The Student Guide
To Grand Rapids

For Calvin Seminary Students
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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

General Emergency Procedures

In case of an emergency:

a. If 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.

b. If off-campus (including Englewood and Batchawana housing), call 911

Emergency Phone Numbers

Campus Safety Department (Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week)

Using an On-Campus Phone

Emergencies (On-Campus) 3-3333
Non-emergencies 6-6452
Escort Service 6-6452
TTY 6-8483

Using an Off-Campus Phone (or cell phone)

Emergencies (On-Campus) 616-526-3333
Non-emergencies 616-526-6452
Escort Service 616-526-6452
TTY 616-526-8483
Silent Observer 616-774-2345

Email: safety@calvin.edu
Website: www.calvin.edu/campus-safety

Off-Campus Resources (Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week)

Emergencies (Off-Campus) 911
Help Crisis Line (Cell phone) 616-459-2255 (Land Line) 211
Crime Victim Assistance 616-632-5400
Alcoholics Anonymous 616-913-9216

In case of Sexual Assault

Campus Safety * 616-526-3333
YWCA Nurse Examiner 616-776-7273
Calvin College’s Sexual Assault Prevention Team 616-526-6123
Calvin Seminary Safe and Healthy Community Page (Title IX) http://semlink.calvinseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/Title-IX-Policy.pdf

*In case of a sexual assault, contact Campus Safety to activate Sexual Assault Prevention Team response.
In case of Sexual Harassment

Calvin Seminary Safe and Healthy Community Page (Title IX)


Reports can be made to:

Title IX Coordinator – Margaret Mwenda 616-957-6046
Ms. Sarah Chun 616-957-6015 Dr. Danjuma Gibson 616-957-6025
Ms. Karen De Young 616-957-6097 Rev. Jeff Sajda 616-957-6042
Dr. Ronald Feenstra 616-957-7193 Dr. Mary Vanden Berg 616-957-6021

Additional Resources (Hours: 24/7)

Safe Haven Ministries – Domestic Abuse Services for Women & Children 616-452-6664
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information 1-800-799-7233
Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network 1-800-656-4673
National Center on Drug Abuse Hotline 1-800-662-HELP

Non-Emergency Numbers

Grand Rapids Fire Department 616-456-3900
Grand Rapids Police Department 616-456-3400
East Grand Rapids Public Safety Dept. 616-949-7010
Kentwood Police Department 616-698-6580
Kent County Sheriff’s Department 616-632-6100
Local Emergency Rooms
Spectrum Blodgett Hospital 616-774-7444
Spectrum Butterworth Hospital 616-391-1774
Metro Hospital 616-252-7200
Saint Mary’s Hospital 616-685-6789
Mental Health Counseling Services
Coordinator of Student Counseling – Joan Beelen 616-957-6027
Pine Rest 1-800-852-4001
Help Crisis Line 616-459-2255
Suicide Hot Line 1-800-273-TALK

Sex Offender Registry Information

State of Michigan

Family Watch Dog
www.familywatchdog.us

Courts

17th Circuit Court – Kent County 616-632-5067
Personal Protection Order
http://www.accesskent.com/Courts/17thcc/ppo.htm

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
Other Resources in the Grand Rapids Area
Kent County Victim Witness 616-632-5400
Legal Aid of West Michigan 616-774-0672

In Case of On-Campus Faculty/Staff/Student-Worker Injury
Emergency 616-526-3333
or 911
Non-Emergency
Karen DeYoung – Human Resources Manager 616-957-6097
Or Environmental Health and Safety 616-526-8591
or 616-526-6342

Seminary Housing Maintenance

Emergency Repairs:
Emergencies are those things which pose a health or safety threat to the resident, or extensive damage to the apartment, and consequently must be taken care of immediately.
Examples of emergencies are:
- Overflowing toilets or sinks
- Water flooding apartment
- No electricity in entire apartment
- No heat
- Water leaking from ceilings

In the event of an emergency, please contact the housing office with the following options:
- Housing Office 616-957-8618
- *Email semhousing@calvinseminary.edu
- *24 hours access – EMERGENCY ONLY 616-277-7204
* Both email and the 24 hour phone number are the best ways to reach the housing manager.

Non-Emergency Repairs:
Non-emergency housing repair requests can be submitted online at https://semlink.calvinseminary.edu/housing/ by selecting “Request Housing Repairs” under the current students menu. Please do not contact housing manager for non-emergencies. The maintenance worker will process the requests as they come in.
MEDICAL CARE

Urgent Care
Spectrum Health East Beltline Urgent Care 2750 E. Beltline Ave. NE   616-391-6230
AFC Urgent Care 1740 28th St. SE   616-288-2980
Both facilities are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week (except holidays).

Routine Health Care
It is a good idea when you arrive to find a primary care physician for you and your family so that when the need arises you have a family doctor. The clinics and physicians below are some options you can consider. Use Google to find other clinics, physicians, and resources.

Baxter Holistic Health Clinic  www.baxtercommunitycenter.org
935 Baxter SE, Grand Rapids, MI (entrance is on Bemis St.)   616-456-8593
Nominal fees to seminary students. They also offer reduced prices for many medications. Please call the Clinic for information and to schedule an appointment.

Cherry Street Health Services  www.cherryhealth.org
Heart of the City Health Center, 100 Cherry Street SE   616-965-8200
Cherry Street Health Services provides various services including the following: medical care, adult & child dental services, eye exams & eyeglasses, WIC-women, infants, and children program, and an asthma program. For more information and locations, check the website.

Exalta Health  https://www.exaltahealth.org/
2060 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids MI 49507   616-475-8446
Exalta offers integrated healthcare services including family practice, dental, optometry, lab services and more.

Oasis of Hope Center  http://ohcgr.org/
522 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids MI 49504   616-451-8868
Services for uninsured patients. Provides basic internal medicine services such as same day sick visits, chronic disease management, such as high blood pressure, and mental and spiritual counseling. Call for more information and to schedule an appointment.
*Limited hours – Open: Mon/Wed/Sat, Closed: Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sun

Women’s Health Network  www.accesskent.com/Health/HealthPromo/whn_program.htm
Health Department, 700 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids MI 49503   616-632-7283
Women’s Health Network offers free mammograms and pap smears to women who qualify. Call or visit the website for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Family Practice
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 SE Suite 102   616-391-9700
Pediatrics
Newborns are cared for by pediatricians in the hospital and not by your family practitioner or your obstetrician. It is wise (vital) to choose your pediatrician prior to delivery. If you do not have one or know one, a pediatrician will be assigned to you by the hospital.

Alger Pediatrics  
733 Alger St, Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
www.algerpediatrics.com  
616-243-9515

Baxter Holistic Health Clinic  
935 Baxter SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506  
616-456-5310

Kent County Health Dept.  
*For clinic locations & information check www.accesskent.com/Health/health_clinics.htm

Note: Most pediatric office visits will cost at least $15 - $20. To save money, you may use the Kent County Health Department for immunizations. You should also have a personal physician for your children's illnesses before the need arises.

Important Safety Information for Children, including information regarding Car Seat Safety and Bicycle and Bicycle Helmet Safety can be found here:  
http://www.helendevoschildrens.org/injuryprevention

Dentists
Norman Family Dentistry  
519 Ada Drive SE  
616-676-9177

Strobel Family Dentistry  
5380 Cascade Rd SE  
616-949-7740

Dr. D. Vander Linde  
2609 Breton Road SE  
616-245-3205  
www.drvanderlinde.com

Thomas Nykamp  
2740 Eastern Ave. SE  
616-452-5721  
(Offers half price to all seminary families)

Dermatology
Dermatology Center of G.R.  
750 E Beltline (at Bradford)  
616-942-9343  
http://dermcentergr.com

The Psoriasis and Eczema Treatment Center of Western Michigan  
833 Michigan St NE, Suite 102  
616-459-1361

Gynecology/Obstetrics
Grand Rapids Women’s Health  
555 MidTowne NE  
616-588-1200  
http://www.grandrapidswomenshealth.com/

Optometrists
Dr. David Scholten  
2350 32nd St SE  
616-234-0007

West MI Eyecare Assoc.  
4070 Lake Drive SE  
616-949-8500

Ophthalmology (diseases and surgery of the eye)
Grand Rapids Ophthalmology  
750 East Beltline NE  
616-588-6598  
www.seeitclear.com

Cascade Ophthalmology  
751 Kenmoor Ave. SE  
616-575-8200

Verdier Eye Center  
1000 East Paris Ave SE  
616-949-2001
Psychotherapy and Counseling

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 Joan Beelen, Registrar, to help connect you to the right counselor for you.

Counseling – Individual, Marriage, Family, Group

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 Joan Beelen in the Registrar’s Office.

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. See Joan Beelen, Registrar, for more information.

Additional Information:

- All of the counselors maintain the highest standard of confidentiality. They do not report the content of conversations with clients to the seminary.
- While Calvin Seminary offers subsidized counseling services, students with a health care plan that includes a counseling benefit are required to utilize their plan first.
- Please see Joan Beelen, Registrar, for more information.
SHOPPING

Groceries

Idema Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, Calvin Seminary basement.
The Idema Food Pantry provides groceries to needy Seminary students and their families. The Clothes Closet provides used clothing, shoes and various household items free of charge to all seminarians and their families. The food pantry and clothes closet are administered by the Student Senate in cooperation with the Dean of Students office, and they are coordinated and run by students and their spouses.

Who May Use the Idema Food Pantry?
Students and their families may use the Idema Food Pantry if their income is below the income eligibility guidelines stated below.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Michigan
2018 Income Eligibility Guidelines
Effective May 8, 2018
Based on 200 Percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

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What do students need to do to use the Idema Food Pantry?
Come to the Food Pantry with your student ID. When you use the Food Pantry, you affirm that your income is below the limits listed above.

You are invited to volunteer 2 to 4 hours per month at the Food Pantry and/or Clothes Closet. Contact the Dean of Students Office for information on how to volunteer.

The Idema Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are located in the basement of the seminary. The Clothes Closet is open whenever the Seminary is open. Food Pantry hours are as follows:

During the School Year
Monday and Wednesday
12:30pm-1:00pm

During the Summer
Wednesday
12:30pm-1:00pm

Other Area Food Pantries: [www.foodpantries.org/ci/mi-grand_rapids](http://www.foodpantries.org/ci/mi-grand_rapids)
Grocery Stores
Aldi 2120 28th Street SE. 616-949-5190
D&W Cascade: 6425 28th St. SE 616-957-0733
Breton Village: 1814 Breton Rd. SE 616-949-6530
Fresh Thyme Farmers Market 2740 Burton St SE
Meijer Cascade: 5531 28th St. SE 616-949-7200
28th & Kalamazoo: 1540 28th St. SE 616-452-9651
Save-A-Lot Food Center 730 – 28th St SE. 616-452-0363

Ethnic Grocery Stores in Grand Rapids
A. Kim Nhung Superstore, 4242 S. Division 616-406-1918
B. Saigon Market, 609 28th Street SE 616-245-5851
C. Lee’s Oriental Market, 3004 South Division 616-243-1394
D. Martha’s International Market, 2915 Eastern Ave SE 616-284-2316
E. Mediterranean Island Foods, 4301 Kalamazoo SE 616-281-8151
F. Middle Eastern Market, 2417 Eastern Ave SE 616-245-2046
G. Tienda Guadalajara Jalisco, 2106 S. Division Ave 616-243-5408
H. Asian Delight Marketplace, 4463 Breton Road SE 616-827-1828
I. Meijer grocery stores also have an international food section

Clothing and Furniture
Seminary Clothes Closet (located in the seminary basement). There is a supply of free clothing, which has been donated to the seminary, available all year. Feel free to have a look and take what you need. Open every day from 8:30 to 4:30.

In The Image, 1823 South Division 616-456-6150

Goodwill, see the website www.goodwill.org for list of stores
Salvation Army Thrift Store, 1491 South Division 616-452-3133
Mel Trotter Thrift Store, 555 28th St SE, www.meltrotter.org/store 616-301-1415

The following stores also sell second-hand furniture:
Second Time Around, 2950 29th Street SE 616-942-2660
New 2 You – 2929 29th Street SE Grand Rapids new2youshoppe.com 616-942-2929

Books
Barnes and Noble, 3195 28th St. SE, www.barnesandnoble.com 616-940-0820
Calvin College Bookstore 616-526-6376
Reformation Heritage Books, 2965 Leonard St NE https://www.heritagebooks.org/ 616-977-0889
SCHOOLS

Christian School Tuition Assistance
Tuition assistance may be available through your local church. Check with your church concerning the availability of tuition assistance. Some churches have deadlines - be sure to apply right away. See “Local Churches” below for a list of churches in Grand Rapids.

A. Grand Rapids Christian School Association  www.grcs.org
   Elementary Schools:
   Iroquois Campus – 1050 Iroquois Drive SE  616-574-6500
   Evergreen Campus – 1812 Sylvan SE  616-574-6394
   Rockford Campus – 6060 Belding Rd, Rockford  616-574-6400
   Middle School:
   2036 Chesaning Dr. SE  616-574-6300
   High School:
   2300 Plymouth Rd. SE  616-574-5500
   Call for information on T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

B. Potter’s House Schools  www.pottershouseschool.org
   Elementary & Middle School, 810 Van Raalte Dr. SW  616-241-5202
   Christian High School, 2500 Newport SW, Wyoming  616-240-8050

C. Legacy Christian School, 67 68th St. SW  www.legacycs.org
   Elementary  616-455-0510
   Middle School  616-455-3860

D. Living Stones Academy, 1415 Lyon Street NE  616-803-9654
   www.livingstonesgr.org

E. Our Savior Lutheran School, 1916 Ridgewood Ave SE  616-949-0710
   www.oursavior-gr.org
   (Sensitive to seminary families and offer very reduced rates, including preschool)

F. NorthPointe Christian Schools  616-942-0363
   www.npchristian.org

G. Grand Rapids Public School  www.grps.org

H. National Heritage Academies in Grand Rapids.  616-831-6309
   Public school alternatives - 3850 Broadmoor Ave. SE  www.nhaschools.com

I. Area Public School Systems offer various community education courses ranging from craft classes to language classes. Cost is minimal.

J. Calvin Theological Seminary offers spouses of seminarians the opportunity to be a visitor in classes for free.
LOCAL CHURCHES

Please see the Calvin College website at https://calvin.edu/offices-services/campus-ministries/worship/local-churches.html for an extensive list of local churches.

Local Churches Using Languages Other Than English

1. Grand Rapids Chinese Church
   3065 Alger St. SE
   Grand Rapids MI 49546
   www.immanuel.net/grccc
   616-516-0771
2. Grace Korean Christian Reformed Church
   1970 Jefferson Ave. SE
   Grand Rapids, MI 49507
   616-452-3669
3. Hahn-In Christian Reformed Church
   2445 28th Street SW
   Wyoming MI 49509
   www.hahninchurch.org
   616-532-2112
4. Korean Faith Community Church of Grand Rapids
   1011 Aldon St. SW
   Wyoming MI 49509
   www.facebook.com/koreanfaithcommunitychurch
   616-560-4337
5. Korean New Hope Assembly of God Church
   647 Jessie NE
   Grand Rapids MI 49505
   616-365-0559
6. Cambodian Fellowship Christian Reformed Church
   1 Grave Place
   Holland MI 49423
   616-392-1014
7. Lao Community Christian Reformed Church
   940 Royce Avenue (East 40th and Royce Avenue)
   Holland MI 49423
   616-546-9094
8. Mision Rey de Reyes Christian Reformed Church
   635 Riley St.
   Holland MI 49424
   616-990-4341
9. Vietnamese Reformed Christian Church
   1881 52nd Street SE
   Kentwood, MI 49508
   616-455-5050
10. Vietnamese United Methodist Church
    212 Bellevue SE
    Grand Rapids MI 49548
    616-534-6262
11. Hmong Christian Ministry Church
    Mailing Address: 3400 Wainwright Ave.
    Lansing MI 48911-2237
    Location: Faith Bible Church
    5211 W. St Joe Hwy
    Lansing, MI 48911-2237
    517-420-5367
12. Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church
    5334 Parkview Ave.
    Kalamazoo, MI 49009
    269-375-0196
Grand Rapids Things to Do
Compiled by members of Calvin Seminary’s Spouse and Family Ministry!

Check out these websites for updated information on current events:
Experience Grand Rapids  http://www.experiencegr.com/
Grand Rapids Kids  http://grkids.com/

Free Events for all

Free Parking Downtown
Parking is free on the streets and city lots after 6pm (M-F) and on weekends. Refer to website for parking details:  http://downtowngr.org/get/parking

During business hours (M-F) the DASH bus is free for everyone to use. (No ID or bus pass needed.) Find DASH route and parking information here:  http://downtowngr.org/get/downtown-circulator

ArtPrize
Held annually in September and October
Cost: Free
Description: walk downtown Grand Rapids and everywhere you turn there will be art both outside as well as in many buildings/venues.

Grand Rapids Public Library  616.988.5400
Main Library 111 Library Street NE  http://www.grpl.org/
Free tickets to various museums and events. Also hosts various events/movies. Description: get a library card from the Grand Rapids Public Library and you are then eligible to receive 4 free tickets to events/places like Grand Rapids Children’s Museum, John Ball Zoo, Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Gerald R Ford Museum, Grand Rapids Public Museum, Griffins Game ect. Ask receptionist where you can get free tickets. (Tickets are first come first serve basis and they do not always have tickets available for each place.)

Museums Free 4 all (One day a year)  http://museumsfree4all.org/
Cost: Free
Description: Amway offers free admission to 4 museums. Check website for date.

Grand Rapids Coffee Roasters  616-308-7753
1111 Godfrey Ave. SW  http://www.grandrapidscoffee.com/
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Saturdays 10-3pm
Cost: Free (can buy coffee beans)
Description: Located in an abandoned warehouse off the beaten road in downtown Grand Rapids. Climb the stairs to get a free educational experience learning about coffee and how the process of making coffee works. While you learn enjoy a free cup of coffee.
Millennium Park
http://www.accesskent.com/Parks/MillenniumPark/
1415 Maynard Ave SW
Walker, MI 49534
Cost: Free for walking, playgrounds. Admission cost for Beach/Splash Pad.
Description: Park with playgrounds and walking and trails along the river.

Baker Book House
http://www.bakerbookstore.com/
2768 East Paris Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-957-3110
Cost: Free
Description: Book store offers children’s story time, author visits, free movies, live music.

Frank Lloyd Wright Tour
http://meyermayhouse.steelcase.com/
Meyer May House
450 Madison Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-2pm, Sundays 1-5pm
Cost: Free
Description: When Wright designed the Meyer May house for a prominent Grand Rapids clothier, he had fully developed his Prairie style of architecture. Today, as a meticulous restoration complete with original furnishings and faithfully executed reproductions, the Meyer May house provides the rare opportunity to experience a Prairie house exactly as he intended.

Parades
Description: Grand Rapids puts on several parades including for Thanksgiving, St. Patrick’s Day, and Christmas. Check local events for details.

Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys
http://grcmb.org/
Cost: 3 free concert series every year
Description: See website for details

28th Street Metro Cruise
http://www.28thstreetmetrocruise.com/
Cost: Free
Description: Old Fashioned cars that are located on 28th street.

Kid Friendly

Tire Swing
Calder Plaza, 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Cost: Free
Description: A large tire swing located downtown. Can fit many kids and adults on at a time. Enjoy a good time together with family and friends. Located near the large orange sculpture. Walk past the sculpture and it is tucked on the North West side of the plaza.

MOPS
http://www.mops.org/
Cost: Free (Free childcare as well)
Description: Small group discussion for women

Free Train Tables
East Grand Rapids Library
Barnes and Noble
Baker Book House
Schuler’s Books
Grand Rapids Libraries
https://www.grpl.org/
Story time for kids is held at the Libraries. Free reading programs with prizes for kids.

Adult Friendly

Diversity Lectures (Grand Rapids Community College)
http://www.grcc.edu/woodrickdiversitylearningcenter/programs/diversitylectureseries0
Cost: Free
Description: See website for details.

Swing Dancing
http://www.grandrapidsoriginalswingsociety.com/
Cost: Free
Description: Swing Dancing on Tuesdays at 7pm. Location changes but is free when located in Rosa Parks Circle. Check website for details.

Parks

Holland State Park
2215 Ottawa Beach Road
Holland, MI 49424
Cost: Free with Michigan Parks and Recreation Sticker
Description: Beach located off of Lake Michigan. Good place for Sunsets. Parking is limited and often full on hot summer days.

Tunnel Park
http://www.michigan.org/property/tunnel-park/
66 Lakeshore Drive
Holland, MI 49424
Hours: April 1-Oct 31st 7am-10pm
Cost: Fee for parking from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend
Description: Beach located off of Lake Michigan. Good place for Sunsets. Includes playground, volleyball, and other recreation.

Other Nice Lake Michigan Parks Include (all are free with MI Recreation Pass)
Grand Haven State Park (known for the light house)
Saugatuck State Park (good hike to the beach)
Muskegon State Park (nice hiking trails)

Wabasis Lake
https://www.kentcountyparks.org/WabasisLakePark/
11220 Springhill Drive
Greenville, MI 48838
Cost: Free
Description: 30-40 minute drive north of Grand Rapids. Includes a Beach (parking is limited), Campground, park activities (baseball, basketball), hiking/walking, fishing, etc.

Downtown Rockford
https://www.experiencegr.com/about-grand-rapids/towns/rockford/
Near 25 S Squires Street Sq #C, Rockford
What to do: Sit/walk by the Rockford Dam, shops, Boardwalk, rent canoes, free festivals
Farmer's market every Saturday from 9:00-1:00 (May-Oct).
**Other Events (not free)**

**Tulip Time**

Held annually in early May
Holland MI


**Rosa Parks Circle (ice skating)**

Check out grnow.com for more information.
Cost: $1 (cost may change)
Description: Ice Skating for all, rentals available.

**Grand Rapids Symphony**

300 Ottawa Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-454-9451

Description: Join the Student Passport Program to experience orchestral performances for only $5. Must have valid student ID.

**The Master List of Kids Eat Free (and Almost-Free) Restaurant Deals**

[http://moneysavingmom.com/2008/06/the-master-list.html](http://moneysavingmom.com/2008/06/the-master-list.html)

**Calvin Movies & Concerts**

Check out Calvin Colleges Student Activities (SOA) Calendar.

Movies cost $2 a person.
Concerts vary in price

**LaughFest**

Located at various venues.
Held annually in March
Cost: Varies from suggested donation of $5 and up
Description: A fundraising event to benefit Gilda’s Club (Cancer and Grief Center).
Comedy shows ranging from clean to R rated.

**Grand Rapids Civic Theater**

20 Division Ave N
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Costs for students are the same for Tier 1, 2 or 3
Prices vary from $10-$37 depending on play or musical
Reduced prices for dress rehearsals.

**John Ball Zoo**

1300 W Fulton St
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Cost: Varies with season (anywhere from Free to $8.50)

**City of Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Department**

[http://www.grcity.us/parks/Pages/parks-recreation-forestry.aspx](http://www.grcity.us/parks/Pages/parks-recreation-forestry.aspx)

Description: adult and children fitness programs, sports, instructional classes adult and children fitness programs, sports, instructional classes.
Cost: Varies.

**Celebration Cinema (Woodland Mall)**

3195 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Cost: $5 for most shows
Description: After showing in the local theaters, movies then move to Woodland Celebration Cinema. They usually appear after a couple months of showing in the local theaters.
Celebration Cinema (Flicks Family Film Festival)  
https://celebrationcinema.com/flicksfamilyfilmfest

Cost: Kids Free, Adults $5  
Description: Occurs twice a year in which kids get in free to a specific movie.

Fulton Street Farmer's Market  
http://fultonstreetmarket.org/  
1147 E. Fulton Street  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturdays from 8-3pm

Grand Rapids Downtown Market  
http://downtownmarketgr.com  
435 Ionia Ave. SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Description: Includes various vendors and classes like cooking class, summer camps, Yoga, etc.  
Cost: Entrance is free. Check out website for costs of classes.

Jersey Junction  
616-458-4107  
http://www.jerseyjunction.com/  
652 Croswell Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
Hours: Vary depending on season  
Description: Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor

Robinette's  
http://www.robinettes.com/apple-haus  
3142 4 Mile Rd. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
Hours: Varies (check out website)  
Cost: Varies  
Description: Store, Winery, Corn Maze, Hayrides

Meijer Gardens (with membership)  
http://www.meijergardens.org/  
Free concerts in the summer on various Tuesday evenings – check website for dates.

Pigeon Creek  
Free Cross Country Skiing with lighted trails.  
Inexpensive rentals.

Herman's Boys in Rockford  
Cheap Bagel and Roast own coffee.  
Free grilling events in summer.

Van's Pastry Shoppe  
616-458-1637  
https://www.facebook.com/vanspastry  
955 East Fulton  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Donuts $0.50  
Good hamburger and hotdog buns, English muffin loaf, French toast.

Parks  
Rowland Ave (good playground)  
John Collins Park (Nice area for walking) – by Reed’s Lake  
Manhattan Park (good playground) – by Reed’s Lake  
Nature preserve at Calvin College (nice area for walking)