

Calvin Connection



April 2017

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9 - Worship service begins at 10:00am with special music, and the dedication of our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Egg bake brunch will immediately follow the worship service. Sign up in the Gathering Hall.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 - Maundy Thursday takes its name from the word for *commandment*. In our worship service we will hear Scripture passages about Jesus' final evening meal he shared with his twelve disciples and share together in the sacrament of communion. We will gather in the sanctuary for worship at 7:00pm.

Good Friday, April 14 - On Good Friday we are hosting a worship service that will include the Chancel choir, a drama and Tenebrae Service. Tenebrae is the word for shadows; we hear Scripture telling of Jesus' betrayal and arrest, trial and sentencing, and the crucifixion, with the gradual extinguishing of lights in the sanctuary. First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain will be joining us and worship begins at 6:30pm.

Easter Sunday, April 16 - Easter morning worship service at 10:00am. There will be no Adult Education or Sunday School classes. Coffee Fellowship immediately follow worship.

More than 300 million palm fronds are harvested each year for U.S. consumption alone — most of them for Palm Sunday, but also for floral displays for church-related events. Calvin's commitment to purchase eco-palms plays an important role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in the harvesting communities. For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/palms



The palm crosses that we use on Easter Sunday are made from dried palm branches and hand woven in Africa. Villagers in Tanzania dry and weave the palm crosses, which provides them much needed extra income. Calvin's purchase helps support ministry in Africa!



Pastor Carol's Corner

Throughout this Lenten season both Sunday worship and Wednesday evening services have focused on the Gospel of John. From the opening sentence, John's Gospel declares that we are going to hear testimony about the Son of God, the Christ, Savior, who was one with God from the beginning of time. *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.* John 1:1-2, 5

Throughout John's Gospel there is no doubt that Jesus is showing the face of God: *Jesus said, I am the bread of life. (John 6:35) I am the light of the world. (John 8:12) I am the gate. (John 10:9) I am the good shepherd. (John 10:14) I am the resurrection and the life. (John 11:25) I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6) I am the vine, you are the branches. (John 15:5)*

John's Gospel asks those who hear God's Word to decide what they believe and how they will follow the One who came to bring abundant life.

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and relying on your grace, to follow him and love you above all else. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection. Through Christ we pray. Amen. [Prayer for the Book of Common Worship]

Daily New Testament Scripture Readings From the Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA) for the month of April, ending on Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 1 - John 11:45-54

Sunday, April 2 - John 12:1-20

Monday, April 3 - John 6:35-44

Tuesday, April 4 - John 12:27-36

Wednesday, April 5 - John 14:27-31

Thursday, April 6 - John 15:1-12

Friday, April 7 - John 12:20-26

Saturday, April 8 - John 12:44-50



Sunday, April 9 - John 12:12-19

Monday, April 10 - John 17:1-11

Tuesday, April 11 - John 17:12-26

Wednesday, April 12 - John 14:1-14

Maundy Thursday, April 13 - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 14 - John 19:1-42

Saturday, April 15 - Job 19:21-27a

Easter Sunday, April 16 - John 20:1-18



2017 PW/PTCA Spring Gathering "Caring For Yourself/Caring For Others"

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! The Gathering is Saturday, April 22nd at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, MN. Registration and fellowship begins at 9:00am, with the program starting at 9:45am and concluding at 2:45pm.

The keynote speaker is Carolyn Klaver, RN, a Community Dementia Care Specialist from Lyngblomsten, a provider of healthcare, housing and services for older adults in the Twin Cities. She will speak on how to have a Healthy Brain, and a special service called *the Gathering*, which is supported by many churches in the White Bear Lake/St. Paul area that provides respite care for caregivers of people experiencing early to mid-stage memory loss.

Registrations must be received by Thursday, April 13th. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Hall.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

April 2 - Communion

Greeters - The Wenz Family
Liturgist - Tammy Wenz

April 9 - Palm Sunday

Greeters - The Rhea Family
Liturgist - Chelsea Rhea

April 16 - Easter Sunday

Greeters - The Goman Family
Liturgist - Anita Goman

April 23

Greeters - The Hagan Family
Liturgist - Matt Hagan

April 30

Greeters - The Coccoluto Family
Liturgist - Josh Coccoluto



**Join us for the last soup supper
and Lenten worship service on
Wednesday, April 5th!**

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

EASTER FLOWERS



We will have a variety of flowering plants in the chancel on Easter Sunday to represent the garden tomb. To order flowers please fill out an order form and return it with payment to the church office, no later than Wednesday, April 5th. Order forms are available in the Gathering Hall.

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

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



Palm Sunday Brunch

We will be serving a great brunch in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, April 9th after worship. Dobo's is catering the meal of egg bakes and caramel rolls; with fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee provided by church. 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.

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 calendar. Each day includes information about Heifer's work, animals, and resources. We will collect loose change to Fill the Ark Sundays during Lent. This is an excellent opportunity to change many lives, renew hope to overcome poverty, and help hungry families around the world!



The Children's Choir will be singing in worship once a month. They will sing next during worship on Sunday, April 9th. They will be singing "Hey Come Along" and "We'll Give All The Glory to Jesus". Please put the date on your calendar! A reminder will be emailed to families as the date approaches.

Dear Calvin Family, this year I joined a Christian group called the Navigators. Their motto is "To know Christ and make him known." I have made a lot of friends and grown in my faith, participating in weekly worship, Bible study, and one-on-one discipleship. I have an amazing opportunity to go to Wisconsin Dells for a June and July training that will include Bible study, small groups, one on one discipleship, and worship. I will also be working a full time job at the Dells, earning money for school plus meeting and sharing the Gospel with international students working there over the summer.



In order to participate I need to raise \$2600 to cover costs of living. I am looking for sponsors; anything helps. I would request prayers as I go on this journey. If you would like more information the website is:

www.navigators.org and www.dellsstp.com.

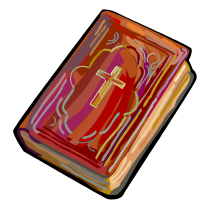
Checks can be made out to Navigators and mailed to me at 720 Maywood Ave. A330, Mankato, MN 56001. If you would like to contact me, my phone number is #763-276-3652. Thank you and I will see you at Easter
~Abi Carver
(Please see Abi's complete letter on the bulletin board in the Gathering Hall)



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
THE LOVE OF GOD

Unit Two: The Work of God's Love

Lessons from selected Books in the Bible

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

- Sunday, April 2 - Lesson 5, The Lord is My Shepherd -- Psalm 23:1-6
- Sunday, April 9 - Lesson 6, God's Saving Love in Christ -- John 3:1-16
- Sunday, April 16 - Easter, No Adult Education class
- Sunday, April 23 - Lesson 8, God's Reconciling Love -- Romans 5:6-11; 8:31-39
- Sunday, April 30 - Lesson 9, The Good Shepherd's Love -- John 10:1-15



Our competition was a huge success! We collected over \$2,600 worth of donations for the Maple Plain Food Shelf, Interfaith Outreach, and WeCan. Totals are:
 Team #1 (Kathy Berg, leader) - 754 pts, 168.8 lbs.
 Team #2 (Chelsea Rhea, leader) - 1323 pts, 119 lbs.
 Team #3 (Tammy Wenz, leader) - 579pts, 183.8 lbs.
Chelsea Rhea's team #2 (G-O) is the winner! All team members will receive VIP treatment at our Palm Sunday brunch on April 9th.



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 Thursday, April 27th (9-12pm) 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 3rd from 6-7pm. There will be no "pre-sales" prior to Calvin's shopping night.

The sale is Thursday, May 4th (9am-7pm), Friday, May 5th (9am-3pm, half price day), and Saturday, May 6th (9-12pm, Bag day/\$4 a bag).

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 Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, 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 April 13th @ 2pm

PW Meeting April 10th @ 9am

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting April 26th @ 9:30am



Lunch Bunch will be Wednesday, April 5th 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!



Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship - Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall. There are many open Sundays in May and June 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.



All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & French Toast breakfast benefitting the Long Lake Firefighters' Relief Association will be held on Sunday, April 9th from 8am-1pm at the Long Lake Fire Department. Adult tickets are \$8, seniors & kids (ages 5-12) are \$5.



Save the date! The Women's Association Spring Salad Supper will be Monday, May 22nd at 6:00pm. We have Paul Oman, a phenomenal pastor and artist coming to entertain us - you won't want to miss it! Look for a sign-up sheet as the date approaches.



Join Mark Bilyeu and Clara Osowski, Artistic Directors of the Source Song Festival on Thursday, April 6th at 7:30pm at the Landmark Center in St. Paul as they offer an evening dedicated to the music of locally born and internationally recognized Celius Dougherty. *May We Hear Him Again: American Songs of Celius Dougherty* will be rich with multimedia interviews, recordings, manuscripts, and letters from both the University of MN and the Schubert Club collections. Tickets are \$12 and available now. They can be purchased online or by calling the Schubert Club ticket office at 651-292-3268. You are encouraged to purchase your tickets in advance, as these intimate events often sell out. More information can be found here: <https://schubert.org/event/may-we-hear-him-again-american-songs-of-celius-dougherty/>



MUSIC News



Greetings from the Music Department!

Gearing up for Holy Week, we have been hard at work to offer some new and some familiar works to contribute to worship during this important time of our church's year. It is a true joy to work on such a diverse repertoire spanning from the somber tone of Lenten hymns and themes, to the celebrations of Palm Sunday, to the passion and beauty of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, into our beautiful and uplifting Easter Morning. If there was ever a time to join us for varied, unique, and important musical additions, now is it! You're here for soup, fellowship and worship anyway - stay for choir rehearsal! As always, thank you for your support of our work - I am always so moved by the community here at Calvin.

-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.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p>						1
<p>2 Communion</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>5 12pm Lunch Bunch 6pm Last soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Palm Sunday brunch</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am PW meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>13 2pm Ruth Circle 3-5pm SPARKS 7pm worship service</p> 	<p>14</p>  <p>6:30pm Good Friday worship service @ Calvin</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>  <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/ <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9-2:45pm PW Gathering, Stillwater</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Mary & Martha 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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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

Email address contacts:

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- Angela Coccoluto angela@calvinchurch.net

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.