

# TODAY at Calvary Church

## NEXT STEPS - GET CONNECTED

Are you looking for a group of people to come alongside you in friendship and support? Are you ready to join a serving team, but don't know where to start? Whether you're new to the church or just ready to try something new, visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance just inside the Gathering Place).

## PRAYER

**Pre-Service Prayer | 8:30-8:50am | Room 255:** Pray for our worship services with the morning's teaching pastor.

**Boiler Room | 8:50-11:50am:** Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary to pray over every aspect of the worship service as the Holy Spirit leads, including staff-initiated requests.

## TAKING TODAY'S MESSAGE BEYOND SUNDAY

We send out a reflection email each Tuesday to help you engage with today's message all week long. If you're looking for practical ways that you can apply today's sermon in your life, visit [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org), click on subscriptions and sign up for the **Reflect Weekly Email**.

## LISTENING TO TODAY'S MESSAGE

**Language Interpretation:** During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Mandarin. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center (across from the main Sanctuary entrance).

**Hearing Assistance:** If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Each Friday, we send a weekly email update on happenings around the church. Stay in the know - visit [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org), click on subscriptions and sign up for the **Calvary Church eNews**.

# congregational care

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

**Mercy Health Muskegon:**  
Thom Ritzema

**Butterworth:** Frances Hess

**Meijer Heart:** Tom Kaechele,  
Weldin Johnson

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a visit from a Calvary staff member, please call us at 956-9377.

## BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Wes and Arlene Roedema; and also to supported missionaries, Chad and Laurie Roedema and their children Tara and Evan, at the homegoing of Wes's brother and Chad's father, Leroy Roedema, on November 8.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the flowers, thoughts, and prayers during the recent death of my husband, Jon. A special thanks to Josh, Mark, and Andy for your participation in the celebration service. It was so meaningful and very appreciated!  
Marge Henningsen

Thank you church family for the lovely flowers, your prayers and thoughts in memory of our son, Curtis Helmus. Great is God's faithfulness in times of sorrow.

Sid and Sonja Helmus

Thank you for your love, prayers, pastoral visits, flowers and wonderful support from the staff of the celebration of life of Gene Peterson  
MaryLynne Peterson & Family

# serving opportunities

## Clothes Closet Volunteer Opportunity

Calvary's Clothes Closet is looking for a volunteer to work Wednesday evenings, 4:45-7:00pm. Duties will include assisting families with clothing, some sorting and hanging of clothes. Contact Lynnell (lbok@calvarygr.org) at ext. 3510.

## Serve in the Library

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00am-12:00pm**

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the library. If you are interested, contact Beka (rkennedy@calvarygr.org).

## FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 142,713	\$ 129,629	(\$ 13,084)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Nov. 10	\$ 1,589,074	\$ 1,552,084	(\$ 36,990)
Jerusalem Project YTD		\$ 42,583	



NOV. 17, 2019  
9:00 & 10:45am

# A Godly Life

Understanding and Using Technology  
Titus 1:7

Jim Samra  
Senior Pastor



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مرحبا بكم  
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

# Weekly Focus

## Luggage Needed

Did you know that in Michigan alone, there are over 13,000 at-risk children and youth? Did you also know that many of these children have nothing to carry their belongings in but flimsy trash bags? This is unacceptable. Trash bags are slippery, hard to carry, and often break!

Wedgewood Christian Services, a local Christian residential care and counseling ministry, is partnering with Calvary's Forever Hope Ministry (adoption and foster care ministry) and the Missions & Outreach Department to show the at-risk children and youth in our communities that we care by providing suitcases. Through this simple act of providing suitcases, we are demonstrating that we recognize their worth as image bearers of Christ. **How can you get involved?**

**DONATE:** Now through November 24, you can drop off your new or gently used luggage at the Clothes Closet Drop-off, located at the far west end of the building (it looks like a little garage). Please note: Next Sunday, November 24 is the last day to donate luggage.

**LEARN MORE:** Mary Monsma, Associate Director of Admission and Kori Thompson, Advancement Officer from Wedgewood will be **at the Connection Point after both services today** to say thank you, accept your luggage (if you didn't make it to the clothes closet drop-off) and to answer any questions you may have regarding Wedgewood and ways to partner.

Thank you for caring,  
Wedgewood Christian Services, Forever Hope Ministry,  
and Missions & Outreach

**THE JERUSALEM PROJECT** is a ministry of Calvary Church working to advance Christ's church through planting new churches, strengthening established churches and training church leaders. As we near the end of the calendar year, we are focusing on designated giving toward this project. In conjunction with this effort, on Facebook, Instagram, and [calvarygr.org/jerusalemproject](http://calvarygr.org/jerusalemproject), we are sharing stories of how the Jerusalem Project has impacted ministry partners over the last year.

Our hope is that you would prayerfully consider how God might want you to be involved in giving to this work as we continue to advance Christ's church in West Michigan and around the world. Text Jerusalem and the \$ amount of your gift to 294-0700; give at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org); or use the envelope in the rack beside your seat to give via cash or check. You can also support us through prayer. Email [brenda.ely11@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.ely11@gmail.com) to join our prayer team.

## coming events & announcements

### College & Young Adults: Friendsgiving Nov. 24 | 3:00pm | Gathering Place

College and Young Adults will join together to share in a time of free food, fellowship and fun. Bring your favorite card or board game, something you are thankful for, and your appetite to feast on some Thanksgiving traditions with our friends here at Calvary Church. Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided, bring a dessert or side dish to share! Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org).

### Thanksgiving Eve: Potluck and Service Nov. 27 | 6:00-7:30pm | Gathering Place

Celebrate Thanksgiving with your church family. We will provide the main dish and dessert; please bring a side dish to serve 12. During the potluck you have an opportunity to share in a time of thanksgiving to our Lord. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org).

### Christmas at Calvary 2019: *Shepherds and Kings*

December 13 at 7:00pm  
December 14 & 15 at 3:00pm  
Tickets: \$5

*Shepherds and Kings* is the story of a widow and a waitress who, in seasons of suffering and difficulty, give each other the gift of hope in unexpected ways. Set in Mattiello's, an Italian diner, the colorful characters and intertwined relationships of this story will take you from the depths to the heights through twists, turns, and surprises. Through this musical, our hope is that God reminds you that He came to know us in both our joy and our pain. God sees us where we live, and He embraces us

with the same grace and mercy that brought Jesus to us that very first Christmas. Tickets are available at [calvarygr.org/christmasatcalvary](http://calvarygr.org/christmasatcalvary). You can also purchase them in the Worship Ministry Office (Entrance G) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-2:00pm.

### Weekend To Remember

Family Life's Weekend to Remember is coming to West Michigan! Invest in your marriage with this mini-marriage getaway. You'll receive a greater understanding for God's blueprint for marriage and be equipped with tools to intentionally move towards oneness as a couple. Use Calvary's Group Name (CCGR) when you register at [familylife.com/weekend-to-remember](http://familylife.com/weekend-to-remember). They'll be in Grand Rapids (February 21-23) and Kalamazoo (April 24-26). These events will sell out. Register today to save \$100 per couple off the regular registration rate.

### Bless a Family at Christmas

Looking for ways to bless a family at Christmas? We have many families who are struggling during the holidays and can use some Christmas cheer. This is a great opportunity for Individuals, families and small groups to make someone's holiday a bit brighter this year. To receive a list of suggested gifts for a family, please contact Lynnell ([lbok@calvarygr.org](mailto:lbok@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 3510.

## this week at calvary

- 1 Prayer for Mozambique  
TODAY | 10:15-10:45am | Room 115**  
For over 15 years, Calvary Church and the village of Chingangane, Mozambique, have been working together. Our goal there is to build relationships with people, share the Gospel, identify leaders, and equip and release them to work and serve in their community. The Mozambique Advisory Team invites you to a time of prayer for the village of Chingangane, Mozambique.
- 2 Third Monday Missions Prayer  
November 18 | 11:30am | Room 114 (Entrance G)**  
Gather to hear updates about and pray for our missionaries around the world.
- 3 Forever Hope: Date Night  
November 22 | 6:30-8:30pm | \$10 | Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org)**  
Enjoy an evening out with your spouse and enjoy food and fellowship with other adoptive and foster care couples.
- 4 High School: Fall Fest  
November 23 | 6:00-8:30pm | \$5**  
Everyone loves a good bonfire, but a bonfire by itself doesn't equal a good party! Add in lots of fall themed games and treats, optional line dancing, and plenty of warm flannel/lumberjack attire. Now it's a Fall Fest! Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org).

## CONNECTING BEYOND THE BULLETIN

We produce a quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine with ministry updates, and faith-enriching articles. **Pick up the Fall issue in the back of the Sanctuary today.** We also share regularly on Facebook (CalvaryChurchGR) and Instagram (calvarygr) and would love to connect with you there. Find an archive of sermons, our events calendar, a staff email directory and more at [calvarygr.org](http://calvarygr.org).

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