# Calvary Church PRAYER MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

# **SPRING EDITION**

# THE POWER OF PRAYER AT CALVARY

It is ALWAYS a good time to pray but I think this spring season at Calvary deserves special attention! With the senior pastor search process in full swing, transitions on staff, and our immediate vision statement underway there is a lot that needs intentional prayer coverage! Calvary is thankful for a Staff and Board that have remained passionate, committed and united, and a congregation that has remained faithful during this season of transition.

**Immediate Vision:** By 2026, our church has prepared the way for the Lord to grow our reach by repenting, forgiving, getting healthy, creating a common language and developing clear discipleship pathways.

Please join us in spending time before our almighty and capable Father. Yes, we have weighty requests, but let's start by engaging our gracious God with praise and thanksgiving. I love the old acronym

- A Adoration
- C Confession
- T Thanksgiving
- S Supplication (requests)

Calvary family, be blessed this Spring!



- Easter worship attendance was the most in several years at almost 1,700 as we celebrated the resurrection of our Savior and Lord.
- Praising God for the over 225 people who experienced Christ's presence in powerful ways during this year's "Day of Reflection" titled, "Behold the Lamb!" One participant captured the heart of the day, commenting as they left, "I enjoyed "seeing Jesus" in every room".
- While giving is below budget (nothing new), it is up from last year. We've been able to meet all expenses due to people's faithful financial support.
- Work on initiatives to further implement our new mission, vision and values continues to show progress with interior and exterior signage at both campuses and the new spring message series on "The Practice of Following."
- Prayer Ministry is thanking God for Mo Mordick who serves as an after service prayer minister and has recently stepped forward to be our RV coordinator.

# JILL GAUGER TESTIMONY

Hi! I attend Calvary Church with my kids and husband. About 2 years ago I started suffering dramatic weight loss and still struggle to eat even a few bites of food without severe pain most of the time. It's been a difficult and challenging journey to navigate and grieve the loss of something so natural to the course of your day, especially since I love cooking and baking. The daily pain (even when I'm not eating), all the specialists visits, doctors telling me it's all in my head has been exhausting while also trying to work and still be present with my family. I know the only way that I have been able to get through this is God is with me. I have recently written down a few things so I can look at them during the day to remember God's truths. since it's easy to get distracted by all of the above, and I wanted to share them: God is the great healer. He can heal with one touch; one word. If I'm not healed yet, I still believe and I still have hope. If I am never healed, I still believe and trust in God. Just because my prayers have not been answered yet, does not mean God does not care for me or love me, it means I don't yet understand His perfect plan. If He did not care, he would not be opening doors/paths into specialty clinics which are really difficult to get into. He helped me get parental nutrition (I eat through my vein) when I needed it. He is guiding my way to help. Although it's slower than I would like, it's God's masterful timing. Some days are really hard, but I don't break down in panic (most of the time - I am only human ha ha) because I know he's got this. There is no way I would have the strength to endure this on my own, I know it's coming from Him - God is with me.

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### AFTER SERVICE PRAYER MINISTRY

ROSEVILLE CAMPUS; WHITE BEAR CAMPUS

After service prayer ministry (ASP) is an opportunity for anyone to come forward after any Sunday services and receive prayer.

Of course we encourage a response of prayer in any form after a worship service. This is a special way to do that and also be encouraged by the prayer ministers who will join you in your prayer. When you come forward you're coming to connect to Jesus. The prayer ministers' role is to be an escort and guide in that connection to Jesus.

After service prayer ministers go through an application and training process. There is no minimum commitment and scheduling is done via Google sheet by the month. Calvary Prayer ministry works closely with Calvary Care ministries to meet the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical needs of individuals.

We need 4-5 more prayer folks in the rotation at WB and 8-10 at RV.

Contact Ben Tyvoll for the application and training information. ben.tyvoll@calvarychurch.us

#### **POSTING PRAYER REQUESTS**

Do you need prayer? Go to Calvary's website. Hit the connect button and then scroll down to the prayer button. On this page, you have the opportunity to post prayer requests. You also have the opportunity to pray for others. https://calvarychurch.us/care-support/prayer/

#### SUNDAYS - PRAYER WALKS

WHITE BEAR CAMPUS 8:30AM

Meet Suzanne Summer and Jim Kilbane on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am inside the main doors at the White Bear Campus to walk around the building and pray as led.

#### EARLY SERVICE PRAYER MEETING

SUNDAYS - WHITE BEAR CAMPUS 9AM

Meet Norma Wymore on Sunday morning in the White Bear Campus Prayer Room to pray primarily for the day's worship Services. This group also welcomes anyone who needs prayer to come during this time.



#### WEDNESDAYS - POWER HOUR PRAYER

WHITE BEAR CAMPUS 6:30PM

A weekly prayer meeting in the White Bear Campus Prayer Room. We pray for our staff, church community, broader neighbors, the world, and each other. All are welcome.

Contact Frank Wymore (frankwymore@gmail.com)

#### PRAYER ROOM

RV - even months, WB - odd months, 1st Wednesdays of the month at 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Once a month we have an all church opportunity to gather in a casual setting. We spend time worshiping, listening to Holy Spirit, and praying as led. This season we are praying through a Garden theme as Calvary prepares it's soil to be fertile.



Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you. Hosea 10:12

Garden Series: Waking up from Dormancy

**June 4** (RV Atrium) **Garden Series:** Fertilizer - God doesn't waste anything!

**July 2** (WB - Prayer walks in neighborhood) **Garden Series:** Blessing for spiritual fruit

**Aug 6** (RV - Prayer walks in neighborhood) **Garden Series:** Blessing for spiritual fruit

**Sept. 3** (WB Fishbowl) **Garden Series:** Pruning - for Freedom's sake

#### LEARN ABOUT PRAYER

Are you interested in learning more about prayer? **prayercourse.org** is an excellent small group study that can be done in person or online.

Calvary also offers prayer training specifically for after service prayer ministers several times a year. Contact Ben Tyvoll to sign up for the summer training.

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#### ELDER BOARD PRAYER COVERAGE

Did you know there is a dedicated group that prays each month during elder board meetings. Thank you to Jim Feldman (RV) for leading this strategic prayer covering effort. This group is open to those who feel led to intercede for our leadership. Get connected to Jim on ShelbyNext or at jimfeldman01@gmail.com

#### WORSHIP TEAM PRAYER SUPPORT

2 Chronicles 20 says singers were appointed to go before the army praising God. The role of our worship teams is spiritually significant for us all- covering them in prayer not only protects their families but also affects our entire church bodies' ability to enter into worship every week!

Prayer is appreciated anytime but sign up with Ben if you' like to join a group to interceded for worship leaders on Sunday mornings.

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#### SEARCH PROCESS PRAYER TEAM

A group of people dedicated to pray through the senior pastor search process is forming currently. If you'd like to pray with others over zoom once or twice a month sign up with Ben Tyvoll.

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**https://calvarychurch.us/search/** - Link for search committee bios and timeline

# CHURCH WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS

• Prayer for the senior pastor search. The team has 9 meetings on the calendar from late May to mid-June to do 1st and 2nd round interviews. Pray for the team. Pray that God is preparing the right person for Calvary and their decision.

• Ask for wisdom for the elder board and Strategic Leadership Team as they are focused on preparing staff, church systems and our congregation for the next senior pastor.

• We are in the midst of preparing a budget for FY 26 with numerous expense categories going up like insurance, health care, utilities, building maintenance. Pray for God's strategy.

• Pray for existing elders and new elders that will be coming on the board July 1 and several new committee members on various committees.

• Cover all our graduating seniors in both HS and college.

• Pray for Jason Peterson as he and his family continue to settle in to Calvary.

• Most of all that we would rely on God in all things.



October Director's and Pastors Prayer Retreat at "Blessing House".



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