

GOD'S RESOURCES

God's work, done God's way, in God's time, brings God's resources.

Missions, Benevolent, Building Mortgage, and Education Funds receive funding as you specifically designate your contribution.

	<u>*2018/19</u> (Year to Date)	<u>*2017/18</u> (Last Year to date)	<u>*2018/19</u> (Ministry Plan)
Year-to-date General Fund Income	\$584,606.44	\$549,399.56	\$599,823.36
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$541,199.67	\$538,187.68	
Benevolent Offering	\$21,087.95	\$13,484.00	
Designated Education Fund Balance	\$11,212.46		
* Designated Building Reserve Balance	\$62,524.59		

**Fiscal year is from August through July.*



To give on line,
scan the QR code
to go directly to our
contributions page!

* Any designated building related funds (i.e. building mortgage, legacy) will be put in the designated building reserve fund.

AMAZON SMILE: When you purchase through Smile.Amazon.com and choose "Calvary Community Church, Williams Bay, WI" as your charity, we will receive .5% of every sale!

EDUCATION FUND: This fund is used to help with the continuing education of our staff. If you would like to contribute, designate your gift "education fund."

SHEPHERDING STAFF

Chuck Cervenka, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Becky Eppley, <i>Connectedness/Women's Ministries Director</i>
Tim Yorgey, <i>Family Pastor</i>	Rob Bryant, <i>Senior High Ministries Pastor</i>
Gabe Doerksen, <i>Worship Pastor</i>	Kelly Lofy, <i>Junior High Ministries Pastor</i>
David F., <i>Global Ministries Pastor</i>	Greg Goethal, <i>Elder to Seniors</i>
Tim Hanks, <i>Counseling Ministries Pastor</i>	



The Telecoil... Connecting Directly to Sound

Our Worship Center is equipped with hearing loop assistive listening technology for those with telecoil-fitted hearing aids.



December 2-3, 2018



Order of Service

Video Announcements

Kingdom Kids Choir

Miracle of God with Joy to the World!

Welcome

Joy to the World! Hymn #125

Advent Candle Lighting - HOPE

O Come, All Ye Faithful Hymn #145

Congregation In Prayer & Offering

Kid's Message

The Pine Tree Parable by Liz Curtis Higgs

Message

Communion

His Body - The Bread

His Blood - The Cup

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn #124

Benediction

WELCOME VISITORS!

We're very glad you're here today! If this is your first time worshiping with us, please stop by the Welcome Center (lobby) for a gift from Calvary.

When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't they don't.

William Temple

Pray that many will see the salvation of the Lord is found in Jesus!

For my eyes have seen your salvation... Luke 2:30

Thank you for praying! God Answered!

- Praise God for the volunteers who helped to make the Advent Dinners possible. Praise God that the message was presented and for each woman who heard it.
- Several people used the Thanksgiving insert in the bulletin last week at their family gatherings and reported that it helped them focus their thanks on the Lord and His provision!
- God held off the snow until after the services last Sunday! Thank you, Lord!

How you can pray?

- Pray for the upcoming Advent season and the messages that will be given to both the children and the adults as each of the Advent candles are lit. Pray that people would be inviting others to come!
- Pray for the church survey that is being taken.
- Pray for the upcoming youth conference and for the teens that will be signing up.
- Pray for the preparations being made for the upcoming concerts.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the many Messianic Jews who are ministering there.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS

Micah and Grace Rwothumio - University Community Fellowship - Kampala, Uganda

Prayer:

- For the official LAUNCH of the Nairobi Fellowship Church, been meeting as a house church for the past year, now looking for a place to officially start the Sunday gatherings.
- For provision for the fellowship... Nairobi City is very expensive city.
- For key leaders to shoulder the vision and a team spirit to be evident.
- For a very specific and accessible venue which will meet the needs of the Fellowship.
- For their daughter, Reba, in her final year at school, that God will show and lead her into the next phase in her life.
- For the intentional evangelistic push this semester among the students that the Lord will honor every effort made to reach the students and that many will come to know Jesus.
- For Micah and Grace, for their health, for wisdom to juggle the many responsibilities and needs, and the peace of God to guard their hearts.

2018 ANNUAL SURVEY

Have YOU completed the church survey yet?

The average respondent has finished in less than 5 minutes. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CalvaryWilliamsBay>

There are also paper copies available at the welcome center if you prefer.



Scan the QR Code with your smart phone!

PRIMETIME LIVE!

Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Come and enjoy Christmas music and caroling.

Don't forget to bring a breakfast brunch dish to share and a friend!

NEPAL TEAM FUNDRAISER

Monday, December 10, 4-8 p.m. at Pizza Ranch in Elkhorn. Please come and enjoy a meal while supporting the RUI Nepal team.

THE KING IS HERE! CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Posters and invite cards are available at the welcome center.

CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH!

Did you know that we have a HUGE Jr. and Sr. High (life-changing) conference coming up in January? Did you also know that you can play a part in student ministries by partnering with them in sponsoring 1 or more students? Cost is \$145, but any amount can help... interested? Contact Rob or Kelly for more info!

OPEN HOUSE

For Zach and Misa Harrod (missionary TEAM, Czech Republic), **Wednesday, December 12** at Simple Cafe in Lake Geneva.

LADIES!

Saturday, December 15, Coffee & Connect & Cookie Exchange! This month we're hosting an old fashioned Christmas cookie exchange during our Coffee & Connect. However, many cookies you bring to exchange is the number you'll be taking home with you and please bring an additional dozen for the table to share. Come join us for a time of fellowship and celebration of Christmas.

CALVARY COOKBOOKS

What a great Christmas gift! They will be available in the lobby, welcome center, or church office. \$15.00/each.

CARD MINISTRY

A new card ministry is being created to serve all ministries. We are collecting donations of new cards (no used cards, please) of all types. Please drop them off in the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

For our upcoming POTLUCK New Years Eve Service, **Monday, December 31, 5:00 p.m.** If you would like to serve by setup, serve, and clean up, please contact the office. And don't forget to bring a dish to share!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY NIGHT

Registration is now open for this popular event. This year, it is offered only one night, **Wednesday, December 12**, so sign up soon! There's a link on the engage page or go to: <https://calvarycommunity.wufoo.com/forms/2018-gingerbread-house-family-night/>

FATHER/SON GROW RETREAT (PSALM 1:3)

January 18-20, 2019 at Living Waters Bible Camp. Register at: lwbc.org. Questions? Contact Pastor Tim Yorgey.

Sunday

7:50 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Classes for all ages
9:00 a.m. Combined ABF with Zach & Miša Harrod (our mission partners in Prague, Czech Republic)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Classes for adults
12:15 After-Church Coffee Fellowship
12:30 Comunidad Cristiana Calvario

Monday

6:00 Elders Meeting

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Moms in Prayer
9:00 Ladies Bible Studies - *Ephesians* (last one)
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Clothing Outreach Center open
6:00 *United In Prayer* Meeting
6:00 Pro Life Prayer Meeting
6:00 *8 Pillars* Study
7:00 Global Partnership Board Meeting
7:00 Venue (college/young adults)

Wednesday

5:00 Kingdom Kids Choir
6:00 The Pier (Jr. High) Christmas Party
6:15 Choir

COMING EVENTS

12/12	GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT	12/31	POTLUCK NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE (5:00 P.M.)
12/14	THE KING IS HERE CHRISTMAS CONCERT	1/5	CORNERSTONE (OFFSITE)
12/15	LADIES COFFEE & CONNECT	1/9	SUMMIT RESUMES
12/16	THE KING IS HERE CHRISTMAS CONCERT	1/14	BLOOD DRIVE
		1/26	LADIES COFFEE & CONNECT
12/24	TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (5:30 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.)	2/22	WORK AS WORSHIP SIMULCAST
		5/5-10	MEN'S SABBATH RETREAT

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Friday

6:00 T & T Girls Birthday Party for Jesus
6:00 T & T Boys overnight begins

Saturday (December 8)

8:00 a.m. T & T Boys overnight ends
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Prime Time Live!
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Clothing Outreach Center open
5:00 Saturday Worship Service

STAND FOR JUSTICE

Opportunities to get involved (check out the Faith in Action board for more!):

Agape House: will be having an Agape Christmas Open House and Holiday Gift Bazaar, Sunday, December 2, 1-4 p.m. Come celebrate the warmth and wonder of Christmas!

Willow Women's Center: Tuesday, December 4th and 18th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are partnering with Willow Women's Center (willowwomenscenter.org/) to host a "bus" here at Calvary. This bus (similar to a *Save the Storks* bus) will offer free pregnancy tests, STI tests, and ultrasounds. **Please call Willow Women's Center to schedule an appointment 608.365.5433.**

twentyTHREE61 Women's Bible Study Group... 8 Pillars to Freedom From Love Addiction & Sexual Issues: Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. in the women's ministries office. Questions? Contact Amber Culverhouse, 262.325.1970.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church: Monthly

Pro-life prayer meeting: first Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army: If you would like to serve by ringing the bells please call/text: 920.980.7938.

PRAYER GUIDE - is produced every Tuesday and is available in the lobby.

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN - for emergency requests, please call:
Bea Nieuburt, 262.740.2434, Barb Osborne, 262.248.6052, or Ellie Price, 262.723.3779.

Looking for a great resource to help you in your prayer journey? Visit harvestprayer.com

AREA EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Lakes Area Christian Homeschool Co-op, **Thursday, December 6, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Calvary.**
Open to the public. All items \$5 or less.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pregnancy Helpline will be having a "Volunteer Fair" on **Saturday, January 19, 2:00 p.m. at Calvary.**

The Invitation

You are invited—whatever the story of your life,
Christmas celebrates God inviting you into His story.

Advent

Invitation to Hope

Luke 2:22-35

Accepting the invitation of the hope found in Jesus requires several things.**1) Knowledge****2) Relationship****3) Patience****4) Obedience****5) Sacrifice**

So what? As I think about what we studied here today, how am I able to answer these questions: *What steps am I taking so that I can accept the invitation to hope that is found in Jesus?*

Small Group Questions**Accepting the invitation of the hope found in Jesus requires several things.**

In our everyday language, the word hope can often convey doubt. It is a blind hope without any assurance of an outcome since we cannot know the future. This is not the hope of the Advent. The hope of the Advent is a sure thing because it is biblical hope. Biblical hope contains no doubt because it rests in the promises of God Who definitely knows the future. His promises to His chosen people—Israel—will be fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah—Jesus! Simeon knows the promise and so he represents true hope. Certainty that rests in the promise of God.

1) Knowledge

Mary and Joseph came up to the temple mount to fulfill what was required of the Law—but also to dedicate Jesus to the Lord. There, on the 35-acre temple mount, they met Simeon. He had knowledge of what had been promised. Read Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 42:1-9 (notice verse 6), and Isaiah 60:1-3. We have the advantage of looking back and seeing these fulfilled. Simeon knew these promises and looked forward in hope. How does knowledge help to sustain hope?

2) Relationship

Simeon was righteous and devout—talk about the meaning of those words. What do they imply about Simeon? The Holy Spirit revealed the hope to Simeon. This reveals the relationship God had with this man. It shows that relationship allows for the revelation of hope. How does relationship sustain hope?

3) Patience

Simeon was waiting. This can be the hard part of accepting the invitation to hope. Simeon knew the promise, and then waited. We have no idea how long. But he waited with a certainty in his hope in the promise of God. What are some of the things that you are waiting for that God has promised? How do you wait? Patiently? How does patience sustain hope?

4) Obedience

The Spirit told Simeon to go to the temple mount and he obeyed. Talk about all that had to occur for Simeon to see Mary, Joseph, and Jesus on the 35-acre temple mount at just the right moment in time. Immediate obedience allowed Simeon to take hold of and hug a long-awaited promise fulfilled. How does obedience allow you to embrace the invitation to hope?

5) Sacrifice

Talk about all the acts of sacrifice that you see in this narrative. Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and eventually Jesus will all sacrifice to take hold of the invitation to hope. What do you notice about the sacrifice? Do you see that it is ongoing? How does that impact your understanding of hope? How is sacrifice necessary to hold on to hope? What is the sacrifice that is needed in your life to grasp hope?

6) Consider the “so what” question of the week.

Next week: Consider Peace—the next Advent candle to be lit. Take some time to look up passages on peace. Read Matthew 1:18-2:23 and Luke 1:26-2:40. As you read, consider the invitation to peace offered and found in the narratives.

**CONNECT TO CALVARY'S SERMONS WITH THE BIBLE APP**

During a service, find us by clicking on *more* (icon with three horizontal bars), then click on “events.” Your device’s GPS will find our “event.” (*Save the event if you want it later!*)

Sermon notes, audio and video recordings of the weekend sermon, Quiet Waters daily devotional, and much more are available on our website: CalvaryCommunity.net