



Sunday, November 26/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer

Singing: Here I Am to Worship

LUYH 567

Call to Worship

Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Come let us bow down in worship. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7

Singing: In Christ Alone

LUYH 770

God's Greeting

To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ, may mercy peace and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1: 2

Singing: Here is bread (verses 1-2)

Confession

We come before you, O God, aware of the many ways we sin against you and against each other. Too often we do not prioritize you. Too often we treat each other badly. Ours is a desperate attempt to keep safe and armed against vulnerability. Thankfully, your love and forgiveness bursts into our lives at these times. You confront our brokenness. You intervene in our destructive living. You seek our healing and the wholeness of the world. Jesus offered himself to heal the divisions within us and among us. Let his life, death and resurrection guide our living and dying.

Assurance of Pardon

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. Romans 8:1-3

The Lord's Supper

Singing: Here is bread (verse 3)

Children's time

Singing: He has made me glad (I will enter his gates)

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Singing: Ancient Words

LUYH 762

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
Psalm 103: 1-12

Message

"HE HAS REMOVED OUR SINS"

Response to the Word

Singing: Teach me Thy Way O Lord (B Mansell Ramsey; tune CAMACHA)

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings:

First:

Second: Calvary C.R.C.

Singing: On Eagle's Wings (You Who Dwell in the Shelter of our God)

God's Parting Blessing

Benediction:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15: 12-13

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

forgiven
100%

WELCOME to Calvary Church. Pastor Harold Kouwenberg will be leading us in worship.
As we give praise to our Living Lord, may we be blessed in our worship and fellowship.
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after the service in the fellowship hall.

HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome to the Lord's table this morning those who love the Lord Jesus and want to share in the celebration of God's gift of Grace by these symbols of Christ's sacrifice. We may grasp the depths of this mystery at different levels but we know Jesus loves us and claims us as his own. Our leaders (and our denomination) have made a decision to welcome children to the table with their parent's cooperation as a means of strengthening faith. None are obliged but all are welcome with their parent's approval. Please remember, "partaking in the Lord's Supper is ultimately an act of hope. At the Lord's table, God's promises come to the forefront. It is not about what we promise God, but about choosing to find hope in God's promises to us".

Our **FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held this morning, after the service, in the fellowship hall. Council will present the budget for approval and give an information session on the implications of the Synodical decision regarding the Human Sexuality Report. This will include a summary of the church survey that was taken last summer regarding church attendance. Printed copies of the agenda and budget will be available. A light finger food lunch will be held following the meeting. We hope to see all members there, if able. Non-members are welcome to attend! *Respectfully, Council*

CHURCH FAMILY

Each one of us experiences life in all its joys, concerns, and sorrows. Let us remember each other, say hello, make a phone call, send a card, or make a visit. We ask the Lord that he brings healing and strength to all with health concerns. Let us remember each other in prayer.

Employment Opportunity for you!

Council has created a new paid part-time position (15-20 hours per week) to help with the administrative tasks of Calvary to keep everything running efficiently. The new **Office Administrator** will be the first point of contact for Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Duties will include a variety of office support tasks. The successful candidate will be able to work independently under the direction of the Pastor. Additional required skills include attention to detail, discretion on sensitive and confidential matters as well as effective communication skills, both written and verbal. The Office Administrator will work a minimum of 2 days per week at the church and the remaining hours may be completed at home/remotely with a flexible schedule. Some after-hours/short notice tasks may be required. If this is an opportunity you are interested in, a detailed job description is available in the fellowship hall. Additionally, it will be emailed to the congregation. To apply, please email a cover letter and résumé to office@calvarycrc.ca with attention to **Kyle H.**, clerk of Council. Deadline to apply is **November 30, 2023**.

Council needs your help!

We are looking for volunteers knowledgeable in human resources and/or legal topics, willing to provide advice and guidance on an as-needed basis for matters that have a HR/legal component. An example of such would be any time Calvary hires a new employee. If you can help us with this, forward your name to the chair of council, **Cathy**, or send an email to office@calvarycrc.ca. Thank you, **Admin Team**

COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL at the church on Tuesday from 10am – 12noon. Lets just sit around and have a good time together, play a game, or place a few pieces in a puzzle. **All are invited to attend.**

I Love days
when my only
problem is...



ARE YOU INTERESTED?????



For several years now there has been a group of people from our church, meeting every second Friday night (may vary) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm during the colder months of the year. We meet at the church and the meeting includes a potluck meal, time of fellowship and a time of religious discussion. Discussion is normally done using DVD (Digital Video Disc) projection of a religious topic created by Christian authors. On occasion, religious books or religious video interviews on various topics are used. Cost of material is shared within the group.

We have a meeting leader, and you are able to participate to the level of your preference.

The group is known as the **FRIDAY NIGHT POTLUCK**. We currently have 14 people, most 50+ years-old, attending on a regular basis. If you are interested in getting more information or attending, please speak with **Mark M.** or call 613.880.1791.

SOCO Beach Project Update:



If you are a young adult (18 - 29), be part of SOCO summer 2024 ~ living in an intentional Christian community while having a summer job, learning how God's story shapes your story to impact the world's story. For more information: www.southcoastbeachproject.org. Check out the SOCO newsletter including an invitation for the Executive Director about opportunities to partner with SOCO.

Also, looking for a new - gently used snowblower.

Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-nov-23-6210225>.

OUR OFFERINGS:

TODAY - 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.

December 03 -

December 10 - **Calvary C.R.C. Budget**

December 17 - **Ministry Shares**

Instead of setting a specific amount per member, each congregation will prayerfully consider how much it can contribute towards our shared ministry efforts.

Ministry shares are an amazingly efficient and stewardly way for us to accomplish ministry together. Over the years, as Synod decided to start new programs, we've used ministry shares as a way of enabling all of our congregations to contribute towards the costs. In this way, every initiative is truly part of our shared ministry.

Please shop for Montreal Seafarers:

Approximately 90% of our goods come to us by ship. Ironically, the seafarers who work on these ships are some of the ones who can least afford these goods. **The Deacons** are asking the congregation to once again contribute to Christmas parcels for the Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) in Montreal. M2S runs this Christmas parcel campaign in the hopes of giving each seafarer who visits the Port of Montreal a small gift as a tangible expression of God's love for them and a means of celebrating God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ.

Deadline to bring back to church: Sunday, December 03. Please leave in foyer at top of stairs.

Ministry to Seafarers: Guidelines for Filling a Bag

1. Fill a bag (15"x12") suitable for a **male**. It is better to have a small full bag than a half empty big bag. Use the rule of 4 categories: toiletries, warm clothing, snacks and a play/leisure/special item.
2. Enclose a **greeting card**/personal note and your name (and email address if you're comfortable doing so). Some of those who receive these gifts like to acknowledge them.
3. Parcel contents **DO'S:**



TOILETRIES: Ex. toothbrush/toothpaste, razor/shaving cream, soap/shampoo

WARM CLOTHING: Ex. Toque, gloves, socks, scarf

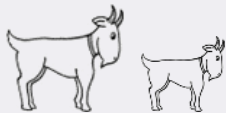
SNACKS: Ex. Candy, chocolate, nuts, cookies

PLAY/LEISURE/GIFT: Ex. Headlamp/flashlight, calendar, "Bicycle" playing cards, Canada souvenir such as magnet or keychain, sudoku.

Parcel contents DON'Ts: Don't include heavily scented items such as Irish Spring soap, office supplies, cleaning/products, used items or un packaged items such as a toothbrush, loose candy or home baking. Please don't make a bag for female seafarers, there are very few of them, and M2S has a budget to create parcels specifically for them.

M2S also accepts gently used coats and warm sweaters of all sizes for men.

Thank you for preparing this parcel like you were giving it as a gift to someone you personally know and love. You can also make a virtual donation towards the Christmas Parcel Campaign (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-ministry-to-seafarers-of-the-christian-reformed-church/>) and M2S will shop, pack and deliver your parcel. A donation of \$25 equals one gift. Remember to include a personal note with your donation to be added to your parcel. **The Deacons**



And we are **not kidding** giving tree.

We will be collecting Emergency Food Baskets



for our

We would like to remind you that our Christmas tree challenge is starting on **"Giving Tuesday" Nov. 28 with the 5:1 challenge.** *That means your \$60 will multiply to \$360.*

Go to **Giving Tuesday** at worldrenew.ca/givingtuesday or call 1-888-975-3769 between 9:00AM to 4:00PM. After Tuesday, Nov 28 you can still buy Emergency Food for a Month (*International Disaster Relief*). Each costs \$60.00, and it is the only item that is matched by our government 4:1 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The food baskets are used in times of disaster, whether it be drought, flood, earthquake, or violence because of war. Your \$60 is enough to feed 5 families for a month. So as you plan your Christmas giving, don't forget us. You can give your cash donation to **Margo B.** or **Henk B.**

If you want a tax receipt, you can go online to <https://worldrenew.ca/product/idr-emergency-food-month> , or call 1-888-975-3769 between 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

What a way to celebrate God's gift to us and all the blessings we enjoy!



Saturday, December 9, 9 AM to 2 PM

Funds raised this year will be divided between
the Ottawa Inner City Mission and our Youth Serve trips.

Please remember to check out the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.

The committee is looking for volunteers.

- to **make and donate crafts**
- to **bake**
- to **set up Friday 10-2** -to **work** at various stations **Saturday 9-2** -for **clean up Saturday 1:30-3.**

We are also looking for donations

- for a **silent auction.**
- for the **white elephant sale...new or used in good condition**, items that would make good, small or medium gifts, Christmas decorations, toys, household items, etc.

Thank you for your support... Jackie L., Jess J., or Trudy H.

KIDS CORNER: When We All Work Together - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that Nehemiah convinced everyone to help build a wall around Jerusalem? Together they finished the work in 52 days! This week's devotion is all about how when we trust God and work together, he can accomplish some pretty amazing things through us.

"If you put your faith in yourself and your abilities, intellect and dreams,
 then your foundation is only as strong as you are."
 Charles Stanley



Christmas Concert ☆

"Hear the Joyful Sound"

OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR

Friday, December 08/2023 at 7:30 PM
 Woodroffe United Church 207 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa

With Special Guests:
Atlantic Voices & Capital City Trombone Quartet
Pauline Van Der Roest-Mezzo Soprano - Brent Ferguson-Trumpet

Tickets \$20.00—Available from Choir Members & at the Door

Part of the proceeds to The Salvation Army of Canada
 For Information call 613-293-9046 - <https://ottawacarletonmalechoir.com>

| CALVARY'S CALENDAR | | |
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| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 03/2023 | | |
| TODAY | SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LORD'S SUPPER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | 10:00 AM |
| | | AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | CADETS & GEMS | 6:30 PM |
| TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | COFFEE / TEA SOCIAL | 10AM - 12 NOON |
| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | MEN'S BOWLING | 9:30-11:00 AM |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 03 | SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SEAFARERS PARCELS ARE DUE | 10:00 AM |

| | NOVEMBER 26 | DECEMBER 03 | DECEMBER 10 |
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| 10:00 AM | SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP |
| WORSHIP LEADER | PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG | PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG | PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG |
| OFFIC./ELDER | ELCO CATHY, JAKE, ELCO | PETER | GAHAM |
| DEACON | RACHELLE | GLENDEEN | CHRIS F. |
| OFFERING 2ND OFFERING | MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C. | CALVARY C.R.C. | CALVARY C.R.C. BUDGET |
| JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY | MELISSA/EVELYN BARB A./LEAH F. | DENISE/CHLOE BOB P./ALEX MCW. | MEGAN/CHASE KATHRYN V./CLAUDIA F. |
| COFFEE CLEANUP | HARRY & MARNIE R. | HENRY & CORA S. | MARSHA H. & MAX G. |
| GREETERS | JAKE & MARIANNE V. | BERT & SHIRLEY V. | LINDA M. |

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: bulletin@calvarycrc.ca

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