

News From Calvary



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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.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.

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¹Therefore be *imitators* of God, as beloved children. ²And *walk in love*, as *Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us*, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. --Ephesians 5:1-2

With my wife being a preschool teacher, she almost on a daily basis comes home with some pretty interesting stories. And one thing I have been convinced of is that young children, especially in their play time, like to imitate other people, particularly adults. Kids sometimes like to pretend that they're cooking. Other kids like to play army. I've watched my niece play church before. When I was little, I liked to play CHiPs (this was a TV show from the late 70's to early 80's). Unfortunately, young children also imitate our not-so-good behaviors. The behaviors that kids as well as adults imitate are behaviors that they *choose* to imitate.

The English cleric, Charles Caleb Colton, once wrote, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." This basically means that to imitate someone is to pay the person a genuine compliment, which interestingly enough is often one that is unintended.

In the 15th chapter of John's account of the Gospel, we find Jesus and His apostles in the "Upper Room" for the Passover meal. As He's talking to them He tells them, "For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done to you." We often call this being Christ-like or being an imitator of Christ. What better example do we have to follow than Christ? None. Yet our sinful flesh wins more often than we'd like to admit. And in those moments, we choose to follow someone else's example, other than the One who gave up His life for us.

Paul writes about this in the 7th chapter of his letter to the Romans. He tells us that he, too, struggled with sin. "Yes. I'm full of myself—after all, I've spent a long time in sin's prison. What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act

Support the Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! As you start to prepare for your own family's Thanksgiving meal, please also remember to give back to our community through the annual food drive.

Each Thanksgiving basket will include:

- ☞ 4 cans vegetables
- ☞ 2 cans fruit
- ☞ 1 can cranberry sauce
- ☞ 1 can turkey gravy
- ☞ 1 can yams
- ☞ 1 box stuffing
- ☞ 1 box instant potatoes
- ☞ 1 disposable aluminum turkey roaster pan
- ☞ And, of course, 1 turkey!



Monetary donations are also welcome. Please bring all nonperishable donations by **Sunday, November 12**. After this date, we will sort donations into bags and shop for whatever is still needed- contact us if you would like to be involved in the sorting or distribution. Turkeys should be brought to the church kitchen no later than **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 19**. We have freezer space available in the kitchen if you need to bring your turkey before then. IF YOU WISH TO DONATE A TURKEY, WATCH FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX!

For other questions, please contact Anne Daly at 973-239-0726.

Save These
DATES

**Midweek Advent Worship Services – Dec. 6, 13, 20
at 7:30 pm (Soup Suppers at 6:15 pm)**

Living Nativity – Sunday, Dec. 17 from 5 - 7 pm

Dear Families and Friends,

**INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN
UPCOMING
PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT**



To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory. We need you to make our directory complete!

A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life of our church
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project.

Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and a free 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at our church website at veronalutheran.com or call the office at **973-239-0577**.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

Sunday, November 26, 2017, 12pm to 7pm

Monday, November 27, 2017, 1pm to 8pm

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at the church with no sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken and one pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those who would like them prior to photography.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory. I am encouraging 100% participation!

-Chris Sapara-Grant (862-777-2957)

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.



RENEW
life center

On Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m., Calvary's Community Speaker series welcomes Marisol Rodriguez. Marisol is the Executive Director of RENEW life center in Paterson.

"The What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty" talk is designed for members of the faith community to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and strengths of under resourced individuals

and develop skills and awareness which allow them to interact more effectively and respectfully with all aspects of the community.

RENEW provides programs that help people break the poverty cycle by inspiring them to become role models in their families and leaders in their community.

An update from Jaire's Mom!



Jaire should currently be in Queretaro Mexico (as of 10/23/17). He wrote to us that in Naucalpan, Mx., he cleaned out a river because they were not getting enough water to the city. He has also been interviewing Mexican students (from a Catholic University) for future UWP (Up with People) tours and he continues his stagehand work, where he breaks down the stage set after every performance. Jaire has done several performances while in Mexico:

- One on a roof of a private elementary school, for the students (Jaire said he was excited because students asked the cast members for autographs and pictures after the show)
- Another at a children's hospital (for children with cancer and homeless families)

On Oct 5th, we (about 10 of Jaire's family members) attended an UWP show in Washington, D.C., where they performed at the Columbia Heights Educational Campus Auditorium. The show was very uplifting, inspirational, and entertaining to say the least. Jaire performed 4 solos, one in particular was the song "Happy" (by Pharrell Williams), and he did a wonderful job. The singing and dancing of the entire show was amazing. The Up with People cast performed songs in different languages, songs in tribute to different life issues (abuse, poverty to name a few), and songs honoring racial diversity, being a woman, and having positive self-awareness. We were able to meet many of Jaire's friends (cast members and UWP staff). Jaire received great praise from all we met; they really enjoy his singing, and point out how he is an asset to the group. Jaire was able to spend the weekend with us while we stayed near Washington, DC. He told us that he has been having the time of his life and he is discovering how much more life has to offer. We were also able to visit his host family's home and meet some of the family members. We are so proud of Jaire and how he is delving into this experience and taking in all he can learn.

Jaire has informed us that he may want to apply for an internship (for a vocal coach) with the organization at the end his tour. We will be eagerly looking forward to hearing more about this when he is able to contact us again. Jaire says hello, and he sends his love to his church family.

P.S. Let's keep Jaire in our prayers and send him an email from time to time.

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Member Spotlight:



LaVerne Sieglen

I was born in 1921, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the town of Troy Hill. I had one older brother Raymond, and my parents were Raymond and Christina Kimmerling. As a child, I was interested in sports. As a young child, I swam and as a teenager I played softball. In those days, women didn't typically have their own team, so my neighbor organized a softball league for girls. I was athletic, and besides playing softball, I walked three miles to high school daily, so that also kept me active. While in high school, I took a business course that helped train me to be a secretary. During the depression, not many jobs were available, so I took a job working twice a week at the Clark candy factory (this was the place where the Clark candy bar was invented). The other half of the week, I worked at a wallpaper company. I was later promoted at Clark and worked as a secretary there until I got married.

I was baptized at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. In those times, babies were not brought out in public until they were baptized. Church was the first place you brought your child. I first met Walter at Youth Group. We were both active in Youth Group, and I remember our group would gather at people's homes and sing around the piano. We were married in 1942 and lived in Beaver, PA. Walter was exempt from the draft and worked for a company that made propellers. Later, he was admitted into the army during WWII. While he was away for a few years, I returned to my parents' home until Walter was discharged.

Walter later got a job at another company that makes propellers in New Jersey. We lived in West Orange with my uncle. We met the Bailey family, who introduced us to Calvary Lutheran Church. We used to have to ride the trolley to get to church, if you can imagine that. The sanctuary at Calvary was originally in Kavasch Hall. Walter and I became members of Calvary on October 5, 1947, and the rest is history.

For over twenty years, we taught Sunday school in the building that is now the dental building next door. During this time, our son Walter Jr. was born. I stayed at home with both Walter, and later Jeffrey, until they started school. I first worked as a crossing guard and then later became the secretary of the Registrar for the Township of Cedar Grove where I now reside.

I have many fond memories at Calvary; it's hard to choose one. One of my favorite memories is decorating the tree with Walter at Christmas time. Two of my favorite hymns are *Jesus Loves Me*, and *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*.





- Nov. 7 Joyce Sapara-Grant
Nov. 15 Rebecca Kassor
Nov. 16 Adam Arroyo
Nov. 17 Connie Vaughan
Nov. 17 Evelyn Ponczek
Nov. 18 Luise Wetter
Nov. 23 Helene Zierold
Nov. 28 Jim Carlson



Happy Anniversary

- Nov. 26 Joanne & Al Arroyo

Those Who Serve Us:

† Altar Guild: Anne Daly, Jaya Lakra

† Greeters:

Nov. 5	10:00 AM	Gbenga & Sike Adesokan
Nov. 12	10:00 AM	Edith Conte, Karen Gordon El
Nov. 19	10:00 AM	Karen Gordon El, Lynetta Watkins
Nov. 22	7:30 PM	Nancy Keltner, Brian Keltner
Nov. 26	10:00 AM	Gordon & Ruth Wickham



Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Flower Visitors:

- Nov. 5** Jaya Lakra
Nov. 12 Joyce Sapara-Grant
Nov. 19 Edith Conte
Nov. 26 Liz Kuder

✝ Ushers:

- Nov. 5 10:00 AM** Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca,
Harold Vaughan
Nov. 12 10:00 AM Ajit Lakra, John Wickham
Nov. 19 10:00 AM Chris Molinari, Stephen Molinari,
Gordon Wickham
Nov. 22 7:30 PM John Ricca, John Wickham
Nov. 26 10:00 AM David S. Behlen, Brian Keltner

