

Calvary News Update – July-August 2019

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What is Grey Christianity?

Recently I heard a term I was totally unfamiliar with: “Grey Christianity.” The idea is that God (and therefore the Bible) is not “black and white” but in-between on most issues, thus grey. Today “tolerance” has become elevated and become the chief virtue above all others. In fact, our “enlightened” culture is now convinced that the only thing that shouldn’t be tolerated is intolerance!

For many, it is easy to fall into this “grey” trap when discussing Christianity. For example, when a topic such as homosexuality, gender identity (whatever that is) or the exclusivity of salvation through Christ is brought up, many want to “round out the corners” a little.

Grey Christians want a “softer” God because they want to make the truths presented in God’s Word a little less offensive. They feel Biblical teachings are just too offensive for an “enlightened” society such as ours.

The God of the Bible is patient, kind, loving, and forgiving, but He is not tolerant of sin or

unbelief. There are no teachings in Scripture that show the Lord declared certain sins as “semi-okay,” or that false teaching is no longer false. He may exercise patience, He may give extended calls to repentance, but never does He change His mind on what is sin and what is righteousness. He never wavers on salvation through anyone or anything other than Jesus Christ.

Grey Christianity deceives people into an even stronger belief in a god they have imagined for themselves, a god who is tolerant of their favorite sins and a casual attitude toward all things holy.

Elijah, John the Baptist, Moses and Jesus were not grey. We should be cordial, friendly, generous and accepting as we deal with other people but we don’t have to give up our foundational beliefs just to appease anyone. Ultimately we are answerable not to people’s opinions of us or our beliefs. We are answerable only to God.

(Adapted from an article “Have You Met The Grey God?,” from the blog “Church Salt”)



Readers & Ushers needed: Please sign up!

Sign-up sheets on the ushers’ table in the narthex.



Summer-Time Schedule Announced.

Please note carefully our summer hours:

9:00 am – Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Followed by Coffee & Fellowship

Some of the more observant of you may be saying,
“Wait, that’s exactly the schedule we’ve been on already.”
You are correct.





Calvary's "men's chorus" offered up a rendition of "I am a Man" to celebrate Father's Day on June 16.



The duo of Amy and Adams returned to Calvary June 2 to share some of their favorite songs of praise infused with Gospel and Americana.



Orlando Hash turned 89 years young on June 6. We celebrated with a cake on June 16.



Pastor Joe Marsh turned 39 (again) on June 24. We marked the occasion with a cake on June 23.

Let Us Pray for One Another:



Please pray each day for the following people of Calvary who have special needs: Fred Hall, Sandy Hall, Jack Lightfoot, Chris Steiner-Lightfoot, Bill White and Kay Witt. Please pray for Pastor Joe Marsh, for God's powerful guidance. Also please pray for other family and friends: Pastor Tom & Mary Aadland, Debbie & John Amacher, Pastor Jay Eberth, Rita Schenk, Dawn Stewart, Marcie Ann Coville, Dan & Dawn Hall. If you know one or more people on the "other family and friends" prayer list in this newsletter, and you think that their names should continue on the list, please let the church office know not later than August 21 so that those names will not be removed from the list.



What's Going On?

Newsletter















Submissions to

church office by Aug. 21.

office@calvarystpaul.org

or 651-698-6138

JULY-AUGUST 2019

<p>14 9:00 am Adult Bible Class 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17  8:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm Christianity Class</p>	<p>18 Rec'y Mtg 12pm  Quilters 1:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19  Recovery Group 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Karen CRC 6-8pm</p>
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<p>28  9:00 am Adult Bible Class 10:00 am Communion Service 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <i>Emma Olson</i>  8:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm Christianity Class</p>	<p>Aug 1  Quilters 9:30am Recovery Mtg Noon-1:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>2  <i>Nilon Bluge</i> Recovery Group 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Karen CRC 6-8pm</p>
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LYNGBLOMSTEN MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

A Celebration of Arts & Lifelong Learning

“A Celebration of Arts & Lifelong Learning”

Friday, July 19 • 2-8pm

• Arts • Music • Food • Games

1415 Almond Ave, St. Paul

www.CelebrateMSF.com



LYNGBLOMSTEN

Invite your family, friends and neighbors! Admission is FREE, and creative activities, food, and games are priced for affordable fun.

Featuring artwork created by older adults; make-and-take art activities; live music, dance, & theatrical stage performances; wellness demonstrations and activities; food; games; and more!

Ushers & Readers

July 21

Ushers: Sally Kahn / Matt Taylor
Reader: April Taylor

July 28

Ushers: Charlene & Mark Carter
Reader: Bob Witt

August 4

Ushers: Gretchen Fett/Sally Kahn
Reader: Bob Fett

August 11

Ushers: Karol Holmquist / ????
Reader: ????

August 18

Ushers: Charlene & Mark Carter
Reader: Sandy Hall

August 25

Ushers: Gretchen Fett / ????
Reader: Bob Fett

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Short Takes...

A funeral service for **Lorenda Brown** was held at Calvary on June 6.

Ramsey County plans to use Calvary as a polling place on November 5.

Please be aware that Calvary is being rented for a wedding on Aug. 17, with rehearsal Aug. 16.

Prayer Request Forms: The ushers have forms you can use to make a prayer request *prior* to the beginning of Sunday worship. If you like, request some forms to take home with you to prepare for the next week. During the week, you may e-mail prayer requests to office@calvarystpaul.org.

Check out our new website at www.calvarystpaul.org. You can sign up for events, subscribe to Pastor Joe's sermons in print, and

hear them online. The office email is now: office@calvarystpaul.org.

A **Funeral Planning Worksheet** is now available on the ushers' desk in the narthex.

Enlarged copies of the Sunday scripture readings are available from the ushers. Please ask an usher if you would like an easier-to-read version of the week's Bible verses.

Printed Copies of Sermons are Available: If you'd like a printed copy of the sermon available to you on Sunday mornings, please let Pastor Joe know and a copy will be available for you at the ushers' desk in the narthex.

Save the best for our guests! Please remember, if you are able to walk a little farther, to leave the closest parking spots for visitors.