

Calvin CRC Announcements for November 19, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 11 AM

Morning worship: At 11:00 AM, we gather for a combined service of worship with our sisters and brothers from St. Luke AME Zion Church. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Deuteronomy 8:7-18, "Back to the Source," and we are led by musicians from both congregations, including the Calvin Church Junior Bells and Sanctuary Choir.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Matthew 25:14-20, "The Talented Kingdom," and we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

WORSHIP Thursday, 10 AM, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach, and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music. Our offering will be for Family Assistance.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, Christ the King day, November 26

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 25:31-46 and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Community Care.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Elders accepted the memberships of David and Ellen Meyer and David and Judy Diephouse. We have appreciated their presence in our community and rejoice in continuing to welcome them as a part of Calvin CRC. The Elders approved the membership transfer of Laura Smit to Korean Grace CRC, and the Council also approved the transfer of her ministerial credentials.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to vote on the 2024 budget will be held on Sunday, December 3. The proposed budget is viewable on a password-protected page at www.calvincrc.org/leadership. Call the office if you need the password. Paper copies are on the information table in the Narthex.

Due to the holiday, bulletin announcements are due on Tuesday, November 21.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for coffee, cookies, puzzles, games, and conversation Monday, November 20 in the Atrium from 1-3 PM.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTERS REQUESTED: The CCSJ committee is seeking your support in helping children be *Ready By 5*. Please stop by the CCSJ tables and sign a support card. "Childcare is a challenge we face every day!" said a neighbor at Saturday's pancake breakfast. Let's be neighbors supporting neighbors.

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: In the next several weeks Calvin Church will have the opportunity to remember those in need and give to three different causes, two of which we have done in the past. **Baxter Community Center** was very appreciative of our donations of several hundred cans of fruit to add to their Holiday Dinner Baskets last year and we will be doing that again. Likewise, **Kid's Hope** is grateful for our contributions we put under their Christmas tree in the atrium. Additionally, this year, we have been petitioned by **Family Promise (IHN)** for small gifts to go in Christmas stockings. Look in your mailboxes for more detailed information on these three worthy causes that we can support in simple ways to show we care about our neighbors.

FESTIVAL CHOIR rehearsals begin soon! We will meet on three Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, beginning on November 29, to prepare for singing in the Candlelight Service on December 17. Please consider being a part of this happy group of singers and invite your friends to join us as well.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: As 2023 draws to a close please consider making a gift to the Christian Education Endowment Fund (CEEF). This fund, set up many years ago, helps our Calvin Church families offset some of the tuition expense of K-12 Christian Education. Checks should be made payable to Calvin CRC with CEEF noted in the memo line. For more information please contact Rob Stafford at rjstaff1@gmail.com or 616-788-7757.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Choral Scholars, including Pastor Rebecca, will perform an evening of Christmas music, "Lead Me To See Him." Join us on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton St. E. No tickets required.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, November 19</i>
10:40a	Nursery Lead: Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Volunteers: Louise Nunn, Hannah Triezenberg
11:00a	Combined Worship with St. Luke AME Zion Church in the Sanctuary
12:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
6:00p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
	<i>Monday, November 20</i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, November 21</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 23</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Deb Tiejema
	Nursery Volunteers: Lisa Schipper, Jenna Buist
10:00a	Thanksgiving Worship
	<i>Next Sunday, November 26</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: KaraMarie Lizewski
	Nursery Volunteers: Joanie Rosema, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Rick Feenstra

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126, CCLI#2532147, and CSPL#175060.
- Our Thanksgiving banner makes use of two traditional symbols. The wheat suggests the bounty of the earth, and the sun refers to God's faithfulness in the changing seasons and is a symbol of Christ himself.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Tuesday Noon

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