

Notes



June 22th, 2025

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Council Updates

Poll Results

We want to thank everyone who participated in the recent congregational poll. As you may recall, the poll asked for participants to choose one of the following two options:

1. I would like to stay within the Christian Reformed Church in North America denomination (CRCNA).
2. I would like to explore the process of disaffiliation, with no commitment to disaffiliate.

Participation was open to both confessing and non-confessing members, over the age of 16.

We can now confirm that a strong majority – more than two-thirds of respondents – chose option 2.

We want to be clear: this is NOT a step toward disaffiliation. Rather, this was a way for our council to receive input and direction from our church family. It is also important to note that feedback we received in the weeks leading up to the poll made it clear that choosing option 1 or option 2 meant different things for different people. The council will take all of this into consideration as we carefully and prayerfully discern our next steps.

Our first step is to meet on Tuesday, July 8, following Pastor Rebecca's return from Synod and her vacation. During this meeting, council members will evaluate options to respond to the congregation and select an approach.

We are committed to open and transparent communication throughout this journey. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we seek God's guidance together.

In Christ,
Bart R, Council Chair

Offerings

Red Bag: Indigenous Ministries

Our mission is to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada. It is rooted in a recognition of our Creator's love for all creation and in the understanding that we all have gifts to offer one another.

Thank you for your generosity!
Your gift is a blessing to our ministry.

Black Bag: Calvary CRC (Budget)

The second offering is taken for the ministries of Calvary and is used for the budget expenses of our church.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to donate through the BridgeApp.



giving@calvarycrc.ca

Giving Report - As of April 2025

Calvary Ministry	\$14,413	• Cadets	\$762
Year to Date	\$45,566	• Camp Adonai	\$621
Budget 3 Months	\$60,138	• Centre for Public Dialogue	\$350
Budget + / -	(\$14,572)	• Coldest Night of the Year	\$50
Ministry Shares	\$2,353	• Harvest House	\$552
Year to Date	\$9,212	• Karis Disability	\$203
Budget 3 Months	\$11,975	• Mortgage Reduction	\$3,415
Budget + / -	(\$2,763)	• Ottawa Mission	\$795
		• Pastor Church Relations	\$358
		• ReFrame Ministries	\$480
		• Resonate (Chann/Chhay)	\$751
		• ThereforeGo	\$448
		• WR - Cdn Foodgrains Bank	\$1,236

Announcements



All are invited to join the Calvary congregation for its annual church picnic! to be held **TODAY**, after the morning worship service.

The picnic will be at Bert and Shirley's farm,
For directions click on the address in the Bridge App directory (or follow someone from church to the farm).

Upon arrival beverages will be served along with a snack of cookies/cake that you are asked to bring for the snack table. There will be barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings.

For dessert ice cream with sauces and sprinkles will be served. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

All kinds of games to play for young and old will be available. You don't have to bring yours.

Please join us in this lovely setting provided by Bert & Shirley for this special time of gathering for Fellowship, Food and Fun.

Directory Supplement Update

Hi church family! This is Milon C, your new Administrative Assistant. I'm still learning the ropes, but one of my first tasks is to update the old directory preface (the list of council members and committees at Calvary). I know the year is almost over, but this will be a good way for me to get to know everyone and their roles. This week, I plan to contact who I have on record as the chair of each committee to ask you to verify the information. Please check for an email from me (via the office account). Thanks for your help with this!

Announcements

SOCO Beach Project Update:

If you're 18 - 29, register for the SOCO Camping Retreat, July 18 - 20. See this week's newsletter to register, read about Friday the 13th and check out this week's recipe:
<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-june-19-8569812>

Guide Dog in Service

A working guide dog will be present during the service and fellowship time. As the dog is performing an important role, we kindly ask that you do not pet, feed, or interact with it. Thank you for helping us maintain a respectful and inclusive environment.



Pastor Updates

Beloved of God. I feel a bit like Paul, sending a letter to a "far away" congregation as I am off doing other work for the church. Our denomination's Synod has ended and I am now enjoying time off with my family. Synod was overall a good experience with many great joys that accompanied the frustrations, disappointments, and low points throughout the week. I encourage you all to pray for the delegates and denominational staff as they journey home and return to the many ways that they serve the church. I look forward to sharing my experience with you all, and continuing to think about all the ways we can serve God in our communities.
-Pastor Rebecca

Pastor Rebecca's email address for church-related matters is pastor@calvarycrc.ca. Please kindly confirm that you are using this address, and not her personal Gmail account, to reach her for church-related matters. Thank you!

Council Updates

Here are some key highlights from the Council meetings on May 20 and June 10, as well as the Elders meeting on June 17, 2025.

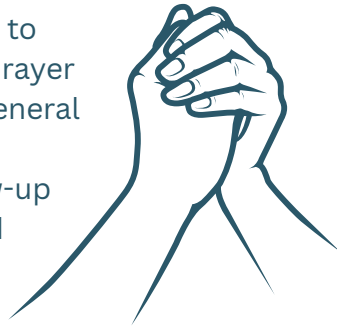
Council members

We welcomed newly appointed members to their roles for the upcoming year:

- Chair: Bart
- Vice-Chair: Peter
- Clerk: Rachelle
- Elders: Manja B, John C, Peter H, Bob P, Jennifer N, Bart R, Kees R, Bert V, Randy Z
- Deacons: Kevin D, Yolandi F, Rachelle G, Linda M, Cora S, Geert R, Samantha V

Sunday Prayer & Listening Presence

As part of a June pilot, one elder and one deacon have been available in the Prayer Room after services to pray, listen, and receive feedback. This has already led to meaningful conversations, including prayer requests, theological questions and general feedback. The importance of clear communication and intentional follow-up was noted. A few attendees expressed appreciation and hope this ministry continues.



Modified Office Bearer Installation Forms

Council approved updated installation forms for elders and deacons. These retain the spirit of the traditional vows while reflecting Calvary's current approach to the Covenant of Office Bearers.

Other Notes

Deacons collected winter coats, which will be donated this fall. Pastor Rebecca's pulpit exchange went very well and has allowed for additional pastoral visits.

Synod-related resources were shared via email and bulletin for congregation members to follow along.

We are grateful for Cora to be staying an additional year as deacon.

Please be reminded that the Prayer Request Box is located in the prayer room.

A new rear-facing projector for the sanctuary will be purchased using funds from the Garage/Bazaar account.

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Benevolence Fund Reminder

A reminder that the Deacons have a Benevolence Fund available to support those in our church community who may be experiencing financial hardship. If you have a need, or know someone who does, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Deacon with any questions or concerns. All inquiries are handled with care and confidentiality.

Support for Manitoba Wildfire Relief

The Deacons would like to encourage the congregation to consider donating to the Canadian Red Cross 2025 Manitoba Wildfires Appeal. The Governments of Canada and Manitoba will each match every dollar donated—meaning every \$1 becomes \$3 to support families and individuals most affected by the wildfires.

Funds will provide immediate relief, including financial assistance, emergency accommodations, and community support for those displaced across Manitoba.

To donate, visit www.redcross.ca or call 1-800-418-1111 by June 27.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of the Deacons.

Announcements

World Renew

Called to Serve One Another Humbly in Love - Galatians 5:13 teaches us we were called to freedom, and our freedom is meant to be used to serve one another humbly in love. Sadly, hundreds of thousands of refugee families around the world live trapped by fear and robbed of the opportunity to freely live up to their full potential. Next week, Refugee Sunday, join World Renew and learn how through our gifts of support to the World Renew Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program, or through sponsorship, we can be part of the story of not only sharing Christ's love with refugee families, but also sharing the gift of freedom. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/refugeesunday

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is Indigenous Ministry Sunday, set aside to celebrate the gifts and richness that Indigenous people bring to life in Canada and the United States. Storytelling is an important part of Indigenous cultures. It is one way they pass on the story of their people and their history. The Bible is the story of God and God's people. Telling Bible stories is a way we pass along God's story from one generation to the next. These stories help us to know who God is and what God has done. What is your favorite Bible story? Why do you like it? What does it tell you about God? How does it affect the way you live today? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Diaconal Ministries Canada

"Moving Forward in Faith" Conference Returns! - Back by popular demand! Diaconal Ministries Canada and Resonate Global Mission are pleased to partner up for the Moving Forward in Faith Conference, happening again this year on Friday evening, November 14 & Saturday, 15, 2025. This year's theme is The Church Released. Find out more on the event website: resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith. Save the date and plan to attend with your team!

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ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Trust God in Hard Times

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Trust in God in Hard Times" at www.kidscorner.net. Even when life feels super hard, God is always with you! Just like Elijah, Job, David, and even Jesus faced tough times, God's love and comfort never left them—and He'll never leave you either! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.



Groundwork: Justice and Jesus the Prophet

In Luke, we see Jesus the prophet preaching and teaching about justice, specifically economic justice, in the tradition of the Old Testament prophets. Join Groundwork as we dig into Luke 1:46-55, Luke 6:20-26, Luke 16:19-31, Luke 9:28-31, Luke 4:16-30, and Luke 24:13-49 to discover what he teaches us about how and when we should care for justice as Christians in the world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.