

CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

Sunday, June 16 2024

Gathering

* Rise in body or in spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts

***Singing: Here I am to Worship**

LUYH 567

Red Hymnal

**Call to Worship*

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody!

We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

—based on Psalm 108:1-4

**God's Greeting:*

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,

he will rejoice over you with singing.

—Zephaniah 3:17, NIV

***Singing: God So Loved (We the Kingdom)**

Children's Time

Singing: John 3:16

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—

only when it is convenient for me to do so,

only in those places where it is safe to do so,

and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,

that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. **Amen.**

Singing: Take, O Take Me as I Am

LUYH 741

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Us:

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

By faith I have a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

—from Romans 3:22, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

***Singing: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

LUYH 693

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7 & 1 John 4:1-21

Message: APOSTLE OF LOVE - SON OF THUNDER



Thanksgiving

***Singing: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

LUYH 351

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: World Renew, Refugee Sunday

Second: Calvary C.R.C.

Installation of Elders and Deacons

***Singing: Establish the Works of Our Hands**

Sending:

As you prepare to leave this place,
hear now God's invitation to a life of Christian discipleship.

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all. —from Ephesians 4:1-6, NRSV

***Singing: Across the Lands**

LUYH 775

***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

Prayers: We are grateful for the support and comfort derived from the faithful prayers of the people of God for individuals and families. We continue to ask God to bring comfort and healing to those needful of His presence and love.

Installation of Office Bearers: Today is the Installation service for the following office bearers
Elder: Manja Bastian, John Cook, Jennifer Normandin Deacon: Marsha Hodges, Linda Mallette

Baptism of Rain Han Kang born Feb. 14 2024 , daughter of James and Aerie, sister of Dream and Shine, will take place Sunday June 30th. May this Holy occasion bring with it lots of joy and happy memories.

Council Meeting Wednesday June 18 7:00 PM

Annual CHURCH PICNIC!!

You are invited to Calvary's Annual Church Picnic

When: Sunday, **June 23**, 2024, right after the church service

Where: at Bert and Shirley Vedder's Farm, 267 Route 200, Russell

What to bring: your smiles and laughter, lawn chairs, a snack to share for coffee time, suitable outdoor Games. Hot and cold beverages provided. Lunch provided: BBQed hamburgers, hotdogs, with all the fixings, chips, and ice cream with various toppings for dessert

What a FEAST! What FELLOWSHIP All are Welcome

Nursery Coordinator: We are looking for someone to take over the nursery coordinator position. This involves creating the schedule of volunteers and overseeing the nursery in general. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Douma at lisadouma@yahoo.ca

Nursery: We are again looking for volunteers to take a turn in the nursery this summer. Please let Lisa Douma (lisadouma@yahoo.ca) know if there is a Sunday or two that you would be willing to sign up for. We need coverage of at least one adult and one helper (age 10+) from July 7 until September 1. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Guide to the Agenda for Synod 2024

The annual synod of the Christian Reformed Church will take place June 14-20, 2024, at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Mich. (The in-person gathering will be preceded by two sessions held virtually on May 29 and June 5.)

Welcome to the Guide to the *Agenda for Synod 2024*. This guide will condense what is in the *Agenda* down to 8,000 words for those who want to know what's coming but don't want to wade through all of the *Agenda's* 614 pages.

Produced by the CRC's Office of Synodical Services, it is a kind of life boat to keep you afloat in a sea of words, rules, and practices for what is expected to be a stormy synod.

If you want to know *everything* that will be on this year's synod agenda, hop on over to the actual *Agenda*. If you prefer a concise review of items on the *Agenda*, check out *The Banner's* "[What to Watch](#)" by Alissa Vernon.

You can follow along with synod by subscribing to a [daily synod news digest](#) written by CRC Communications.

CRC Communications works with *The Banner's* onsite news team to bring you the facts of synod decisions, along with the history and context around synod's deliberations. Find ongoing coverage at thebanner.org, or download the *Banner* app on your mobile device. Synod's proceedings will be webcast live as in previous years. As you read this guide, we hope you will appreciate that the ministry of the CRC is broader than navigating the pressing issues of the day. Please pray for all who are participating in this year's synod, that they may have traveling mercies, calmness in their hearts, kindness in their words, and openness to the Lord's leading.

—Gayla Postma

Written for CRC Communications

Next week is National Indigenous People's Day - As our congregation commemorates this important day next Sunday, we'll be learning what happens when two cultures exchange hearts (and culinary traditions). In the meantime, we encourage you to visit bit.ly/NIPD2024 and learn more about the work of the CRC's Indigenous Ministries, which will be our offering cause next week.

Thriving Essentials 1-Hour Overview (June 27th) - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Attend this online preview June 27 (1pm EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Register now at crc-na.org/essentials

Give the Gift of Safety and Belonging - As conflict and violence continue to drive people out of their homelands in search of safety and a new beginning, families are facing increasing challenges, and many grow hopeless as they struggle to find safe shelter and a sense of normalcy. Refugees who settle in Canada often speak of the pure joy they find in knowing that they are safe. They bring with them their determination and resilience and become valuable members of their new communities. Today is Refugee Sunday. Through your gift to support the World Renew Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program, you can help change the story of hardship and heartbreak to one of joy and belonging for refugees. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: worldrenew.ca/refugees

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	JUNE 16	JUNE 23	JUNE 30	JULY 7
	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PROFESSOR JOHNATHAN PATRICK
OFFIC./ELDER	PETER	JOHN	MANJA JOHN, KRISTY, HYUNG	KRISTY
DEACON HALL MONITOR	KYLE GRAHAM	LINDA CORA	YOLANDI BERT	RACHELLE JOHN
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	WORLD RENEW - REFUGEE SUN- DAY CALVARY CHURCH	INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES CALVARY CHURCH	MINISTRY SHARE	CHRISTIAN COUNSELING OTTAWA MINISTRY SHARE
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MEGAN & EVELYN STEPH & ALEX	DENISE & LEAH F BOB & LEAH H	SUMMER VACATION KATHRYN & LEAH F	SUMMER VACATION VACANT
COFFEE CLEANUP	SHELDON & EDDA	CHURCH PICNIC	BART & ANTJE	DAVID S & BEN F
GREETERS	JOHN & SARAH	GRACE	HOOPLE FAMILY	GERRY & RITA

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

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