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APRIL 2019

Upcoming Events & Announcements

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Celebration

BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to all who donated, served, and attended our annual KidsLife Breakfast, Silent Auction and Raffle! Through all of our sponsorships, monetary donations, ticket sales, raffle sales, and bids, with the exception of expenses, we raised over \$25,000!

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!

****NEW THIS YEAR - Spread the word!**

At our Easter Celebration we want all children to have an enjoyable time. We will have a reserved area for children with special needs, such as sensory or mobility. This space will be away from the crowds and wheelchair accessible. Please register you child at

PossAbilities@calvaryop.org.

Palm Sunday, April 14

4's-5th Grade—

Please plan to attend this celebratory Sunday as our KidsLife kids will play a major part in the services. Arrive for EARLY Check-In at 8:40 or 10:15 AM. This year we are asking all family members to join in the parade as we wave the palms. It will be a great celebration! After the procession, the children will lead worship at the beginning of the services. We will return to The LOFT after the worship songs for our large and small group time. Our 9:00 attendees are asked to hang around a bit longer if possible to parade in again at the beginning of the 10:30 service. The more the merrier! They will be finished by 11:00. We appreciate the extra time dedicated to celebrating Palm Sunday! Invite family and friends!
(For 1:00 Families— Talk with Tamara and Rana)

Infants to 3's—

If you would like to join in on the palm procession, please arrive for EARLY Check-In at 8:45 or 10:15 AM in Tiny Town. Parents will need to walk with their Tiny Town child and return them to their room after the procession.

Celebrating Easter in KidsLife Ministries

Infants to 3—

Tiny Town will be open for the following Easter services:
Thursday @ 7 pm (Identical to Fri.)
Good Friday @ 7 pm
Saturday @ 6 pm
Sunday @ 9:00, 10:30, 1:00

The kids will enjoy the Easter story and celebrate with a fun craft and snack.

4 to 5th Grade—

The LOFT will be available at THREE of our Easter services:
Saturday @ 6 pm
Sunday @ 9:00 and 10:30 am
(1:00 Families— See Tamara and Rana for details)

We will celebrate the Easter story and engage in a special Easter activity.

Easter Celebrations



**Mark your
calendar!**

Calvary Sunday attendees are able to register via an email they received on 3/31. If you did not receive it, email [Tiffany](#) for the link.

Registration for the community will open on April 13th at the website mentioned above.

Volunteers will be able to sign up as well, following the website above. There are many ways to serve!

World Vision

FAMILY SERVE DAY* via World Vision 6K for Water

Saturday, May 4 | 9:00 am

17171 S. 84th Ave, Tinley Park

Calvary is once again partnering with Southwest Christian School at their Tinley Park campus to host World Vision's Global 6K for Water. Registration fees and donations go directly to support World Vision and their work to provide clean water to impoverished communities around the world. Stop by the table in the Gathering Place on Sundays in April for more information and to register online. Questions? Contact: josh@calvaryop.org.

***FAMILY SERVE DAY was scheduled for this day at Calvary but we have decided to make this event our way of serving! Join us, it will be lots of fun to walk/jog/run together!**



Upcoming Dates:

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:

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.



Serving Team

For families with children in Tiny Town, you should have received a letter and a July through December 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.



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.

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!



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 9 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.

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!
