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EDINA CHORAL PARTNERSHIP

At Calvary, we enjoy several different partnerships with different kinds of organizations (New Creation Baptist, Avail Academy, El Guanacaste, Bible Study Fellowship, etc.). These partnerships are all different and serve different purposes and aspects of our values.

One of the partnerships we have sought to develop is with a local choir called The Edina Chorale. The Edina Chorale is a mixed choir of 85 plus voices that provides local performances a few times a year. The past few years, Calvary has hosted most of their performances as our sanctuary is an ideal size and performance venue for them.

With each performance, they have invited me to welcome guests and speak about the common value of community-building that we share with the Chorale. By hosting Edina Chorale performances, Calvary Church is facilitating a place for community building and relationships to happen. In a culture of loneliness and isolation,

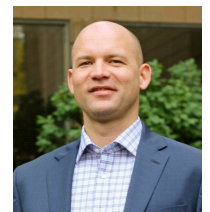
the local church has a unique opportunity to provide spaces in communities for community building but also to be a source of friendship and community itself.

We believe there are more opportunities to build this partnership and further be the presence of Jesus and a source of community here in Edina. With this vision in mind, we would like to ask for help in furthering this partnership.

The Edina Chorale's next concert series at Calvary is Saturday, May 13, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, May 14, at 4:00 pm. We would like to further build our partnership with the Chorale by providing refreshments after the concert on Saturday night, May 13.

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If you are willing to help provide food for Saturday and/or are willing to be present at Calvary after the concert to help serve the refreshments, please monitor the bulletin and Weekly Word emails about who to contact.

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Additionally, if you would like tickets to any of the Edina Chorale Concerts at Calvary, they have been very generous and vocal about providing free tickets to anyone from Calvary that wishes to attend. Let me know if you would like tickets to any of their performances here.

If you would like to follow the Chorale on Facebook and be up to date on all their performances, you can follow their page on Facebook “Edina Chorale.” The website is: www.edinachorale.org

May God bless our efforts to be the community-building presence of Jesus in our community!

By Pastor Nick



MINISTRY UPDATE

HERE

A Few Bible Verses and Books to Strengthen Marriages

As a pastor, I have the honor to lead couples through premarital counseling. I am not a licensed marriage counselor, but I have learned what the Bible and experienced counselors teach about healthy marriages. This article will point married couples and singles to the Scriptures and helpful books about marriage, sharing a glimpse of their teaching. It seems most marriage counseling happens before the wedding or when the marriage is falling apart. God’s Word calls us to continue learning about and focusing on marriages throughout the different phases of life.

Genesis 2:18 “It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a suitable helper for him.”

Before sin entered the world, the Lord created humans to be social creatures. After all the animals were made in their vast array, Adam did not have a companion. The word translated “suitable helper” comes from the Hebrew word ezer. This word does not mean a lesser being or a lifelong slave, it means a “faithful companion” or a “lifelong teammate.” Later in the Old Testament, ezer is used for God himself in his relationship with Israel. This teaches us that a man and woman in marriage are to be selfless servants for life.

Matthew 19:6 “So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Marriage is a covenant relationship, not a consumer

relationship. Many Americans approach marriage with a consumer mindset. "How can you help me accomplish my goals? My career hopes? My happiness?" Those can all be wonderful things that marriage helps you with, but in a consumer relationship, if those things don't happen the way you want, you break the contract and give up. In a covenant relationship, the promise of marriage occurs before God, family, and friends. That means the focus is not on "me, myself, and I" but how I can serve the Lord and love my spouse. When times get tough, the covenant relationship does not think, "How can I get out of this?" but "How can we get through this and become stronger because of it?"

Ephesians 5:22, 25 "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word."

Marriage is not only about happiness, but also holiness. It should make us more like Christ. It is an instrument for the Holy Spirit to purify our hearts and minds and decisions. It is strengthened by studying God's Word through church, Bible studies, and personal reading. Marriage is a glimpse of Christ's love for the church. It gives us a sneak peak into the loving commitment that Jesus has for us as God's people. Sacrifice and fulfillment are not polar opposites. God has created us to find immense joy and fulfillment in sacrificing and serving others, including our spouse.

This passage also reminds us that marriage and singleness can become idols. Sometimes married people idolize the "freedom" of singleness. They think life would be better away from this marriage relationship. Faith and science agree that life's meaning boils down to relationships. The perception of a good marriage can also be an idol. Instead of couples

being open and honest about conflict early on, they pretend nothing is wrong and avoid meaningful conversations with each other or with trusted Christian friends.

Sometimes single people idolize the "companionship" of marriage. They think all their problems will go away if they get married. They think marriage will be their messiah. The Bible teaches marriage is a union of two sinful people who need the grace of the true Messiah, Jesus Christ. The calling of marriage and the calling of singleness are gifts from God and can be used from the Kingdom of God.

Below are helpful books on marriage. Get one. Read it by yourself or with your spouse. Talk about it. Use it to deepen your understanding of marriage from God's perspective.

Helpful Marriage Books

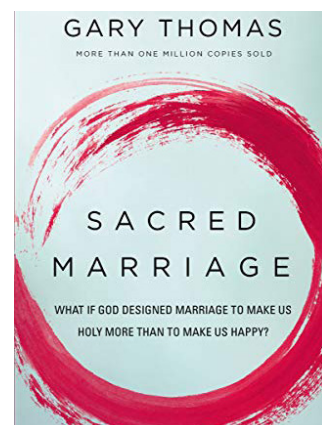
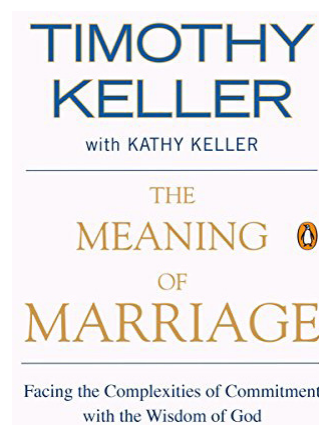
The Meaning of Marriage by Timothy Keller with Kathy Keller

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas

The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work by John Gottman

The Mingling of Souls by Matt Chandler

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman



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SPHERE SOVEREIGNTY

Interview with
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NEAR



Where do you work?

I work for PAR Systems in Shoreview, MN.

What are your roles and responsibilities?

I'm in the mechanical engineering department. My day-to-day tasks include mechanical design, integrating commercial components with custom parts, and developing processes for advanced manufacturing. A great sense of humor is a requirement to be on this career path. We solve problems every day and schedules often get pushed back.

What are you currently working on that you are excited about?

I played a small part in a large waterjet cutting machine project for a key customer in Europe. It's as big as a barn with repeatability within the thickness

of a paper. This machine will produce large long-haul aircraft, similar to what you see when driving next to MSP airport.

Since God is sovereign over every sphere, how do you see God at work in your work?

Like many others, I was in a very long job transition during the pandemic. It was a difficult time but also a time to grow spiritually – to rely on God like in Matthew 6:26. This week, my manager wants me to lead an R&D project and a non-profit organization just offered me to chair one of their committees. Three years ago I didn't see these things coming. God's timing is unique and that's why we shouldn't compare ourselves to others. At the end of the day we all have our comeback stories to share.

Are your co-workers Christians? Have you had opportunities to talk to them about what they believe? Have you been able to share your faith in Christ with them?

While Some of my coworkers are Christians and some are not. It's more noticeable around Eastertide as people are taking extra time off. Since my work is mostly in the STEM field, I've had dialogues with coworkers regarding creation – what can be taken word for word vs. what can be explained scientifically. There are areas that we agree and there are some that we disagree with. I feel nowadays people are very polarized with their opinions and the key here is to be humble and be open to dialogues.

LEADING THE MISSION

HERE

Council Update

Commons Renovation

You haven't seen any visible evidence that the upcoming Commons Renovation is proceeding at full speed, but I assure you, a lot of behind-the-scenes work is occurring and a lot of progress is being made. Please read the article in this Proclaimer by Steve Abbring, Calvary's Project Manager, for an update on the Commons Renovation.

F2023 Ministry Fund

Our fiscal year (F2023) ends on May 31. Your financial gifts to the Ministry Fund remain on track as of the end of March but we often see below average giving in April & May. I urge all of us to finish strong and meet our budget of \$660,000 of congregational giving for this fiscal year.

Annual Congregational Meeting Planning

Based in part on the excellent turnout last September at our all-church picnic, we decided to try something new for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

Our Congregational Meeting will occur on Sunday, May 21, after the worship service.

No Sunday School on May 21

10:30 am - Worship Service

12:00 pm - All-Church lunch provided by Calvary

12:45 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting

We are developing the agenda for the meeting and are aiming to make it very informative but also keep it as brief as possible to allow all, including those with young children and/or Sunday afternoon plans, to participate.

The Nominations Committee and the Council praise God for the many individuals who agreed to be Deacon and Elder nominees for next year. The Administrative Team and the Council have developed a budget for F2024. We will provide profiles of all the Deacon and Elder nominees and provide the proposed budget in advance of the meeting. We will provide updates at the meeting on many other aspects of Calvary's ministry. Please plan to attend.

Other Updates

The Council and the Teams reporting to the Council are involved in many other activities including visiting and caring for members who are in need, worship planning, Youth Ministry activities, monitoring our finances, utilization of our building, and communicating and coordinating with our tenants, just to name a few.

Pastor Nick and Pastor Eli continue to meet monthly with Pastor Daniel from New Creation Baptist Church (NCBC). Calvary members who help out at NCBC's food shelf continue to talk about what a blessing it is. We encourage all of you to consider helping at the NCBC food shelf.

By **Elmer Jelgerhuis**
Council Chair



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E: Jon Van Hulzen, D: Karen Groen

District 4: Smith – Z

E: Karen DeKam D: Andrew Feikema

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Shepherding Team: Jason Byers, Karen DeKam, Ruth DeVries, Andrew Feikema, Karen Groen, Joel Kamp, *Marion Sandfort, Jon Van Hulzen, Rosanne Van Marion, Pastor Nick

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Youth Ministries Team: *Pastor Eli, Deb Attema, Kim Attema, Casey Soerens, Pam Schmidt

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COMMUNITY BUILDING

15 things you didn't know about Stan and Jan Zahorsky



1. Jan grew up in a mid-size town in North Central Indiana, and she is the youngest of three children. She graduated from Purdue University School of Pharmacy. After graduation, she worked as a pharmacist in Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. In 1987 Jan had an opportunity to work for Eli Lilly as a pharmaceutical sales rep in Minneapolis, including the western and northern suburbs, and all the towns up to Saint Cloud. She worked with some wonderful Christian colleagues and met many Christian healthcare workers. Jan, especially, enjoyed calling on the psychiatrists in her territory. Being a good listener, she heard many of the doctors' life stories, along with their successes and woes, since they could not share their experiences and emotions with patients and most colleagues.
2. Stan was born and raised on a farm in Oklahoma, and he is the youngest of nine children which included eight boys and one girl. He began driving a tractor at the age

of seven and had his first automobile accident at 11 or 12 years of age. At 12, Stan began driving combines and trucks throughout the Central Plains States, harvesting wheat and grass. Allis-Chalmers used photographs of his combine crew for their company promotions. His crew was featured in a short-subject film shown in cinema theaters.

3. Stan played basketball and baseball in high school and basketball and soccer in college. After college, Stan attended seminary in Kansas City and worked as a youth pastor. As he was finishing seminary, he was employed by the City of Kansas City to administer its social programs.
4. He was offered a job in Washington DC by Senator Bob Dole, but he chose to enter law school at William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul. Stan saw law school as a ministry; hence, he chose to start his own practice with another lawyer that he knew from his work at Legal Aid. He chose this avenue because he was

aware that law firms require a large number of billable hours, and he wanted the freedom to be able to counsel clients when the legal matter was just a symptom of a root problem, and to discuss spiritual matters when appropriate.

5. For the last several years, he has been an affiliated attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), which is a nationwide network of Christian attorneys that represents Christians, churches, ministries, Christian schools and colleges, and students to protect their religious freedoms and free speech. Lawyers with ADF have won the majority of cases in the news protecting traditional values.
6. In younger years, Stan took up hang gliding because he was scared of heights and scuba diving because he was scared of water. Jan also took up scuba diving because of her fear of water, but it seems that warding off an intruder in her home in the middle of the night trumped her fear of water. One of the psychiatrists in her work environment helped Jan get past both fears. It was a win-win.
7. When Stan was single, he learned to skipper 30-40 foot sailboats. He and other skippers in the Grace Church singles group would take three-day sailing trips on Lakes Superior and Michigan. Additionally, Stan and Jan took friends sailing, and after they had kids, they took them sailing. One time they took another family and theirs



sailing in Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean where they tried to race submarines back to their base in Norfolk (they lost).

8. They were married at Park Ave. Methodist Church by Dr. Philip Hinerman in 1988. Upon Dr. Hinerman's retirement, Bob Stamps became pastor with his wife, Ellen, who for a number of years was the personal assistant of Corrie Ten Boom. Ellen calls Stan, her "little brother", and they still maintain contact. We are not Dutch, but this church is not our first Dutch connection.
9. A few years later, they helped start an inner-city, interracial church, a block off Lake Street. They had a joint ministry with Urban Ventures and a Hispanic church that also met in the sanctuary. Monthly, they had wonderful church pot-luck dinners with their congregation and the Hispanic congregation. After ten years, they began attending Wooddale Church so their daughters could attend the youth programs. After their youngest daughter left home, they started

attending Calvary.

10. An eventful day in the life of their family was September 30, 1999. Jan was broadsided in her car. That evening Stan was having chest pains, but he coached our middle daughter's basketball game. Afterwards, Jan convinced him to go to the ER, where he was held for quadruple by-pass heart surgery two days later. Two weeks later Jan could hardly walk and soon quit her job. She learned that she had a congenital, degenerative spinal condition. For the past thirteen years she has been going at least twice a week to a neck and back strengthening program at Tria for relief and to postpone back surgery.
11. After their youngest daughter started school, their former daycare provider and good friend asked Jan to join her and other women to study the Bible through the Precept Bible Study at Wooddale Church. It has been a joy studying God's Word.
12. Stan brought a blue and gold macaw into the marriage, which he has had for 42

years. His name is Lord Butterfield, and he follows the biblical prescriptive for a family, because in his mind, Stan is the head of the house, being a male he is second in charge, then, Jan, and following that are their girls. (With that said, the four women and their female dog far outnumbered the boys - the boys just let them think they were in charge!)

13. Jan attended her 50th high school class reunion last September. One of the highlights was riding the Cass County Denzel Carousel which is an important landmark in her hometown and a memory from her childhood. The menagerie-style carousel was built in 1902 and is on the National Historic Landmark registry.
14. Most of their vacations have been to visit family in Indiana, Oklahoma, and Kansas City, but they have taken family vacations to Great Britain, France, Italy, Nature Conservancy ranch in Montana, Yellowstone, and other national parks. One of their favorite pastimes is to listen to Southern Gospel and Gaither music on Spotify and YouTube. Another favorite activity is watching sappy, happy ending, mindless movies.
15. They have three daughters: Cate, her husband, and our granddaughter, Winnie, live in Bayfield, WI; Liz, her husband, and our grandson, Ezra lives in Atlanta, GA; and Danae lives in the Twin Cities

They have found God is faithful to those who seek him.

GRADUATE PROFILES

College Graduates

Sophia Marcus

Sophia graduates from Dordt University with a B.S. in Environmental Science, and minors in Biology and Art. She loved her time as a prairie co-manager, servicing 20 acres of restored native tallgrass prairie. While at Dordt she also enjoyed working as a Biology TA, leading the Science and Faith Club, playing viola in the orchestra, and serving as an Art Department assistant. After graduation, she will be employed at Spark-Y, a non-profit for youth environmental education, and attending MCAD to pursue her MFA in studio art in the fall.

Heather Schulte

Heather graduates from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She majored in Business Administration and is employed by U.S. Bank. Heather participated in the campus organization 'Women in Business' and acapella choir.

High School Graduates

Annika Veurink

Annika graduates from Southwest Christian High School this May. She has enjoyed participating in choir, Accidentals (an acapella group), volleyball and DECA (a business club). Annika plans to attend Villanova in Philadelphia this fall where she will continue to play volleyball, sing, and major in Communication.



Middle School Graduates

Daniel Beekman

Daniel graduates from Avail Academy where he has attended since kindergarten. While at Avail Daniel has participated in soccer, basketball, band and choir. He will attend St. Croix Lutheran Academy where he plans to play football, basketball, golf and the tuba in the band.



Emilyn Bosch

Emilyn graduates 8th grade at Avail Academy in Edina this May. She has enjoyed the close-knit community of her small class, gained a great education, and formed special relationships with her classmates and teachers over the course of nine years. While at Avail, she participated in cross country, band, basketball, choir, and history day. Emilyn will attend Southwest Christian High School in Chaska in the fall of 2023, where she plans to run cross country, sing in choir, and continue pursuing her passions of reading and rock climbing.



Katherine Zylstra

Katherine graduates from the 8th Grade at Avail Academy. She enjoyed being a part of the middle school band, choir, and musicals, especially being Zelda in *Singing in the Rain!* and Annie in *Annie*. She also has fond memories of the 5th grade musical. She wrote for the school newspaper, *The Valor Voice* and enjoyed participating in *Creative Expressions*. Katherine is grateful for her friends and the many teachers that have taught and encouraged her along the way. She is looking forward to another summer of swimming, biking and attending Dordt Discovery Days.





Commons Renovation Update

Since the congregation approved the Commons Renovation project, several exciting developments have occurred. First, in late February, BDH completed the design documents, with the help of the Commons Renovation Team. These plans were then used to conduct a competitive bid process with three general contractors. In early March, each prospective general contractor toured the construction space and by late March bids were received. After a question and answer period and a follow-up on site meeting, Calvary has executed a contract with Sherburne-Slater Construction from Edina to complete the Commons Renovation project. Sherburne-Slater and BDH are already working with the City of Edina to secure permits for the project.

In addition to this important milestone, Elmer Jelgerhuis, committee members, and I have been busy working on Calvary supplied items like furniture, appliances, and the audio-visual components of the project. With the admin team, we are also working on the final scope of the project such as which furniture and signage to replace and where carpet replacement will begin and end. One exciting item presently included in the project is new carpet throughout the sanctuary area.

At the time of this article, we are tracking a tentative construction start in mid-June. In the

coming weeks we will be working with Sherburne-Slater to finalize a more detailed weekly project schedule, to confirm all material selections with BDH, and to work with the facilities staff to prepare the project area for construction. Over the next several weeks you will probably begin to notice furniture, artwork, and library books disappearing from the construction area. I hope to be able to provide several updates throughout the project, but feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions about the project.

When construction work does begin, the Commons area will look quite different from week to week. While we will work closely with the contractor and with the facilities staff to minimize disruption to our weekly worship activities, your patience and attentiveness during the project will be greatly appreciated. Like any renovation, some dust and untidiness can be expected, along with tools and materials in some parts of the commons area. While this could make for several unusual weeks of fellowship before and after our summer services, I think I can safely say that the newly renovated space will be a beautiful, useful, and much needed upgrade to the most public areas of our church.

By Steve Abbring
Commons Renovation
Project Manager



Worship Service Schedule

May 7

Worship led by Pastor Nick

God's Pictures:

Unleavened Bread

Offering: Children of the Promise

May 14

Worship led by Pastor Nick

God's Pictures: First Fruits

Offering: Christian Ed. Fund

May 21

Worship led by Pastor Nick

God's Pictures: Trumpets

Offering: Ministry Fund

May 28

Worship led by Pastor Nick

God's Pictures: Pentecost

Offering: SALT/Arrive Ministries

June 4

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Gospel Living:

Managing God's Household

June 11

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Gospel Living:

Showing Self-Control

June 18

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Gospel Living:

Doing What Is Good

CALVARY BIRTHDAYS

May Birthdays

May 2	Camryn Rettig	May 14	Camden Mellema
May 3	Matthew Beekman, Cade Mellema, Sam Workman	May 15	Judah Kobes
May 4	Nicole Staudt	May 16	Shar Jelgerhuis
May 5	Kyla Orcutt, Carey Rettig	May 18	Soren Moser
May 7	Jack Zylstra	May 19	Brayden Beckering, Darcy Terpstra
May 8	Janette Kamp	May 20	Ed Attema, Tanner Hulstein
May 9	Katie Abbring, Mark Douma, Lucy Vliem	May 22	Chris Petersen, Ian Zwagerman
May 10	Ben Rindels	May 26	Matt Koelewyn, Mike Schmidt
May 11	Kristin Koelewyn, Dave Terpstra	May 28	Asher DeKam
May 12	Carolyn Liddle, Cel Schrotenboer	May 30	Wyatt Hoekman

June Birthdays

June 1	Josh Abercrombie, Jack Brouwer, Daryl De Kam, Carl Vrieze	June 16	Sam Zylstra
June 7	Kathleen Beekman, Duane Zwagerman	June 17	Nick Hoekman
June 8	Ally Terpstra, Craig Veurink, Braden Vis	June 18	Marilyn DeVries, Faye Ross
June 9	Emily Kobes	June 19	Pat Blankespoor
June 12	Truman Van Hulzen	June 22	Alaina Terpstra
June 16	Finley Abercrombie, Marta De Kam	June 23	Michelle Hoekstra
		June 24	Katherine Beekman
		June 27	Andrew Bosch
		June 29	Grace Attema



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