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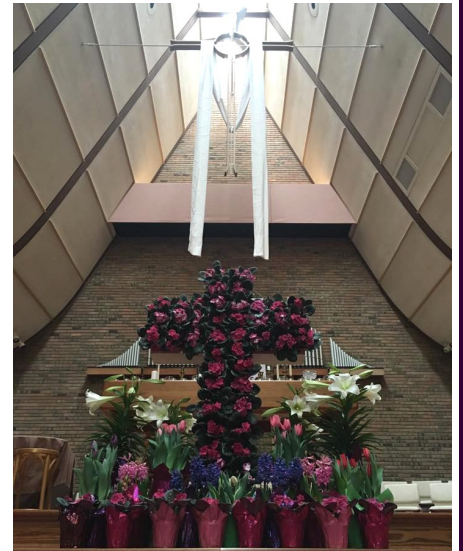
April 2016

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Pastor Carol's Corner

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ~1 Corinthians 1:18



Last summer, I spent the final weeks of my Sabbatical weaving. Somewhere along the line in my travels I had picked up a bug and it eventually developed into pneumonia. As I was recovering and regaining strength, a friend gave me a refresher course and I began weaving again. I had not touched my little tabletop loom at all during the years I had been working on my Doctor of Ministry or since, but I rediscovered how much I love weaving. Since my first project many years ago, I have felt that being a weaver requires you to be a bit of an engineer to understand the mechanisms of the loom. You need to be an artist to design colors and fibers and patterns that will work together. You need to

be a mathematician to work out the amounts of fiber for the warp and weft. Finally you need to commit time to weaving the piece. I find hours can slip by when I am weaving; it takes concentration to get the warp threaded and then to follow the pattern correctly. There is a rhythm of the loom and the feel of the fibers that focuses my attention intensely. I continued weaving through the fall and created Christmas gifts using my little loom.

I have long seen weaving as a metaphor for our spiritual journey. I find weaving calming and centering, almost prayerful, like having the presence of God woven into our daily lives. For me weaving is like walking a labyrinth: you don't know where you will end up. Until you cut your project off the loom, you don't know how the whole piece will look, where there might be a visible mistake or what you wish you could change, and yet once the project is off the loom, you cannot go back and make changes.

I am not unique in seeing weaving as being like the walk of faith. Maria von Trapp (yes, that one – whom we first met through the movie Sound of Music), wrote: "It will be very interesting one day to follow the pattern of our life as it is spread out like a beautiful tapestry. As long as we live here we see only the reverse side of the weaving, and very often the pattern, with its threads running wildly, doesn't seem to make sense. Some day, however, we shall understand." She continued that we discover a thread running through our lives that is God.

During Lent I invited people to help create a banner symbolizing how our faith grows and how we are woven together as a community. My thanks to all who contributed fabric, ribbon, braid, string, beads, and time to creating the piece. Terry Olson made a frame (using wood pieces that had once been in the sanctuary), and Pam Vande Vegte and Kathy Berg helped with the actual weaving. Somewhere along the line we realized the weaving was taking the form of a cross, the symbol at the center of our faith.

Blessings to you as we continue to walk in faith,

Carol

Make sure to look at the display cabinet in the Fellowship Hall to see all the crosses that were brought by Calvin members.



Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

April 3 - Communion

Greeters - DJ & Anita Goman
Liturgist - Anita Goman

April 10

Greeters - Ken & Wanda Pratt
Liturgist - Shirley Tulberg

April 17

Greeter - Teri Wood
Liturgist - Todd Wood

April 24

Greeters - Shaughnessy Family
Liturgist - Skelly Shaughnessy

Spring 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



I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. ~John 11:25-26

Ruth Davidson, age 100
Roy Knutson, age 85
Ruth McPherson, age 91
Eleanor Mross, age 89

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
PW Meeting	3rd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am



The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Wishes to express most sincere thanks to

*Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono
Long Lake, Minnesota*

For their continued support through their completed 2015 per capita giving

© give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

Denise Dunbar-Perkins
(Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins, Moderator)

3-12-16
(Date)

PER CAPITA GIVING

We received a certificate from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area for completing our 2015 per capita giving. It is hung on the bulletin board in the Gathering Hall. Let's keep the momentum going forward in 2016!

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Upcoming Youth Events



To left: 2016 Confirmation Class (from left: Pastor Carol, Carley Hagan, Scotlyn Carver, Grace Berbig, Gretta Wood, Teri Wood, Jake Goman, and Jac Carver.

To right: Chancel choir and Children's choir performing on Palm Sunday.

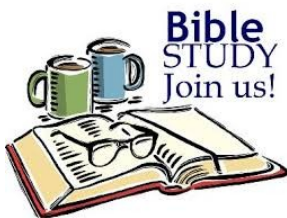


Registration for Clearwater Forest summer programs is NOW OPEN! Go to www.clearwaterforest.org today to check out the 2016 line up and register online! The theme this summer is "Fearless Faith: Courage in Community" where campers will experience firsthand the wonderful things God continues to create new every day.

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.

Fundraising Totals To Date:
 Flamingos - \$990; Bake Sale - \$260; Spaghetti Dinner - \$517.10 (after expenses);
 Triennium Sponsorships - \$125



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
 Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
THE GIFT OF FAITH
 Unit Two: Restorative Faith

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation



- Sunday, April 3 - Lesson 5, Healing Faith -- Luke 7:1-10
- Sunday, April 10 - Lesson 6, Saving Faith -- Luke 7:36-50
- Sunday, April 17 - Lesson 7, Spiritual Deliverance -- Luke 8:26-36
- Sunday, April 24 - Lesson 8, Reconciling Faith -- Luke 15:11-24



**2016 PW of the Twin Cities
Spring Gathering**

**“The Caribbean Experience” and
“Successful Integration of Refugees”**

All women of the church are invited for a wonderful day with the Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area. Invite a friend, daughter, mother, grandmother or granddaughter so we can have those intergenerational discussions and perspectives!

The Gathering is on Saturday, April 23rd at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, MN. Registration begins at 9:00am, and the program starts at 9:45am (come early so you will have time to look at all the displays).

The programs this year are “The Caribbean Experience” with speaker Denise England, participant in the 2014 PW Global Exchange to the Caribbean; and “Successful Integration of Refugees” with Jake Vela, Director of the Austin Welcome Center.

Registration is \$15 per adult and must be received by Wednesday, April 13th. Registration forms are available on the counter in the Gathering Hall.



Calvin Presbyterian Church
coffee mugs are now available!

The mugs will be for sale during coffee hour and are \$7 a mug, or \$12 for two mugs.

Birthdays

- April 2 Ron Bowman
- April 3 Connor Coccoluto
- April 6 Joey Carlson
- April 11 Vicky Williamson
- April 13 Denny Anderson
- April 15 Alison Bowman
- April 18 Bonnie Boylan
- April 21 Harriet Swanson
- April 25 Lenny Berg
- April 26 Susan Baker
Wanda Pratt
- April 27 Ann Shaughnessy



Celebrate!

START YOUR SPRING CLEANING!

Beginning Friday, April 29th we will be taking donations for the spring rummage sale.

Bring in your old clothing, household items, toys, etc. Please no TV's, skis, computers, large electronics, encyclopedias or textbooks.



Volunteers are needed to help unpack & organize donations; and then to clean-up on Saturday, May 7th after the sale ends. Even a few hours would be greatly appreciated!

Shopping for Calvin members is on Wednesday, May 4th from 6-7pm. There will be no “pre-sales” prior to Calvin’s shopping night. The sale is Thursday, May 5th (9am-7pm), Friday, May 6th (9am-3pm, half price day), and Saturday, May 7th (9-12pm, Bag day/\$4 a bag).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting April 14th @ 2pm

PW Meeting on April 18th @ 9am

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting April 27th @ 9:30am





April Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, April 6th at 12pm. 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!



The **2016 flower chart** is available and still has many open Sundays. 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.



All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & French Toast breakfast benefitting the Long Lake Firefighters' Relief Association will be held on Sunday, April 10th from 8am-1pm at the Long Lake Fire Department. Adult tickets are \$8, seniors & kids (ages 5-12) are \$5.



Thank you to John Manro for designing and creating such a beautiful banner for Palm Sunday; and for all the time, preparation, and work that went into hanging the black cloth for Holy Week. We appreciate all your work behind the scenes!



Save the date! The Women's Association Spring Salad Supper will be on Monday, May 9th at 6:00pm. Look for more details and a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks.



Helen Reed's new address is: Chapel View Care Center, 615 Minnetonka Mills Rd. #120, Hokins, MN 55343



Thanks to everyone who helped with our Wednesday evenings during Lent, bringing soup, bread, helping with set up, clean up, and the worship dramas. A special thank you to Jim and Laura Rettinger for overseeing the weekly meals; to Pam Vande Vegte for working with the weekly dramas; and to Kathy Berg for all the decorating work throughout Lent and Easter.



A recital featuring our accompanist, Taylor Burkhardt and former choral scholar, Gigi Stroncek will be held on Sunday, April 3rd at 11:30am in the sanctuary. It is one of Taylor's requirements for her doctorate work, and will feature art songs in French, Portuguese, German, Russian, and English.


Thank you to Mark Bilyeu, Taylor Burkhardt, and the Chancel Choir for all your work and preparation leading up to Holy Week and Easter. The music sounded beautiful and was a great addition to our worship services!

Music concert on the lawn (weather permitting) on Saturday, May 7th at 7:00pm. This is still in the planning stages, but there are some great young (and not so young) musicians already on the schedule. Look for more details in the coming weeks.



APRIL 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>3 Communion</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am Exercise</p> <p>2:30-4:30pm Feed My Starving Children</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12pm Lunch Bunch</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	7	8	9
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<p>17</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am PW meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am Exercise</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	21	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>10am Exercise</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>9:30am Mary & Martha</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p>	30

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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

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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.