



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

Pastor Pieter Heerema

www.calvarycrc.ca

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Please note: there is no Sunday School during the summer months.
Nursery for children 5 and under is provided

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

MP 532

**Call to Worship (from LUYH 517)*

Our help in in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Amen

O come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

**God's Greeting: Grace,*

Amen

Beloved, the Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

***Singing: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

LUYH 348

Children's Time

Message: Exercise Your Faith

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song: Your Mercy Flows

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Us:

***Singing: Shine On Us**

LUYH 700

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Amos 8: 1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: It May Be Difficult, but ...

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Take My Life and Let It Be**

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: World Renew (Clean Water Sunday)

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

LUYH 863

Sending

***Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed**

***Singing: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

LUYH 965

Broadcast ends

Remembering Our Baptism: **Baptized into Christ Jesus**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: **Chloe Diny Achtereekte**

LUYH 789

***Singing: O Lord, You're Beautiful**

**God's Parting Blessing*

Amen.



LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)
WS = Worship Sourcebook
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine

Nursery

Nursery is available for children up to 5 years old. We are looking for a few more volunteers for August. If you are available to help in the nursery for a Sunday in August, please let **Lisa** or **Dani** know as soon as possible.

Holy Baptism: This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism as it is administered to Chloe **Diny**, infant daughter of **Alicia** and **Jesse A.** Chloe is a younger sister to **Zephora**.

The Baptism is scheduled for after the broadcast of our service.

May the Lord bless this young family as they seek to follow Jesus along with us here at Calvary.

Holy Communion: Next Sunday here at Calvary Church, we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Bible teaches that partaking of Communion is a blessing, provided we carefully prepare our hearts. In order to do that you are asked to affirm before God the following statements:

- ◇ I am a repentant sinner, trusting in Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- ◇ I have a sincere commitment to live for Jesus. Jesus is Lord of my life.
- ◇ I am a member in good standing of a Christian church.

If these statements are true for you, please celebrate Communion with us.

Council: A meeting of our elders and deacons is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the recent decision of the general synod regarding same sex relationships. Please pray that the Spirit of Jesus leads and guides our Council members.

New executives for council:

Executive Chair: Bart R.

Vice Chair: Kyle H.

Clerk: Hyung S.

Wedding Bells: Rachel B. and **Sean B.** seek to be married. Lord willing, they will exchange their marriage vows before God in the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church on August 06 with **Pastor Heerema** officiating. May our Lord bless this young couple as they plan their wedding and prepare to follow Jesus together.



Pastor Search Process:

*As you know, we will be seeking applicants for the pastor position at our church effective November 1, 2022. Council has approved our Church Profile document, as completed by the Pastor Search Team (PST), and this document will be posted on the CRCNA (Christian Reformed Church in North America) Network website. You may review this document if you wish by contacting PST chair **John Vedder** pastorsearch@calvarycrc.ca.*

*We also value your input in the pastor selection process. There is a form on the greeter's table that you may complete and submit to **John Vedder**. Part of your submission is due by July 24.*

OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - Renew – Clean Water Sunday

Clean water is essential to good health, but for 2.4 billion people globally clean water is only a dream. When you give to World Renew, you can help make that dream a reality. We help communities establish safe, consistent water sources and teach families proper sanitation and hygiene practices.

Water is, of course, essential for health. But what if the only water you had access to was dirty—including parasites and diseases? For one-third of the global population, clean water is a dream that remains out of reach. But you can help change that reality today. You can help provide clean water for families and demonstrate the tangible, hands-on love of Jesus by helping to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. Looking to learn more? Check out their website at <https://worldrenew.net/cleanwater>

July 24 - Ottawa Innerscity Ministries (OIM): We are a community working towards building a just society where people are valued, shown dignity and respect and are given opportunity to attain a higher quality of life. We are called to come alongside people experiencing poverty and homelessness, demonstrate the message of Christ in deed and word, show compassion, build self-esteem and empower individuals through a strength-based approach. Over the years, OIM has grown from a strictly 'charity' model of outreach to one focused on building a supportive community that encourages individuals to move onto the next level of development through a strength-based approach.

Each of our services and programs serve this purpose, beginning with street outreach and our drop-in services – where we offer emergency provisions, build relationships and offer support where individuals are encouraged to build on their strengths and move towards greater autonomy and self-sufficiency.

Our goal is to demonstrate to the members of our community that every person has intrinsic value and has inner strengths, skills and talents that offer individuals hope for change.

July 31 - Ministry Shares: Ministry Shares are collected monthly to assist the work of the many ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. Ministries we support within our Eastern Canada Classis include GEMS Leadership, Safe Church Team, Youth Ministry Team, New Church Development, Campus Ministries in Halifax and Ottawa, Missions Scholarship Fund, Home Missions Fund plus the Seafarers Ministry in Montreal. Ministries we support in both Canada and the US include Calvin College and Seminary, Back to God, Home and World Missions, The Banner, Disability Concerns, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Pastor-Church Relations and many more. We thank you for contributing according to the gifts you have been given.

Please pray for God's blessing on Calvin C.R.C., Ottawa, **Pastor Craig Hoekema**, Pastor of Youth and Congregational Life **Ron Hosmar**

FROM Your Outreach Mission Developer, Winston Visser. I grew up on a hog and cattle farm. Israel was a farming society. Jesus' parables tapped into this imagery. "Go & Be" is a mission themed sermon & worship series I am sharing with two congregations **JULY** this summer. The first installment is a 4-parter on Luke 8:1-8 The Parable of the Sower, one who uses GMO seed! I've scattered seeds in my portable tote with 4-soil types to see what happens.

Resonate's Europe Regional Mission Team has a long history of fruitful mission engagement with **Ukrainian people** throughout Eastern Europe. **Join us for this online event to hear stories and participate in a Q&A with ministry leaders** who have worked in the region for years and continue to serve people who are displaced by the conflict in Ukraine.

The most recent conflict between Ukraine and Russia escalated in February and has continued for the past four months. Many people have been killed, and even more have been displaced from their homes. **Resonate missionaries in nearby countries have been serving these displaced people in a variety of ways.** We pray for an end to this conflict and that the Prince of Peace will bring healing and hope to the Ukrainian people around the world.

When: July 18th, 12-1:30pm ET

Register: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/ministry-amplified-ukraine>

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols." – Ezekiel 36:25

Water is crucial to human existence, yet globally 650 million people do not have access to safe water. In communities around the world, people walk long distances to collect water for their daily needs. Some of them get their water from sources that are polluted with bacteria and parasites. The World Health Organization estimates that 3.5 million people die from water-related diseases every year.

As we see in Ezekiel 36:25, water should purify and cleanse. God intended it to heal us, not harm us.

This Sunday, World Renew and its partner churches are celebrating Clean Water Sunday. Your church's gifts will help World Renew to walk alongside vulnerable communities around the world to establish safe, consistent water sources and share the healing power of Christ's hope – through clean water.

To learn more about Clean Water Sunday and access our church resources, go to worldrenew.ca/cleanwatersunday.

World Renew

God's Love Reflected in Clean Water - Binta, in Mali, lived with the anxiety of unsafe water. She and the other women in her village walked long distances to fetch water that was often contaminated. Through World Renew's partnership with her community, Binta and the people in her village now enjoy clean water that is easily accessible; Binta no longer worries that the water will make her family sick. Through your offering this Sunday, you can help vulnerable communities around the world see God's love reflected in clean water—like Binta's community did! To learn more, visit worldrenew.ca/resources-clean-water-Sunday

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Attention Youth Groups! - The NewGround program of Diaconal Ministries Canada (formerly called Operation Manna) now includes a Youth Justice Project! We want to help teens make a difference in their community. The Youth Justice Project encourages youth to identify an injustice in their community and share ways they hope to address it along with the deacons in their church. Approved applicants receive up to \$6000 in grant money, coaching, and support from NewGround staff. So get your youth group together today and start dreaming and planning YOUR project! Find out more on our website: <https://diaconalministries.com/newground/new-ground-youth-justice-project/>

ReFrame Ministries: Naaman's Servant Girl: God's Power - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Naaman's servant girl was brave enough to show God's love to a powerful enemy, and that allowed God to change a heart and a nation. God's power follows different rules. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

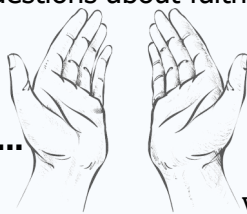
Worship Ministries: Worship Leadership Course - Calling all worship leaders! You're invited to sign up now for the online Certificate in Worship Leadership course. This one-year course through Samford University is available to any CRC worship leader, pastor, planner, or team member who would like to study worship at a deeper level. Applications due July 18. Find details at network.crcna.org/worship/online-worship-leadership-certificate-course-2022-2023. Don't miss it!

Chief Administrative Officer - CRCNA is Hiring - The Chief Administrative Officer has the administrative authority and accountability to guide and oversee the leadership, strategy, and performance of the CRCNA administration, ministry agencies, and ministry partners. The Chief Administrative Officer will oversee administrative and support services needed to advance the ministry plan in such areas as governance and compliance, joint ministry plans, finance and budgets, human resources, facilities, and transportation. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity please visit <https://www.crcna.org/chief-administrative-officer-search/overview>

Groundwork: Your Questions About Spiritual Life - Engaging the issues and questions challenging our faith as a community benefits us all. Join Groundwork as we study John 11:40-42, 1 John 5:14-15, Jeremiah 29:4-7, Matthew 22:15-22, Psalm 107:43, and more to address your questions about personal faith and daily faith practices, living faithfully in a divided world, and responding biblically when our faith is challenged. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation Ministries: At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Remembering: Read Psalm 103 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What helps you remember the goodness of God? If someone asked you to tell them about “all [God’s] benefits” in your life, which benefits would you remember? What stands out in your past and in your family history? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

New Podcast Season on Faith Practices - We’re back for Season 2 of Open to Wonder! And this time we’re asking big, small, weird, and hard-to-talk-about-in-church questions about faith practices. Listen at anchor.fm/open-to-wonder or on your favorite podcast app.



I’M TRYING, BUT...

I’m trying, but...
 what I want to do,
 I don’t do enough of,
 and what I don’t want to do,
 I do too much of.
 I know the rules for a Christian life,
 according to the Bible,
 and I’m trying; I really am, but...
 heaven and eternity seem so far away,
 and the rampantly materialistic world
 presses in so close
 from every direction, every side,
 that I get distracted.

Focus, focus, focus!
 I need to focus, laser-like
 on a simple, God-centered life.
 Do I really need
 to make that frivolous purchase,
 instead of giving the money
 to someone who needs it
 so much more than I do?
 Can I watch that TV show,
 read that book, listen to that song
 that contains (and promotes!)
 even a little bit
 of what the Bible forbids,

without being corrupted?
 Do I do enough
 to love and help and encourage others?
 Pride always hovers,
 eagerly waiting
 to subdue and conquer humility,
 so I think too much of myself.
 I know the rules;
 the Bible makes everything clear.
 Forgive me, Lord;
 I’m trying, but...

*By Joanna Fuchs
 Romans 7:15; Matthew 6:19;
 Matthew 22:39; Philippians 4:8*



CALVARY CALENDAR		
TODAY	10:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP HOLY BAPTISM

2022/10:00 AM	JULY 17	JULY 24	JULY 31
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA	PASTOR BRYAN HUMMEL
OFFIC./ ELDER	BART	BART MAXIME, GRAHAM, CATHY	BETH
DEACON	SYLVIA	GLENDEN	SHARON
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	WORLD RENEW – CLEAN WATER SUNDAY CALVARY C.R.C.	OTTAWA INNERCITY MINISTRIES (OIM) CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.
COFFEE CLEANUP	GEERT & DANI RIJKE	DANIEL & YOLANDI FERREIRA	STEVE & SHELLEY BAKKER

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