

Calvary Newsletter

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From the Pastor: One Body

Each school year, the Calvary Board of Directors and students pick a theme verse for Calvary. For 2015-2016 Romans 12:5 was chosen; "In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Calvary has been blessed with a growing congregation for the past several years as the students, led by our Leadership Team, have sought to engage the UW campus with the light of the Gospel. The congregation has taken many opportunities to make their fellows students aware that Calvary is there for them, inviting their friends to various services such as Sunday Worship, Tuesday Morning Prayer Service and Wednesday Evening Vespers or to fellowship opportunities such as Sunday Lunch, Wednesday Dinner and Home Fellowship. Calvary students have also served free ice cream sundaes and hot chocolate at various times during the year inviting students to come upstairs and see the beautiful new space where Calvary meets for worship, several Bible studies a week, meals and just to study and

hang out in the Student Center which

has free refreshments and Wi-Fi available throughout the day. As Calvary is growing in number, Jesus is also strengthening our fellowship in Him which is why the Romans 12:5 verse was chosen for this year. We are learning what it means to be members on one body in Christ. We focus on our theme verse almost every Sunday in some way whether it comes up in the sermon or in the songs that we sing. Towards the end of the spring semester Calvary will have a completely student led service that is planned and executed by the students based on our theme verse. I sincerely hope you will notice in this newsletter the testimonies of the students who share their stories and how Calvary is a place to grow in faith in Jesus and of belonging for them. To learn more about Calvary Chapel you can visit our website listed below which has pictures, sermons, testimonies contact information and our



calendar.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. Calvary is alive and well thanks to Jesus and to all of you who help us along the way! Would you please consider helping us financially as we always need funds for fellowship meals, retreats, mini-mission trips, music ministry, Bible study materials, worship supplies and International Friendship Center ministry?

You can donate to Calvary chapel by going to <http://www.calvarymadison.org> and clicking the "Donate" button on the bottom of the page or you can send a check to Calvary Lutheran Chapel, 701 State Street, Madison, WI, 53703.

In His Grace and Service,
Pastor Dan Anderson

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*By Emily Schaefer
Sophomore, Biology*

My name is Emily Schaefer, and I am a new face at Calvary Lutheran Church this year. A little bit about me: I'm from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and I am a sophomore at UW-Madison studying political science and biology. My dream is to go to medical school after I graduate. Last year I attended a different Lutheran church near campus, but, unfortunately, it wasn't the right fit for me. Looking for a change this school year, I did a quick Google search of the church whose name is embossed in bold, black letters on the side of the University Bookstore—the church I walked by nearly everyday. When I started going to service at Calvary as

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well as other events, they welcomed me in with open arms. I am thrilled that I decided to come to Calvary and am excited to grow in faith here over the next few years. There are two main things that I really admire a lot about this church. One is the fact that Pastor Dan preaches the Word of God as God has given it to us—not twisting it into something completely different. I enjoy worshipping God's truth and being around others who do too, which gets at my second favorite aspect of Calvary. There is such a natural sense of community amongst the congregation, and genuine friendships are bred here. This fellowship is a blessing to me, especially when I feel like I'm perpetually going against the grain as a Christian on this campus. Moreover, as a student majoring in biology, I am told over and over that science and God absolutely cannot coalesce. While I strongly believe otherwise, these frequent objections to my faith are spiritually exhausting. That is why I enjoy the renewal in faith that I find in Calvary—through God's Word, fellowship, and several events that I enjoy attending. Some of these events, in ad-

dition to Sunday service, include going to Bible study on Tuesdays. I am learning more about God and my faith with each passing week. Also, on Wednesdays is fellowship dinner and Vespers, which I try to go to as often as I can. It has been wonderful getting to know fellow students and members at Calvary over a delicious meal, followed by a little midweek refreshment in Christ. One other event at Calvary that I would like to keep going to is the home fellowship dinner hosted once a month at Pastor Dan and his wife's house. It is like going home and sharing a meal with family even when I am not at home in Wauwatosa. Not to mention the food was delicious last time, so I have high hopes for the next home fellowship dinner! These events that I particularly enjoy, along with so many others that Calvary hosts, make this church a very special one. I am blessed to have been so warmly welcomed here at Calvary Lutheran Church, and I pray that God will lead others, especially students at UW, to its doors.

Lives Are Being Transformed at the IFC!



Pastor Dan is baptizing Jing, one of two Chinese women recently baptized into God's family at Calvary!

*By Judy Tang
IFC Director*

Through the 14 English classes and 3 Bible studies each week, internationals are improving their English speaking skills, making new friends, and learning about Christianity by studying God's Word. The 2-3 monthly events enable internationals to explore aspects of Wisconsin and American culture. In the last six months, about 250 internationals have participated in the weekly classes and monthly events such as BBQ at an American home; Wollersheim Winery; "Concerts on the Square;" Wisconsin State Fair; Hiking and Picnic and Devil's Lake State Park; Apple-Picking; Old World Wisconsin; Corn Maze, Hayride, and Bonfire; Pumpkin-Carving Party and more.

It is such a privilege and honor to share the Gospel of Jesus with people who

have never heard. Recently, we were excited to welcome two Chinese women into God's family through baptism at Calvary! Although they have both returned to China, they continue to be on fire for the Lord and have a passion to share Jesus with their family and friends. The Bible study classes, as well as the English classes, continue to draw a lot of interest with about 8-15 students in each class. Some classes this semester have had as many as 25 students in one class!

Through all these activities students connect with each other and with American Christians who show Jesus' love through words and actions. Calvary's IFC ministry is blessed to be able to **connect internationals to life in the U.S. and life in Jesus Christ!**

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Andy (in the middle) is playing broomball at winter retreat with the Calvary clan.

*By Andy Lahr
Class of 2012*

My time at Calvary was a highlight of my college experience. When I arrived on campus, I didn't know anyone there, but the staff and other students quickly made me feel welcome. Some of my most memorable experiences were having fun during game nights, playing broomball at the

winter retreat, and singing with the praise band. Most importantly, though, I was able to grow in my faith in Christ through Bible studies, mission trips, and weekly church services. It was definitely a great few years, and I know many other students will continue to enjoy their time at Calvary. I left the University of Wisconsin after graduating with a degree in Atmospheric & Oceanic Sci-

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ence in 2012. For the next couple of years, I went to graduate school at Florida State University to obtain a Master's degree in Meteorology. After graduating in 2014, I accepted a meteorologist position at the National Weather Service in the Twin Cities, MN area, where I currently live. When I'm not busy with work, I sing with a worship band at a local church.