



## Women's Conference 2018: Renewed



About 20 Calvin women congregated at the Semadenis' home near Waldport during the last weekend of April. They enjoyed a time of great fellowship and rest. The setting provided time for walks on the beach and yoga and crafts on the front porch. Vanessa Washburn planned the weekend, Debbie Miller oversaw meal planning, and Lauren Van Arsdel lead the teaching. Judy Kraft commented that "Lauren did a great job of weaving scripture into her talk and encouraging us to reflect."

Women were blessed by the small group times of sharing with and praying for one another. Laura Rung, a long-time member of Calvin, shared: "It was great to have time for a deep

conversation with women I've known for years. These women are so important to my life but I tend to take those relationships for granted week to week." Kay Semadeni, who is relatively new to Calvin, shared about what a blessing it was to fellowship with and get to know the women better.

Lauren shared a brief overview of her talks so we can all be encouraged and renewed. The first talk was "Not My Will" from Matthew 26:36-45, where Jesus prays, from deep distress and anguish, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." There are or will be times in our lives when we experience those deeply difficult emotions because of circumstances, and Jesus is both our example and our ability to pray, "not my will, but Yours, Father."

The second talk was titled "Here's My Heart," inspired by a Lauren Daigle song of that name. The chorus says, "Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true." We often allow the messages of the world, the lies of the Enemy, and

even our own negative internal talk, to discourage or distract us. How can we tune into what the Holy Spirit and the Word of God say to us? We looked at verses that speak these truths... "I am found, I am Yours, I am loved, I'm made pure, I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free." We followed that by looking at verses that speak truth to us about the Lord... "You are strong, You are sure, You are life, You endure, You are good, always true, You are light breaking through, You are more than enough, You are here, You are love, You are hope, You are grace, You're all I have, You're everything." We also talked about just how much we are loved (Romans 8:38-39).

Many thanks to those who served and those who took care of families to make the weekend happen.



## CWAC: Ministry to the Developmentally Disabled

CAPS Week At Calvin (previously Vacation Church Workshop) will again be offered June 18-22. This is a tradition started over 30 years ago by Dean and Betty Olleman (of Olleman Hall fame). As usual, there will be Christian fellowship, Bible lessons, prayer, crafts, singing, and dancing from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the annual CAPS (Christian Adult Prayer and Scripture) BBQ will start at 5:30 with CWAC

following until 7:30. Approximately 25 adult students are expected to attend, and their caregivers will also be hearing God's truths presented. Please pray for our preparations and the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all who come. Volunteers to come alongside as friends of the students should contact Laura Rung.

We provide a snack of only fresh fruit Monday through Thursday. Anyone willing to provide and prepare fresh fruit for 40 people on one of those nights should contact Laura. (Grapes must be cut in half due to the choking hazard.)

Many thanks to Calvin folks for your support over the years.



# Calvin Kingdom Club

By Vanessa Washburn

Calvin Kingdom Club and Youth Group have met the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month through the school year. They will wrap up the year with a cookout on May 16. An average of 25 students attended, including a number from the neighborhood and Garfield, most of whom don't attend church.

The Biblical focus has been the 7 "I AM" statements of Jesus. Meals have been provided by several Calvin small groups and individuals.



Activities covered this year include: fitness (with yoga by Callie Newton

and Zumba by Dawn DeGarmo), calligraphy with Audra Mote and Michelle

Schultz, Christmas crafts with Leetra Taylor, engineering with Aaron Newton, a passover feast with Linda Lawrence, strategy games including chess (Skip Rung came to play with kids and some youth helped teach), gifts of service (socks of love for homeless and valentine cards for nursing homes). We also had a family Olympics (cotton ball race pictured).



Three fun evenings are planned for this summer to keep the kids in touch with each other and continue to build relationships in the neighborhood.

# Church Workday

## Friday, May 18

### 3-5 p.m.

Come help us love our neighbors by sprucing up the church grounds. Bring your rakes, shovels, and gloves to help spread bark, weed the courtyard, and clean gutters. Any time you can give is appreciated!

# Hospitality and Evangelism

## Sunday, June 3

### 6-8 p.m.

Ever wonder how the practice of hospitality could open up opportunities to share the gospel? Join us in Olleman Hall as we talk about intentionally opening our homes and lives in service of the gospel. Talk to Andy Van Arsdel for more details.

# CityServe 2018

By Andy Van Arsdel

*"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory!"*



City Serve 2018, organized by Love INC, was a morning spent serving God by serving our neighbors,

working together to steward our small corner of creation by bringing beauty and order to some local parks. Several hundred volunteers from churches across the valley came together to serve alongside one another, accomplishing far more in a day than any of us would have been able to without one another. Stories and prayers were shared while

pulling weeds and raking leaves, as God was glorified through our work and conversation. Calvin members who participated were Judy Kraft, Janae Miller, Kim Oxsen, Skip Rung, and Andy Van Arsdel. And thanks to Lauren Van Arsdel for the pictures.

Kim Oxsen shared that the event was well organized, tools were provided, and volunteers were sent out with breakfast and prayer. "Weeding alongside Calvin family and other believers – can't get any better than that!"



# Sunday Morning Volunteers



Did you know that at least 75 Calvin folks volunteer their time and talents each month on Sunday mornings?

Volunteers plan the worship service, sing and play on worship team, run sound and PowerPoint, greet people at the doors, usher, prepare coffee and cookies to enjoy before Sunday School and after the service, teach Sunday School and Children's Church, and love the little ones in the nursery ... and this is not a complete list! Take a look around on Sunday morning to see what all is going on, thank the people, and pray about where you can share your time and talents. Then contact the church office and we'll put you in touch with the right people.

# Promotion/Teacher Appreciation Sunday, June 3

Join us in Olleman Hall after the worship service. We'll acknowledge our 3rd and 6th grade students and college graduates and thank all our

children's and youth ministry volunteers.

