

Calvin Connection



February 2018

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The Season of Lent



Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers and Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Soup is served at 6pm, with the service beginning at 6:30pm

Each half-hour Lenten service will include music, prayer,
scripture, and a short drama

The theme for this Lenten season is "Portraits of the Disciples"

The bulletin cover each Wednesday will feature the painting of
"The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci.



We will be taking a closer look at some of the
disciples from the painting.
The disciples teach us lessons that can help guide us
as we too follow Jesus.



Pastor Carol's Corner

For many Christians Ash Wednesday marks a time of spiritual discipline for forty days as we move towards Holy Week – Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and prepare for Easter, the Day of Resurrection. Some Christian traditions observe Lent as a time of sacrifice as they reflect on Christ's sacrifice. People give up things like chocolate, caffeine, chips, social networking. Some spiritual disciplines are harder than others!

At Calvin we have in the past talked about giving up negative thoughts during Lent. I recently read an article by a Methodist clergyperson who suggested giving up the need to be right all the time, fear of the future, comparing yourself to others, the need to be in control, the need to make everyone happy.¹ Some spiritual disciplines are harder than others!

At Calvin instead of talking about what we give up, we generally talk about what we can add to our lives during Lent. We add in the mid-week soup supper and a worship service. This year's mid-week worship is a series written by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain, focusing on the twelve disciples as reflected in DaVinci's painting of The Last Supper. During Lent we collect the extra offering One Great Hour of Sharing, offering that help with hunger programs, disaster assistance, and seed money for grassroots projects around the country.

When I first looked at the calendar to see when Lent begins this year, I realized Ash Wednesday falls on Valentines Day. That is a curious coincidence, but as I thought about it, I wondered if perhaps it might give us a new way of approaching Lent this year.

How about this Lent approaching the spiritual discipline of sharing God's love? Wait, you might say, isn't that what we are supposed to be doing all the time? Well, yes, but how about making a conscious effort these forty days of Lent to see how often you can actively share God's love with others? And try the converse as well – watch to see how you are receiving God's love as well. As a spiritual discipline, keep a journal of where you have seen God's love – given and received.

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
So may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;
Make our mouths speak the trust that Christ teaches us;
Fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Lenten Prayer, Book of Common Worship

Blessings in this journey towards the cross,

Carol

¹The Rev. Magrey R. deVega, in ministrymatters.com

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

February 4 - Communion

Greeters - Ken & Wanda Pratt

Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

February 11

Greeter - Sharon Corl

Liturgist - Tammy Wenz

February 18

Greeters - Denny & Joyce Anderson

Liturgist - Candy Bowman

February 25

Greeter - Bonnie Boylan

Liturgist - Susan Baker

Soup Suppers start on Ash Wednesday, February 14th!

Time: Lenten meal served at 6:00pm,

Worship service at 6:30pm

Where: Calvin Fellowship Hall

Free will offering will be collected



Sign-up sheets to bring soup or to
volunteer for set-up/clean-up are
in the Gathering Hall



The Annual Meeting is Sunday,
February 11th immediately
following worship.
2017 Annual Reports are
available in the Gathering Hall.

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



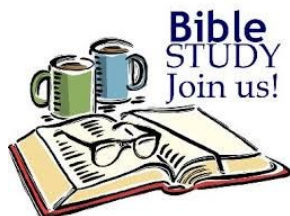
Snowy evergreen trees on the
south side of the Fellowship Hall
after the significant snowfall the
third week of January.

Lent

W Q K P G N I T S A F P K V K F L
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S N R E C I F I R C A S T N R K L
R S L R V Z K Y N B N N S N U K B
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almsgiving
ashes
ash wednesday
cross
crucifixion
easter
fasting
forgiveness
holy week

lent
meditation
penance
prayer
prepare
reconciliation
sacrifice
sorrow
spring



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
FAITH IN ACTION
Unit Three: Godly Faith



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

Sunday, February 4 - Lesson 10, Faith Without Works is Dead -- James 2:14-26
Sunday, February 11 - Lesson 11, A Disciplined Faith -- James 3:1-12
Sunday, February 18 - Lesson 12, Faithful Disciples -- Acts 9:36-43
Sunday, February 25 - Lesson 13, The Good Fight of Faith -- I Timothy 6:11-21



Give the gift of warmth to local families

As the weather dips way below freezing we are especially in need of warm new and gently used outerwear – coats, parkas, snow pants, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens and boots. Please donate to Interfaith Outreach (Resale Select) to help families through these cold months. Program participants have access to the coats you donate free of charge through Resale Select. Please go through your closets, spread the word to friends, and bring your donations to church. Donations can be left in the Gathering Hall by the mitten tree. All items will be brought to Interfaith Outreach in February. Thank you!

2018 Elders

Class of 2019:

Belinda Breit
Ken Pratt
Joel Settles
Amy Wenz

Class of 2020:

Kathy Berg
Martha Brown
Chelsea Rhea
Skelly Shaughnessy

Class of 2021:

Dennis Anderson
Shelly Dressel
Ann Shaughnessy
Tammy Wenz (2nd term)

Welcome to our newest elders - Dennis Anderson, Shelly Dressel, and Ann Shaughnessy.

Thank you ALL for your service!



Birthdays



Celebrate!

February 2	Henry Funk
February 3	Bob Hagan Judy Rogosheske
February 4	Dwight Chamberlain
February 5	Jake Goman
February 12	Sharon Corl
February 23	Joyce Anderson
February 28	Belinda Breit



Thursday, February 22, 2018

5:30-6:30pm
Calvin Presbyterian Church

We are hosting February's Community Meal.
We need volunteers to help with set-up,
serving, and clean-up.
Please sign-up in the Gathering Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME - Bring the kids! There is no cost for these meals, but donations will be accepted. Join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle No February meeting
PW No February meeting
Mary & Martha Circle Meeting February 28th @ 9:30am





Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, February 7th 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. We are now rotating host responsibilities every month; February's Lunch Bunch is being hosted by Ken & Wanda Pratt. 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)



Coffee Fellowship - Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall. There are *many* open Sundays in February, March, and April for hosting coffee hour. If you would like to simply bring treats or snacks, juice and coffee will be made. Just note "food only" next to your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you!



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.



The Personnel Committee has hired a cleaning service in the interim until a decision has been made about hiring a new custodian, and details are finalized. Thank you for your patience in this time of transition.



Session meeting minutes are available upon request. Please see Angela in the church office to receive a copy.



FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 3-5pm SPARKS	2	3
4 Communion 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/ Sunday school	5 8am Men's breakfast	6 3-5pm SPARKS 6:30pm Session	7 12pm Lunch Bunch	8 3-5pm SPARKS	9	10
11 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/ Sunday school 11am Annual Meeting	12	13 3-5pm SPARKS	14  6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	15 3-5pm SPARKS	16	17
18 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	19	20 No SPARKS	21 6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	22 3-5pm SPARKS  5:30pm Community Meal @ Calvin	23	24
25 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Potluck	26	27 3-5pm SPARKS	28 9:30am Mary & Martha Circle 6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 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

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*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 -

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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.*