



Disability Awareness Sunday, October 15/2023
Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer

We are gathered here today, Lord God as your people to offer you our sacrifice of prayer and worship. We come from different walks of life; some are well educated, others not; some have walked with you for many years, others are just starting their journey; some are strong, others weak; some are full of joy, others burdened by care; some of us are not limited in our physical, social or emotional abilities; some of us are held back by those physical, social and emotional inabilities. You love each of us in equal measure. You pour your blessings on us in equal measure.

Help us to imagine a place where none are held back, none are excluded and everyone is enabled to worship you, to live and laugh, love and be loved in our community equally. We all belong to you, body and soul. Praise God! Amen

***Singing: Shout to the Lord
Lord, I need You** (Matt Maher)

LUYH 603

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

Call to Worship

In the meeting of our lives,
be the focus of all that we are.

In the singing of the hymns,
the prayers that we shall make,
the reading of your Word
and the preaching of the same.

Speak to us, encourage and forgive us.

In the meeting of our lives, Lord,
be the focus of all that we are. Amen

God's Greeting

For as the Heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear Him.
As far as the East is from the West,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us...
the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
upon those who fear Him,
and His righteousness to children's children.



***Singing: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **LUYH 521**

Children's time

Singing: Thy Word

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Singing: Ancient Words**

LUYH 762

Scripture: Mark 8:1-21 & Matthew 6:26-34
Message: LEFTOVER LEFTOVERS

***Singing: Will You Come and Follow Me**

LUYH 742

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Disability Concerns
Second: Calvary Church C.R.C.

Singing: Great is Thy Faithfulness

LUYH 348

God's Parting Blessing

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3: 16-19)

***Singing: Now Blessed Be the Lord our God**

LUYH 953

Benediction

May God's Word be in your heart.
May God's Word be on your lips.
May God's Word be in your touch.
May God's Word direct your feet.
On this day and all your days to come
May God's Word be the life you live.

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)



WELCOME to Calvary Church. **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** is leading us in worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors. May your time with us be a blessing to you.



Please join us for cake after the service, in celebration of Bert & Shirley V.'s 50th wedding anniversary on October 13th.

HOLY COMMUNION: Next Sunday, October 22, here at Calvary, 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 the 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.

CHURCH FAMILY

*I give God praise for his goodness to me over these last weeks. In his mercy God is renewing my strength. It is a strange feeling that I have no memory at all of much of my time in hospital. I am grateful for the love and support of **Trudy** and my children. I have been home for three weeks. I am able to walk in the house, although I keep a walker close by. I am often tired and spend about twelve hours a day resting or sleeping. I am very thankful to God for the many brothers and sisters in Christ who surround Trudy and I in prayer. May our Lord help and guide us as we continue to serve him together. **Piet***

As we think of our congregation here at Calvary, let each of us be mindful of those with special needs in health, family, finances, education and in other parts of daily life. We continue to pray for those in need of care and for those who provide care. May God grant each person what they need.

Church Directory – It is time to update our church directory.

A paper copy of the directory is on a table in the fellowship hall. If you regularly attend Calvary Church or have any changes to make, please make them directly on this copy or on the sheets provided for additional information.

Please complete this by October 22.

- * Please check your listing to make sure it is accurate. *Give it a check mark to show you have reviewed it.*
- * If you attend Calvary and are not listed - please add your information. We would like to include you in the directory.
- * If you are expecting a change in address or phone number in the near future, now is the time to make the change.
- * Please add your e-mail address, if you wish.
- * Those 18 and over will be listed separately from their family.
- * Parents, please ensure that we have updated information for any children living away from home.
- * Those in charge of committees and programs, please make sure we have updated information.

Thanks to all for your help! If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Bertha Lesage** at 613-596-0099 or berthalesage@gmail.com.



CADETS: We look forward to our Cadet season starting tomorrow, Monday, October 16 at 6:30pm at the church. Our theme is "*Grounded and Rooted*" based on Ephesians 3:17-18, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." For more information, contact **Fred V.** fkvedder@rogers.com.

....AND....the GEMS will also be starting Monday Oct 16th at 6:30 pm at the church.

This group is for girls 8-14 years old. *We look forward to a new and exciting year!*

For more information please contact **Samantha F.**





SEAFARERS GIFT BAG CRAFTING SATURDAY!!!

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 04**, between 9 am and 12:00 noon. We are looking for volunteers who can help make the gift bags or have suitable fabric or thread etc. We will need sewing machines, rotary cutters and mats or scissors! No sewing experience necessary! Just come out for fellowship, coffee and treats and help out a great cause!! Please let **Jess J.** or **Linda M.** know you plan to come. We would love to see you there!

We hope to have our BAZAAR in November. But we need some help.

The committee is looking for **3** kinds of volunteers.

- Most important, some **volunteers to serve on the committee.**
- Volunteers to help set up on the Friday before and/or helping on Saturday from 9am-2pm.
- Volunteers to make crafts to sell. Some supplies are available in the basement, just ask the committee members to see what's available.



We are open to your ideas....Please contact **Jackie L., Jess J.** or **Trudy H..... Thank you.**

OUR OFFERINGS:

TODAY - Disability Concerns

Following God's call to mutual love and service, Disability Concerns collaborates with churches and partner organizations to break individual and systemic barriers that keep people with disabilities from full participation—so that churches truly reflect the body of Christ where everybody belongs and everybody serves.

Disability Concerns strives to promote and foster relationships, communities, and societies where everybody belongs and everybody serves by assisting churches, agencies, institutions, and leadership within the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in North America:

- * To think and act in keeping with the biblical call regarding people with disabilities
- * To break barriers of communication, architecture, and attitude
- * To establish ministries with, for, and by people with disabilities and their families. Website: <https://www.crcna.org/disability>

October 22 - Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Formation Ministries has joined with eight other Christian Reformed ministries to better equip and encourage congregations. **Our new name is Thrive.** In coming together, we hope to provide churches with one-stop access to support resources that are fully integrated, and responsive to the changing needs of local congregations.

While our name may have changed, we're still as committed as ever to encourage and equip churches and individuals to practice lifelong faith and missional discipleship. We continue to listen, provide consulting and resources that fit your unique context, and we walk alongside you and your church as you encounter the challenges and opportunities of growing in resilient, intentional, holistic faith. Website: <https://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation>

October 29 - 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

Council Report on the Church Survey and Human Sexuality Report

Thank you, to everyone (112) who shared their observations and feelings with Council in our recent survey. It has been quite clear that our congregation and our denomination have been wrestling with the report on Human Sexuality. It is also clear that we have divergent views contributing to a level of angst. We are saddened that some members are continuing to resign their membership in the C.R.C.. We also, each of us, know we are the undeserving recipients of God's grace, redeemed, but not perfect and we humbly acknowledge this important truth. Our leaders at Calvary accept that we are conflicted but not in conflict, we are troubled but not in trouble. Your Council wants to remind you that we are a "Reformed and Reforming" church and that we have not yet reached the conclusion of this story. We recognize the conversation will likely continue for a very long time. As a congregation, we need to remember how much love we share within this church family. We trust you will join the Council in our commitment to continue the dialogue, to humbly proceed with love and respect for one another, and to renounce any form of judgment. Each individual is precious to our fellowship and each voice is important. We want to continue to work together as a congregation and to wait patiently upon the Lord. God is good.

It was agreed that elders will be sensitive to the concerns raised by members within their ward and that they would welcome calls or requests for visits to discuss issues further. Council recognizes the need for a listening ear and for ongoing dialogue.

Respectfully from your Council

Please Pray for: Classis Meeting, October 20-21 at Community C.R.C., Dixon's Corners.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Building and Grounds Committee -The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new chairperson. This committee is comprised of a few men who like to do the work but don't want to be responsible for incoming requests or reporting to Council:). It is typically a 3 year volunteer term but Council is willing to extend your term! If you are an organized person who can keep these men on task, the job is yours! A job description is available on request from Council.
*If you are interested, please contact **Joey R.** or **Cathy V.***

WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREAT OUR CELLPHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

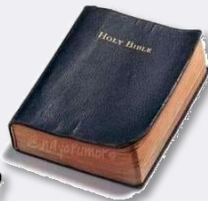
...CARRIED IT WITH US EVERYWHERE?

...TURNED BACK TO GO GET IT IF WE FORGOT IT?

...CHECKED IT FOR MESSAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY?

...USED IT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

...SPENT AN HOUR OR MORE USING IT EACH DAY?



KIDS CORNER:

God's Provision Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net.

God promises to give us better gifts (Matthew 7:9-11), and he promises to "take care of all [our] needs" (Philippians 4:19). This week's devotion is all about trusting God to provide, even when God's gifts might not look the way we expect. (Just think how he saved us from our sins!) Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Wilderness Journey."

Resonate Global Mission

Pursuit Young Adult Conference - Attention young adults ages 18-30! You are invited to join the Pursuit Conference on November 4th at Zion CRC in Oshawa for a day centered around pursuing God in worship, prayer, family, friends, mental health, and work. Participants will hear from three primary speakers who are passionate about equipping the next generation with a strong foundation of faith to live and spread God's word. This event-packed day will include worship and prayer, moving stories of testimony, workshops, and meals. Visit <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/pursuit> to sign up!

CALVARY'S CALENDAR		
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 /2023		
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16	CADETS & GEMS	6:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:00 AM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
<i>DUE DATE FOR INFO NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE</i>		

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER HOLY COMMUNION	JESSICA	KRISTY JESSICA, KRISTY, HYUNG	HYUNG
DEACON	RACHELLE	GLENDON	CHRIS F.
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	DISABILITY CONCERNS CALVARY C.R.C.	FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C..
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	DENISE/CHASE KATHRYN V./LEAH F.	NANCY/CHLOE ALICE P./ALEX M.	MELISSA/EVELYN TRUDY M./LEAH H.
COFFEE CLEANUP	TIM FORREST & GLENDON B.	GRAHAM & LAURIE J.	HUB & GRACE S.
GREETERS	HENK B.	JESSICA J.	MONIQUE deW.

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