

CONNECTIONS

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Sunday Services

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Inner Mission
10:30am Worship Service
(Livestream Available)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday
9:00am—12:00pm
(Office will be closed on
Monday, September 1 in
observance of Labor Day.)

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★ HAPPY ★
Labor Day

Please give updated
contact information to
the church office.



Make plans to join us Saturday, September 20 at Steve & Marlene LeMont's Farm (11505 Maple Grove Road) for Our State Fair! The fun begins at 3pm — come for part or all of the fun and remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket!

3–4pm: Game time for the younger children, including prizes

4–5pm: Fun Fair food is served (corn dogs, walking tacos, sweets on a stick, popcorn, lemonade)

5–6pm: Grandstand performance by the Sandersfeld family

There are many opportunities for YOU to participate! Check out the Welcome Center or reach out to a member of the Fellowship Team for more information. Opportunities include: bake off, hobby/collection display, games for the kids, corn hole tournament.

The Fellowship Team is asking you to sign up on Breeze or at the Welcome Center by **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**. You will get a ticket for entry to the fair and it will help us plan the food we need to prepare.

Please consider your ability to donate some small items that will serve as prizes for the games. Games are geared toward toddlers and elementary-aged children.

A free will donation will be collected on the day of the fair if you are able to donate.

CALVARY CHOIR

The Calvary Choir will begin another season of ministry on Sunday, September 14. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:45pm. New members are welcome! Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

We will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, September 23, and will enjoy some harp music performed by Abigail Brower. Contact Nadene Roberts or Donna Voss for additional information.

GRIEFSHARE

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Our Grief Share group meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. You are welcome to begin attending the Grief Share group at any session, as each session is "self-contained." There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the workbook. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/269241> or contact the church office.

KOINONIA TO RIVER OUTING IN MONTICELLO

Young adults are invited to join the Koinonia group on Saturday, September 6 for an outing on the Maquoketa river. You can meet at Calvary at 8:50am to carpool or meet at the vehicle pickup lot in Monticello at 10am. It's about a 6 hour float, so we should be out of the water around 4pm. Kayaks and various floating tubes are \$20 each. Two person canoes are \$40. Pack some snacks, as we will be stopping on at least one sandbar for lunch. Contact Ty Slippery to sign up by **Tuesday, September 2** and let him know what item to reserve. No outside inflatables are allowed, but you may bring your own physical kayak for a \$10 fee.

CHURCH YARD CLEANUP DAY

Many hands make light work, so please mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, October 4, anytime between 8:00am to 3:00pm to work on preparing the church grounds for the change of seasons. We will be mulching, trimming, and as many projects as we can accomplish. Contact Eric Wienola for information.

Family Forum

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to the Crittenden family on the death of Jen's cousin, Mason Carson, on August 6.

We offer our condolences to Lori AbbenGoodwin and family on the death of Lori's husband, George Goodwin, on August 9.

We offer our condolences to Gary & Karen Lorenzen and their extended family on the passing of their son Josh's mother-in-law, Deb Kellison, who died very unexpectedly in her sleep early Wednesday morning, August 20. Deb was also Karen's very close friend.

MELANSON BABY SHOWER

Men and women, please join us at Calvary on Saturday, September 20 at 10am for a baby shower honoring parents-to-be Joshua & Allie Melanson. You can find their gift registry on Amazon.

NEW ADDRESS

Sonia Coria
Linwood Apartments
4845 Johnson Ave NW, Apt 231
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405



APPRECIATION

Our family is finishing up our final days in the US before heading back to Copenhagen and wanted to send a note expressing our gratitude for your partnership in the Gospel. Ministry in the Nordics can be daunting, and it is a tremendous grace for our family to consider not only your faithful prayers and support for us, but your own faithfulness to the Gospel and to making disciples in Cedar Rapids, IA. What a privilege to belong, not only to Christ, but to the great cloud of witnesses, past and present. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and presence alongside us as we seek to make Christ known in Copenhagen. Please know we love to serve as a resource and encouragement in the Great Commission and don't hesitate to reach out. Thanks again for your constant warmth, welcome, and friendship.

Christian & Stephanie Roth

We are so humbled and thankful for the love people at Calvary showed us as we moved recently. Thank you to everyone who helped clean the new house, watch kids, and move furniture from our old house and items from storage. We could not have done it without you! We look forward to being able to be more hospitable to people at Calvary since we live so close by now!

The Staab Family

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	2 7:00pm Deaconess Meeting	3 6:00pm AWANA Kickoff Hot Dog Supper 6:30pm Youth Group Kick-Off 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer	4	5	6 8:50am Koinonia to River Outing in Monticello
7 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 6:00pm GriefShare	8 6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting 6:30pm Ladies Night Out	9 9:15am MUMs Leadership Team Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Committee and Missions Ministry Team Meetings	10 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer	11	12	13 10:00am–3:00pm Positive Impressions
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BIRTHDAYS

1 Peg Moore	9 Katie Hensch	16 Errol Caldwell	21 Steve Morris
2 Emberlee Tower	13 Ephraim Staab	17 Andrea Smale	Katelyn Woodward
3 Carol Hagen	14 René Morris	18 Henry Balson	24 Joshua Melanson
5 Charles Hollan	15 Amy Caldwell	19 Marla Hoy	27 Janet Williams
7 Steve Patton	Diane Hill	Madison Kaufman	28 Tara Volz
8 Mike Frey	Jennifer Sandersfeld	20 David Eastburn	



Awana Returns

The Awana clubs begin again on Wednesday, September 3, with a hot dog supper for the kids and their families at 6:00pm, followed by the regular program from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Register online at www.CalvaryCR.org
or on the Breeze app.**



MUMS (Mothers Uplifting Mothers)

MUMs is our very own young-moms program. We will begin on Tuesday, September 16 (registration begins at 9:00am), and we will meet every first and third Tuesday (9:15am–11:15am) through May. MUMs is open to moms whose youngest child is in kindergarten or younger, as well as expecting moms. For more information, see our brochure at the Welcome Center, click the link on the church website, or email crmums2019@gmail.com. Childcare will be provided in our Little Sprouts program. If you are a stepmom, foster mom, adoptive mom, birth mom, or any other kind of mom, you are a MOM, and you are welcome in our group!



LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out is for all ladies in the church, and they are welcome to invite friends as well. We will meet on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm at Cancun Mexican Grill (365 33rd Ave SW). If you plan to attend, please call or text Debbie Gaeta (319-491-7720) so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, please let Debbie know and she will arrange to have someone to pick you up.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 10:00am–3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in creating with rubber stamps or working on some other favorite craft project. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships and building bridges in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. Even the greeting cards or other crafts that you create for other people can be beneficial in making a positive impression on their lives. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jeannette Frey (319-654-4260) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.