

Calvary-Faith Youth Ministry

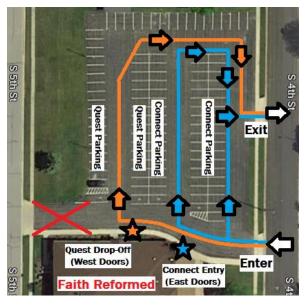
Hello Parents and Youth,

Calvary OPC and Faith Reformed will partner together for a 6th year to shepherd the youth of our churches and from the community. We'd like to invite all youth grades 6-12 to join us!

We'll begin the year with **kick-off** events for the middle and high school groups. Incoming 6th-8th graders will gather at the Tarter's (217 S 4th St, Cedar Grove) on Tuesday, August 22nd from 6:30-9:00PM for a bonfire, outdoor games & snacks. Incoming 9th-12th graders will meet at TeStroote's (N960 Sauk Trail Road, Cedar Grove) on Sunday, August 20th at 6:00PM for dinner, a bonfire and backyard games. Come join us for fellowship before the year gets started!

Connect returns on Wednesday nights beginning September 6th. Connect is based on the two great commandments (Matthew 22:37-39) and gives students a weekly opportunity to break away from their daily routines to connect with each other and with God. All these things will remain the same as we move to a **new location**: **Faith Reformed Church** (243 S. 4th St.).

Students can gather as early as 6:00PM for fellowship and a snack. At 6:20, all students will gather in the sanctuary to worship God through song. After worship, middle schoolers will break into small groups (divided by age and gender) to work through a lesson that applies God's Word to their daily lives, and then will gather together for an activity. High schoolers will hear a large-group Bible lesson before breaking into small groups to continue the discussion. Also, once per month at Connect, we'll hold a special event (often at Calvary OPC) that focuses on themes like service or fellowship so that we can put into action the things that we learn at Connect! Our **first week, we'll gather for pizza** at 6:00PM, so come hungry!



(Note that we'll share the building with the K-5 ministry. We will have plenty of space, but we ask that Connect students park on the east half of the parking lot and enter the east doors to avoid driving where small children will be crossing the parking lot. See the **blue line** on the map above.)

Additionally, on Sunday nights beginning September 10th, **Core** small group Bible studies are held from 6:00-7:00 PM at Faith Reformed Church. Groups are generally 5-8 students, are divided by age and gender, and have 1-2 adult leaders. Core groups are for youth who desire to grow in the core discipline of personal Bible study while developing tight-knit relationships with their peers that will help them walk through life together while learning from adult mentors.

Finally, mark your calendars for our annual weekend retreats! The middle schoolers will travel to **Silver Birch** Ranch from November 10-12, 2023 while high schoolers are invited to our **FORT** retreat at Crescent Lake Bible Camp from January 12-14, 2024. Everything we do follows our mission statement: "making disciples by Christ's transforming power who are growing in our relationships with God and one another, seeking to be a light to the world." If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jon Damkot at 920-447-2335. (**FALL SCHEDULE ON THE BACK**)

Calvary/Faith Reformed Youth Group

2023 Fall Schedule

Dates subject to change

CORE		Sunday Night	CONNECT		Wednesday Night
		Faith Reformed			Faith Reformed
6:00 - 7:00 PM			6:00 - 7:30 PM; Worship Begins @ 6:20		
	Grades 6-8	<u>Grades 9-12</u>		Grades 6-8	<u>Grades 9-12</u>
SEPTEMBER					
3	Labor Day (Off)		6	**Kick-Off Pizza Party @ Faith**	
10	**First Week @ Faith Reformed**		13	@ Faith Reformed	
17	@ Faith Reformed		20	@ Faith Reformed	
24	@ Faith Reformed		27	@ Faith Reformed	
OCTOBER					
1	@ Faith Reformed		4	**Connect "Free Week"**	
8	@ Faith Reformed		11	**Event @ Calvary**	P. Puff (Off)
15	**Core "Free Week"**		18	@ Faith Reformed	
22	@ Faith Reformed		25	@ Faith Reformed	
29	@ Faith Reformed				
NOVEMBER					
			1	@ Faith Reformed	
5	@ Faith Reformed		8	**Service Week**	
12	Silver Birch (Off) @ Faith Reformed 1		15	@ Faith Reformed	
19	@ Faith Reformed		22	Thanksgiving (Off)	
26	Thanksgiving (Off)		29	@ Faith Reformed	
DECEMBER					
3	@ Faith Reformed		6	@ Faith Reformed	
10	@ Faith Reformed		13	@ Faith Reformed	
17	**Core "Free Week"**		20	**Christmas Party @Calvary**	
24	Christmas (Off)		27	Christmas (Off)	
MS Silverbirch Trip - November 10-12					
HS FORT Winter Retreat - January 12-14					

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