



CALVARY

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Pastor Rebecca Bokma



March 8, 2026

Sunday @ 10am

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Order of Worship

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)

MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)

Lenten Music -

*Rise in body or in spirit

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

*Singing: Majesty

MP 212

*Call to Worship and God's Greeting

*Singing: Shout to the Lord

LUYH 603

Children's Time

Singing: Jesus Loves Me

LUYH 709

Time of Confession

*Singing: Oh, to See the Dawn

LUYH 177

Assurance of Pardon

*Singing: Meekness and Majesty

LUYH 157

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 23: 44-49

Message: Were You There?

LUYH 166

*Singing: Were You There

Congregational Prayer

Offerings - First: Karis Disability Services

Second: Calvary CRC

*Singing: That's Why We Praise Him

LUYH 868

*Parting Blessing

*Singing: To God Be the Glory

LUYH 604

welcome

We are so glad you are here. Whether you're a visitor or a regular attendee, we are blessed to worship together with you today. After the service, please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Offerings

Red Bag: Karis Disability Services

Karis Disability Services operates in Ontario and Saskatchewan, serving over 70 communities. We support people with disabilities through shared and independent living services, accessible family camps, advocacy, training, respite, and other programs.

Black Bag: Calvary CRC

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

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to donate through the Bridge App.



giving@calvarycrc.ca

Duty Schedule

	March 8th	March 15th	March 22nd
Worship Leader	Pastor Rebecca	Pastor Rebecca	Pastor Rebecca
Officiating Elder	Bert	John	Randy
Deacon	Samantha	Kevin	Cora
Hall Monitor	Yolandi	Linda	Samantha
Nursery	Denise, Connor	Alicia, Alex	Laura, Leah H
Sunday School	Claudia, Evelyn	Lucy, Chloe	Claudia, Connor
Greeters	John & Cathy	Henk & Bep	Jessica
Coffee Cleanup	Steve & Shelley	Bart & Antje	David, Glenden

Prayer Room

The prayer room is open after each Sunday service. A church member will be available for prayer and support at this time

Seniors: Tuesday March 10th the seniors will be meeting at the church at 10 am. We will be playing cards. No expertise is needed as we will be changing partners all morning. There will be a prize for the loser. and maybe one for the winner. Please let Jackie know if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough card tables and decks of cards.

The Calvary Youth Group invites you to join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Dessert Auction on Saturday, March 28th at the church.

Last summer, our youth had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Michigan, and during the evening they will be sharing some of their experiences and what God did during that time. The dinner will also help raise support for our upcoming mission trip to Fredericton this summer.

Doors will open at 5:30 PM, dinner will start at 6pm with the dessert auction taking place shortly after dinner.

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available for purchase after today's service. Donations will also be gratefully accepted at the dinner.

Thank you for supporting our youth group—we hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or would be willing to help run the kitchen, please email Ashley at ashley_melissa64@hotmail.com

Position Available at Community Christian School in Metcalfe. Please see their website for more details regarding the position and how to apply.

<https://www.communitychristianschool.ca/>

Nomination of Office Bearers

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It is once again time to start the process to elect new office bearers.

As Reformed Christians “we believe that the Ministers of the Word, Elders, and Deacons ought to be chosen to their offices by a legitimate election of the church, with prayer in the name of the Lord and in good order, as the Word of God teaches.” (Belgic Confession art. 31).

Some years ago Calvary Church chose a process of “calling Elders and Deacons” that has served the congregation well. We begin by having the congregation nominate individuals to the office of Elder and Deacon. We then move through a process of nomination, ratification of nominees by the congregation, and finally the “drawing of the lot” from all those nominated to determine who is called to serve the congregation in Jesus’ name. This process reminds each of us of the importance of prayer in choosing and supporting Elders and Deacons.

Elders are called to the tasks of: faithfully providing and supervising worship services, providing and supervising regular celebration of the sacraments, providing Bible based guidance and counsel to the members, exercising Christian discipline (discipleship), stimulating Christian fellowship and service, leading and equipping members in sharing the Word with others.

Deacons lead the congregation in showing Christ’s mercy within and beyond the community of faith. They equip us to be good stewards of the riches which Jesus entrusts to us. Tasks of the Deacons include: assessing needs, find from among us the resources to fill these needs, meeting physical needs, meeting the accompanying spiritual needs with encouraging words from Scripture, relieve those oppressed by injustice, training members in stewardly use of their possessions and in caring for God’s creation, and the gathering in and disbursing offerings.

In short, Jesus provides guidance and leadership in ministry through office bearers that work in Jesus’ name within the congregation. (Task descriptions taken from R. de Moor’s “Quest of Faith”)

This is the procedure that will be followed:

- On March 15th, during the service, congregation members will be asked to write down their nominations for Elders and Deacons. Forms will be provided. For those who will not be at the in-person worship service, you may submit your nominations electronically via email to Rachele at

clerk@calvarycrc.ca OR to your Ward Elder or Deacon with deadline of March 15. Nomination forms will be available as of March 8.

- At the following Council meeting on March 19th, a list of potential nominees will be drawn up using the lists prepared by the congregation. Members will be notified of their nomination and given time to consider the calling to serve as an office bearer.
- On April 19th and April 26th, the list of potential nominees will be published in the bulletin.
- On May 3rd, during the service, members will be asked to ratify these names by a simple yes or no.
- On May 10th, during the service, the names for Elder and Deacon will be selected by drawing lots and declared as being elected.
- On May 24th (Pentecost Sunday) the newly elected office bearers will be installed during the worship service.

Calvary Calendar

If you are interested in any of our programs, please contact the church office to be connected with the appropriate program leader.

Monday, Mar 9	6:30-8:00 PM	Cadets & GEMS
Wednesday, Mar 11	9:30-12 PM	Hands On
Thursday, Mar 12	9:30-11:30 AM	Men's Bowling
Thursday, Mar 12	10 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Thursday, Mar 12	7:30-9:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, Mar 15	10 AM	Worship Service

Calvary CRC is committed to being a Safe Church, a community where every person is valued, respected, and cared for. In a place that nurtures worship and spiritual growth, no one should ever feel afraid or experience any form of abusive behaviour. If you have a concern or would like to report an incident, please contact a member of our Safe Church Committee at safechurch@calvarycrc.ca

Prayer Calendar - Please pray for First, Kemptville, Pastor Sid Ypma. Blessings on their ministry.

Cadets Update: On February 28, our Cadet Club joined with 8 other cadet clubs from churches in the Golden Triangle for our annual Snow Derby in Renfrew. It was a beautiful day and the boys had lots of fun showing their skills in firebuilding, axemanship, First Aid, cliff rescue, archery, marksmanship, compass reading, and knots and lashing. Our club did very well, coming second overall, missing first place by only 2 points. We are continuing with our Bible study and badgework over the next weeks, and look forward to our Kub Kar races in April.

Camp Adonai Summer Camps

Are you looking forward to summer again? Think warm weather, Praise and Worship, running, swimming, workshops, etc. at camp. Camp Adonai is running from August 9 to 14 for Junior week (ages 9 – 12) and August 15 to 22 for Senior week (ages 12 – 15). Campers who are 12 years old (born 2014) will now have the option of attending either Junior OR Senior week. Although there is no obligation for a 12 year-old to attend Senior week, should they choose to do so, they will be subject to the Senior week registration fee. Our fees are: Junior week \$285.00; Senior week \$360.00. Registration fee payment is to be made by etransfer: etransfer2campadonai@gmail.com. It is not necessary to add a security question as it is auto-deposit. Application forms for campers and counsellors are on our website at www.campadonai.ca.

Kids Corner

Bible activity sheets & colouring materials are by the entrance to the sanctuary.

KIDS DEVOTIONS

“Self-Control: Say Yes to God” - Discover how practicing self-control can help you be kind, helpful, and filled with joy every day! You’ll discover fun ways to put others first and show big love in small moments.

Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Lent Devotional.

Notes

Contact information for Calvary Christian Reformed Church



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****Bulletin announcements are due Thursday by 12 noon.***

Send to bulletin@calvarycrc.ca

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