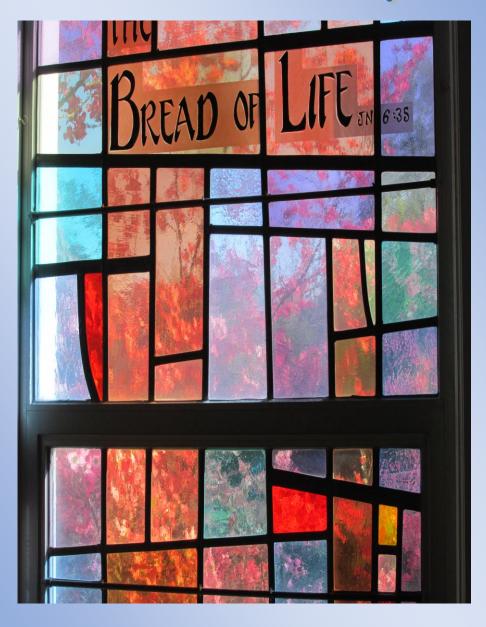
News from Calvary



Calvary's Mission

As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,
Share His Word
and
Live His Word.

Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.





"Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Romans 12:11 (ESV)

Someone once wrote, "The nice thing about apathy is you don't have to exert yourself to show you're sincere about it."

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word "apathy" is defined as: a lack of interest or concern; indifference. In the Revelation to John 3:15-16 we read, "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" (ESV). The church that God refers to here is the church in Laodicea. As it would seem, their collective faith was almost non-existent. They had stopped caring. They no longer had any passion. They were in essence only going through the motions. They were apathetic when it came to God.

Unfortunately, apathy is alive and well in many churches today. When I say this, I'm not *just* referring to people who don't take up positions within a church. More often, when I think about this, I think about people's prayer lives. I wonder if people are reading God's Word. I am concerned about those who come to worship and solely go through the motions.

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians 6:10-12 we hear "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (ESV).

The last half of this passage should terrify us. The fact is that the devil himself is scheming against us, trying to separate us from God. If he has his way, we'll be eternally separated from God when we die. My friends, apathy is one of the strongest weapons that the devil uses to pull us away from God. This is why Paul calls for us to put on the <u>whole</u> armor of God; to not be lukewarm in our faith, but rather to have true joy in our God who calls us by name.

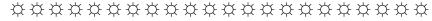
So my friends, "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord" -Romans 12:11 (ESV).

Remember my friends, wherever you go, whatever you do, you're on the King's business.

Blessings, Pastor Kuder

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

NOW is the time to volunteer so that we can once again offer an unforgettable VBS! We need teachers, as well as assistants for crafts, outdoor activities and snack time. Please contact Ruth Bolger to let her know how and when you can help.





Vacation Bible School August 5 - 9, 2019

In the Wild | Amazing Encounters with Jesus

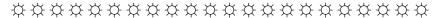
Theme: John 20:31 –
But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seatbelt. VBS 2019 is going to take us on a wild adventure! As the children seek out exotic animals, they will also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture.

Kids will go from bewildered to believing as they get **In the Wild** this summer!

<u>Calvary's VBS will run the week of Aug. 5 from 9:00 a.m.</u>
<u>to noon.</u> Children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to register.

Older children are needed to be crew leaders and site helpers. And even older "children" are needed to help organize, decorate, and teach. Please contact Ruth Bolger 973-303-1613 to volunteer or register.





THE TRAIN OF LIFE (author unknown)

At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone. As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, other children, friends, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way — loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing.

When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty — we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life.

Let's remember to thank our Creator for giving us life to participate in this journey.

--Submitted by Gloria Mangal



- * We are happy to announce that Andy Wolcott has been elected our new Congregational President. Election for Vice President as well as some Board of Directors positions will be held at a later date.
- * We rejoice and welcome Nancy Wolcott into membership at Calvary.
- * We celebrate the high school graduation of David Poesl and wish him all the best as he heads off to St. John's University, in Queens, this fall.
- * We mourn the recent deaths of the following Calvary members:

Doris Deede – Died March 21, 2019 Anne Ricca – Died June 3, 2019

Please remember their loved ones in your prayers.

Altar Guild: Anne Daly

Greeters:

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28
10:00 AM Gbenga Adesokan
Nancy Keltner
Edith Conte
Lynetta Watkins



Plower Visitors:

July 7 Jaya Lakra

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July 13	Diane Behlen		July 13	Chris M. Bolger	
July 14	Lynetta Watkins		July 19	Jeffrey Sizer	
July 25	Joanne Arroyo		July 26	Donald Wernes	
July 28	Wayne S	cott			
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Aug. 11	Melissa Houlihan		Aug. 20	Andrew Wolcott	

Aug. 28 Ingeborg Haenchen

Aug. 21 Nancy Wolcott



Happy Anniversary

July I	Karl & Luise Wetter	July I	Pastor Adam & Liz Kuder	
July 11	Chris & Ruth Bolger	July 28	Andrew & Nancy Wolcott	
Aug. 5	Matt & Missy Bonaguide	Aug. 7	George & Marit Lofmark	
Aug. 10	Steve & Lauren Willenborg	Aug. 29	Dave & Diane Behlen	
Aug. 29	Chris & Julie Erwin			