

CALVARY CALLING

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April 2019

Last month at Calvary...

Calvary Updates

This is a forum to find out what's happening at Calvary. Our church is a living, breathing place. Take some time to read about the body that is Calvary so we can tell each other and the community our story, who we are, what we care about and what we believe.

In These Pages...

Calvary is a big church with a lot going on! That means many ways to connect with your church family- worship events, education opportunities for all ages, classes, groups, and activities.

There is something for everyone...take a look!

We began the season of Lent on March 6 with a packed Sanctuary. So many people work hard to make Lent a special time at Calvary and this year is no different. The youth serve meals, confirmation students dance and act as worship assistants and musicians bless us with their wonderful music.



The Honduras team made it safely home after a great week of making new friends, serving and walking alongside the people of Honduras.



Thank you to this great group of people who make up our church council. Your faithfulness and leadership is an asset to Calvary. The church council meets on the second Tuesday of each month and members of the council can be contacted through the church office!



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR KIRK



OK, let's see how the ditty, "April showers bring May flowers" turns out around Grand Forks this year. Showers and flowers are great in theory of course, but mud, potholes and, thanks be to God, longer, warmer days are also some of April's defining features around these parts. And this year, the possibility of flooding is a whole different matter. Please remember to keep our neighbors in the Fargo/Moorhead area in our prayers even as we grieve the losses in places around Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota who have already been decimated by that last blizzard.

As citizens of Grand Forks know very well, flooding is a life-changing event that no one would wish on anyone. At the same time, Calvary is determined to reflect the power and presence of God's Holy Spirit throughout our Lenten journey each and every year. This year's theme of "Searching..." is a creative way of preparing us to receive the good news of God's Easter resurrection of Jesus, our King. By God's grace, we are called to be a congregation of disciples being caught up in this life-changing time and place for the sake of the whole world. A world that has its share of "mud" and "potholes" that challenge our patience and courage. A world where there's a possibility of deep emotional or physical "flooding" that can easily threaten our faith community. But in this very world of sin and death, we celebrate God's love together. A love that even attends to such life-changing moments as the massacre in New Zealand last month, let alone our own, perhaps private brokenness.

I was reminded of the way God uses others to provide **life-changing moments** in my own life as sixteen of us joined our brothers and sisters in Honduras this past month. If you've traveled down to Honduras in the past you understand. If you've been praying for and contributing to Calvary's food program to Honduras over the years, you also trust that God cares deeply about them (and us)! And if you've ever been on any kind of a Christian mission, I hope you were also blessed by those who ministered with and to you. And I have to say, thanks be to God for raising up leaders here at Calvary who structure these opportunities from A to Z.

Easter Sunday (April 21) is the center pivot of Calvary Lutheran Church, as it is in every single faith community. May God's presence in our corporate life help sustain you and your neighbors as we worship God in all God's glory!

Pastor Kirk

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP – EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

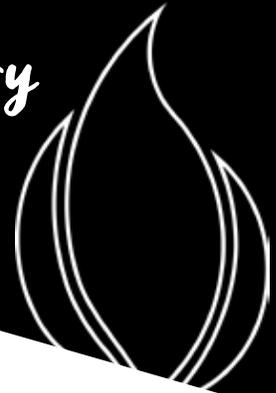
Traditional Worship | Sanctuary – 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am.

Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall – 9:00 & 10:30 am.

Calvary CONNECTS

GET INVOLVED

Connect with People at Church



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

April 2

Join us the first Tuesday of the month for a pastor-led Bible study. A program will follow and will be given by Aaron Bye about the youth trip. We will collect a monetary donation. All are welcome.

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

Join us April 13 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Patterns available
- Learn about prayer shawl ministry
- Come and work on your own projects
- Learners always welcome--supplies and patient teachers available!

SEWING CLUB

April 4 & 18 @ 1:30 p.m.

Meets the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Library. This is open to all women who want to bring their "handiwork" for an afternoon of fellowship and sewing.

QUILTING DAY & POTLUCK

April 23 @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Quilting Day on the last Tuesday of the month. Potluck lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. Come for an hour or two or the day!

MEMORY CAFE

April 9 @ 1:00 p.m.

The Memory Cafe will be held on Tuesday, April 9 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will start at 1:30 p.m. with Kendra Binger from the Alzheimer's Association speaking about "Healthy Living for Your Brain. Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome to attend!

The Memory Cafe is a monthly event for the community that focuses on education about Alzheimer's and related Dementias.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

April 7

The first Sunday of each month Calvary hosts a food drive. Consider picking up a few extra items at the grocery store and bring them to church with you! There are shopping carts available on both ends of the building or you can bring food to the office.

Ideas include:

- nonperishable canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and granola bars
- soup, macaroni, spaghetti, rice, pasta

CONCORDIA COLLEGE HANDBELL CHOIR

April 13 @ 1:00 p.m.

The Concordia College Handbell Choir, Tintinnabula, will be performing at Calvary on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as part of their spring tour. Jack Bulman from Calvary is part of the choir! The concert is open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

HOW DOES HEARING AFFECT YOUR HEALTH?

Do you have a hard time participating in conversation because you have trouble hearing? Have you ever thought your hearing could affect your overall health?

An audiologist from Altru will be with us this month to present a class on hearing. Look for dates and times in the bulletins and online. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Devig through the church office.

FAITH IN FILM

April 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us for another Faith in Film on Friday, April 5. The movie is *Pan's Labyrinth*. Join us as we watch and discuss where we see God at the movies.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Special events you won't want to miss!



TOTALLY TABLES

Friday, April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join us for food and fun as Calvary hosts its third annual "Totally Tables." A night of fun and fellowship as the youth work to fundraise to support mission and ministry at Calvary. Elaborately decorated theme tables will fill the Fellowship Hall on April 12. Enjoy live music, served dinner, games and a silent auction! Get your ticket today in the office or by visiting calvarygf.org.

SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 1 @ 10:45 a.m.

Join us this May Day for Calvary's Spring Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for our famous turkey pasta salad with croissant and delicious lemon dessert.

Invite your spouse, friends, neighbors and coworkers...or place a take-out order! Delivery available on take-out orders of 8 or more lunches. To schedule delivery contact Gail Swanson at 701-775-0867 by noon Friday, April 26.

Beginning Wednesday, April 3, you may sign up to volunteer to donate a salad, dessert or volunteer to work. Contact the office to sign up! Proceeds of this event will go to support the new LaGrave on First housing complex and the purchase of new tables in the Fellowship Hall.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY AT CALVARY

This Lent we have focused on "Searching." We have looked for things that aren't so easy to find like peace, time, identity, healing and others. Let's search for hope together this Easter. But first we invite you to journey to the cross with us during Holy Week as we remember the cross and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Worship in the Sanctuary – 6:15 pm
A reflective, family-friendly service with a mix of traditional music and contemporary style music .

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall – 6:15 pm.
A reflective, family-friendly service with contemporary music.

Traditional Worship | Sanctuary – 6:15 pm.
A reflective service about Jesus' journey to the cross through a cantata by the Calvary Choir.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Traditional Worship | Sanctuary – 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am.
Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall – 9:00 & 10:30 am.

We know Easter isn't about rabbits and eggs, but we do know that kids can be taught about the surprise and wonder that the disciples felt when they found something unexpected. To help families enter that conversation and to have a little fun, we are inviting kids to join us for an Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. Easter egg hunt times will be 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Check in at the tables in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall before you begin the hunt!



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Highlights of the CHURCH COUNCIL

March 2019



Treasurer's Report - January Overview

Income in February was 9% lower or \$5,000 lower when comparing with the prior year. The timing of Lent is often a factor when comparing monthly receipts. In 2018, Ash Wednesday occurred on February 14, whereas in the current year, Ash Wednesday was three weeks later on March 6.

Calvary worshipers were given an opportunity in February to support the Honduras mission team by participating in noisy offering. The Honduras mission team received \$1,100 for their mission trip which began February 21. Events in February included the opportunity to enjoy *Won't You Be My Neighbor* as the February Faith in Film feature and the GLOW Family Dance.

Year-to-date income through February is still considerably lower than the prior year and the five-year average. Year-to-date expenses were \$13,000 lower than the prior year, while equal with the five-year average. The weather may be a consideration in the lower-than-expected income for the first two months of the year. One avenue we as leaders of Calvary can take is to continue to share the amazing things happening at Calvary, and how none of these things are possible without the generosity of our congregation members.

Council Business

A Columbarium representative will be selected and join that committee from the church council and there are ongoing talks of a capital campaign to finish paying the debt of the 2014 building expansion and the purchase of the rest of the 1400 block. Pastor Kirk is in the process of creating a team of people to take on this project. There is going to be a special stewardship event on April 7 to help catch up with lower income. There will be people available to help members sign up for online giving if they would like to do that. Aaron Bye, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, is going to be attending seminary half-time and will be serving Calvary half-time. We are looking for an additional part-time youth coordinator to serve with Aaron.

Officers and Ministry Teams

The stewardship team is in the process of forming a committee. We have brainstormed some ideas that'll hopefully encourage participation and giving going forward. Tenth grade students had a baptism theme event at Christus Rex on March 3. Sixth-ninth grade students began serving as Lenten Worship assistants on Ash Wednesday and will continue through the season. The youth team is discussing the future of the Youth Coordinator position and the possibility of hiring someone to replace Aaron as he begins at seminary. The evangelism team is making follow-up calls to our last new member group as well as gearing up for the next new member class in May. The pastors, some worship members and education team members met to discuss Sunday School. Jackie gave a detailed history of worship and Sunday School schedules, which have coexisted simultaneously since its inception. We did toy around with some alternative options of Worship/Sunday School schedules, but ultimately decided that how we are doing it now works well. Families do have the option of attending worship and sending kids to Sunday School at separate times. This topic may be revisited in the future. The parish fellowship team met on to continue planning fun events for the congregation. There is an Easter egg hunt planned for Easter morning. The team also brainstormed a "God's Work Our Hands Sunday"-a sort of Mission Blitz reinvented in the spring versus the fall.

Sumbitted by council secretary, Cris Johnson



WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

To help with grief and to help make changes and adjustments in life. The group is spiritually centered, interdenominational, led by clergy and lay leaders. It is open to anyone in the area, for any age, who has experienced the death of a spouse.

There is no fee. You may attend as many of the sessions as possible. Sessions are happening every Monday in April including Easter Monday at Calvary in the Narthex. For information call Phyllis at 701-775-7444.

BAPTISM CLASS

April 4 @ 5:30 p.m.

We welcome all to the baptismal font at Calvary, both young and old, both members and nonmembers. At Calvary, baptisms happen in worship, both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. In preparation for baptism, we ask that you attend one of our baptism orientation classes, held monthly at Calvary. If you are looking to get your baby baptized, you can attend the class any time before the baptism event, even before your baby is born!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

April 28 @ 11:45 a.m.

Do you or someone you know want to become a member?

Membership reflects what the church is - one body knit together through our love, faith and desire to be a part of a community. If you or someone you know is interested in membership join us for our New Member Orientation & Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on April 28. We will welcome new members in worship on May 5 and May 8. Come and learn what church membership and Calvary is all about! Questions? Contact Pastor Ivy through the church office.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministers provide Christian care to Calvary members and others in the Grand Forks community in confidential one-to-one caring relationships. Grief, health issues, divorce, infertility, personal and spiritual crisis, terminal illness and end of life care, caregivers, financial difficulties, and job loss are some of the situations we have walked through with our care receivers.

Interested in having a friend to talk with or in becoming a Stephen Minister? Talk with Pastor Kirk, Pastor Ivy, or Mary Ann.

CALVARY BAZAAR

WHAT: A sale of assorted handmade and homemade items including baked goods and craft/gift items made by Calvary members.

WHEN: May 1 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Calvary Narthex (area outside of the Sanctuary)

Calvary is calling all creative people! Are you a baker, maker, knitter, canner, painter, woodworker or anything in between? We need your help! If you would like to bake or make any items for this event please bring your items to the Calvary office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. any day before 10:00 a.m. on May 1.

Proceeds will be given to the Calvary general budget. Thank you for your support!

FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH

Growing in faith together



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“ROAR” – June 3 – 6 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Sunday, April 14. Watch for a table in the Narthex and one near the education office. VBS is for all students, ages 4 years (or turning 4 this summer) through 5th grade that have been in Sunday/Wednesday School this past year.

EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

All youth ages 3 years (by August 1, 2019) through 5th grade need to register for Sunday or Wednesday School classes for next fall.

All youth entering 6th-9th grades need to register for Wednesday confirmation classes. Look for registration tables in the Narthex and near the education office starting on Sunday, April 14.

BIBLE CAMP

CAMP METIGOSHE

Bible Camp is a wonderful opportunity for young people to deepen their faith, and enjoy time outdoors in God’s creation. This summer, Calvary will be coordinating two weeks at CAMP METIGOSHE for students. Check the list below for grades and the corresponding weeks! All grades listed below are entering next school year.

Sunday, July 7 - 10

Grades 4 & 5: Trailblazers III
Grades 7 & 8: Homestead I

Sunday, July 29 - August 3

Grades 4 & 5: Trailblazers VI (Aug. 4-7)
Grades 6 & 7: Pioneers III
Grades 8-10: Discoverers III

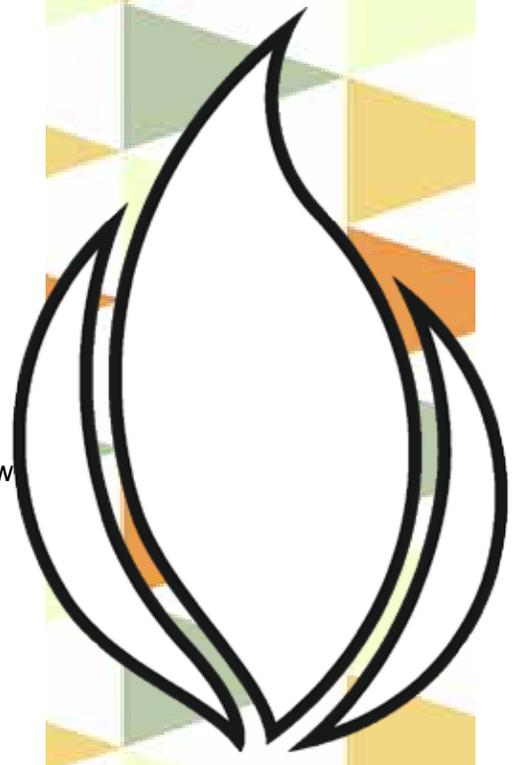
To register for camp, please visit www.metigosheministries.com

We will once again be coordinating transportation to and from camp these two weeks. To be a part of that and/or register for camperships stop in the church office or visit Calvary’s website.

Campership requests must be in by June 3.

RED WILLOW DAY CAMP | Wednesday, July 24:

Kids entering grades kindergarten through third grade - join us for a day of fun at Red Willow Day Camp. For the students entering kindergarten and first grade this fall - an adult (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) must attend day camp with their young person. To sign up for Red Willow please stop in the church office and fill out a registration form.



APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30	MAY 1			
Sunday 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	Monday 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	Tuesday 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Church Women 5:15 pm Young Adult Dinner 6:00 pm Lent Meal Prep 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 pm Worship Team	Wednesday 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:00 am Unforgettables Choir 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:00 pm Lenten Meal 5:30 & 7:00 pm Lent Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday School 7:00 pm Choir	Thursday 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club 5:30 pm Baptism Class	Friday 12:00 pm College Lunch Christus Rex 7:00 pm Faith in Film	Saturday 9:00 am Pre-marriage retreat 10:00 am Knit/Crochet 1:00 pm Concordia Handbell Choir Concert
Food Drive Sunday 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School	8 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	9 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 1:00 pm Memory Cafe 5:15 pm Young Adult Dinner 6:00 pm Lent Meal Prep 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council	10 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:00 am Unforgettables Choir 5:00 pm Lenten Meal 5:30 & 7:00 pm Lent Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday School 6:30 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Choir	11 9:00 am Morning for Moms 6:00 pm 5 th Grade Communion Class 7:00 pm Bunco 8:00 pm Totally Tables set-up	12 6:30 pm Totally Tables Youth Fundraiser	13 9:00 am Pre-marriage retreat 10:00 am Knit/Crochet 1:00 pm Concordia Handbell Choir Concert
Palm Sunday 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School	15 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	16 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 5:15 pm Young Adult Dinner 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 4:00-10:00 pm Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse (Eat at Texas Roadhouse and they will donate 10% of your bill to the youth!)	17 9:30 am Priscilla/Sarah Circle 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:00 am Unforgettables Choir 7:00 pm Choir	18 Maunder Thursday 9:00 am Morning for Moms 1:30 pm Sewing Club 6:15 pm Maunder Thursday Worship 7:15 pm 5 th Grade Reception	19 Good Friday 6:15 pm Traditional Worship 6:15 pm Contemporary Worship	20
Easter Sunday <u>Traditional Worship</u> 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am <u>Contemporary Worship</u> 9:00 & 10:30 am *Easter Egg Hunts at 8:30 & 10:00 am	22 Office Closed 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	23 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 9:30 am Quilting & Potluck	24 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 9:00 am Unforgettables Practice & Lunch 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Confirmation	25 8:30 am EaND Synod Poverty Summit 9:00 am Morning for Moms 11:30 pm Men's Bible Study	26 Feed My Starving Children Event	27 Feed My Starving Children Event
28 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 11:45 am New Member Orientation Feed My Starving Children Event	29 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Widow/Widower	30 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 5:15 pm Young Adult Dinner	MAY 1 10:45 am Salad Luncheon 2:00 pm Maple View Worship 5:30 pm Worship & Wednesday School 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Ignite			

OUR RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

OFFERINGS

2/17/19 9,699.80
2/24/19 12,811.58
3/3/19 13,233.40
3/10/19 16,901.34

Proposed 2019 Budget -- \$1,059,264
Offering received through 3/19/19 -- \$148,091
Expenses through 3/19/19 -- \$185,646

BALANCE OF BUILDING EXPANSION LOAN

\$993,391.52

Baptisms:

- 3-3-19 Harry Thomas Schumacher child of Brian and Jennifer Schumacher
3-3-19 Henry Lee Nelson child of Derek and Rachel Nelson

Our Prayers & Christian Sympathy To:

Robin Turner whose mother, Gundy Gray, who died March 2.

The family of Dennis Anderson who died March 4.

Jon Englund's mother Joan England, died March 12.

Lynn Brott and David Tack whose father Larry Tack, died February 15.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

BUILDING EXPANSION

In memory of Janelle Eken by Mark and Gloria Sanford
In memory of James L. McMenemy by David McMenemy

CHOIR

In memory of Shirley Kvidt, Dick Jackson & Todd Bulman by Einar and Elaine Einarson

In memory of Richard Ramsay by Charles and Colleen Zick

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Daniel and Georgia Smith, Phyllis Johnson, Thomas and Kimberly Cariveau, Allan and Connie Rebsch

EDUCATION

In memory of Richard Ramsay by Joanne Davison

FINE ARTS

In memory of Doug McPhail by Michael Grandall, Glen and Nancy Yoshida, Marilyn Lundberg, Brian and Lori Baglien, Jerry Ryan, Susan Groth, Kathy Fagerland, Bob and Cherylyn Erickson, Jay and LaVonne Liversage, Dennis Weinkauff, Ralph and Carolyn Honkola, Eva Anseth, Everett and Karen Knudsvig,

Carol Klebe, Myrna Drees, Todd and Cindy Ramage, Brian and Patricia Qvammen, Wills and Karen Botnen, Ron and Sandra Lunde

FOUNDATION

In memory of Dick Jackson by Michael and Ann Porter, Andrew and Gail Swanson

In memory of Richard Ramsay by Moine and Sharon Gates

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by Cornel and Joani Kilber, Tony and Debbie Palmiscno, Richard and Kathleen Ramsay

GOOD SAM

In memory of Shirley Kvidt by Calvary Lutheran Church Women

In memory of Janice Rustvold by CLCW

In memory of Todd Bulman by CLCW

In memory of LeRoy Kurtyka by CLCW, Ruth Barnes, Jackie Spiros, Richard and Kathleen Michaelson, Pat and LuAnn McLean

In memory of Doug McPhail by Roderick and Vickie Howell, CLCW, Joel and Carolyn Tangen

FUNDS AS OF MARCH 2019

Youth	64,595.30
Honduras Mission	33,222.18
Family Mission	497.22
Good Sam	6,265.79
Altar Guild	3,025.78
Refugee	5,994.87
Pastor's Cont Ed	3,727.13
Campership	1,921.08
Music	5,080.50
Library	2,381.26
Lutheran College	0
Undesignated Memorials	42633.44
Landscaping	873.71
Contemporary Worship	1,348.8
Education	10,685.25
Fine Arts	1,826.28
Program Development	97.18
Missions	37,299.72
Unforgettables Choir	3,888.91
Prayer Chain	7,447.73
Hymnal & Bible Fund	1525.60
Adoption Awareness	1,723.85
Coffee Shop	698.03
Columbarium	15,298.56
Support Services	18,349.74
Stephen Ministry	933.75
Operation Technology	6,847.11
Organ/Piano	1,657.07
General Maintenance	2,153.73
Seminary	2796.0
Sanctuary Projector/Screen	391.91
Building Expansion	145,485
Hearing Aid Loop	2,022