



the CALVARY CRIER

September 2025



ANNUAL MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS

Call to Order - 5:34 PM

Meeting called to order by Howard Braith (Elder Board Chair).

Opening Prayer.

Quorum Verification

Verification that a quorum is present to conduct business. (10% of 98 members, 10 People required).

Members present - 56, including all sitting Elders and 2 staff members.

Quorum achieved.

Presentation of the Annual Budget

Bob Reed – 5:34 PM

Calvary Church Budget 2025-2026

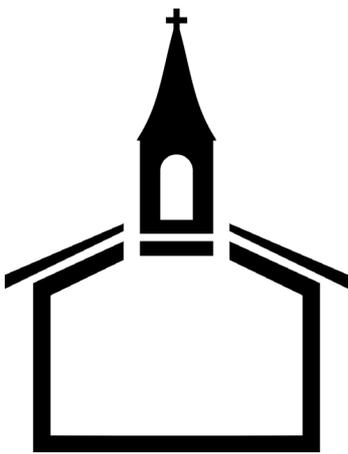
	2024/25	2025/26
Revenues:		
Tithes & Offerings	\$355,000	\$371,000
Ministry Income	0	0
Building Income (to fund)	0	0
General Fund Reserves	\$28,403	\$37,043
Total Revenue:	\$383,503	\$408,043
Expenses:		
Personnel/Ministry	\$239,807	\$266,773
Missions/Outreach	}	
Buildings/Facilities		
General		
Total Expenses:	\$383,503	\$408,043

Motion and Vote to Adopt Budget - 6:03 PM

All members were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Restructuring of the giving to the SBC Cooperative Program - 6:07 PM

Previously, 8% of the budget was assigned to the Co-op Program. The new structure is that 6% will default to the Co-op, but the remaining 2% can be designated by the Missions Committee for other missions or outreach. If the money is not assigned elsewhere, it will default to the Co-op. This allows the Missions Committee to support missions or outreach that may be closer to our Calvary Body, such as our Ministry Partners or mission trips, as the Holy Spirit leads.



Building Update – Kurt Stepka - 6:23 PM

The opportunity of purchasing the Hotel Broz helped form a budget for the new building from the responses on the Pledge Cards.

Last year, a \$4.5 - \$5 million, 15,000 ft² building was proposed.

This year, we are considering a \$2.8-\$3.2 million, 9,000 ft² building. This size would still accommodate all our current needs on Sunday AM, Sunday PM, and Wednesday PM.

A hard set of plans to be presented, possibly as soon as late next year.

Search Update – Andrew Nelson - 6:28 PM

The process:

- Candidates apply through Context Staffing.
- They are then contacted by Context Staffing through email.
- If qualified, they are scheduled for a video call interview with Context Staffing.
- Those who are still qualified pass to a second interview with Context Staffing.
- The candidates who pass that interview are presented to our pulpit search committee.
- The Calvary Committee determines whether or not to have a first video interview.
- Following that is a written-question interview.
- The committee then determines if a second video interview is appropriate.

The Committee is committed to finding a pastor who has a reason to be in Minnesota other than pastoring Calvary. For example, having previously lived in MN or having family in MN.

The Committee is looking forward to continuing the process according to God's timing.



Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike Sindelar – 6:39 PM

A few things that Pastor Mike has experienced in the time that he and Sandy have been at Calvary:

- You have been a blessing to us
- Your fellowship is wonderful
- You have a passion for the Word
- You have a desire for a healthy church
- You have an evangelistic heartbeat



Pastor Mike's Role as Interim

- In the renewal model, we are taking an assessment of you as a church family to see how we can prepare you for the next pastor.
- There are three stages and 10 tasks
 - Stage 1 – Diagnosis – What's the church's identity? History and current status.
 - Home visits are key to this phase. The deadline to meet is October 15.
 - There will also be an additional online assessment.
 - Stage 2 – Surgery – Getting right with God and others. Spiritual and organizational issues.
 - Stage 3 -Recovery – get hitched (new pastor), get excited, get ready for a new season of ministry.
- Pastor Mike has enjoyed meeting with the Elders and wants the church to know that we have a fabulous Elder board that works very hard.
 - “You don't see probably 85% of what they do. You don't see the 4:00 in the mornings [when] they're up and they're praying for the church ... You don't see the late night meetings. You don't see the discussions, the animated discussions behind the scene[s], and you don't see all the people that are coming to them with this and that, ... I want you to know that, and we have a top-quality elder team.”
 - The Elders will begin continued training with Pastor Mike soon.

Adjournment – Howard Braith – 6:57 PM

Closing prayer.

Join Us!
WWW.CALVARYCHURCHMN.ORG
SUNDAY WORSHIP | 10:00 AM | NP MIDDLE SCHOOL
721 CENTRAL AVE N, NEW PRAGUE

Come Experience

† CALVARY
CULTURE



Worship Together



Sunday Services
8:45 AM Bible & Life
10:00 AM Worship

	Baptisms	New Members	Total Members	Worship Attendance Average
2017-2018	7	29	76	144
2018-2019	1	7	79	152
2019-2020	1	8	100	143
2020-2021	3	10	96	122
2021-2022	8	2	81	133
2022-2023	10	22	103	132
2023-2024	11	11	107	114
2024-2025	4	7	98	105



Sign up to get prayer requests!
Text "**prayerlink**" to 94000.

LADIES OF ALL AGES!
WELCOME
BABY
STEPKA!

OCT 9
6:00 PM
RSVP

LE FÊTE ROYALE

DEC 14
10AM

Christmas
at CALVARY

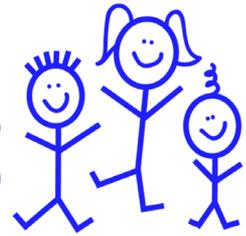
ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR
REHEARSAL BEGINS OCT 21!

SIGN UP NOW ON church center

Commit TO PRAY for
the SEARCH COMMITTEE
the CALVARY BODY

Sign up to get prayer points!
Text "**searchsupport**" to
94000.

Calvary Kids



Hello Calvary parents!

Thank you for trusting us with the care of your children, as we do our best to follow the Spirit and model Jesus to them.

Unfortunately, we live in a fallen world, so sometimes we have to put inconvenient or even annoying policies in place. I know, keeping track of the pick-up tags can be a nightmare some weeks. Nevertheless, everything we do comes from a love for your children, a desire to protect them, and a need to comply with insurance policies. Here's a quick reminder of some policies you need to be aware of as a parent of a child in our care:

- AWANA is a part of Calvary Kids and, as such, uses the same policies as our Sunday morning programs.
- Security tags are required for pick up. If you lose yours, we will ask for an ID to verify your identity for insurance and protection purposes. We track who picked up the kiddo in the system. This leaves a "paper trail" in case we need one. Please remember, we can only release a child into the care of an adult (18+). If this presents an issue for you, please see me!



- Only on-duty Kids Volunteers should be in the classroom. If a parent needs to enter due to an inconsolable child, or they are a visiting family and would like to see the class, they **must** be accompanied by the Children's Director or the class's lead. This is to protect other children from any issues we might not be aware of.
 - If your child is inconsolable after 20 minutes, you may receive a text asking you to pick up your child. This is also the case if your child is being too aggressive with other children or the volunteers.
 - Please update your child's profile on Church Center to communicate any medical issues or allergies we need to be aware of, not only during programs, but also in case of an emergency. These things will print right on their name tag next to the emergency contact, so we can see the important information.
 - Because of our contract with the schools and potential allergies, only water is allowed in carpeted areas (our classrooms). No food, aside from baby bottles, will be permitted in class.
- In case of an emergency, please refrain from collecting your child immediately. Volunteers need to do a headcount to make sure everyone is safe. Once we've done a headcount, we'll do our best to use regular checkout methods, so we have a record for authorities. Please help support this, for the safety of all our kids.

Thank you so much for your understanding and help in keeping our kids safe. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Katherine Kaczor
Children's Director

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 28 – CALVARY CRIER

OCTOBER

OCT 3 – CMM RETREAT

OCT 9 – STEPKA BABY SHOWER

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OCT 11 – CWM DAY CONFERENCE

OCT 12 – FELLOWSHIP

OCT 15 – No AWANA

OCT 19 – No B&L or CC, No AWAKEN

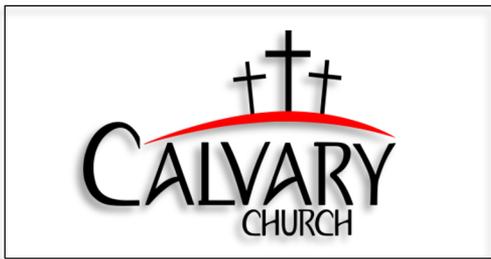
NOVEMBER

NOV 1 – FALL CLEANUP



SCAN TO VISIT THE CALVARY CALENDAR

WHERE IS THE CALVARY CALENDAR?



www.CalvaryChurchMN.org



Church Center



Calvary Connection

The Sunday bulletin also contains a weekly schedule and an “Upcoming” event section.

UPCOMING

MARCH 16 FIRST STEP CLASS	MARCH 26 NO AWANA
MARCH 23 HONDURAS TRIP ADULT B&L ONLY NO CC NO AWAKEN	MARCH 30 ADULT B&L ONLY
	APRIL 6 MONTHLY PRAYER
	APRIL 12 MENS BREAKFAST

 WWW.CALVARYCHURCHMN.ORG/CALENDAR/

PRAY FOR OUR PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE!

1. COMMIT TO PRAY FOR THE COMMITTEE AND THE CALVARY BODY THROUGH THE SEARCH PROCESS.
2. SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE PRAYER POINTS BY TEXTING THE WORD “SEARCHSUPPORT” TO 94000 OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEND THE TEXT.
3. START PRAYING!



MARCH 16, 2025

TODAY

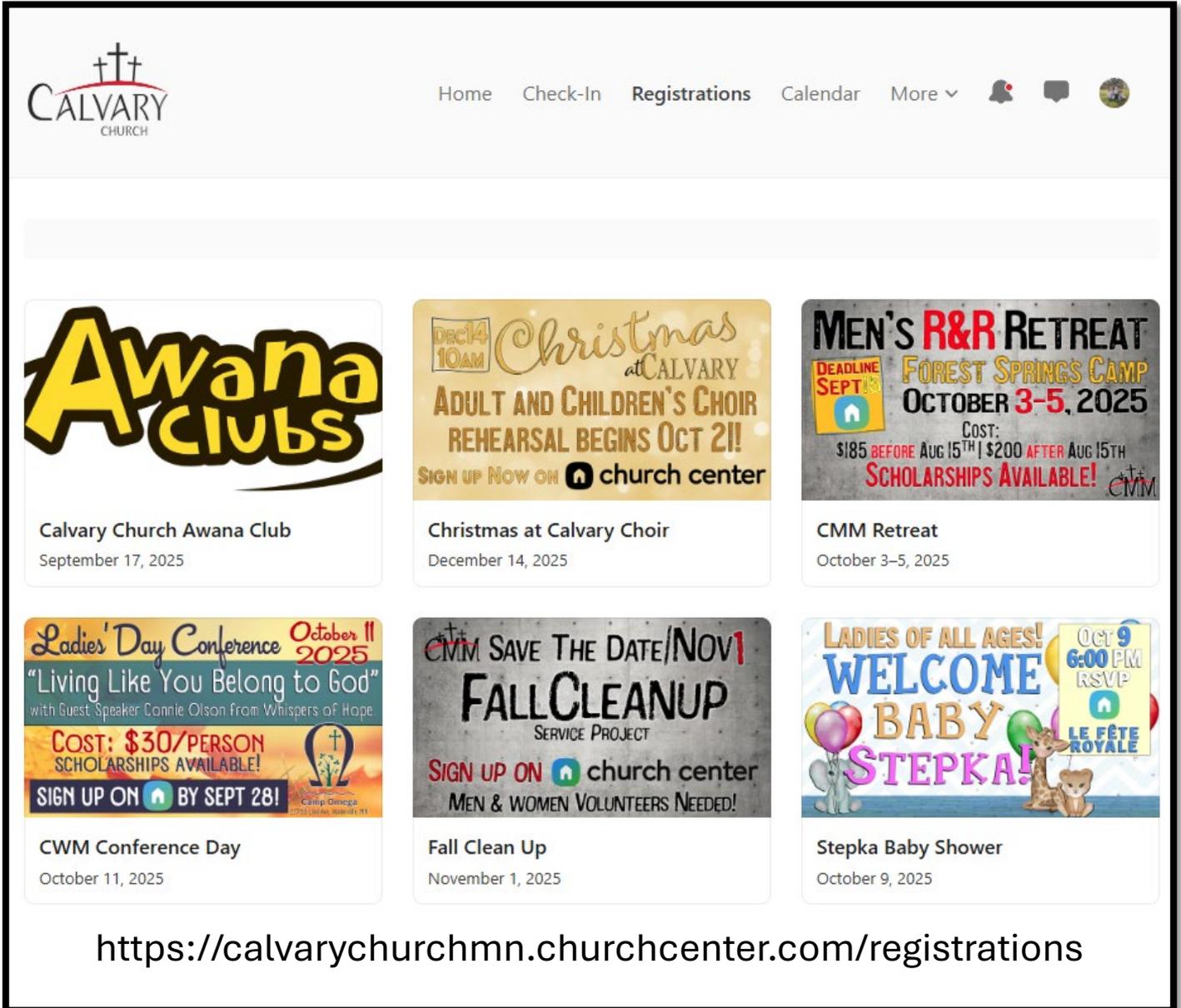
8:45 AM Bible & Life and First Step Class
10:00 AM Worship Together @ NP Middle School
6:00 PM AWAKEN @ Falcon Ridge

THIS WEEK

M	6:00 PM	Monday PM Ladies' Bible Study @ Tharaldson's
TU	9:30 AM 6:45 PM	Tuesday AM Ladies' Bible Study @ Yinglings' Praise Team Rehearsal @ NP Music Institute
W	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Mission55 Men's Bible Study @ NP Library Wednesday AM Ladies' Bible Study @ Sammons' AWANA @ Falcon Ridge
S	9:30 AM	Saturday AM Ladies' Bible Study @ Nytes'
SU	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Adult Bible & Life only Worship Together @ NP Middle School NO AWAKEN @ Falcon Ridge

registrations

Have you seen the opportunities to sign up for lately?
Check out the registrations page on Church Center!



The screenshot shows the Calvary Church Church Center website. The header includes the Calvary Church logo and navigation links: Home, Check-In, Registrations, Calendar, and More. There are also icons for notifications, chat, and a profile. The main content area displays a grid of six registration cards:

- Awana Clubs**: Calvary Church Awana Club, September 17, 2025.
- Christmas at Calvary Choir**: Christmas at Calvary Adult and Children's Choir Rehearsal Begins Oct 21!, December 14, 2025.
- CMM Retreat**: Men's R&R Retreat Forest Springs Camp, October 3-5, 2025. Cost: \$185 before Aug 15th | \$200 after Aug 15th. Scholarships available.
- CWM Conference Day**: Ladies' Day Conference October 11, 2025. "Living Like You Belong to God" with Guest Speaker Connie Olson. Cost: \$30/person. Scholarships available. Sign up by Sept 28!
- Fall Clean Up**: Fall Clean Up Service Project, November 1, 2025. Sign up on Church Center. Men & Women Volunteers Needed!
- Stepka Baby Shower**: Ladies of All Ages! Welcome Baby Stepka! Le Fête Royale, October 9, 2025. RSVP by Oct 9 6:00 PM.

<https://calvarychurchmn.churchcenter.com/registrations>



WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH CENTER APP?

- **Sign up** for events
- **Connect** with a community
- **Check in** your family
- **Stay connected** with the Calvary Church Calendar



Download
the app today.



Don't want to download?

Visit www.calvarychurchmn.churchcenter.com to connect with us!

Church Center is a mobile app *and* web experience where you can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week.

Church Center allows you to manage your profile information, see a calendar of events, pre-check your family, browse the directory, join groups, and register for events.

Scan the QR code or visit the website to get started and connect with the life of Calvary Church!



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