

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College  
Friday, April 3, 2009

## *Accept the Gift of Chapel*

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The Chapel Committee has planned a very special week of chapels in order to help this community keep Holy Week. They do this as an offering to God, obviously, but also as a gift to this community. Next week, go out of your way to accept this gift and deepen your experience of Christ's journey, death, and resurrection. Here is the Chapel description:

Chapel during Holy Week will help us to reflect and interact with Christ's journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to Golgotha.

Beginning on Monday, we will reflect on Christ in the Garden.

Tuesday draws us into Christ on Trail.

We're "up close and personal" with Christ Denied on Wednesday.

By Thursday we are witnesses to Christ Crucified—Part I

Christ Crucified—Part II awaits us on Good Friday.

### **Note the unusual chapel schedule:**

Monday through Wednesday chapels will run every half hour on the hour, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Thursday chapel will run every half hour on the hour, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Good Friday chapel will be in the Fine Arts Center and start at 11:00 a.m.

## *Easter Weekend and Out-of-Town Students*

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Many long-distance students are unable to be with family during the Good Friday / Easter holiday. Please consider how you might be able to help the Calvin community reach out to and enfold these students. Here are a couple of suggestions:

- Let students in your classes know about your church's worship services or special events (and offer a ride, if possible)
- Encourage local students in your classes to invite a long-distance student or two to Easter Sunday dinner

## *InterVarsity Midwest Faculty Conference*

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Registration for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's 2009 Midwest Faculty Conference. Entitled "A Mission Possible," the conference will be held at IVCF's Cedar Campus in the Upper Peninsula (Cedarville, MI) and will host C. John Sommerville, author of *The Decline of the Secular University* (Oxford UP, 2006), as featured speaker. More information is available at <http://www.facultyconference.org>.

## ***Homosexuality and Community Life Discussion Sessions***

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This week a document was distributed to all faculty and staff from the Homosexuality and Community Life Working Group. The document included a copy of the Board of Trustees Statement on Homosexuality and Community life and gave a summary of the working group's progress to date. If you did not receive a copy of the document and would like one, please contact the Office of the Provost.

The working group is now gathering feedback from the Calvin community. Two structured discussion sessions have been scheduled for faculty and staff: Wednesday, April 15, and Friday, April 17, both at 3:30 p.m., in locations to be announced. **To assist in space planning, you are asked to inform the Office of the Provost (provost@calvin.edu, 526-6102) of your intent to attend either of the sessions.**

## ***Looming Deadlines***

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April 15 CCCS Working Group Grant Proposals: [www.calvin.edu](http://www.calvin.edu)

April 15 CCCU International Forum on Christian Higher Education Call for Presentations: [www.ccu.org](http://www.ccu.org)

## ***Next Week on Campus***

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### Monday, April 6

- Jellema Lectures 2009: Nancey Murphy (Fuller Theological Seminary), "Anglo-American Postmodernity—Really?" 7:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall

### Tuesday, April 7

- Jellema Lectures 2009: Nancey Murphy (Fuller Theological Seminary), "Why Christians Should Be Physicalists." 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall

### Wednesday, April 8

- LGBT panel discussion for faculty and staff, "LGBT Student Experiences in Calvin Classrooms." 12:30 p.m., Commons Annex Alumni Association Board Room
- Benita Wolters-Fredlund, "Experiencing Beauty and Meaning in the Music of the Holocaust." 2:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center Room 125
- History Department lecture: Darren Dochuck (Purdue University), "God's Country: The Conservative Politics of Faith, Place, and Region in the Twentieth-Century American West." 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall

### Friday, April 10

- Good Friday: no classes