



growing into a life of faith

FEBRUARY 2019

Upcoming Events & Announcements



Summer Overnight Camp & Scholarship Information for 2nd-12th Grade

Camp Manitoqua has a lot to offer that can impact your child's life. Check out all of the resources and camps in the camp booklet at our camp table outside the LOFT.

Calvary's KidsLife and Student Ministries have picked "**overnight Calvary weeks**" where we highly encourage our Calvary families to attend those weeks so they can continue to build relationships through Christ with one another. You are welcome to attend other camp weeks that are not listed below if it fits your family schedule better, just know there may be fewer Calvary campers attending those weeks.

The grade level you will register for will be the one your child transitions to in the fall.

Overnight Calvary weeks chosen:

(NOTE: June 17-21 is our KidsFest at Calvary)

4-night Church Week - June 24-28, 3rd-8th grade

4-night Church Week - July 15-29, 4th-6th grade

4-night Church Week - July 22-26, 7th-9th grade

4-night Church Week - July 29-August 2, 3rd-8th grade

2-night Church Week - July 1-3, 2nd-6th grade

Camp Registration begins FEBRUARY 1 at 5:00 AM.

Scholarship Opportunities

Calvary Church highly encourages overnight church camp. It will impact your child's spiritual life forever. Due to our excitement for camp, we offer financial assistance for *overnight camps* based on your child's association/attendance with Calvary.

For 2019, Calvary will pay half of the cost for camp per child. A \$10 discount will also be applied when you register our church name, Calvary Church-Orland Park, with the RCA-Reformed Church of America option on the Manitoqua registration website. These payments will automatically be deducted from the total cost.

To receive the discounts, you must email Tiffany as soon as possible to request the discount/group codes. Approval for your discount request will be decided based on your child's involvement/attendance at Calvary; on Sunday mornings and/or during other ministries, such as Youth Group.

Once we have approved your request, we will send you the discount/group code and you may begin to register your child STARTING FEBRUARY 1st at www.manitiqua.org or via mail using the registration form at the back of the camp brochure.

Not too late to invite your friends for the month of February!



YOU'RE INVITED

exploreGod.com

JOIN US FOR A 7-WEEK SERIES WHERE WE WILL EXPLORE THE BIG QUESTIONS

- DOES LIFE HAVE A PURPOSE?
- IS THERE A GOD?
- WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PAIN & SUFFERING?
- IS CHRISTIANITY TOO NARROW?
- IS JESUS REALLY GOD?
- IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?
- CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?

BEGINS JANUARY 13, 2019
SERVICE TIMES: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM (NOOR, ARAB-AMERICAN SERVICE)



Our 4-year-olds thru 5th graders will be exploring these same questions during all the services.

We are so excited about this series that we want you to invite your friends and their kids as well!

Some **EXTRA highlights** in The LOFT during *Explore God*:

Sunday, February 3 – **GLOW**
(Decorate yourself with our glow sticks!)


Sunday, February 10 – **COOKIE DECORATING***
(Make yourself a yummy treat!)

Sunday, February 17 – **BOYS VS GIRLS**
(Let's have a friendly competition!)

Sunday, February 24 – **GEREAL BAR***
(Grab another bowl of your favorite cereal!)

*Allergy-friendly foods will be available.

EXPLORE GOD FAMILY DEVOTIONS CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).



Celebration
BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

It's almost that time again to celebrate our KidsLife Ministries with a breakfast, silent auction and raffle area!
Save the date for Saturday, March 16, 7-11 AM

We are currently looking for auction and raffle donations.
We ask for KidsLife families to donate items, gift baskets, gift cards, tickets to an event, or business services, etc.

The more funds we raise, the more KidsLife ministries can utilize resources, offer free events, and continue local mission projects.

Some KID "themed" basket ideas include:

- Disney (TV shows or movies, coloring books, stickers, games, toys, gift cards)
- Lego (boy/girl sets, books, Toys R Us gift cards)
- Crafts (kits, materials, activity books, paints, craft store gift cards)
- Baby/Toddler items (toys, clothes, diapers, blankets, Babies R Us gift cards, etc)
- Boy (construction sets, sports balls, trading cards, etc)
- Girl (dress-up, barbies/dolls, nail polish, hair accessories, etc)
- Family Night (board games, popcorn/candy, theater or bowling gift cards, etc.)
- Outdoor Adventures (backyard games, smore's kit, camping items)

Some ADULT "themed" basket ideas include:

- Pamper Mom (Bath and Body Works items, salon/nail gift card, etc)
- For the Golfers (tees, golf balls, gloves, gift card to golf course, etc)
- Gardening (pots, seeds, gardening tools, Lowes/Menards gift cards)
- Sports (memorabilia, trading cards, tickets, etc)
- Baking (bowls, recipe books, utensils, mixes, etc)
- Local Vendors baskets (Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Norwex, Noonday Jewelry, etc)

Get creative and look for great deals!!
Donations can be brought to The LOFT or Tiny Town by Wednesday, March 6.

Thank you for supporting KidsLife Ministries!



KidsLife families, we need your help!

If you haven't yet done this, please take 5 minutes to complete **this survey**.

Once you do, your family will be entered into a raffle for FREE Parents' Night Out for the 2019-2020 school year.

Thanks!



Serving Team

For families with children in Tiny Town, you should have received a letter and a January thru June serving schedule in your mailbox. Please complete the schedule and return it to Tiny Town as soon as possible or follow the link below to schedule online.

If you do not have children in Tiny Town but would consider serving every 6 to 8 weeks, we'd love to have you on the TT team!

All sign-ups can be done ONLINE. *Scroll to the bottom of that web page.



Upcoming Dates:

February 6 - Mother/Son Night!

February 16 - Pinewood Derby, 12-3 PM

February 20 - Regular Meeting

Cadets meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, September-May for 2nd-8th grade boys, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Enjoy camp-outs, service projects, Bible lessons and applications, badge and wood work, and a pinewood derby!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR IS ALWAYS OPEN!

For more details and to register your child, go to

www.calvaryop.org/cadets.

Questions about our Cadet ministry or want to be a Cadet counselor?

Contact David Rupert and Ken Jager at cadets@calvaryop.org.



Upcoming Dates:

February 13 - GEMS & Gent Night! Note the time is 6PM not 6:30. Did you design your derby car yet?

February 27 - Regular Meeting

GEMS meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, September-May for 2nd-8th grade girls, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Enjoy praise and worship, Bible lessons and applications, a camp-out, crafts galore, and service and badge projects.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR IS ALWAYS OPEN.

For more details and to register, go to www.calvaryop.org/gems.

Questions about our GEMS ministry or want to be a GEMS counselor? Email Chris Stuursma at gems@calvaryop.org.



PossAbilities Special Needs Ministry

We welcome children with special needs to attend any KidsLife ministry at Calvary Church. Our PossAbilities room is available at the 10:30 AM service, which functions similarly to a special education classroom. In order to include kids with higher functioning needs into our kids

worship, we can pair a buddy with your child. For more information contact [Caelie VanderVelde](#), our PossAbilities Coordinator.

Interested in Serving?

Be a PossAbilities Buddy! Spend an hour working one-on-one OR in a small group with special needs individuals, assisting them with hands-on activities (i.e. crafts, games, movement exercises), modified Bible lessons, prayer and/or singing worship songs.

Where: Either in Tiny Town or the Loft as a buddy, or in our PossAbilities classroom, a room that functions similarly to a special education classroom, while also promoting inclusive activities.

Contact [Caelie VanderVelde](#), our PossAbilities Coordinator.

Parent Resources

An easy way to communicate with you!

Is your email inbox being cluttered by so many emails you sometimes miss information from our KidsLife Ministries? We don't want that to happen!

Calvary has a texting app where staff and our program coordinators can alert you to reminders, upcoming events, or notice of closure due to weather or holidays. If you are not yet on our texting group and would like to be, please email children@calvaryop.org.

We promise not to over text you and you can always opt out of certain texting groups. You will not be able to respond to the text but can always email us at children@calvaryop.org if you have any questions.

HOW TO RAISE YOUR CHILDREN BIBLICALLY

Good article to read.

[Check it out](#)

FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Click [HERE](#) to learn why your family should partake in this challenge!

FAMILY BLESSING CHALLENGE

Click [HERE](#) to learn how to bless your child.

If you are not on our Blessings/Family Devo Text Group, email children@calvaryop.org to sign up.

Have you checked out our Facebook page?

Come and join the KidsLife Ministries community online right [here](#)!

Well, that's it for this month! We hope you found this eLetter helpful and informative! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tiffany at children@calvaryop.org.

See you next month!