

**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



**Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg
Sunday, April 14 2024**

Gathering

* Rise in body or in spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

LUYH 526

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts

Red Hymnal

**Call to Worship*

As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember
that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

He is Lord!

**God's Greeting:*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. —2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing: Lord Most High**

LUYH 593

Children's Time

Singing: The Fruit of the Spirit

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

**If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.**

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,**

and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. —1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light.

We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life.

We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose.

But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still.

Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live.

Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail.

All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. **Amen.**

***Singing: Lord, I need You**

Assurance of Pardon:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Singing: How Deep the Fathers Love

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-25, 2 Peter 1:8-9 (NLT) & John 15: 1-8

Message: WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Shine Jesus Shine MP 2**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Thrive (Safe Church Ministry)

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Keep alert,

stand firm in your faith,

be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

—1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NRSV

***Singing: May the Grace (Resound)**

***God's Parting Blessing**

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you

and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)



Congregational Meeting: Today we will have a Congregational meeting after the morning service. There is lots of finger foods if you didn't happen to bring anything, don't worry, there is lots to be had. We would love to see as many of our members as possible come out!

Update on James Kralt & First Christian Reformed Church of Montréal: Thank you for your prayers for James & Marilyn Kralt, their family, and the church family at First CRC of Montréal. James is scheduled to have cancer surgery on Apr 18. He's expecting to be in the hospital for one week, and recovery time after surgery will take around four weeks altogether. He is also expecting to start chemo treatments after that. Please keep James and family in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for the family and congregation who are confident of a good outcome. God is good. Please continue to uphold all members of Emma's family. We continue to pray too, for Fran and please continue to remember Larry S. We will continue to be grateful for answered prayers.

Council Nominees

We would like to thank the following members for allowing their names stand to serve on Council :

Elder (3 needed) - Manja Bastian, John Cook, George Couperus, and Jennifer Normandin

Deacon (would like one more) - Marsha Hodges, Linda Mallette

Drawing by lot or acclamation will take place on April 28th during the service.

Elevator Operators Needed: We really need a few volunteers that can help operate the elevator before/after church services. Training will be provided and more importantly, you will be helping with the accessibility of our church. Please send your interest to office@calvarycrc.ca or speak to Anna.

Community Christian School is seeking a qualified teaching candidate for a potential part-time primary teaching position of 84%, with two afternoons off, beginning August 1, 2024. Applicants must be committed Christians who enjoy working with a team of professionals and are excited about teaching young children to learn about and in God's world. Contracts and pay are based on years experience and educational degrees. Health benefits and pension are part of the CCS contract package. Send resumes, including a cover letter and statement of faith, to rita.bergsma@communitychristianschool.ca.

Souly Business is a two-day men's conference. Your weekend will include fellowship, worship, music, humor, and personal reflection, which together will make for a unique and transforming experience. God will touch both your heart and your mind and bring you to a deeper understanding of how we have all been called to ministry within our personal and professional lives. The weekend will include seven speakers from the business community whose talks will be followed by small group discussions. May 3rd - 5th, 2024 www.soulybusiness.ca
Blessings with Peace from Winston Visser

Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing. Safe Church Ministry is blessed by three kinds of financial support: CRC ministry shares, designated church offerings, and generous gifts from people like you. Thank You!

Friendship Festival - The Friendship Festival is a day of faith, fun, music, games, and friendship, specifically organized for developmentally challenged individuals, but everyone is invited. Friends do not have to belong to a Friendship group. Parents, friends, mentors, caregivers, and group home staff are invited. We gather on May 11, 2024, at Clearview Church in east Oakville, from 10am - 2pm. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and snacks. To register, send an email to marlene.nirula@gmail.com and list the names of everyone attending. Be sure to register early since we limit registration to 200 people. We're on Facebook at Friendship Festival Ontario. Please join us...everyone is invited!

Kids Corner: Imagine When... - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you're reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

CALVARY CRC WEB SITE "calvarycrc.ca" WATCH ONLINE / BULLETIN / CALENDAR

15	16	17	18	19
6:30pm Cadets Cub Car Race 6:30pm GEMS 6:30pm Refine Ladies Group		9:30am Hands-on	9:30am Bowling	

	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28	MAY 5
	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	PETER	GRAHAM	JESSICA	KRISTY
DEACON	GLENDON	CHRIS	CORA	KYLE
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	THRIVE (SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY) CALVARY CHURCH	MINISTRY SHARE CALVARY CHURCH	GEMS SUNDAY CALVARY CHURCH	DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA - NEW GROUND CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MELISSA & CHASE TRUDY & ABBY	MEGAN & CHLOE STEPH & ALEX	DENISE & LEAH F. BOB & LEAH H.	NANCY & LAUREN KATHRYN & LEAH F
COFFEE CLEANUP	TIM & GLENDON B	GRAHAM & LAURIE	HUB & GRACE	JEAN & JACKIE
GREETERS	RITA & GERRY	JESSICA	MONIQUE	BOB & ALICE

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

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