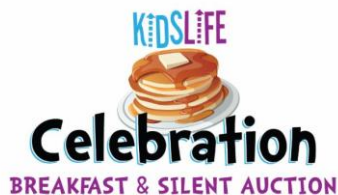


KIDSLIFE

growing into a life of faith

MARCH 2019

Upcoming Events & Announcements



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.
Our GEMS and Cadet groups will be serving an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7-11 AM. Invite family, friends and neighbors!!

We are currently looking for auction and raffle donations.
We ask for KidsLife families to donate a gift card or gift baskets, 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.

Donations can be brought to The LOFT or Tiny Town by Wednesday, March 6.
Thank you for supporting KidsLife Ministries!

DAY OF DETAILS:

The Silent Auction and Raffle Area will be open from 7-10:30 AM. We will close it all 10:30 AM and declare the winners between 10:45-11.

We have some great stuff to bid on as well as raffle items to choose from including: Sports Tickets, Chicago Weekend Get-away, African Safari Trip, Lots of themed baskets for all ages, Furniture/Home Decor pieces, Gift card baskets and much more!!

Raffle Ticket Costs:

\$1 a ticket
\$10 for 12 tickets
\$20 for 30 tickets

Breakfast Ticket Costs:

\$5 Adult
\$3 Ages 4-12
\$0 Ages 3 and under

Cash, Check and Credit will all be accepted.

Our menu consists of:

Pancakes

Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs (with or without cheese)

Bacon and Sausage, Hashbrowns, Juice, Milk, Coffee

Gluten and Dairy Free Eggs and Pancakes are also available!



NEXT PNO

Friday, April 5

5:30-9:30 PM

Sign up's for Calvary Sunday attenders begins
Sunday, March 3
and will be open to community families
on March 18.

Registration is required for each PNO by signing up in the Gathering Place or via email to children@calvaryop.org.

About our PNO Ministry:

Why scramble for a sitter and pay a costly amount, when you can bring your children to PNO at Calvary? Cost is \$5 per child (ages infants - 5th graders) for the night. Drop off begins at 5:30 pm and pick up is no later than 9:30 pm. A pizza dinner is served at 6 p.m. and snacks are served at 8:30 p.m.

Go ahead, check out that restaurant you've heard so much about...catch a movie...go shopping...hang out with friends... or just have a quiet night in while your kids are having a blast!



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**9AM - 12PM
WEDNESDAYS
MARCH 27 & APRIL 3**

Calvary Church is offering open gym and our Playland during spring breaks.

Come on in and relax as your kids get out some energy!



Parental Supervision is Required.

Tables will be provided for food and drinks inside the gym.

FREE Indoor Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13

10:00 AM



Come rain or shine for an INDOOR HUNT. Arrive early, bring a basket, enter the free raffle-giveaways, enjoy an age-divided hunt and some goodies!

WE ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY DONATIONS.

PLEASE BRING IN BY SUNDAY, MARCH 31!



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

Camp Manitouqua 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.

Camp Registration began February 1st and is filling up fast. There may still be time to register your child but you need to do it as soon as possible. See scholarship information below.

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

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 can register your child at www.manitoqua.org.



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:

March 6 - NO CADETS

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM

March 20 - Regular Meeting

April 3- Regular Meeting

April 17 - Regular Meeting and 1st Grader Sneak Preview

May 1 - Last Cadet Meeting Night

May 10-11 - Laser Tag / Lock-In

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!

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

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



Upcoming Dates:

March 13- Regular Meeting

March 27- Regular Meeting

April 10- Regular Meeting

April 24- Regular Meeting & 1st Grader Sneak Preview

April 26-28- Camp Tecumseh Retreat

May 8 - Last GEMS Meeting Night

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.

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 iResources

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.

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.

Family Devotionals for Lent

The Lenten season is here! What better way to prepare your families hearts and minds in preparation of Easter than to commit to family devotionals over the next 40 days?

[Lent/Easter Devotionals](#)

Have you checked out our Facebook page?

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