

Calvin Connection



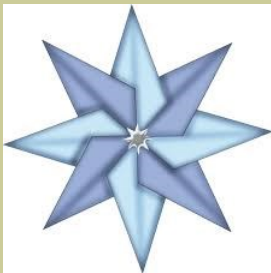
January 2018

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Epiphany

Remember that song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"? It reminds us that Christmas is more than one day a year. In the traditions of the church, Christmas is a season celebrated right up until Epiphany on January 6th.

This year we celebrate Epiphany in worship on January 7th when we will hear the Scripture of the visit of the magi. Epiphany is also a chance to consider once again where we see Christ coming into our lives and our world.



It Is Not Over by Ann Weems

It is not over,
this birthing.
There are always newer skies
into which
God can throw stars.
When we begin to think
that we can predict the Advent of God,
that we can box the Christ
in a stable in Bethlehem,
that's just the time
that God will be born
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.
Those who wait for God
watch with their hearts and not their eyes,
listening
always listening
for angel words.



Stained glass in chapel at St. John's University

Pastor Carol's Corner

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

Unless you are under about the age of 30, you likely feel that the past year has flown by. The older we get, the faster time seems to go. A year is gone before we hardly realize it.

One of the traditions people observe with the passing of one year to the next is making New Year's resolutions. There are probably as many jokes as there are resolutions about how quickly those well-intentioned goals are broken. Who knows why people break their resolutions: perhaps the resolutions were unrealistic or simply too hard to follow through. Perhaps the person's heart was not really in the resolution.

Those markers are important, however, that say we have left behind one year and started another. New Year's helps us consider how fast life does go by and consider whether there are other ways we would like to be living our life. Are there changes we would like to make in how we live this coming year?

I would like to suggest you consider making resolutions about your spiritual life for 2018. Is there something you would like to do that would draw you closer to God? Be realistic; don't resolve to do something you know will be impossible.

Perhaps you might want to spend time each week reading Scripture. Perhaps you might resolve to begin each day in prayer or else end each day writing a prayer of thanksgiving to God for blessings you have received. Perhaps you would like to begin attending the adult Sunday School class or volunteer in some new way around Calvin Church. You can tell someone or simply write it and stick it in your Bible where you will be reminded. Whatever it is, choose a resolution that is realistic and then get started. Time goes by too fast to waste the coming year.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Isaac Watts, 1719

Verse 1:

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Verse 3:

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

God's blessings be with you in 2018,

Carol

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

January 7 - Epiphany/Communion

Greeter - TBD
 Liturgist - Tammy Wenz

January 14

Greeter - Joel & Sarah Settles
 Liturgist - Joel Settles

January 21

Greeter - George Funk & Judy Rogosheske
 Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske

January 28

Greeter - TBD
 Liturgist - Susan Manro



REMINDER:

All annual reports are due to Angela in the church office by Sunday, January 7th.



On Sunday, January 21st we will be honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The choir is singing extra music and the Rev. Dr. Glorestine Creighton will be preaching. Rev. Creighton is an associate minister at New Hope Baptist Church in St. Paul. She was a classmate of Rev. Reed in the Doctor of Ministry program at Luther Seminary.



The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th immediately following worship. 2017 Annual Reports will be available mid-January.

Winter Schedule

9:00am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall
 9:30am Chancel choir practice, Choir Rehearsal Room
 10:00am Worship
 10:00am Sunday school (for the 1st Sunday of the month), all other Sundays the children will be in worship until the children's message
 11:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Activities

Sunday	9:00am	Adult Education
	9:30am	Chancel choir rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship/Sunday school
	11:00am	Fellowship time
Tuesday	3:00pm	SPARKS program
Wednesday	6:00pm	Handbell practice
	7:00pm	Chancel choir practice
Thursday	3:00pm	SPARKS program

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Monday	8:00am
Session Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
PW Meeting	3rd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am



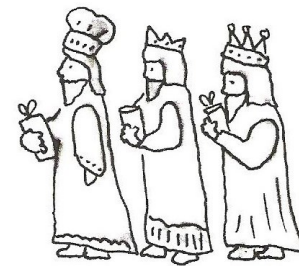
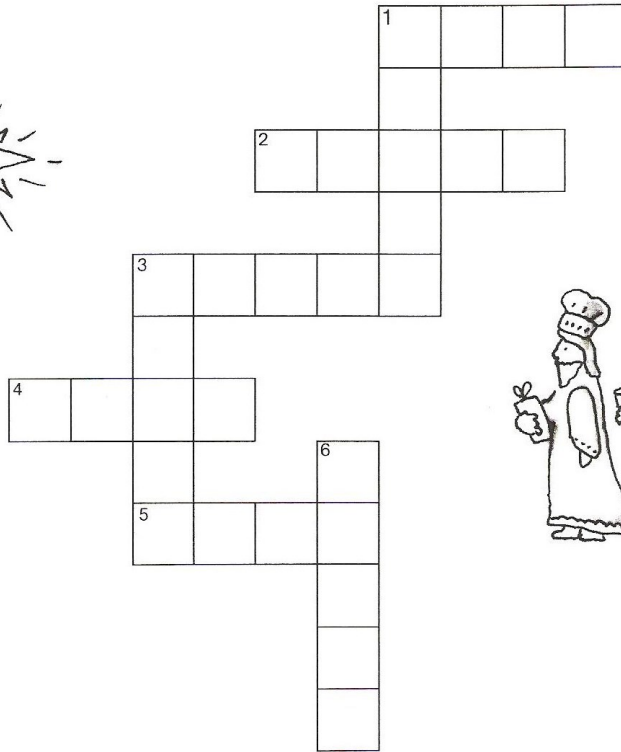
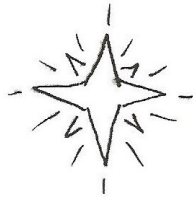
Test yourself by trying to do this crossword on your own. See how much you know about the story of the three wise men. If you have trouble with any of the answers, read Matthew 2:1-12 with a family member.

Across

1. Another name for the three wise men.
2. The jealous king who reigned at the time of Jesus' birth.
3. Bethlehem is in the land of _____.
4. The Magi came from the _____.
5. They followed the _____.

Down

1. The three kings gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and _____.
3. The three kings paid homage to _____.
6. The wise men were warned in a _____ not to return to Herod.



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
FAITH IN ACTION
Unit Two: A Living Faith in God

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain and Rev. Dr. Carol Reed


- Sunday, January 7 - Lesson 6, A Sincere Faith-- Daniel 1:8-21
- Sunday, January 14 - Lesson 7, A Bold Faith-- Daniel 3:19-28
- Sunday, January 21 - Lesson 8, A Prayer for an Obedient Faith -- Daniel 9:4-8, 15-19
- Sunday, January 28 - Lesson 9, A Strong Faith -- Daniel 10:10-19

THESE DAYS
Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The church orders daily devotional books for every month of the year and makes them available to church members. Start the New Year off with God; pick up an Upper Room or These Days devotional in the Gathering Hall!

Daily Devotional
Read

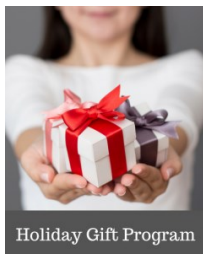




Tressie Weege (Dillman) grew up at Calvin, and now resides in Howard Lake with her three children. As many of you know, she had a house fire on Christmas Eve night and the house was destroyed. They have temporary housing that is fully furnished while they wait to rebuild their home. A church member just spoke with Tressie on December 28th and reported that Tressie and her children are overwhelmed by everyone's generosity! They are in good shape now and not in immediate need of anything. But the Women's Association has set up a fund for Tressie that will be given to her when her house is rebuilt and needs furnishings. If anyone would like to help this family rebuild, they can donate to the Calvin Women's Association. Please write "Tressie Weege" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Adopt-A-Family

A huge thank you to everyone who was a Santa's helper in our Adopt-a-Family/Adopt-a-Senior Christmas project. It is always so heartwarming to see our Calvin generosity in action. Thank you for the gifts and the gift cards and the time you spent choosing your gifts. May you all be blessed. ~Belinda Breit



Holiday Gift Program

Birthdays

January 4

January 7

January 13

January 14

January 15

January 19

January 24

January 26

January 27

January 28

Val Hagan

Todd Wood

Carol Reed

Pam Vande Vegte

Debbie Baker


Marj Eisinger

Joel Wenz

Lily Carver

Pat King

Bella Coccoluto



Celebrate!



Monthly COMMUNITY Meal
CALVIN • ST. GEORGE • TRINITY

We hope you will join us!

Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:30-6:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL ARE WELCOME - Bring the kids! These meals aim to bring people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities together for a meal so that people who might never have met otherwise will have the opportunity to get to know one another. There is no cost for these meals, but donations will be accepted. Join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle No January meeting
PW No January meeting
Mary & Martha Circle Meeting January 24th @ 9:30am



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, January 3rd at 12pm. Bring a dish to share, **but no need to bring your own place settings**. We use kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up afterwards. Joyce Anderson has stepped down from her Lunch Bunch hosting duties. We are now rotating host responsibilities every month; January's Lunch Bunch is being hosted by Dwight & Bette Chamberlain. Please sign up for hosting on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall.

Lunch Bunch hosting duties include:

- Make coffee and set out hot pads/paper products (plates, napkins, plastic utensils)
- Clean-up (wash any dishes, wipe off tables)



Mitten Tree - Bring warmth to families this winter by donating hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to hang on our mitten tree. Thank you to all who have already donated! All items will be taken to Interfaith Outreach in January.



The 2018 flower chart is available. Sign up for flowers on your loved one's birthday or to celebrate a special anniversary. The cost of the standard arrangement is \$35. Flower questions? See Gay Kearin.



David Zajac who had been our janitor for many years resigned and completed his service to the church on December 15th. The Personnel Committee is working on what is next and a cleaning service has helped us out in the interim. Thank you for your patience in this time of transition.

Appetizers



Join us for a festive appetizer potluck after worship on Sunday, December 31st. Bring your favorite holiday appetizer to share. It will be a fun time of fellowship and appetizers!



MUSIC
News



Greetings and Happy New Year from the Music Department! We are so grateful for your support during our very busy time of Advent and Christmas. I am particularly grateful to all those who sang, played and rang in December to make such beautiful contributions to our worship. Here's to another fulfilling and engaging year of music in 2018!

- **First choir rehearsal will be January 10th at 7pm**
- **First Sunday choir is singing will be January 14th**



JANUARY 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Office closed	2 No SPARKS	3 12pm Lunch Bunch	4 3-5pm SPARKS	5	6
7 Epiphany/ Communion 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/ Sunday school	8 8am Men's breakfast	9 3-5pm SPARKS 6:30pm Session Meeting	10 7pm Choir practice	11 3-5pm SPARKS	12	13
14 Rev. Scott Larson - guest preacher 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/ Sunday school	15	16 3-5pm SPARKS	17 7pm Choir practice	18 3-5pm SPARKS	19	20
21 MLK Sunday 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	22	23 3-5pm SPARKS	24 9:30am Mary & Martha Circle 7pm Choir practice	25 3-5pm SPARKS  5:30pm Community Meal @ Trinity Lutheran	26	27
28 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Potluck	29	30 3-5pm SPARKS	31 7pm Choir practice	Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)		

NOTES:

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Connect with us!



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
10:00am - 2:00pm

*Pastor Carol is in
the office Tues - Fri
(or can be reached at
her home phone #)*



Please recycle

*We extend a most cordial invitation
to you to participate in worship,
study and the many other activities in
the life of our Calvin family.*



Church Staff

- Pastor - Rev. Dr. Carol Reed
- Parish Associate - Rev. Dwight Chamberlain
- Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Douglas Potter
- Clerk of Session - Walter Baker

- Music Director - Mark Bilyeu
- Handbell Director - Mark Bilyeu
- Choral Accompanist - Taylor Burkhardt

- Office Administrator - Angela Coccoluto
- Treasurer - Pat King
- Financial Secretaries - Marj Eisinger & Tammy Wenz
- Custodian - Dave Zajac

Email address contacts:

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Calvin Connection deadline: Second Friday of the month
Sunday Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursdays at 10am
Email articles and/or announcements for the Calvin Connection & Sunday bulletins to Angela (see email address above), or drop them off in the church office. Any questions, please call Angela at 952-473-5419.