

## special needs ministry

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body” (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-19).

The Special Needs Ministry is a place to serve alongside the ministries of Calvary Church as together we welcome people of all ages, gifts and abilities into the body of Christ. We encourage inclusion while still providing sensory sensitive areas for those who benefit from quieter/smaller spaces. We also serve alongside a community of friends who meet on Wednesday evenings for food, fellowship and worship.

**TAKE**  
*your*  
**NEXT**  
**step**»

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:45 to experience a worship service that may keep you coming back or give you a desire to learn more about what God is doing at Calvary. Friends, mentors and peer buddies for all ages are always welcomed and blessed.

If you would like to learn more, come to the Connection Point after the service or contact Judi (jwarner@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5272.

### Church-Wide Prayer Challenge

Calvary Church is a church that prays. We love to be with God in prayer, we love the unity we sense in prayer together, and we love to see how our Father responds to our praying without ceasing.

For 2019, we want to challenge you to join just one of our prayer initiatives. To help you learn more and get connected, Cindy Marrell, our prayer coordinator, will be in the Connection Point next Sunday, December 16, and the week after that, December 23. Watch this space for more details and stop in to talk with Cindy or email her with any questions you may have about getting involved at cmarrell@calvarygr.org.

### YEAR-END GIVING

As you prayerfully plan your year-end giving, please remember Calvary Church. Based on historical giving patterns, we project that we will need to received approximately 15% of our fiscal year budgeted receipts in the month of December. We are grateful to God for how He has so faithfully provided in the past and trust that He will continue to meet all our needs. In addition to cash gifts, we accept donations of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Should you wish to contribute any of these securities, please contact the Financial Services office at ext. 5137.

## 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:** Terry Markham,  
Kris Shepherd

**Blodgett:** Jerry Rose

### BEREAVEMENT

We extend our Christian sympathy to Mark and Nancie Olen at the homegoing of Mark's father, Henry, on November 29; to Jack DeYoung at the homegoing of his mother, Beverly, on December 1; and also to Jeramy and Susie Jacoby at the homegoing of Jeramy's grandfatehr, William (Jake) Jacoby, on December 4.

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers in memory of my dad, William Dale Mason, Jr.. The thoughtfulness and support of our friends at Calvary is so appreciated.

Kate & Jonathan Paasch

Thank you so much fo the beautiful floral arrangement we received on the occasion of my dad's homegoing to heaven. We are so thankful for the comfort received from our Calvary Church family.

Sharon & Steve VanWieren

We were welcomed home from Africa to find a lovely fresh flower bouquet at our door. Thank you brothers and sisters for the prayers and expressions of sympathy at the time of mom's homegoing (Irene J. Radecky). We are so thankful for the Body of Christ.

Susie & Dave Oviatt

December 9, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

God's Love for All  
Isaiah 18-19

Jim Samra  
Senior Pastor



### FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 257,945	\$ 171,213	(\$ 86,732)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Dec. 2	\$ 2,138,392	\$ 1,913,616	(\$224,776)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 37,375	

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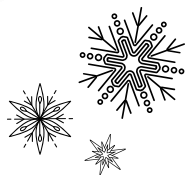
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# Isaiah

## ADVENT - PEACE

On this second Sunday of Advent we light the **peace** candle. For many this season of merriment highlights the loss and longing in their life. The festivities only heighten insecurities and busy schedules. We lament the chaos and angst we experience and wonder, "How long Lord must we continue in this way?" But we don't lament as those without hope or promise, for we know Christ will one day return. We take our aches to Him and await the Lord's coming justice and glory. May the Holy Spirit be a force of peace in your life, bringing comfort as you wait.



Advent Guides are available in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also print the cards at home ([calvarygr.org/advent](http://calvarygr.org/advent)).

## 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.

## 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.

## NEXT STEPS

New to the church? Looking to get connected outside the worship service? Visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance) this morning to take your next right step at Calvary.

## coming events & announcements

**Middle School Ministry (5th-8th):  
Be a Good Neighbor  
December 15 | 10:00am-1:00pm  
Meet: Room 208 (Entrance D)**

Let's love our city! After we meet up and share breakfast, we will head out to serve our neighbors around Grand Rapids. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) by December 13.

**LUMIN8 Kids Choir Christmas Musical  
December 19 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary**

The LUMIN8 Children's Choir presents *Back to the Manger*, a musical "blast-from-the-past," with a life-changing message. During the annual Christmas Caroling Outreach, Jackie and her friends discover a time machine in the basement of their church! After accidentally hitting a lever, they embark on an adventure throughout the twentieth century and learn how helping others changes lives.

**Christmas Eve Services  
December 24 | 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00pm**

Make Calvary's Christmas Eve service part of your holiday tradition. We will sing carols around the piano and read the Christmas story by candlelight. It's a simple service; a warm and spirited prelude to your Christmas celebration.

**Mom to Mom - Support Group  
Wednesdays | 6:30-7:50pm | Rm 234**

One in five women experience difficult or unexpected emotions during pregnancy and up to a year after childbirth. For women struggling with the challenges of motherhood, a new Christ-centered support group is forming. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Leslie ([liverson@calvarygr.org](mailto:liverson@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 3623.

**Volunteer with Calvary's Prison Ministry**

Calvary's Prison Ministry is in need of volunteers one Sunday per month to be part of the worship services either at the Kent County Jail or one of the prisons in West Michigan. If you enjoy sharing the love of Christ with others, join our team. Contact Ardo Draper ([adraper@calvarygr.org](mailto:adraper@calvarygr.org)).

**New Elder & Deacon Officers**

The new elders and deacons have begun their terms and new officers have been selected. Bill Azkoul will serve as Elder Chair, Brian Swanton as Vice Chair, Jim Hoekwater as Elder Clerk, Don Armbruster as Treasurer, and Rick Huls as Deacon Chair. Thank you.

## this week at calvary

- 1 Hymn Sing**  
**Tonight | 7:30pm | Chapel**  
Come lift your voices as we rejoice together with the timeless hymns you know and love. Our hymn sing will start at 7:30pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Maury Lehmann will lead us in singing. Special guest will be Bonnie Visser.
- 2 Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering**  
**December 11 | 9:30-11:00am | Room 215**  
Come connect with other women and support the work that God is doing as people throughout the church are reaching out to their families, neighbors, friends and co-workers. We will be praying for those who are hosting Christmas coffees and gatherings during the Christmas season.
- 3 Mental Health Support Group**  
**December 13 | 6:30 - 8:00pm | Room 114**  
Monthly support for those caring for loved ones with mental illness.
- 4 Christmas at Calvary Presents "Welcome to Bethlehem"**  
**December 14 at 7:00pm**  
**December 15 at 3:00 & 7:00pm**  
Christmas is a time for joy and bringing hope to a hurting world. *Welcome to Bethlehem* encourages us to remember the timeless truths of the season while we enjoy great music and storytelling. Tickets (\$5) are available at [calvarygr.org/christmasatcalvary](http://calvarygr.org/christmasatcalvary). Or you can buy tickets in the Worship Ministry Office (Entrance G) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-2:00pm.
- 5 24 Hour Prayer in the Garden**  
**Dec. 14 at 7:00pm-Dec. 15 at 7:00pm**  
Join our 24-hour vigil, praying for Christmas at Calvary, for various ministries, and for the church-wide initiative to pray through the 2019 calendar year with one of Calvary's two dozen Prayer Groups. Visit [calvarygr.org/prayer](http://calvarygr.org/prayer) to sign up to spend a minimum of 30 minutes praying, preferably in the Prayer Garden. Prayer guides provided.

## 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](http://mycalvarygr.org) (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile). **During this season we are also using our Reflect email to consider how to look at our messages in the Isaiah series in light of Advent.** We send out this 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](http://mycalvarygr.org) (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

**Isaiah Reading Plan For the Coming Week:** Isaiah 20-22 & Jeremiah 7:1-29.

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryChurchGR)) and Instagram ([calvarygr](https://www.instagram.com/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](http://calvarygr.org).



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WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!