

Calvin Connection



November 2015

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A close-up of leaves from our ginkgo tree this fall.

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Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe"

Stewardship is:
How we spend our time
How we care for the body God has given us
How we care for this world God created
What percentage of our income we feel God is calling us to give
How we say thank you to God



**Growing in Faith
Building on Blessings**



**Supporting the ministry of
Calvin Church**

Stewardship dedication - Sunday, November 22nd

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10)



Pastor Carol's Corner

Isaiah 55:6a, 8-10, 12

Seek the Lord... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The change of seasons is a poignant time. It is hard to say goodbye to the warm days of summer. But there is beauty in each season – and this autumn in particular the colored leaves have been exceptionally beautiful. In October it felt as if God were presenting an art show of colors. The brilliant leaves were glowing.

I was curious about why leaves actually change color so read several articles about the science behind it. The cool weather is only part of the reason we have autumn leaves. Through photosynthesis trees receive what they need to grow. The trees use sunlight to produce chlorophyll, giving the leaves their green color.

Most trees have completed their growth cycle by late June. As the days grow shorter, there is less sunlight to produce chlorophyll. Eventually the trees stop producing chlorophyll. In the absence of chlorophyll other colors begin to appear - the red, orange, yellow, and brown we associate with autumn. Temperature, sunlight, and soil moisture all influence the quality of autumn colors from one year to the next. [www.usna.usda.gov/]

Leaves are composed of a high percentage of water and unable to endure the winter cold. A tree seals off the area at a leaf stem to protect the tree from frost, causing leaves to fall from the tree. Evergreens keep their needles because the needles are covered with a heavy wax coating and the fluids inside the cells contain substances resistant to frost. [<http://dnr.wi.gov/leek/veg/trees/treestruicolor.htm>]

It is all an incredibly intricate process, this cycle of the seasons and the colors of autumn we enjoy. What an amazing God we worship and serve. God created this earth with its miraculously complex system. We are held and loved by God who created the trees, the birds, the flowers – and cares for each of us. Why do we ever worry? We are held in love and grace by an everlasting and eternal God.

God's blessings are raining down.
Walk with your face lifted up;
Lift your hands also to receive the gift of God's presence,
the embrace of the One who is near. [*from the devotional d365.org*]

Peace.

Carol

The spirituality group is searching for a date and time to meet once a month. Please let Miki Bannavige or Pastor Carol know what works best for you. At present we are considering meeting during the daytime (and starting an evening group later if there is enough interest.) A group has already gathered and started reading *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idilby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.



Photo taken at Presbyterian Homes during Ruth Circle's birthday celebration for Mabel Norton's 99th birthday.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

November 1 - Communion

Greeters - Bob & Jan Solheim
Liturgist - Jan Solheim

November 8

Greeter - Belinda Breit
Liturgist - Belinda Breit

November 15

Greeters - George Funk & Judy Rogosheske
Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske

November 22

Greeters - The Goman Family
Liturgist - Anita Goman

November 29

Greeter - The Berbig Family
Liturgist - Krista Berbig



Sunday, November 1, 2015 is All Saints' Day, when we honor and remember those in our congregation who have joined the church triumphant in the past year. We are also invited to remember those in our individual lives who have gone before us, by lighting a candle during worship.



Come celebrate the music ministry at Calvin on Music Sunday, November 22nd at 10:00am.

Calling all Holiday Helpers!

Hanging of the greens will be on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00am. Anyone that would like to help decorate is greatly appreciated!

Fall 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

10:00am Exercise

Wednesday

6:00pm Handbell practice
7:00pm Chancel choir practice

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Monday	8:00am
Crisis Nursery	1st Monday	3:30pm
Loaves & Fishes	1st Tuesday	3:45pm
	(meets at River of Life Lutheran Church)	
Session Meeting	2nd Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
Confirmation	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	5:30pm
PW Meeting	3rd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am



Thanks to Teri Wood for all the wonderful children's messages! There are a blessing to the congregation - young and old!



From Teri's children's message on Sunday, October 25th

Pictures from Trunk-or-Treat at Calvin - Sunday, October 25th



NOVEMBER:

Friday, November 6th @ 6pm - Movie night (4th grade & under) "Bedknobs & Broomsticks". Pizza, beverages and popcorn will be provided. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall as the date approaches.

Saturday, November 7th @ 7pm - IOCP sleep out at Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Details have been emailed to the families.

Sunday, November 22nd @ 5:30 - 7:00pm - Game night for the older youth hosted and held at Calvin (in conjunction with Plymouth Presbyterian). Pizza will be served.



The Confirmation class met last month with a Presbyterian Church mission co-worker, Rev. Josh Heikkila. Josh lives in Ghana and works with churches across West Africa coordinating mission efforts in the areas of poverty, education and health care. Josh spoke with the Confirmands about what it means to be serving in mission in our own area as well as across the world in Africa.

The Confirmands serve in local mission as part of their Confirmation program. The next project is the Sleep-Out to raise funds for IOCP.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMES ALIVE

Unit Three: Spreading the Gospel
Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation

- Sunday, Nov. 1 - Lesson 9, The Power of Prayer -- Acts 12:1-11
- Sunday, Nov. 8 - Lesson 10, No Difference in God's Sight -- Acts 15:1-12
- Sunday, Nov. 15 - Lesson 11, Spreading the Word -- Acts 16:1-5; 8-15
- Sunday, Nov. 22 - Lesson 12, Making God Known -- Acts 17
- Sunday, Nov. 29 - Lesson 13, Teaching God's Word -- Acts 18:1-11

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The October 2015 rummage sale raised \$3,675.25!
The funds will be used in the following manner:

Maple Plain Food Shelf: \$400
Westonka Food Shelf: \$400
Feed My Starving Children: \$400
Interfaith Outreach: \$400
Chechon Children's Home: \$400
Crisis Nursery: \$200
PW Christmas party: \$150
Postage for items sent to Korea: \$150
Women's Assoc. Sunshine Comm: \$300
Adopt a Family/Operation Christmas Child: \$300
Christmas gifts for shut-ins: \$50
Garden Fund: \$50
John Nelson (leftover rummage): \$150

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the sale, donated their time to help work at the sale, helped with clean-up or shopped! The spring sale will be May 5, 6, and 7, 2016.

Operation Christmas Child



We are assembling boxes for OCC again this year. Our boxes will go to one of the following countries: Belize, Uganda, India, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, or Ecuador. Some ideas of items needed for the boxes are toys, games, hard candy, hair care items or jewelry, toothpaste, soap, clothing, or anything else you can think of that would fit in a shoe box (except for any kind of liquid).

If you don't have time to go shopping, you can still participate by donating cash. We are asked to contribute \$7/box to help defray shipping costs. Please see Belinda Breit with any questions.



The annual PW Christmas Salad Supper will be Monday evening, December 7th, beginning with refreshments at 6pm. Our entertainment will be Iris Kolodji, our new choral scholar. Our Christmas party is the PW gift to the women of the church, but we do allow them to bring their male friends. Dinner is provided by the PW board. Mark your calendars for this fun evening!

Group from Calvin that packed 14 boxes and 3,024 meals at FMSC on Friday, October 23rd.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting Nov. 12th @ 2pm
PW Meeting Nov. 16th @ 9am
Mary & Martha Circle Meeting Nov. 18th @ 9:30am



PRESBYTERIAN
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Birthdays



November 7 Sarah Bracken
November 19 Jack Lutz
November 20 Isabella Berbig
November 24 Lois Sturman
Ruth McPherson
November 30 Arlo Vande Vegte

Anniversaries

November 7 Ron & Nancy Miller

Celebrate!



November Lunch Bunch is on Wednesday, November 4th at 12pm. Bring your own place settings and a dish to share. Come and join us - everyone is welcome! Help is needed with cleaning up after Lunch Bunch. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall to sign up, or just stay to lend a hand afterwards. Thank you!



Dear Calvin Family - Thank you everyone for you cards, well wishes, kind words, and prayers following my recent surgeries. I feel truly blessed to have so many friends at Calvin who care so much ~Sarah Settles



The Augsburg Centennial Singers will be giving a concert at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth on Sunday, November 1st at 3pm. Jon Lueth has a major solo in the concert and Marilyn now does all the keyboard accompaniments. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. If you can't attend on Sunday but are interested in seeing a concert, go to centennialsingers.org for the full concert schedule.



Dear friends - We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of Calvin Church in remembering us and celebrating with us our two special anniversaries, our 50th wedding anniversary and Dwight's 50th Ordination anniversary. It was a great honor to have the opportunity to participate in the morning worship. We sincerely thank the church for preparing and serving such a beautiful cake and all the delicious refreshments during the fellowship time in recognition of our anniversaries. All our children and grandchildren were with us and our whole family thanks you for all you did to make the day so special.

With our love and prayers, Pastor Dwight and Bette Chamberlain



MUSIC News



We are in full swing in the music department! The handbell choir is 'ringing', the kids gave us a great "Wedding Banquet" thanks to the volunteer work of some of our choir members, and the Chancel Choir is singing beautifully! We are all gearing up for our Music Sunday set for November 22nd, the weekend before Thanksgiving. It is a perfect time to join us for a small commitment in the weeks leading up to this wonderful Sunday of music. Please consider lending a hand with the bells (good joke, no?) or your voice with the Chancel Choir. Look to the bulletin to see our rehearsal schedule. Thanks as always for your support of our thriving music program!

~Mark Bilyeu, Director

Do you love to sing? The Calvin Chancel Choir is always welcoming new singers! No experience is necessary—only a love for music! There's also no need for a long-term commitment. Join us for one rehearsal and see if you like it. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm in the music room.



NOVEMBER 2015



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion/All Saints' Day 9am Adult Education 9:30 Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 	2 8am Men's breakfast 3:30pm Crisis Nursery	3 10am Exercise 3:45pm Loaves & Fishes	4 12pm Lunch Bunch 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Choir practice	5	6 6pm Youth Movie night (4th grade & under)	7 7pm IOCP Sleep-Out at Plymouth Presbyterian Church
8 9am Adult Education 9:30 Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	9	10 10am Exercise 6:30pm Session	11 6pm Bell practice 7pm Choir practice	12 2pm Ruth Circle	13	14
15 9am Adult Education 9:30 Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	16 9am PW meeting	17 10am Exercise	18 9:30am Mary & Martha 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bell practice 7pm Choir practice	19	20	21
22 Music Sunday/ Stewardship Dedication 9am Adult Education 9:30 Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	23	24 10am Exercise	25 5:30pm Confirmation No Choir practice	26 <i>Office Closed</i>  Happy Thanksgiving	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28
29 9am Adult Education 9:30 Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	30	 <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p> 				

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
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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.