Welcome to Calvin Theological Seminary and to Grand Rapids, Michigan!

The purpose of this document is to provide a quick reference resource guide for Calvin Seminary students and their families in Grand Rapids. This is by no means a complete list of resources available, and our hope is that this guide will answer some commonly asked questions such as: “Where is the closest grocery store?”, “Where can I send my kids to school?”, and “Where can I find a good walking trail?”

Whether living on campus or off campus, we hope this resource guide will help students familiarize themselves with the Grand Rapids area.

The Dean of Students Office and International Student Office is here for you. Contact any of us with questions:

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On Campus Emergency Procedures and Phone Numbers

Campus Safety is available to Calvin Seminary students while they are on campus. Please reference the Campus Safety website or email Campus Safety at safety@calvin.edu for additional information regarding services offered.

In case of an emergency on campus, including Burton Street Seminary housing, dial 616-526-3333 (or 3-3333 from an on-campus phone). Campus safety will contact appropriate emergency responders and direct them to your location.

Campus Safety Department Phone Numbers

Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

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<th>Using an On-Campus Phone</th>
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<td>6-6452</td>
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<td>3-3333</td>
<td>616-526-3333</td>
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<td>Karen DeYoung, HR Director</td>
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<td>7-6097</td>
<td>616-957-6097</td>
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<td>Environmental Health and Safety (non-emergency)</td>
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<td>6-8591 or 6-6342</td>
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In case of an off-campus emergency, including Englewood and Batchawana housing, call 911.

Crimes can be reported anonymously through Silent Observer online or at 616-774-2345.

Off-Campus Emergency Resources

*Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

- Emergencies (Off-Campus) 911
- United Way Help Crisis Line 800-887-1107 or dial 211
- Kent County Sheriff Crime Victim Assistance 616-632-6100
- Alcoholics Anonymous 24 Hour Helpline 616-913-9149

Reporting Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment

- Campus Safety* 616-536-3333
- Calvin University Safer Spaces Reporting Hotline 616-526-4974
- YWCA 24 Hour Helpline 616-454-9922

*In the case of a sexual assault, contact Campus Safety to activate a Calvin University Safer Spaces Team Response.
Calvin Seminary Safe and Healthy Community

Calvin Seminary’s Safe and Healthy Community Title IX Information can be found online. Reports can be made to the following persons at Calvin Seminary:

Margaret Mwenda, Title IX Coordinator – 616-957-6046

Ms. Sarah Chun 616-957-6015 Dr. Danjuma Gibson 616-957-6025
Ms. Karen De Young 616-957-6097 Rev. Jeff Sajdak 616-957-6042
Dr. Ronald Feenstra 616-957-7193 Dr. Mary Vanden Berg 616-957-6021

Additional Emergency Resources
Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Safe Haven Ministries – Domestic Abuse Services for Women & Children 616-452-6664
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information 800-799-7233
Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network 800-656-4673
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Hotline 800-662-HELP

Non-Emergency Numbers

Law Enforcement, Legal Resources and Public Safety 616-456-3900
Grand Rapids Fire Department
Grand Rapids Police Department, Grand Rapids Police Crime Mapping 616-456-3400
East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department 616-949-7010
Kentwood Police Department, Kentwood Police Crime Mapping 616-698-6580
Kent County Sheriff’s Department 616-632-6100
State of Michigan Sex Offender Registry Information
Family Watch Dog
Kent County Victim Witness 616-632-5400
Legal Aid of West Michigan 616-774-0672

Mental Health Resources
Coordinator of Student Counseling – Sarah Chun 616-957-6015
Pine Rest 800-852-4001
Help Crisis Line 616-459-2255
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-TALK

Courts
17th Circuit Court – Kent County 616-632-5067
Personal Protection Order
61st District Court Grand Rapids 616-632-5700
62-A District Court Wyoming 616-257-9814
62-B District Court Kentwood 616-698-9310
63rd District Court 616-632-7770
Kent County Prosecutor 616-632-6710
Seminary Housing Maintenance

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<th>Emergency Repairs:</th>
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<td>Emergencies pose a health or safety threat to the resident, or cause extensive damage to the apartment, and must be taken care of immediately.</td>
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<td>• Overflowing toilets or sinks, water flooding</td>
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<td>• No electricity or no heat in entire apartment</td>
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<td>• Water leaking from ceilings</td>
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<td>In the event of a maintenance emergency, contact the housing manager by using email or the 24 hour phone number.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phone</td>
<td>616-957-8618</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email</td>
<td><a href="mailto:semhousing@calvinseminary.edu">semhousing@calvinseminary.edu</a></td>
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<td>24 hour phone (emergencies only)</td>
<td>616-277-7204</td>
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MEDICAL CARE

Routine Health Care
Finding a primary care physician, family practice and/or pediatrician is recommended. A pediatrician sees patients under the age of 18 and can be chosen for a newborn prior to delivery or one can be assigned at the hospital after delivery. Choose a physician or practice that participates with your insurance company.

The clinics below are some options for consideration that provide services for uninsured or underinsured patients.

- **Baxter Holistic Health Clinic** – 935 Baxter SE
  - Call for pricing information and to schedule an appointment
  - May offer reduced prices for certain medications
  - 616-456-8593

- **Cherry Street Health Center** – 550 Cherry SE
  - Multiple services and interpretation assistance available
  - 616-235-7272

- **Heart of the City Health Center** – 100 Cherry SE
  - Multiple locations and services available
  - 616-965-8200

- **Exalta Health** – 2060 Division Ave S
  - Sliding scale pricing, multiple services available
  - 616-475-8446

- **Oasis of Hope Center** – 522 Leonard St NW
  - Multiple services for uninsured patients, limited hours
  - 616-451-8868

- **Women’s Health Network** – 700 Fuller Ave NE
  - Free mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap smears and pelvic exams for those who qualify
  - 616-632-7283
Family Practice and Primary Care
There are many family practice and primary care options in the Grand Rapids area. A family practice doctor will accept patients of all ages, including children while primary care physicians typically only accept patients over the age of 18. The facilities listed below are located within a few miles of the seminary but there are many others to choose from. Choose an office and doctor that accepts your health insurance.

- **Breton Health Center** – 1925 Breton Rd SE, Suite 201 616-252-4100
- **Grand Rapids Family Physicians** – 1787 Grand Ridge Ct NE 616-774-8131
- **Kentwood Family Medicine** – 4600 Breton Rd SE, Suite 102 616-391-9700

Pediatricians
Pediatric care is available for children from birth to age 18. A family practice doctor will accept patients of all ages, including children and adults. The following pediatric offices are located near the seminary but there are many options in the Grand Rapids area to choose from. Choose an office and doctor that accepts your health insurance.

- **Alger Pediatrics** – 733 Alger St SE 616-243-9515
- **Forest Hills Pediatric Associates** – 877 Forest Hill Ave SE 616-949-4465

Immunizations and Car Seat Safety
Immunizations are available through a family physician, primary care physician, pediatrician or at a Kent County Health Department clinic.

Car seat, bicycle, and bicycle helmet safety information is available online through Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital.

Urgent Care
There are many urgent care facilities in the Grand Rapids area. The following facilities are close to Calvin Seminary. Choose an urgent care facility that accepts your health insurance.

- **Spectrum Health Urgent Care** – 2750 E Beltline NE 616-391-6230
- **AFC Urgent Care** – 1740 28th St SE 616-288-2980

Area Hospitals and Emergency Rooms
The following hospitals are located in the Grand Rapids area. Choose a hospital and emergency room that accepts your health insurance.

- **Metro Health Hospital** – 5900 Byron Center Ave SW 616-252-7200
- **Mercy Health St. Mary’s** – 200 Jefferson Ave. SE 616-685-5000
- **Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital** – 100 Michigan Ave NE 616-391-9000
- **Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital** – 1840 Wealthy St. SE 616-774-7444
- **Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital** – 100 Michigan Ave NE 616-391-9000

Dedicated pediatric emergency room for children age 18 and younger.
Specialists
Typically, a referral from a primary care physician, family practice physician or pediatrician is needed for specific testing or to see a specialist. Examples of specialist practices include: dermatology, gynecology, gastroenterology, oncology, ophthalmology, cardiology, etc.

Dentists
There are many dental care offices in the Grand Rapids area. The following dentists are close to Calvin Seminary. Choose a dentist that accepts your health insurance.

Dr. Thomas Nykamp, DDS – 2740 Eastern Ave SE 616-452-5721
Offers half off services to seminary families

Norman Family Dentistry – 519 Ada Drive SE 616-676-9177
Strobel Family Dentistry – 5380 Cascade Rd SE 616-949-7740
Dr. Donald Vander Linde, DDS – 2609 Breton Rd SE 616-245-3205

Counseling – Individual, Marriage, Family, Group
Calvin Seminary values the formation of the whole person for ministry. This includes spiritual and emotional well-being. We are glad to provide a variety of counseling opportunities for all of our students and their dependents. These opportunities include individual counseling, marriage counseling, family counseling, group counseling, assertiveness training, and emotional intelligence seminars. All of the counselors maintain the highest standard of confidentiality. They do not report the content of conversations with clients to the seminary. Please contact Sarah Chun, Counseling Coordinator, to help connect you with the right counselor for you.

In order to provide these opportunities, Calvin Seminary partners with several local counselors and with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Costs for counseling vary between providers. Calvin Seminary subsidizes counseling with local individual counselors, but students with a health care plan that includes a counseling benefit are asked to use their health insurance coverage first. Details about available counselors and fees can be obtained through Sarah Chun.

Assertiveness Training and Emotional Intelligence Seminars
Assertiveness Training seminars and Emotional Intelligence (EQ) seminars are offered periodically, normally once every two years. The seminary pays half the cost for each student. Contact Sarah Chun for more information.

Group Counseling
Group counseling opportunities are usually available in the fall or spring. The seminary pays half the cost for each student. Contact Sarah Chun for more information.

Spiritual Direction
Calvin Seminary recognizes the value of spiritual direction for the formation of church leaders. Those who engage a certified and insured spiritual director are eligible for reimbursement of the cost of direction sessions, up to $25 per monthly session. Students and spouses of students interested in spiritual direction are encouraged to contact Jeff Sajdak as they seek a director.
SHOPTING

Groceries

Idema Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

The Idema Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is located in the seminary basement. The food pantry provides groceries to seminary students and their families. The clothes closet provides gently used clothing, shoes and various household items free of charge to all seminarians and their families. Services are coordinated by the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet coordinator(s) and are overseen by the Dean of Students office. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Using the Food Pantry:
Bring your student ID to the food pantry to sign in when shopping. Student ID information is only used to contact students and/or spouses in case of food recalls.

Students and their families may use the Idema Food Pantry if their income is below the income eligibility guidelines set forth by the State of Michigan:

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Michigan
2020 Income Eligibility Guidelines
Effective April 1, 2020

Based on 200 Percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

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<td>$79,280</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>$88,240</td>
<td>$7,353</td>
<td>$1,696</td>
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<td>For each additional family member add</td>
<td>$8,960</td>
<td>$746</td>
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Food Pantry Hours:
The food pantry and clothes closet is typically open twice a week during the school year and once a week during the summer. Check Semlink and Enews for current information. Other area food pantries are also available in the Grand Rapids area.

Delivery Services
Groceries and Household Items
Instacart – multiple stores available
Shipt – multiple stores available

Food and Restaurant Delivery Services
DoorDash – multiple restaurants available
GrubHub – multiple restaurants available
Uber Eats – multiple restaurants available
Grocery Stores
The following grocery stores have locations close to Calvin Seminary. There are many grocery stores in the Grand Rapids Area. Many stores in the area also offer curbside pickup services. Click the links to find additional locations.

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<td><strong>Aldi</strong></td>
<td>2120 28th St SE</td>
<td>855-955-2534</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Aldi</strong></td>
<td>5114 28th St SE</td>
<td>855-955-2534</td>
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<td><strong>D&amp;W</strong></td>
<td>6425 28th St SE</td>
<td>616-949-5190</td>
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<td><strong>D&amp;W</strong></td>
<td>1814 Breton Rd. SE</td>
<td>616-957-0733</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Fresh Thyme Farmers Market</strong></td>
<td>2740 Burton St. SE</td>
<td>616-228-6530</td>
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<td><strong>Horrocks Market</strong></td>
<td>4455 Breton Rd SE</td>
<td>616-455-7998</td>
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<td><strong>Ken’s Fruit Market</strong></td>
<td>2420 Eastern Ave SE</td>
<td>616-245-7040</td>
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<td><strong>Meijer</strong></td>
<td>5531 28th St SE</td>
<td>616-949-7200</td>
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<td><strong>Meijer</strong></td>
<td>1540 28th St SE</td>
<td>616-452-9651</td>
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<td><strong>Save-A-Lot Food Center</strong></td>
<td>730 28th St SE</td>
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International Grocery Stores in Grand Rapids

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<td>4463 Breton Rd SE</td>
<td>616-827-1828</td>
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<td><strong>Kim Nhung Superstore</strong></td>
<td>4242 Division Ave S</td>
<td>616-406-1918</td>
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<td><strong>Lee’s Oriental Market</strong></td>
<td>3004 Division Ave S</td>
<td>616-243-1394</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Martha’s International Market</strong></td>
<td>2915 Eastern Ave</td>
<td>616-284-2316</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Mediterranean Island Foods</strong></td>
<td>4301 Kalamazoo Ave</td>
<td>616-281-8151</td>
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<td><strong>Saigon Market</strong></td>
<td>141 28th St SE Suite 2</td>
<td>616-245-5851</td>
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<td><strong>Super Green Market</strong></td>
<td>3321 East Paris Ave SE</td>
<td>616-957-5757</td>
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<td><strong>Supermercado Mexico</strong></td>
<td>3355 Division Ave S</td>
<td>616-272-4384</td>
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<td><strong>Tienda Guadalajara Jalisco</strong></td>
<td>2106 Division Ave S</td>
<td>616-248-9004</td>
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Second-Hand/Thrift Clothing and Furniture

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<td><strong>Goodwill</strong></td>
<td>multiple locations</td>
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<td><strong>In The Image</strong></td>
<td>1823 South Division</td>
<td>616-456-6150</td>
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<td><strong>New 2 You</strong></td>
<td>2929 29th St SE</td>
<td>616-942-2660</td>
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<td><strong>New Life Thrift Store</strong></td>
<td>4339 Division Ave S</td>
<td>616-534-7134</td>
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<td><strong>Once Upon a Child</strong></td>
<td>sells children’s clothing, toys, books, baby equipment – 1286 28th St SW or 3343 Alpine Ave NW</td>
<td>616-531-5715 616-784-5004</td>
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<td><strong>Salvation Army Thrift Store</strong></td>
<td>4283 28th St SE</td>
<td>800-728-7825</td>
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<td>2768 East Paris SE</td>
<td>616-957-3110</td>
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<td><strong>Barnes and Noble</strong></td>
<td>3195 28th St SE</td>
<td>616-940-0820</td>
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<td><strong>Calvin University Bookstore</strong></td>
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<td>616-526-6376</td>
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<td><strong>Reformation Heritage Books</strong></td>
<td>2965 Leonard St NE</td>
<td>616-977-0889</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Schuler Books and Music</strong></td>
<td>2660 28th St SE</td>
<td>616-942-2561</td>
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Kent Intermediate School District provides a comprehensive list of private, public, and charter school options.

**Christian Schools:**

- **Grand Rapids Christian Schools** – 2400 Plymouth Ave SE
  - Elementary, Middle, and High School
  - Multiple elementary school locations
  - 616-457-6000

- **Potter's House Schools** – 810 Van Raalte Dr. SW
  - Elementary, Middle, and High School
  - 616-241-5202

- **Legacy Christian Schools** – 67 68th St. SW
  - Elementary and Middle School
  - 616-455-3860

- **Our Savior Lutheran School** – 1916 Ridgewood Dr. SE
  - 616-949-0710

- **NorthPoint Christian Schools** – 3101 Leonard St. NE
  - Preschool through High School
  - 616-942-0363

- **Living Stones Academy** – 1415 Lyon St. NE
  - 616-803-9654

- **Ada Christian School** – 6206 Ada Dr. SE
  - 616-676-1289

**Public and Charter Schools:**

- **Grand Rapids Public Schools** – 1331 Franklin St. SE
  - 616-819-2000

- **Kent Intermediate School District** – 2930 Knapp St. NE
  - Multiple school districts across Kent, Barry and Ottawa county
  - 616-364-1333

- **National Heritage Academies** – 3850 Broadmoor Ave. SE
  - Public school alternative, multiple locations
  - 877-223-6402

**Adult and Community Education:**

Calvin Seminary offers free class options for student spouses.

- **Kent Intermediate School District** – 2930 Knapp St. NE
LOCAL CHURCHES

Calvin University provides an extensive list of local churches, including Korean and Spanish speaking churches.

West Michigan Churches Using Languages Other Than English

Grand Rapids Area:

- **Grand Rapids Chinese Christian Church** – 3065 Alger St SE 616-516-0771
- Hahn-In CRC – 2445 28th St SE 616-532-2112
- **Korean Faith Community Church** – 1101 Aldon St SW 616-560-4337
- Korean New Hope Assembly of God – 647 Jessie St NE 616-365-0559
- Emanuel Hispanic CRC – 1265 36th St SW 616-534-3836
- Vietnamese Reformed Christian Church – 1881 5nd St SE 616-455-5050
- **Vietnamese United Methodist Church** – 212 Bellevue St SE 616-534-6262

Other Cities:

- Cambodian Fellowship CRC – 1 Grave Pl, Holland MI 616-392-1014
- Lao Community CRC – 940 Royce Ave, Holland MI 616-546-9094
- Misión Rey de Reyes CRC – 1627 W Lakewood Blvd, Holland MI 616-399-9190
- Hmong Christian Ministry Church – 2618 South Waverly Hwy, Lansing MI 517-420-5367
- Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church – 5334 Parkview Ave, Kalamazoo MI 269-375-0196

ENJOYING GRAND RAPID AND WEST MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids and West Michigan Area Websites

- [Experience Grand Rapids](#)
- [Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.](#)
- [West Michigan Tourist Association](#)
- [Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

Parking and Public Transit

Parking rates in Grand Rapids varies by neighborhood. Pay for street and city lot parking using the Motu app, Motu Online or kiosks on the sidewalks and in parking lots. Multiple parking lots and ramps are also available around Grand Rapids.

DASH provides public transit around downtown Grand Rapids Mon – Sat. No service on Sunday.

The Rapid provides public bussing on multiple routes arounds the Grand Rapids Metro area. Discount cards are available for Calvin Seminary students.
Free Things to Do

**ArtPrize** – Annual public art exhibit around Grand Rapids. Multiple locations.

**Grand Rapids Public Library** – Multiple locations around Grand Rapids. Programs and events for all ages.

**Kent District Library** – multiple locations in the Grand Rapids metro area. Programs and events for all ages.

**Baker Book House** – Free events for all ages. Train table in children’s area.

**28th Street Metro Cruise** – vintage, retro, and antique car cruise along 28th Street.

**Meyer May House Tour** – Built by architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

**Walking Tours** of Downtown Grand Rapids

**Giant Tire Swing** – ‘Motu Viget’ – 250 Monroe, located outside the Federal Building

Family and Parenting Resources

**MOPS** – group for women and their children, multiple groups around Grand Rapids

**Bright Beginnings** - organized events for parents and children

**Grand Rapids Kids** – extensive lists of things to do, resources for families, events, etc.

Parks

**City of Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation** – walking, biking, disc golf, playgrounds, picnic areas, programs for all ages, cost varies for programs.

**Kent County Parks and Trails** – walking, biking, disc golf, playgrounds, picnic areas, cross-country skiing, etc.

**Ottawa County Parks and Trails** – walking, biking, disc golf, playgrounds, picnic areas, cross-country skiing, some parks have beach access to Lake Michigan, etc.

**State Parks**- Holland State Park, Grand Haven State Park, and PJ Hoffmaster State Park in Muskegon provide access to Lake Michigan beaches within an hour drive from the seminary. There are many other state parks to explore that offer hiking, fishing, camping, etc. Fee to enter.

**Calvin University Ecosystem Preserve and Native Gardens** – programs and walking trails on Calvin University’s campus

**Manhattan Park** – playground, sledding hill, access to Reed’s Lake Trail (good for walking, biking, running), close to campus.

**Millenium Park** – playgrounds, picnic areas available for free, boat and paddleboard rentals, beach and splashpad available with day or season pass.
Performance Arts and Music – Cost Varies

Grand Rapids Symphony – $10 with student ID

Grand Rapids Civic Theater – live productions, local cast, prices vary

Broadway Grand Rapids – Broadway shows at DeVos Performance Hall

Annual Festivals and Events – Cost Varies

Tulip Time – held in May, Holland MI

Ice Skating at Rosa Parks Circle – skate rentals available for all ages

Restaurant Week – experience local food and restaurants.

LaughFest – annual comedy festival benefiting Gilda’s Club of Grand Rapids

Festival of the Arts – performances, activities, and food for all ages.

Multiple cultural festivals take place annually as well including Pulaski Days, Greek Fest, Asian Festival, Hispanic Festival, etc.

Museums and Local Attractions

Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park – hands-on animal feeding, “safari”, great for children still in strollers

John Ball Zoo – open March through November, prices vary, memberships available.

Fredrick Meijer Gardens – botanical gardens, annual events, indoor and outdoor exhibits, children’s garden

Grand Rapids Public Museum – rotating exhibits, permanent exhibits featuring local history, planetarium, antique restored carousel

Grand Rapids Children’s Museum rotating exhibits, permanent exhibits, hands-on learning

Grand Rapids Art Museum – features Michigan, national, and international artists.

Locally Owned Establishments

Grand Rapids has many locally operated restaurants, farmers markets, breweries, and more. The following locally owned establishments are close to campus. Have fun exploring all Grand Rapids has to offer!

Fulton Street Farmers Market – 1147 E Fulton St. Features local farms and artisans
Jersey Junction - 652 Croswell Ave SE Old fashioned ice cream parlor in East Grand Rapids
Robinette’s Apple Haus - 3142 4 Mile Rd. NE Local fruit picking, winery, trails, events
Van’s Pastry Shoppe – 955 East Fulton Locally made donuts, pastries, breads