

Calvin Connection



June/July 2016

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SUMMER BLESSINGS

summer | 'səmər| (Google definition)

noun

the warmest season of the year, in the northern hemisphere from June to August and in the southern hemisphere from December to February: the plant flowers in late summer | a long hot summer | [as modifier] : summer vacation | figurative : the golden summer of her life.

ORIGIN Old English *sumor*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zomer**, German **Sommer**, also to Sanskrit **samā** 'year.'

Summer in a Minnesota church = slow, easy pace, fewer meetings and events, a chance to enjoy God's beautiful creation.



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it....

Psalm 24:1

God of creation, giver of joy, on the Sabbath you sat down to rest. Around you was all creation: stars danced across the heavens, the wind wove melodies through the trees, men and women walked together and knew joy. You looked and saw that it was good.

Be with us in this summer season; may we simply sit and rest. May we sense your creation all around us, and see that it is good. Show us how to walk softly on the earth, and together in love. Amen.

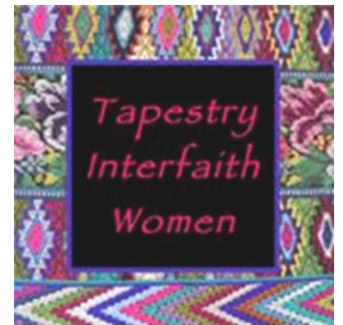
Prayer by Pat Milliken, from "Worship for All Seasons"

Pastor Carol's Corner



Last December I attended an interfaith worship service hosted by St. Edward's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. In attendance were Christians, Jews, and Muslims, all interested in learning about our similarities more than our differences. At the service I sat next to a Muslim woman who told me about a group of women who were gathering to continue learning from one another and serving together in the community.

In mid-May Miki Banavige and I attended a wonderful event of the group, called Tapestry Interfaith Women. We met at the Northwest Islamic Community Center located in Plymouth, to learn about their mosque. We were given a tour of the mosque, were served wonderful foods women had made, and had the opportunity to become acquainted with women from the mosque. Miki and I had a delightful conversation around our table with three young women who had originally come from Pakistan. The evening ended by observing the evening prayers in the mosque.



One of the things I like about the Tapestry Interfaith group is that they always have a service component to their meeting. We were asked to bring household and cleaning supplies for Lutheran Social Service for refugee families.

The Northwest Islamic Community is clearly intentional about participating in the community. The women were gracious hosts and very pleased with the great turnout.

Miki and I will both continue to participate with Tapestry Interfaith Women and are considering hosting an event at Calvin. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. As we become a more diverse country and community, it is increasingly important we continue to learn from one another and bridge the divides that exist between us.



Blessings to you this summer,

Carol

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

JUNE

June 5 - Communion

Greeters - George Funk & Judy Rogosheske
 Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske

June 12

Greeters - Tammy & Amy Wenz
 Liturgist - Tammy Wenz

June 19

Greeter - Susan Baker
 Liturgist - Walter Baker

June 26

Greeter - Lillian Miller
 Liturgist - Belinda Breit

JULY

July 3 - Communion

Greeter - Sharon Corl
 Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

July 10

Greeters - Ike & Helen Pesonen
 Liturgist - Krista Berbig

July 17

Greeter - TBA
 Liturgist - TBA

July 24

Greeter - TBA
 Liturgist - TBA

July 31

Greeter - TBA
 Liturgist - TBA

In Memoriam



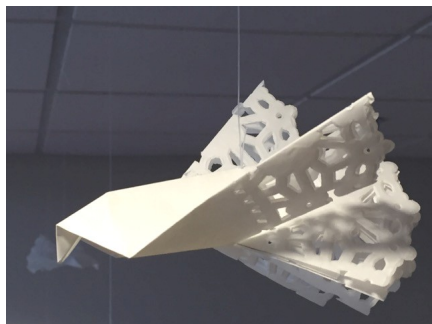
I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. ~John 11:25-26

Kyle Morse, 1947-2016

Our sympathies go out to Sandy (our former church secretary) on the passing of her husband, Kyle.

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



The doves arrived in time for Pentecost worship. See them hanging around in the Gathering Hall.

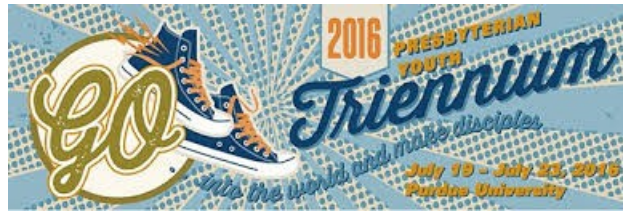


A new and updated church directory is available to pick up in the Gathering Hall. Please take one.



Watch how the origami peace crane flock is growing in the sanctuary!

Upcoming Youth Events



Triennium Important Dates -

- Wednesday, June 15th Pre-event Service Night from 8-9:30pm at Feed My Starving Children, Eagan
- Tuesday, July 12th at 4:00pm - Commissioning of Triennium participants at First Presbyterian Church, Red Wing

****Triennium participants will depart on Monday, July 18th at 10:00pm from New Life Presbyterian Church in Roseville and return on Saturday, July 23rd around midnight.****



Have you made plans for an incredible summer of fun yet? If not, be sure to register soon to ensure you have a place for your adventure. Fun for all ages, Clearwater Forest is a “thin” space where God’s presence is seen everywhere! Programs for youth entering grade 3 through Grands are welcome! Call #218-678-2325 or visit www.clearwaterforest.org to register.



Abi Carver's graduate reception - Sunday, May 22, 2016

Congratulations Abi! We are very proud of you!





A close-up of one of our bearded iris blooms right after a rainfall.

June Birthdays

- June 2 Bev Anderson
- June 4 Gloria Purnick
- June 5 Bob Kvale
Jeff Settles
- June 9 Ron Breit
- June 10 Kim King
Carol Strassburg
- June 11 Ike Pesonen
- June 12 Harry Johnson
- June 14 Betty Gillum
- June 17 Joel Settles
- June 21 Jim Rettinger
- June 25 Josh Coccoluto
- June 26 Phyllis Johnson



Celebrate!

July Birthdays

- July 4 Kathy Berg
- July 6 Amy Wenz
- July 7 Brad Hagan
- July 8 Gay Kearin
- July 9 Charlotte Knutson
Sophia Berbig
- July 20 Ethan Coccoluto
- July 21 DJ Goman
- July 22 Adam Bracken
- July 24 Dan Swanson
- July 28 Jan Solheim
- July 30 Hilda Bignall
- July 31 Jane Olson
Carley Hagan

June Anniversaries

- June 2 Len & Kathy Berg
- June 5 Jack & Wilma Hagan
- June 6 Dale & Gloria Purnick
- June 9 Ken & Wanda Pratt

July Anniversaries

- July 1 Bob & Val Hagan
- July 3 Denny & Joyce Anderson
- July 24 Cal & Pat Headley

It's time to start watching the ads for Back-to-School specials! We will assemble school kits for CWS (Church World Service). The kits require -

- Three 70-page wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks (or two 100-page)
- Six new pencils
- One full size eraser
- One pencil sharpener
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12" ruler
- One pair of blunt-end scissors



We will also be assembling Hygiene Kits for CWS that are distributed wherever there is a healthcare disaster. For these kits we need:

- One hand towel and washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb (suitable for thick, coarse hair)
- One nail clipper
- One wrapped bath size bar of soap (no Irish Spring)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®



All items should be placed in a one-gallon zipper top plastic bag.

Last year this project worked really well when a group of women went together & purchased a package of white hand towels and washcloths from Costco, and then added the other components to complete the kits. See Belinda Breit with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting June 9th @ 2pm
PW Meeting in June - TBD
Mary & Martha Circle No June meeting



Lunch Bunch in June is on Wednesday, June 1st at 12pm. July's Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 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!



Thank you to my church family for always being there and supporting me as I have grown in my faith. I am so proud to call Calvin my home. ~Abi Carver



The faithful garden crew at Calvin could use your help. You are invited to pull weeds or water a dry garden any time you see one. There are always enough thistle and dandelions to share!



Doug & Lois Potter's new address is: 4523 Shoreline Drive, Apt. #312, Spring Park, MN 55384. And their new phone number is #952-471-4093.



Thank you to John Gerhardson (Teri Wood's dad) for using his equipment and grinding the tree stump in our prairie garden. We are so blessed to have such a giving and caring community to help out when needed!



Our weekly exercise class, led by Marj Kvale, is on summer hiatus. It will start again in September.



Al & Alma's lunch cruise - Anybody that is interested in going on an Al & Alma's boat cruise this summer is encouraged to contact the Gillespie Center directly. You can find registration information on the table in the Gathering Hall. Calvin will not be sponsoring a boat cruise this summer.



Our outgoing choral scholar, Iris Kolodji on Sunday, May 15th posing with her graduation cakes during Fellowship Hour.

Pictures above and to the right are from Calvin's Inaugural Community Music Festival that was held on Friday, May 20th in the Fellowship Hall. \$210.50 in concessions was sold for the Choral Scholar program.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, Mark Bilyeu, and Taylor Burkhardt for leading the music in worship. The choirs will be off until September. If you have a musical talent or know someone that does, please talk to Mark about scheduling a Sunday morning to perform during worship. We love featuring special music during the summer months!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE/JULY 2016

Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, June 1 @ 12pm
Wednesday, July 6 @ 12pm

Session Meeting - Tuesday, June 7 @ 6:30pm

Feed My Starving Children - Tuesday, June 7 @ 2:30pm
Tuesday, July 5 @ 2:30pm

Office closed - Monday, July 4

Ruth Circle - Thursday, June 9
Thursday, July 14

**Reminder - There will be no exercise classes in June, July or August.
Classes will resume in September.*



UPDATE ON OUR PARKING LOT

A fundraiser to help pay for the new parking lot was originally scheduled to kick-off in mid-May, to raise the remaining amount needed after the church received an anonymous pledge of \$37,500. A committee was formed to discuss how to organize the fundraiser. However, the church was blessed with not one, but *TWO* more anonymous pledges covering the total remaining amount of the cost for our new parking lot before the fundraiser could be announced! God is good!

We don't have a date set for the work yet, but the lot will be redone this summer. The contractor said it can be done during the week so there won't be any interruption to our Sunday worship services. The staff and weekday visitors will have to use the kitchen parking while the work is being completed. The striping will remain the same, but with two more handicap parking spots allotted.

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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 Cocoluto
- Treasurer - Pat King
- Financial Secretaries - Marj Eisinger & Tammy Wenz
- Custodian - Dave Zajac

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- Angela Cocoluto 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.