

# Calvin Connection



March 2017

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## The Season of Lent



Lent is the season in the church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday  
It is 40 days plus six Sundays leading up to Easter

Lent invites us to reflect on our faith, spending time in prayer and Bible study

Every Wednesday during Lent we gather for soup suppers and a short worship service;  
sign-up sheets to help provide soup are in the Fellowship Hall

Soup supper at 6:00

Worship at 6:30

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

Ash Wednesday, March 1 - Psalm 147:1-11	Friday, March 17 - John 5:30-47
Thursday, March 2 - John 1:29-34	Saturday, March 18 - John 6:16-21
Friday, March 3 - John 1:35-42	Sunday, March 19 - John 6:22-36
Saturday, March 4 - John 1:43-51	Monday, March 20 - John 7:14-36
Sunday, March 5 - 1 Cor. 1:18-31	Tuesday, March 21 - John 7:37-52
Monday, March 6 - John 2:1-12	Wednesday, March 22 - John 8:12-20
Tuesday, March 7 - John 2:13-22	Thursday, March 23 - John 8:21-32
Wednesday, March 8 - John 2:23--3:15	Friday, March 24 - John 8:33-47
Thursday, March 9 - John 3:16-21	Saturday, March 25 - John 8:47-59
Friday, March 10 - John 3:22-36	Sunday, March 26 - John 9:1-17
Saturday, March 11 - John 4:1-15	Monday, March 27 - John 9:35-41
Sunday, March 12 - 1 Cor. 3:11-23	Tuesday, March 28 - John 10:1-10
Monday, March 13 - John 4:31-42	Wednesday, March 29 - John 10:11-18
Tuesday, March 14 - John 4:43-54	Thursday, March 30 - John 11:1-16
Wednesday, March 15 - John 5:1-18	Friday, March 31 - John 11:17-27
Thursday, March 16 - John 5:19-29	



## Pastor Carol's Corner

Easter is the central message for Christians. Yet before we get to the celebration of the resurrection, the season of Lent comes along to prepare us for that holiest of days.

For the early church, converts spent time preparing to be received into the church on Easter morning. As Lent became a regular part of the church's calendar, many Christians made it a spiritual practice to give up something for Lent as a reminder of the sacrifices Christ made and the commitment we make to follow Christ.

At Calvin Church we have taken Lent in another direction by **adding** to the weeks leading to Easter. Most of us need reminders to keep us on task to a goal; our mid-week services throughout Lent are in part to redirect our focus on Christ. This year we are focusing on John's Gospel during Lent and many of the daily readings listed on the front cover are from John's Gospel.

Blessings to you as we prepare ourselves for the Day of Resurrection,

*Carol*

### Catch Me in My Scurrying

*by Ted Loder*

Catch me in my mindless scurrying, Lord,  
 and hold me in this Lenten season:  
 hold my spirit to the beacon of your grace  
 and grant me light enough to walk boldly,  
     to feel passionately,  
     to love aggressively;  
 grant me peace enough to want more,  
     to work for more  
 and to submit to nothing less,  
 and to fear only you...  
     only you!

Bequeath me not becalmed seas,  
 slack sails and premature benedictions,  
 but breathe into me a torment,  
 storm enough to make within myself  
     and from myself,  
     something...  
     something new,  
     something saving,  
     something true,  
 a gladness of heart,  
 a pitch for a song in the storm,  
 a word of praise lived,  
 a gratitude shared,  
 a cross dared,  
 a joy received...

## Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

### March 5 - Communion

Greeters - Denny & Joyce Anderson  
Liturgist - Susan Manro

### March 12

Greeters - Bob & Jan Solheim  
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

### March 19

Greeter - Sharon Corl  
Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske

### March 26

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles  
Liturgist - Joel Settles

### Soup Suppers begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1st!

Time: Lenten meal served at 6:00pm,  
Worship service at 6:30pm  
Where: Calvin Fellowship Hall  
Free will offering will be collected



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	
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
Feed My Starving Children	1st Tuesday	2:30pm
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

## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL - FILL THE ARK

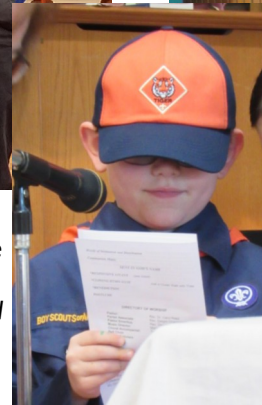
During the Lenten season, Calvin youth and families will be participating in Heifer International's "Fill the Ark" program. Fill the Ark uses a four-week calendar as a guide on how families can give generously to help communities and families around the world. Each family will receive a Giving Bank and one calendar. Each day includes information about Heifer's work, animals, and resources. We will collect loose change to Fill the Ark each Sunday morning during Lent.

This is an excellent opportunity to change many lives, renew hope to overcome poverty, and help hungry families around the world!





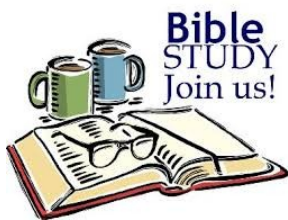
Sunday, February 5, 2017 was Scout Sunday. We had four scouts participate in worship - Bella & Ethan Cocoluto, Jake Goman, and Maighread Shaughnessy. Also pictured above is Anita Goman, Scout leader.



**The Children's Choir** will be singing in worship once a month. They will sing next during worship on Sunday, March 12th. Please put the date on your calendar! A reminder will be emailed to families as the date approaches.



**Vacation Bible School** - The CE Committee is also looking for anyone that might have interest in coordinating VBS at Calvin this summer. Please contact the church office if you would like to head up this fun and rewarding experience!



## ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am  
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme  
**THE LOVE OF GOD**  
Unit One: The Nature of God's Love  
Lessons from selected Books in the Bible  
Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & Rev. Dr. Carol Reed

Sunday, March 5 - Lesson 1, The Source of All Love -- I John 4:7-19  
Sunday, March 12 - Lesson 2, God's Overflowing Love -- Ephesians 2:1-10  
Sunday, March 19 - Lesson 3, Manifesting God's Love -- John 15:1-17  
Sunday, March 26 - Lesson 4, God's Merciful Love -- Joel 2:12-13, 18-19, 28-32



Minnesota FoodShare, a major program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), began its work in 1982, with a campaign to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful, and the need was so great, that it became a statewide program just one year later. People across the state join forces with Minnesota FoodShare in an effort to stock food shelves during the March Campaign. There are many matching grants offered during the month, so our gifts are doubled! In 2016, the March Campaign raised \$8.2 million dollars and 5.2 million pounds of food, for the most successful campaign in their 34 year history!

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!

## Birthdays



*Celebrate!*

March 5	Bob Solheim Bette Chamberlain Grace Berbig
March 13	Evelyn Neilson Dave Shaughnessy
March 14	Susan Manro
March 15	Laura Rettinger
March 21	Margot Garin
March 25	Dave Kearin
March 28	Tammy Wenz

## 2017 Elders

*Class of 2018:*

Bonnie Boylan  
Jim Rettinger  
Judy Rogosheske (1 yr. term)  
Tammy Wenz

*Class of 2019:*

Belinda Breit  
Ken Pratt  
Joel Settles  
Amy Wenz



*Class of 2020:*

Kathy Berg  
Martha Brown  
Chelsea Rhea  
Skelly Shaughnessy

Welcome to our newest elders - Kathy Berg, Martha Brown, Chelsea Rhea, and Skelly Shaughnessy.

**Thank you ALL for your service!**

## 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 9th @ 2pm

**PW** No March meeting

**Mary & Martha Circle** Meeting March 22nd @ 9:30am



**Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, March 1st at 12pm. Bring a dish to share, **but no need to bring your own place settings**. Going forward we will be using kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up afterwards. Join us - everyone is welcome!



**The 2017 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.



**Coffee Fellowship** - Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall. There are many open Sundays in 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** to Pastor Carol for her visits, and to all my Calvin Church family for the nice cards, prayers, and phone calls during my recent illness. It really means a lot.  
~Darwin Swanson

Hello Calvin Presbyterian Church! My name is Sabreena Cherrington. I am so excited to make music with you throughout the upcoming months! I am currently a Junior at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a major in choral music education. I spent my Freshmen year of college in Nashville, Tennessee but I grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I was confirmed and sang on the worship team at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. I love to read, bake & spend time with my dog, Lucy. I am looking forward to meeting everyone!




Hello from the Music Department. I hope you've been enjoying the variety of repertoire we have been singing. We've been working hard to better coordinate the choral anthems and special music with the readings, and I'm finding it a wonderful way to bring a diversity of music. I'm always accepting requests, so if there is something you'd like to hear, please feel free to leave a note in my mailbox. We are thrilled to have Sabreena with us on a regular basis, adding her voice and her conducting skills to the choir. And I would be remiss in not acknowledging Brian and Taylor for their leadership while I was away from Calvin. Thank you for your support of our Choral Scholar program, which makes it possible for me to pursue opportunities to study and travel. We look forward to contributing to our Lenten services - it's hard to believe we're already talking about Easter, but here we are! With gratitude for your support,  
-Mark

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.



# MARCH 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p>			1 12pm Lunch Bunch  6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship <i>No Choir practice</i>	2  3-5pm SPARKS	3	4
<b>5 Communion</b> 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	6 8am Men's breakfast	7  3-5pm SPARKS	8  6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	9  2pm Ruth Circle 3-5pm SPARKS	10	11
12 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	13	14  3-5pm SPARKS	15  6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	16  3-5pm SPARKS	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	20	21  3-5pm SPARKS	22 9:30am Mary & Martha 6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	23  3-5pm SPARKS	24	25
26 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	27	28  No SPARKS	29  6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	30  No SPARKS	31	

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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 #)*



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**Calvin Connection**

**March 2017**

*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  
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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.