



A Message From Our Rector

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful evening with the Bishop and so many of you! Calvary was packed on Tuesday night with young people and adults seeking confirmation, reception and reaffirmation along with their families, friends, and a great turn out of Calvary folk. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make sure the evening was very special - our Choirs, Altar Guild, Ushers, Acolytes and all who organized the feast after the service, including those who stayed to clean up! We had special guests as a few people from St. Luke's, including their Rector Justin Chapman, joined us for the service. It was a night full of the Holy Spirit, joy, laughter and so many voices promising to continue wondering and wrestling with their journey with God. The Bishop asked, "will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?" "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" And over 200 voices thundered, "I will, with God's help." Thanks be to God.

In the peace of our Risen Lord Christ,

Beth+



Those who were Confirmed, Received and Reaffirmed from Calvary and St. Lukes with their Bishop and Priests



A lovely reception with great food and conversation



A Selfie with the Bishop!

Up Coming Events

Oasis Garden Planting

Yes! It's that time again! Summer will be here before you know it! For more than 30 years, Calvary parishioners have gathered en masse in the Oasis garden on a morning in May to plant hundreds of flowers, creating a place of peace and beauty for the downtown community. This year, we'll plant on **Saturday, May 18, from 9am to noon. (NOT on Sunday.)** No experience is required, and all ages are welcome. Come for the whole morning, or spend a half-hour planting with your children between your usual Saturday morning activities. Every little bit helps. Tools will be supplied. There are jobs for all - organizing, planting, mulching, watering and cleanup.



If you're willing to help set plants out before the planters arrive, come anytime between 8am and 9am.

Questions? Contact Joan Rabe - 507-269-3162, joan.rabe@icloud.com

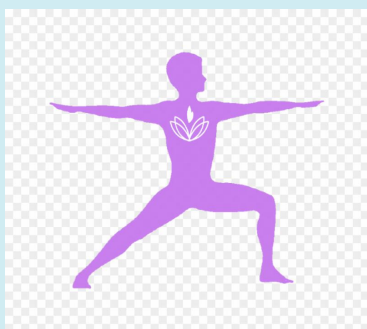


Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day Sunday, May 19th, 10 am Brackenridge Hall

Show your gratitude to Calvary's Sunday School teachers for the profound role they play in the congregation's faith formation for young people. All are invited to a short program recognizing our teachers at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 19, in Brackenridge Hall. The program marks the official end of the 2018-19 Sunday school year. There will be cake!

GRADUATION SUNDAY - May 19

Calvary would love to recognize our graduating seniors by acknowledging them at our 10 am service on Sunday, June 2nd. If you or someone you love from Calvary is graduating please let us know their name, where they are graduating from and what their future plans are.



Sacred Circle Yoga and Meditation Spring Series: *The Yamas of Yoga (Six-week Session)*

The *yamas* are the ethical principles that guide the physical practice of yoga and encourage a "right way of living". Patricia Barrier, registered yoga teacher, will begin each class with instruction on a *yama* that will inform our gentle yoga practice and end with a short meditation helping us to apply that principle to our daily life. In this way, we move from the physical practice to a living yoga that guides our actions and helps us to grow spiritually. The class is suitable for beginners as well as those experienced in yoga who wish to deepen their practice. All aspects of the practice are adaptable to a chair or can be done with assistive devices. Yoga equipment is provided or bring your own mat.

The six-week series will occur on the following dates: **Tuesday May 21st, 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 5:30- 6:30 pm in Crawford Hall.** The cost of the entire series is **\$90** payable upon registration. Scholarships are available for Calvary parishioners. Please register by calling Linda in the church office at (507)282-9429. Payment accepted by cash/check, credit card or PayPal. For more information please contact Stephanie Barsness at swbarsness@gmail.com or (507) 282-1229.



Save the Date...

Open Labyrinth Walk- Thursday, May 30th and Thursday, June 27th from 5:30-7:30 pm in Crawford Hall



Calvary Sacred Circle offers our monthly open labyrinth walk on Thursday, May 30th and June 27th from 5:30-7:30 pm in Crawford Hall.

The labyrinth is an ancient symbol and purposeful path representing a journey to our own center and back into the world. The labyrinth walk will be facilitated by parishioner Elise Lewis who will be available for guidance and questions. Instrumental accompaniment will be provided by local musician Francis Gurtz. There will be time for journaling, contemplative prayer or meditation. This event is appropriate for teens and adults and a free-will donation will be accepted. Please plan to arrive by 7:00 pm to ensure time for your walk. This event is open to the community, no registration is necessary and all are welcome.



Rescheduled! Adult Forum

We have rescheduled the adult forum on the *Hmong American Farmers Association (HAFA)* with artist/photographer Mike Hazard for **Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 at the special time of 11:00 am** so we can open it up to the Rochester community.



“We Come from the Flower”, a multi-media show currently on display at The Gordon Parks Gallery at Metropolitan State University in St Paul, portrays a year in the life of Hmong American farmers at their 155-acre farm in Dakota County, MN. Mike Hazard is artist in residence at The Center for International Education (thecie.org). We look forward to welcoming Mike as he teaches us with photos and video about this unique place in the history of Minnesota’s local



Pentecost

June 9th from 9:00-10:00 am

The Adult Faith Formation Team is planning two events on Pentecost: A ***Community Conversation*** for parents and Sunday school teachers in Crawford Hall- a chance to help us revision our Sunday school programs and get to know each other and a ***Pentecost Play Day*** for preschool/elementary kids in the courtyard while their parents meet.

Call for Volunteers!

We need older kids and adults to help us out with crafts, games, and snacks. Come join the fun and the Spirit of this holy day! Please contact Linda in the church office to volunteer at ***office@calvary-rochester.org*** or 282-9429.



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