact Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) in advance to be placed on the schedule, if possible.

Surviving the Holidays November 6 | 6:30-8:30pm

Facing the holidays after the death of a loved one is difficult. Join us for helpful tips, encouragement, and support. Contact Leslie at 956-9377, ext. 3623.

Calvary Women: Loving Your Neighbor At Christmas & Beyond November 13 | 11:30am-1:00pm Room 251

Debbie McGoldrick, the founder of NBS2go will share simple ways to reach out to others during Christmas. You'll receive tips on Christmas coffees, a birthday party for Jesus, and neighborhood studies. Lunch is \$7, pay at the door on November 13, but please register at mycalvarygr.org so we can plan accordingly. Childcare for nursery and preschool is free.

this week at calvary

- 1 Calvary Equip: Five-Week Membership Class - Two Options! SUNDAYS, STARTING TODAY! | 10:45am-12:00pm | Walk-ins welcome**
This five-session class is open to anyone, age 12 or older, wanting to explore what Calvary Church believes.
- 2 Calvary Equip: A Man & His Story Begins October 24 | 6:30-7:45pm Room 265 | \$10**
Understand how your past shapes who you are today and enjoy God's best for your future. Register at mycalvarygr.org.
- 3 Free Adoption Awareness Event with Jason Johnson October 25 | 7:00-9:00pm | Gathering Place | Register at mycalvarygr.org**
Enjoy a short time of worship followed by a message from author & speaker, Jason Johnson. Dessert will be served and local agencies will be available to answer questions and connect with you.
- 4 OASIS Senior Adults: Super Sleuth Night October 26 | 6:00pm | Gathering Place | \$5**
A night of fun, great food and the opportunity for your friends and neighbors to hear the life-changing message of the gospel. Come investigate a crime with Master Arts Theatre! Tickets are available today following the service on the east side of the Gathering Place.
- 5 High School Fall Retreat October 26-28 | Center Lake Bible Camp | Cost: \$90**
Enjoy time hanging out with both old and new friends as we strengthen relationships in our UNITED community. Our theme is "Overwhelmed & Overcoming," and in addition to having a great time together, we'll be talking about how Jesus wants to give us victory in the midst of anxiousness, guilt, and even apathy. Join us! Register at mycalvarygr.org.
- 6 Young Adults Fall Retreat October 26-27 | Gull Lake Ministry Center | Cost: \$85**
Get away for a rejuvenating weekend at the beautiful Gull Lake Retreat Center. Feel refreshed and renewed after an amazing two days filled with fun activities, engaging teaching and powerful worship. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

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.

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WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!