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REFORMED CHURCH IS  
**CHRIST-CENTERED**  
**BIBLE-BELIEVING**  
**GOSPEL-MOTIVATED**  
**COMMUNITY-BUILDING**

OUR MISSION IS TO  
**PROCLAIM THE GOOD**  
**NEWS OF JESUS**  
**IN WORD AND DEED**  
**HERE, NEAR, AND FAR.**

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## NEW MEMBER REFLECTIONS

On Sunday, May 16, Calvary Church welcomed several new members into our fellowship. Some were returning members, some were people raised in the CRC who found themselves in the Twin Cities, and some were brand new to the reformed faith.

While all our new members are different and represent different places in life, there was a theme in what many of them said about why they were at Calvary: they were personally invited to come. Whether it was an invitation from a family member, friend, fellow basketball player, or co-worker, a personal invitation was why they visited. It struck me that despite having a Facebook Page, website, YouTube Channel, digital front sign, etc., the best way to get a new person into the door of a church is still a personal invitation.

It makes sense. Visiting an unfamiliar building filled with unfamiliar people can be a very intimidating thing. For those of us who come to this building often, it

is easy to forget how foreboding visiting a strange place and strange people can be. Knowing at least one person and having been invited personally puts some of this fear/uncertainty to rest.

To be clear, this does not give us an excuse for staying off social media or not having a website; many visitors have found us because of our website or our YouTube Channel. Calvary currently has a team of people that is working hard at pursuing various marketing leads to see if there are opportunities to connect with new and different kinds of people; this is part of what it means to be missional. However, it needs to be said that a personal invitation remains the number one way someone will visit a church.

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How do we do this?

It is far easier than we make it out to be.

The following phrases are a few examples of how simple it can be:

*"We'd love to have you come visit Calvary sometime, I will text you the information."*

*"I think you would really like my church, you should join us sometime."*

*"The Holy Spirit is up to something at our church and it's an exciting place to be!"*

*"I love my church, we'd love to have you come for worship sometime."*

*"We're doing a really interesting sermon series right now I think you'd like."*

Special services like baptism services, Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, communion services, GEMS/Cadet Sunday are great opportunities to give someone you know a great reason to come and visit Calvary ("Hey, we're having a GEMS Sunday in two weeks. You should come and check it out.") We have published postcards about our worship service information and Youth Programming so it is easy for you to share the information with a person, face to face. Please feel free to take and share as many of the postcards as you wish!

May God bless us as we seek to better welcome new people to Calvary Church!

By Pastor Nick Van Beek

## MINISTRY UPDATE

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### New Member Names and Faces

We are Christ's ambassadors. God gave us the ministry of reconciliation to encourage others to be reconciled to God through Christ, not counting their sins against them. Christ took our sin so we might become the righteousness of God. Now is the day to proclaim God's grace in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2).

At Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Twin Cities, we invite others to worship Christ with us and to commit to our covenant community. We seek to build relationships with Christians looking for a church, and with non-Christians looking for truth in their lives. We thank our sovereign and gracious God for welcoming eleven new members to our church on May 16. Many individuals of Calvary have asked me to remind them of the new members' names so they can talk to them, pray for them, and encourage them in their faith. Thanks to Camryn Rettig for the great photos from New Member Sunday!

By Pastor Eli Groenendyk

#### Tanner Hulstein

- Currently living in Plymouth
- Works at New Hudson Facades as an engineer

*"I really enjoy the community that Calvary has. I go to Life Group and really enjoy my time there growing in my faith and making friends."*



#### Trent and Carli Thinisen

- Currently living in Chaska
- Carli works at US Bank as a credit risk analyst.
- Trent works at Ernst and Young as a CPA.

*"We really like the worship, the blended music style, and the biblical preaching from Pastor Nick. Life Group is an awesome group to hang out with."*





# CALVARY BIRTHDAYS

## July Birthdays

- July 1 Julie Terpstra
- July 3 Shirley Attema
- July 4 Grace Soerens,  
Leon Van Der Pol
- July 5 Deb Attema
- July 7 Jim De Penning
- July 7 Connie Vander Top
- July 14 Dalen Asche
- July 15 Trey Schemper,  
Hayden Veurink
- July 17 Kari Zylstra
- July 21 Shannon Soerens
- July 22 Pam Schmidt
- July 23 Megan Moser
- July 24 Hailey Miedema
- July 27 Joe Veurink
- July 30 Willa Feikema
- July 31 Len Attema

## August Birthdays

- Aug 3 Angela Orcutt
- Aug 4 Steve Groen, Sue Zwiers
- Aug 6 Abby Vis
- Aug 7 William Harkema,  
Lily Van Beek
- Aug 12 Todd Korthuis  
Heiko Veldman  
Christine Veurink
- Aug 13 Karen De Kam
- Aug 14 Carol Veldman-Rudie
- Aug 15 Andrew Feikema
- Aug 19 Claire Beckering
- Aug 20 Darin Beckering,  
Marv Beekman
- Aug 21 Jake Kamp
- Aug 21 Norma Koster
- Aug 23 Miles Beckering,  
Roseanne Van Marion
- Aug 25 Heidi Van Hulzen  
Glenn Vander Top
- Aug 26 Nathan Zwagerman
- Aug 29 Gabby Soerens



### Missy, Maggie, Jannes, Joel, and Libby Kamp

- Currently living in Bloomington
- Missy works for Salem Media.

*"Our kids said it would be fun to go back to Calvary to see our friends. And I thought about it, and they were absolutely right. The people of this congregation have been wonderful to my family across four generations."*

### Craig and Kris Herman

- Currently living in Bloomington
- Craig works for Optum United Health Group

*"We were members 25 years ago and it's good to be back. About a year ago I was playing basketball with Pastor Eli, and he said 'Hey, you should check out Calvary again. Some good stuff is happening.' That's what started our conversation about coming back."*



### Eric Talsma

- Currently living in Minneapolis
- Works for Pella Windows as a sales rep

*"I grew up in the Reformed tradition and went to Dordt. When I came up here to the Cities, I was able to check out other churches. But it was the whole aspect of faith that Calvary has to offer here - Life Group, the guys I play basketball with, the biblical preaching - that led me to take this step."*



## COMMUNITY BUILDING

*15 things you didn't know about Kim and Deb Attema*

1. Kim lived in the State of Washington for 6 ½ years after college.
2. Kim can play the piano – well I hope I can after having eleven years of lessons.
3. Deb and Kim are certified Commercial Tent Designers and Tent Installers.
4. Kim has broken three bones:
  - broken wrist requiring a
5. Deb put a nail through her foot when we lived in Sioux City.
6. We both know how to embroider – our grandma on dad's side taught us while growing up. We have many dish towels, potholders, pillowcases and Christmas stockings.
7. Deb and Kim went to the 1987 World Series, Game Six.
8. Deb chipped a tooth at church.
9. We both have been playing softball since the age of five.
10. We both ump youth softball.
11. Kim is the only female on the Burnsville Adult Softball Council.
12. Deb is an Early Childhood Teacher at Teachers of Tomorrow.
13. Kim is a Branch Manager at Edina Realty Title.
14. When we were younger we spent two weeks each summer traveling and camping all over the country.
15. We used to build a sledding hill off the roof of the house, down the deck, through the back yard and down the hill behind the house.

## Back to School Drive

Calvary's annual Back-to-School Drive for VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) will run from July 11 - August 8. Watch your mailbox for further details.



VEAP

## SPHERE SOVEREIGNTY

*Interview with Alan Rindels*

NEAR



### Where do you work?

I work for the Metropolitan (Metro) District of the Minnesota Department of Transportation

### What are your roles and responsibilities?

My role - Transportation Project Manager responsible for developing the project scope, budget and delivery of projects

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across the Metro District. The scope of the projects range from \$3 to \$20 million and are primarily driven by pavement maintenance rehabilitation needs, which drives by policy upgrades of all pedestrian crossings to current ADA standards, drainage improvements, trails and bridges. Projects are scoped approximately five years from when they are finally constructed to provide the necessary time to address design, permitting and environmental due diligence.

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

One project which I am spending considerable time on is to be delivered in 2024 is a Mill and Overlay project on TH55 in Plymouth. Yes, it is 2024 but there are multiple aspects of this project which will make the roadway safer for the traveling motorist, including modifying access at multiple intersections in Plymouth. It is exciting to be able to help the traveling public by providing the leadership to accomplish adding safety improvements to this roadway to prevent crashes.

Another project is on TH55 in North Minneapolis, we are trying to remodel that section of roadway to best serve the multimodal needs of the current residents and others who use that roadway. If successful, we will connect the Luce Line bike trail to downtown through this corridor.

**What in your job reveals God's sphere sovereignty?**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation works very hard to listen to project constituents, they work closely with city and county staff and respond to questions and comments from the general public. In the past, they may not have listened as well (for example the Rondo Community which is in the news). That is why there is the municipal consent law which requires cities to agree with MnDOT's projects, and why we are being asked to right the wrongs done many years ago. I see this caring in the staff I work with and believe this is God's Sphere sovereignty at MnDOT.

**How do you see God at work in your job?**

My career has not been a linear progression. I spent time in graduate school getting a PhD, exploring topics in fluid mechanics and environmental hydraulics, some years as a consulting engineer and at MnDOT focused on water resources, many years as a stay at home dad, over-involved as president of a youth soccer club in Bloomington, transportation research engineer, and now a Principal Project manager. There have been occasions where life has not been very pleasant and some would say I was not very successful. However, God is faithful and has a plan, and from these experiences the people skills and knowledge learned from these many experiences has led me to this current role as a project manager. So yes, I see God at work in my job as he has provided me with the skills necessary to lead these projects and guided me to this current role at MnDOT. God has been faithful and I am blessed.

**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?**

I do have some wonderful coworkers who are Christian, and we are able to share our faith and support one another. Being in management, I am Yes, for example one of my coworkers left a high level position leading Metro Materials Office (pavement design office) and currently is teaching math and science in Guatemala for a school for missionaries. I am very respectful and quietly talk to them about their beliefs as some are Muslim, Hindu, etc., but many are friends on Facebook. I use my Facebook page as a social media venue to share my Christian faith to my coworkers at MnDOT and believe in the promises of Isaiah 55:11 which says:

**So shall My word be that goes forth  
from My mouth;**

**It shall not return to Me [a]void,**

**But it shall accomplish what I please,**

**And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**



## Worship Service Schedule

**July 4**

Worship led by Pastor Eli

John 8:31-36

In His Image: God Most Truthful

Offering: VEAP

**July 11**

Worship led by Pastor Nick

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

In His Image: God Most Wise

Offering: World Renew

**July 18**

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Genesis 1:26-2:1

In His Image: God Most Creative

Offering: Ministry Fund

**July 25**

Worship led by guest pastor:

Pastor Travis Deur

Offering: Christian Ed. Fund

**August 1**

Worship led by Pastor Eli

Psalms 30

Grateful to God (Psalm series)

Offering: Honduras Discretionary

Fund

**August 8**

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Psalms 34

Grateful to God (Psalm series)

Offering: Urban Homeworks

**August 15**

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Psalms 66

Grateful to God (Psalm series)

Offering: World Renew

**August 22**

Worship led by Pastor Nick

Psalms 89:1-18

Grateful to God (Psalm series)

Offering: Ministry Fund

**August 29**

Worship led by Pastor Eli

Psalms 92

Grateful to God (Psalm series)

Offering: Christian Ed. Fund

## CALVARY EVENTS HERE



**Save the Date:** Kick off the start of church programming with fun, prizes, and games! Learn about different groups at Calvary. This year's theme is Road Trip USA. More details to come.

**When:** Saturday, September 11, from 4 to 7 PM.

**Who:** This is a community building event- all ages welcome! Invite your friends!

### Recent Offering Totals:

VEAP: \$1,050

Christian Ed. Fund: \$3,249.32

GEMS International: \$1,165

GEMS Calvary: \$210

Children of the Promise: \$1,231

Honduras - \$1,720.50

World Renew - \$2,290.75

**Calvary Ministries Fund:**

April '21: \$29,586

May '21: \$80,778


**6-1-20 to 5-31-21 Fiscal Year**

**End Total: \$661,861**

(Budget: \$660,000)



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