

March 21, 2024

Calvary Christian Church

5455 Charles St. / Rockford, IL 61108



News & Events

March Sermon Series

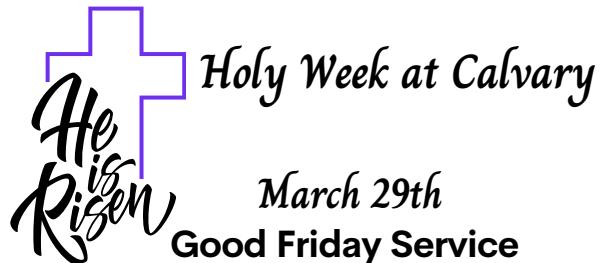


Nominations for Elder and Deacon

This **Sunday, the 24th**, is the deadline for turning in nominations for the vital roles of Elder and Deacon. Nomination slips are on the table in the Connection Center. Please hand your slip to one of the members of the nominating committee: Zach Dorrel, Bob Johnson, Steve Doyle, Brad Englin, Judy Erickson, Joan Kahley, John Luhman, or Tom Yoeckel.

Easter Lillies

If you would like to donate towards the Easter Lillies for the front of the sanctuary, please see Cheryl Adamson this **Sunday, the 24th**.



Holy Week at Calvary

March 29th

Good Friday Service

We will be hosting a Good Friday Service at Calvary. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes.

If you prefer to not drive at night, we do not want you to miss out on this special service. Please call Phyllis Luhman to arrange transportation.

March 31st

Deacon's Breakfast

Everyone is invited to Easter breakfast served by our deacons starting at **8:30 a.m.** If you would like help by making an egg casserole, **please see Joan in the foyer after Easter Jam on March 24th to pick up your pan and recipe.**

Epic Easter Egg Exploration

This event will be held inside at **9:15 a.m.** Eggs will be hidden around our educational wing and is open to all youth, toddler to teen. So, bring your basket and see how many eggs you can collect!

Easter Worship Service

Come gather to praise and rejoice in the Lord with an inspirational Resurrection Sunday service at **10:00 a.m.**

Life Groups

Sunday Bible Study

The Rock

Middle/High School Group
The Rock meets **Sundays**
@ **11:30 a.m.** for lunch
and Bible Study.

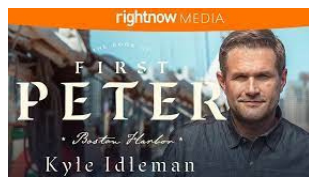


A **Calendar of Events** is available in the teen room. For more information about the Youth and Young adult class or events, see Pastor Zach.

Young Adult Group

Sundays @ 5:00 p.m.

The Young Adults are beginning a study of First Peter by Kyle Idleman.
[Click here to watch a trailer](#)



Care & Share

Sundays @ 6 p.m.

The CARE & SHARE lifegroup is starting a series called, "Trite, not True", by Jarrett Stephens.



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Curious about what songs we'll be using in services this month? Use this QR code to access our Spotify playlist.



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Wednesday Bible Studies

Mid-day Bible Study:

12:30 p.m.

The Mid-day Bible study will be taking a break until after **Easter**.

Peak Classes: 6:30 p.m.

Men's Class



The men are doing a study titled, "Holy Habits," with Derwin Gray.

[Click here to watch a trailer](#)

Women's Class

The Ladies are doing an in-depth study of our favorite passages of scripture.

Upcoming Events

- March 23: Easter Jam Practice
- March 24: Easter Jam
- March 29: Good Friday Service
6:30 p.m.
- March 31: Easter Breakfast
8:30 a.m.
- March 31: Easter Egg Hunt
9:15 a.m.
- April 9: Ladies Night Out
6:00 p.m. at Chili's
- April 11: Men's Night Out
6:00 p.m. Machine Shed

For more upcoming events, check out our online calendar: www.calvaryrockford.com/calendar



2024 NOMINATIONS* By Pastor Steve

It is once again time for us to look among the members of Calvary Christian Church to determine if there may be men whom God has raised up to serve as either elders or deacons.

The elders and deacons of the church work closely with our teaching pastors to promote the spiritual growth of the membership and to plan direction for the local church. So, we seek godly men who demonstrate commitment to Christ, to their families, and to this church.

Remember that this is not a popularity contest. It is not a quest for the particularly handsome, skilled, or agile. Neither is one qualified to serve as a leader in the church just because they might be “a nice guy” or “really cool” or “a jack of all trades.”

The apostle Peter uses a “shepherd image” to illustrate that elders are to feed and watch over God’s flock, providing proper examples as they teach and lead. James says they are also to minister to the sick and the emotionally or spiritually wounded.

The apostle Paul insists that elders and deacons are to be grounded in the truth and serve the Lord and His church faithfully. They must be men who have proven they can be trusted with the responsibilities of both church and family.

That’s why we are looking for men of prayer and of action; men who are compassionate and caring; men who are grounded in faith and motivated by love. They won’t be perfect, but they will trust in the One Who is – and strive to become like Him.

With all this in mind, it may seem that no one could qualify. Who could possibly measure up to such high standards? Without divine help, I don’t believe anyone could. But by God’s grace, such men do exist.

We are particularly blessed with the elders and deacons who presently serve here at Calvary Christian Church. Yet, we must be open to the possibility that God may have others who He wishes to join them.

So, let us not overlook those whom the Lord would have us to recognize and ordain. Let us also not forget to encourage those who may potentially grow into the kind of men God who will one day serve in this capacity. Yet, let us not feel pressured to nominate someone just to fill a position – or to accept a nomination for which we are not equipped.

You can find the characteristics listed in Scripture for elders and deacons as well as the requirements for elders and deacons as stated in our bylaws at the fellowship center and in our newsletter. Please consider all of these very carefully.

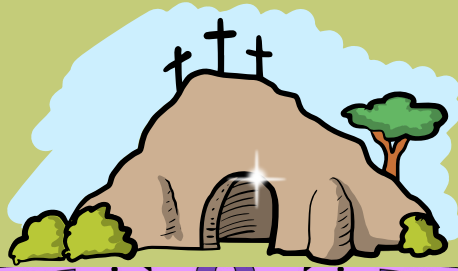
We urge you to approach anyone whom you believe would be qualified and ask them if they would be willing to serve if appointed. If they answer in the affirmative, present their name(s) to a member of our Nominating Committee. This year’s committee consists of...:

Zach Dorrel, Steve Doyle, Brad Englin, Judy Erickson, Bob Johnson, Joan Kahley, John Luhman; and Tom Yoeckel.

We urge every member of Calvary Christian Church to be involved in this process. May God’s choices for His shepherd and servant leaders be evident to us all.

See 1st Peter 5:2-3; James 5:14; 1st Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9
(* updated March '24)

Easter



at Calvary



We Need Your Help

We are needing donations of fun-size or smaller candy bars OR money to purchase candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. All donations can be placed in the donation center or given to Pastor Zach by Sunday, March 24th.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

**Easter Sunday,
March 31st @ 9:15am**

There will be 1,400 Eggs hidden around the educational wing. Some eggs will be in sight, others will not. Some will be easy to reach others may not. It is guaranteed that all participants will walk away with a bag full of candy. So come and have some fun and see how many eggs you can collect!

