

Calvin Connection



March 2016

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The Season of Lent



The word *Lent* comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word for spring. While Presbyterians do not focus on fasting during Lent, we do spend extra time in worship (come for our soup supper and worship on Wednesday evenings), extra giving opportunities (One Great Hour of Sharing offering or collecting food for the local food-shelves), and focusing on personal prayer and Bible study. Below is a list of New Testament Scripture readings for every day in March and Holy Week, ending on Easter Sunday.

Daily Scripture Readings From the Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA)

Tuesday, March 1 - John 7:37-52	Tuesday, March 15 - John 9:18-41
Wednesday, March 2 - John 8:12-20	Wednesday, March 16 - John 10:1-18
Thursday, March 3 - John 8:21-33	Thursday, March 17 - John 10:19-42
Friday, March 4 - John 8:34-47	Friday, March 18 - John 12:1-10
Saturday, March 5 - John 8:47-59	Saturday, March 19 - John 12:37-50
Sunday, March 6 - Mark 8:11-21	Palm Sunday, March 20 - Matthew 21:12-17
Monday, March 7 - John 6:1-15	Monday, March 21 - John 12:9-19
Tuesday, March 8 - John 6:16-27	Tuesday, March 22 - John 12:20-26
Wednesday, March 9 - John 6:27-40	Wednesday, March 23 - John 12:27-36
Thursday, March 10 - John 6:41-51	Maundy Thursday, March 24 - John 17:1-11 (12-26)
Friday, March 11 - John 6:52-59	Good Friday, March 25 - I Peter 1:10-21
Saturday, March 12 - John 6:60-71	Saturday, March 26 - Psalm 31
Sunday, March 13 - Mark 8:31-9:1	Easter Sunday, March 27 - John 1:1-18 or John 20:19-23
Monday, March 14 - John 9:1-17	



Cross in front of Luther Seminary in St. Paul. It is a replica of a Celtic cross from about 1000AD, believed to be the first Christian symbol erected in Norway.

Pastor Carol's Corner

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." ~Matthew 16:24

The other day I saw a photograph of one of the presidential candidates in the newspaper. The photo caught my attention not so much because of the candidate; there is no shortage of photographs of politicians these days. What made me do a double take were the three crosses visible on the wall behind the candidate. I looked at the caption; no explanation of where it was taken but I knew the photo must have been taken in a church.

If we were asked what one symbol most identifies us as a Christian, I believe we would agree it is the cross. People sometimes wear crosses as fashion jewelry, but more likely a cross proclaims the wearers faith in Jesus Christ.

During the weeks of Lent, our Scripture lessons tell of Jesus making his way to Jerusalem and the cross. In the Roman world, the cross was the primary means of execution. Death on a cross was reserved for the worst of criminals. The cross is a reminder of how our Savior died so we would have life forever with God.

The Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church pictures different types of crosses. Crosses appear in many styles (look around Calvin Church to see how many you can find), but three that have been used for countless generations are pictured below:



Presbyterians are familiar with the Celtic cross, originally found throughout Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. There is a circle at intersection of the crossbeams.



The Jerusalem cross is recognized as a larger cross with four smaller crosses in each quadrant. It reminds us of where the crucifixion took place, outside the walls of Jerusalem.



The anchored cross is also called the mariner's cross. It echoes the words of Hebrews 6:19 – We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...

Check out the crosses in our display in the cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. You can still bring a contribution to include.

Blessings to you as we move towards the cross and the day of resurrection,

Carol

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

March 6 - Communion

Greeters - Walter & Susan Baker
Liturgist - Susan Baker

March 13

Greeter - Krista Berbig
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

March 20

Greeters - Bob & Jan Solheim
Liturgist - Susan Manro

March 27

Greeters - Chris & Chelsea Rhea
Liturgist - Laura Rettinger



Soup Suppers continuing through Wednesday, March 16th!

Time: Soup served at 6:00pm, followed by a short service ending at 7:00pm

Where: Calvin Fellowship Hall
Free will offering

If you would like to provide a pot of soup for a Wednesday evening, please sign up 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

10:00am Exercise

Wednesday

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

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Monday	8:00am
Feed My Starving Children	1st Tuesday	2:30pm
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

EASTER FLOWERS



We will have a variety of flowering plants in the chancel on Easter Sunday to represent the garden tomb. To order flowers you may fill-out an order form and return it with payment to the church office, no later than Wednesday, March 16th. Order forms are available in the Gathering Hall.

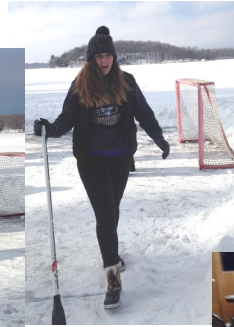


Palm Sunday Brunch

We will be serving a great brunch in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, March 20th after worship. The menu will be an assortment of egg bakes (made by some of our fellow Calvin members), fresh fruit, and a great selection of doughnuts and rolls, orange juice and coffee. All are welcome so feel free to invite your neighbors and friends! A free will offering will be collected. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.

“One of the best youth retreats ever. I met a lot of inspiring young people. Thanks Calvin Presbyterian Church for inviting me along. I needed it as much as the campers did.” –Jonathan Warren, Luther Seminary student

Upcoming Youth Events



Clearwater Forest Snow Camp 2016 attendees: Grace Berbig, Abi, Jac, and Scotlyn Carver, Brad & Carley Hagan. Chaperones: Bob Hagan, Jamie Carver, and Jonathan Warren.

Fundraising Totals To Date:

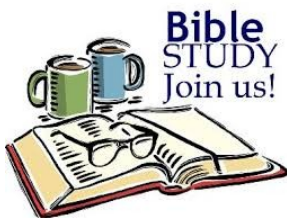
Flamingos - \$890; Spaghetti Dinner - \$517.10 (after expenses); Triennium Sponsorships - \$125.00



Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser - Sunday, March 13th after worship. The youth will be baking at Teri Wood's house on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH
Triennium
 July 19 – 23, 2016
 Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

Triennium is a life giving, life changing, faith moving experience! Help our young people GO to the next great place in their faith. The cost for each youth is \$600 (which includes transportation, housing, meals & program costs). The families will pay one third of the cost, fundraising will cover another one third, and we are looking for sponsors for each of our youth for the final one third. If you're interested in being a sponsor, please contact Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 for more information.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
 Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
THE GIFT OF FAITH
 Unit One: Tests of Faith

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation



- Sunday, March 6 - Lesson 1, Powerful Faith -- Mark 9:14-29
- Sunday, March 13 - Lesson 2, Simple Faith -- Mark 10:17-31
- Sunday, March 20 - Lesson 3, Struggling Faith -- Mark 14:26-31, 66-72
- Sunday, March 27 - Lesson 4, Resurrection Faith (Easter) -- Mark 16:1-8



MN FOODSHARE MONTH

Every year, people across the state join forces with Minnesota FoodShare in an effort to stock food shelves during the March Campaign, benefiting hungry families in Minnesota. There are many matching grants offered during March so our gifts are doubled! In 2015, the March Campaign raised \$8 million and 4.7 million pounds of food!

Calvin Church donates food to three food shelves: IOCP (Interfaith Outreach), Maple Plain Food Shelf, and WeCan. You may bring in non-perishable food items, toiletries, or personal care items; the "most needed items" lists are posted in the Gathering Hall by the donation basket. Or you can donate through church and your money will be apportioned between the three food shelves. Please write "Foodshare" on the memo line. Help us make a difference during the month of March!

2016 Elders

Class of 2017:
Candy Bowman
Gary Keller
Teri Wood
Judy Rogosheske



Class of 2018:
Bonnie Boylan
DJ Goman
Jim Rettinger
Tammy Wenz



Class of 2019:
Belinda Breit
Ken Pratt
Joel Settles
Amy Wenz

Welcome to our newest elders - Ken Pratt, Joel Settles, and Amy Wenz!

Thank you ALL for your service!

Birthdays



- March 4 Scott Bracken
- March 5 Bob Solheim
Bette Chamberlain
Grace Berbig
- March 13 Evelyn Neilson
Dave Shaughnessy
- March 14 Susan Manro
- March 21 Margot Garin
- March 25 Dave Kearin
- March 28 Tammy Wenz

Celebrate!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ~1 Peter 4:10

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering that has been received by Presbyterian Churches throughout Lent for over sixty years. Your donations will be used to help fund the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People program. Please prayerfully consider how you can give this year. Collection and dedication of our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be on Palm Sunday. Fish banks are available in the Gathering Hall.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting March 10th @ 2pm

PW No March meeting

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting March 23rd @ 9:30am





March Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, March 2nd. Bring your own place settings and a dish to share. And please plan to stay a few extra minutes to help with clean-up afterwards. Many hands make light work! Join us - everyone is welcome!



Welcome to our newest members who were confirmed into membership on February 21st: Grace Berbig, Jac Carver, Scotlyn Carver, Jacob Goman, Carley Hagan, and Gretta Wood.



The 2016 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. See Gay Kearin with any flower questions.



The family of Eleanor Moss would like to extend a special thank you to all from Calvin Church that sent cards, visited mom and/or provided bars for the funeral lunch. She always loved the visits and cards. We appreciate the kindness and love shown to her.
~Linda, Joanne, Vickie, Ruthie & our families



Mark your calendars for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00am-2:45pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, MN. More details to follow in the April Calvin Connection.



Calvin Members - Our family wants to thank you for your cards, visits, calls and prayers. We are blessed to be part of the Calvin family. ~Jeff and Martha Brown



Thanks to everyone who has been bringing soups for the Wednesday evening soup suppers. We have been having a wonderful array of soups from our talented Calvin cooks! Lenten soup suppers and worship continues through March 16th.



COMMUNITY
Lenten Services

Palm Sunday, March 20 - Worship service at 10:00am with special music, and dedication of our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings. Egg bake brunch to follow after worship service. Sign up in the Gathering Hall.

Maundy Thursday, March 24 - We will gather for worship at 7:00pm in the sanctuary (no Wednesday evening soup supper during Holy Week). Worship will include the choir, communion, and another Lenten drama recalling the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest.

Good Friday, March 25 - We are participating with First Presbyterian Church in Maple Plain for their evening service at 6:30pm. We will be worshipping at First Presbyterian, 558 County Road 110 in Maple Plain.

Easter Sunday, March 27 - Easter morning worship service at 10:00am including a "noisy" offering taken by our youth and special music. Bring loose change for One Great Hour offering.



MARCH 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10am Exercise 2:30-4:30pm Feed My Starving Chil- dren	2 12pm Lunch Bunch 6pm Soup supper & Lenten drama 7pm Choir practice	3	4	5
6 Communion 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	7 8am Men's breakfast	8 10am Exercise 6:30pm Session meeting	9 6pm Soup supper & Lenten drama 7pm Choir practice	10 2pm Ruth Circle	11	12
13 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Youth Bake Sale	14 9am PW Meeting	15 10am Exercise	16 6pm Soup supper & Lenten drama 7pm Choir practice	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20  9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Palm Sunday brunch	21	22 10am Exercise	23 9:30am Mary & Martha 7pm Choir practice	24  Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship Service	25  6:30pm Wor- ship @ First Presbyterian, Maple Plain	26
27  9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship No Sunday School	28	29 10am Exercise	30 7pm Choir practice	31	 <i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i>	

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

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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.