

Calvin Connection



May 2016

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CALVIN TO HOST NEW SPARKS PROGRAM

The Session at its April meeting met with Melanie DeLuca, Director of Community Education at Orono Schools. A request had come for our church to consider being a host site for a new youth mentoring and academic support program called SPARKS.

The complete letter about SPARKS is on the bulletin board. Below are excerpts.

What is SPARKS?

SPARKS is a new program for elementary and Middle School age students that is neighborhood based, provided by the Orono School District, and coordinated by Community Education. The goal is to provide community based intervention that offers extra time and support to children with academic and financial need.

How are children chosen to participate?

Children invited to participate come from low-income families and they are identified by school staff as needing extra academic support. There is no cost for participants.

What will SPARKS be doing at Calvin?

A licensed teacher and site coordinator along with volunteers will provide homework help, academic support, reading time, relationship building, and encouragement to students.

How often will SPARKS be meeting at Calvin?

The program time is 3-5 pm two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

How will the program operate?

The program is managed by the Community Education Department. The SPARKS staff will be employees of the district. Calvin is encouraged to promote employment and volunteer opportunities within the church.

What is the church responsible for with regards to SPARKS?

Calvin will provide space with tables and chairs and a spot for a movable locked storage cabinet for storage of materials. Any church members can volunteer and receive training to be a part of the program.

How soon with SPARKS begin to meet at Calvin?

The plan is to start on October 10th, 2016 and meet twice weekly through May.

Melanie DeLuca will give a Moment for Mission in worship on **May 15th** to explain more about the program, answer questions, and recruit volunteers.

Pastor Carol's Corner



“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.”

Act 2:1-5, The Message translation

May 15th is the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the church, for it is the day the Spirit filled the believers of Jesus Christ, giving them a focus and direction for what they would do going forward. The believers in that time following the resurrection were called followers of *The Way*. It was some time before they came to be called the *Church*.

This past year during my Sabbatical I attended worship services in the York Minister in England (where Pentecost is called Whitsunday), with a Church of England congregation in a coastal village in Cornwall, England whose roots go back to the 1500s, to the Iona Abbey, the church on the island where I studied and where Christianity first arrived in Scotland in 563AD, to a small Presbyterian church gathering in the center of the city of Glasgow, Scotland, to the chapel at Ghost Ranch, the Presbyterian retreat center in Abiquiu New Mexico. As we approach this Pentecost season, we are reminded that wherever two or three are gathered, Christ is in our midst. (Matthew 18:20) Our differences fall away when we are united in Christ's name.

Peace,

Carol



*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.
#128 Presbyterian Hymnal*



Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

May 1 - Communion

Greeter - Susan Baker
Liturgist - Susan Baker

May 8

Greeter - Belinda Breit
Liturgist - Belinda Breit

May 15

Greeters - Coccoluto Family
Liturgist - Josh Coccoluto

May 22

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles
Liturgist - Joel Settles

May 29

Greeter - Sharol Corl
Liturgist - Susan Manro



Come celebrate the music ministry at Calvin on Music Sunday, May 15th at 10:00am.



Pentecost is a Greek word meaning “fiftieth”, coming 50 days after Easter. Scripture tells us that on the day of Pentecost the disciples and first believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts of the Apostles describes how after Pentecost, the disciples were led to go and begin sharing what they had experienced of God in Jesus Christ.

This year **Pentecost is Sunday, May 15th**. We are invited to wear red or orange, a reminder of the flames that marked the Spirit’s arrival, and reminding us that the Spirit is still with us, the church, today.

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

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

COMMUNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL



Where: Calvin Presbyterian Church, on the lawn (weather permitting)
When: Friday, May 20th @ 7:00pm
What: Looking for talent to perform acoustic and folk music

Contact Arlo at #952-475-0185 or vande74@earthlink.net if you’re interested in performing.

Upcoming Youth Events



Calvin's youth are invited to play laser tag in Brooklyn Park with the youth group from Plymouth Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 4th from 6:45-7:45pm. Cost is \$10/person. Let Pastor Carol or Teri Wood know if you plan to attend.



Abi Carver is graduating from Wayzata High School on Friday, June 3rd and plans to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato in the fall. Everyone is invited to her Open House on Saturday, May 21st from 2-5pm. Their address is 2610 Holly Lane N. in Plymouth. We will celebrate Abi's graduation at Calvin on Sunday, May 22nd.



Summer is right around the corner! Teacher Appreciation and the last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 22nd! **Thank you to all our wonderful teachers** that have given their time and shared their faith with our awesome youth this year!



Our summer picnic (potluck) to wrap up the Sunday school year is on Sunday, May 22nd after worship. Church will provide the main dish, beverages and dessert. Please sign-up in the Gathering Hall to bring a side dish (fruit, veggies, salads).



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.

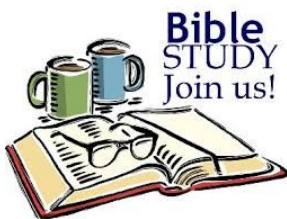


Triennium Important Dates -

Sunday, May 15th Pre-event gathering #2 from 4-6pm at New Life Presbyterian Church in Roseville (final payment due).

Wednesday, June 15th Pre-event Service Night from 8-9:30pm at Feed My Starving Children, Eagan

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ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
THE GIFT OF FAITH
Unit Three: Fullness of Faith

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation

- Sunday, May 1 - Lesson 9, Increasing Faith -- Luke 17:1-10
- Sunday, May 8 - Lesson 10, Grateful Faith -- Luke 17:11-19
- Sunday, May 15 - Lesson 11, Humble Faith -- Luke 18:9-14
- Sunday, May 22 - Lesson 13, Joyous Faith -- Luke 19:1-10 (Rev. Carol Reed)



**Calvin Women's Association
Annual Spring Salad Supper**

Calvin Women's Association Spring Salad Supper is on Monday, May 9th at 6:00pm. Our entertainment for the evening is Brenton and Missy Haack, a couple from Delano that love to entertain and make music. You can find out more about them on their website — <http://brentonandmissy.bandcamp.com/>.



Everyone is welcome - young and old, male and female! Invite a coworker, friend, or family member to enjoy a wonderful evening out! A sign-up sheet is available 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

- May 3 Jeff Brown
- May 6 Bob Gehrman
- May 9 Lois Potter
- May 11 Evan Manro
- May 13 Lucia Stubbs
- May 14 Marj Kvale
- May 17 Wilma Hagan
- May 29 Rachel Wenz
- May 30 Katie Dillman
- May 31 Doug Potter
Ed Oliver



Celebrate!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

There's something for everyone! Calvin's semi-annual rummage sale is here!



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).

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting May 12th @ 2pm

PW Meeting on May 16th @ 9am

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting May 25th @ 9:30am





May's Lunch Bunch is moved up to Wednesday, May 11th at 12pm, due to the spring rummage sale the first week of May. 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 family of Ruth McPherson has invited her church family to the celebration of her life. The memorial service is at 11:00am on Friday, May 20th at Waverly Gardens, the Presbyterian Homes facility in North Oaks, followed by a luncheon. Ruth's family realizes it may be easiest for anyone from Calvin to wait and join the committal service at Union Cemetery in Long Lake on Friday, May 20th at 2:30pm.



The Knutson Family would like to extend sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone at Calvin Church who generously offered their time and expertise to give us a truly lovely luncheon and beautiful funeral service to honor Roy V. Knutson. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Thank you. ~Charlotte Knutson and family



Thank you to a wonderful crew of people who cleaned up the front garden - Marj Kvale, John Manro, Susan Manro, Terry Olson, Ken Pratt, Carol Reed, Joel Settles, and Jan Solheim.



Thank you to Jon Lyman for taking the Presbyterian Women's wall hanging (that his father had done many years ago), and rewriting it to reflect changes that were made. His father's original work is preserved behind the new one. You can see it hanging on the wall in the church library.



A warm welcome to our newest Calvin Church member, Sue Bobzien. Sue was previously a member at Calvin before her family moved out of the area. Sue has recently moved back to Plymouth and we are so pleased she has returned to Calvin! She is good friends with Sharon Corl and Gretchen Menzel. Please say 'hi' and introduce yourself when you see her!



Greetings!

We are in the homestretch of the program year, which means the final weeks of the choir season! We have had such a wonderful year, with special music, guest recitals, and consistently beautiful singing from the Chancel Choir. Please mark your calendars for our spring Music Sunday which will be May 15th. We'll have both the Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs performing, as well as a special feature of our departing choral scholar, Iris Kolodji. Iris has been an incredible asset to the choir and to the music ministry here at Calvin, we will be very sad to see her move all the way to Nepal! Please take a moment to thank her for all her work! Thanks as always for your support of our bright and thriving music program here at Calvin! I look forward to a great end of the season! ~Mark Bilyeu

Do you have a musical talent or know someone that does? Let's feature it this summer at Calvin! Talk to Mark Bilyeu about scheduling to perform during Sunday morning worship. We love featuring special music during the summer months!



MAY 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Communion</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/Sunday school</p> <p>11-1pm Rummage sale set-up</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>10am Exercise</p> <p>2:30-4:30pm FMSC</p> <p>6:30pm Session meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - 7pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - 3pm Rummage Sale (1/2 price day)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - 12pm Rummage Sale (Bag day - \$4/bag)</p> <p>12pm Rummage sale clean-up</p>
<p>8 9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/Sunday school</p> <p></p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm Women's Association Spring Salad Supper</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10am Exercise</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12pm Lunch Bunch</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2pm Ruth Circle</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Settles wedding</p>
<p>15 Music Sunday </p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am PW meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10am Exercise</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7pm Community Music Festival</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Graduates Reception & End of the year picnic</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/ Last day of Sunday school</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am Exercise</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Mary & Martha</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10am Exercise</p>	<p></p> <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p>			

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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- 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.