

Calvin Connection



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August 2017



Thursday
August 24, 2017

5:30-6:30pm
**Calvin Presbyterian
Church**

We are hosting August's Community Meal. We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Please sign-up in the Gathering Hall.

Calvin Presbyterian, St. George and Trinity Lutheran Churches are **uniting** to provide monthly meals for the community of Long Lake and their church members.

These **COMMUNITY Meals** aim to bring people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities together for a meal so that people who might never have met otherwise will have the opportunity to get to know one another. It's a space where old friendships are strengthened and new friendships are formed.

- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- Dinner and beverages provided; there is **NO COST** for the meal but donations will be accepted if you wish to give.
- Locations vary each month as the churches rotate hosting duties.
- Sign up for *Community Meal Reminders* at TrinityLongLake.org/CommunityMeals.



CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE
LONG LAKE, MN





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*Hiking at Arches National
 Park, Utah - July 2017*

Pastor Carol's Corner

*Psalm 95:4-5 – Eugene Peterson's translation "The Message"
 In one hand God holds deep caves and caverns, in the other hand grasps
 the high mountain. God made the ocean and owns it!
 God's hands sculpted Earth!*



The other day I saw a reference to the summer being more than half over. I choose not to think of summer that way. Perhaps I inherited my mother's tendency to be an optimist, but I think of all the amazing things this summer has held.

Yes, we have had days of heat and humidity, but we have also had incredibly beautiful days. Yes, the Japanese beetle and rabbit population are eating ferociously in gardens, but we have also had enough rain and sunshine so the flowers in our prairie garden at church are the prettiest I have ever seen them. I was blessed to have had a wonderful vacation hiking in national and state parks in Utah. There is much to be thankful for each and every day.

The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?
 Who made the grasshopper?
 This grasshopper, I mean-
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
 who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
 I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
 into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
 how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
 which is what I have been doing all day.
 Tell me, what else should I have done?
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do
 with your one wild and precious life?

Blessings to you as you enjoy these August summer days that God has given us - Carol

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

August 6 - Communion

Greeters - Ushers
Liturgist - Belinda Breit

August 13

Greeters - Ushers
Liturgist - Tammy Wenz

August 20

Greeters - Ushers
Liturgist - Skelly Shaughnessy

August 27

Greeters - Ushers
Liturgist - Susan Baker



Summer Schedule

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall



Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Monday	8:00am
Session Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
PW Meeting	3rd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm



On Sunday, August 13th we will welcome Judy Landt to the pulpit as our guest preacher. She is a parish associate at Westminter Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.



All our communion bread is now **gluten free**. It simplifies set up and will eliminate the need to buy and stock a separate gluten free option.





Calvin's nursery will be available this fall for families with children (birth through age 4). But we need volunteers! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall, or contact Chelsea Rhea at 952-956-4306.



Rally Day - Save the date! Sunday, September 10th after worship. The main dish will be provided by the Fellowship Committee, with a potluck for sides (salads, desserts, etc.). More information and a sign-up sheet will be available as the date approaches.



Sunday School for the children (ages PreK through 5th grade) and Adult Education will begin mid-September. Look for more details and dates in the September Calvin Connection.



Hello Calvin family! Some of you may know that I am apart of the Christian group the Navigators on campus! The motto of the navigators is "To know Christ and make him known". This summer I have chosen to be part of the Dells Summer training program through the Navigators! I have been living in the Dells for the past 7 weeks working at Kalahari and living among 1,000 international students. The purpose of this program is for me to grow in my faith, through bible studies, workshops, and worship, as well as learning to live with integrity in all aspects of life including work. So far I have been having a great time here! I have been so involved with all of the people in my groups and gone full force into my bible studies, quiet time, worship and workshop and I'm learning a lot about myself and grown a lot this summer! Thank you for all your love and support throughout the summer and me being here! I can't wait to tell you all about it when I get back! Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I continue growing and fundraising these last few weeks.

Thank you,
Abi



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 Thank you to the donor that paid for a new basketball backboard and hoop not only for our youth, but the community as well. Thanks also to Dave Kearin for his work retrofitting the backboard to fit the existing pole, and to Jeff Brown for his assistance getting it mounted.





Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 7, 2017
9:00am - 3:00pm

Church of the Apostles
Presbyterian Church
Burnsville, MN

Interfaith Outreach: Understanding our
Muslim Neighbors,
presented by Sadia Tarannum
(Interfaith Outreach and Community Building
Director of the NW Islamic Center in Plymouth)



August Birthdays

August 3	Leah Burak
August 4	Terry Olson
August 11	Ken Pratt Judith Lent
August 12	Teri Wood
August 13	Pat Headley
August 20	Sara Tomczik
August 29	Candy Bowman
August 30	Lillian Miller

August Anniversaries

August 10	Ike & Helen Pesonen
August 13	Jeff & Martha Brown
August 15	Doug & Lois Potter
August 18	Walter & Susan Baker
August 23	Rob & Tammy Wenz

Celebrate!

It's time to start assembling the back-to-school supplies and hygiene kits! We will assemble these 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



The Hygiene Kits for CWS 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.

Items should be brought to church by mid-August, in preparation for assembling and sending them off. See Belinda Breit with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting August 10th @ 2pm

PW No August meeting

Mary & Martha Circle No August meeting





Lunch Bunch in August is on Wednesday, August 2nd at 12pm. Bring a dish to share, *but no need to bring your own place settings*. We are now using kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up. Join us - everyone is welcome!



Thank you to all who have taken time to help in the gardens this summer. The flower gardens and the prairie garden are spectacular this year!



Congratulations to Chelsea Rhea for accepting the role of Superintendent of Calvin's Sunday school program. We are looking forward to some new ideas and changes beginning this fall.



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The 2012 book of bound worship bulletins, kept in the Fire-side Room, is missing. Much effort goes into compiling, sorting, and binding our bulletins. Please return it as soon as possible. A group of volunteers is currently working on binding years 2013-2016. Thank you.



Important Choir dates:

Choir party - Wednesday, Sept. 6
Choir's first Sunday - Sunday, Sept. 10
Choir's first rehearsal - Wed, Sept. 13

The summer is wrapping up - I can't believe it! A huge thanks to all of you who joined us for our 'volunteer choir' throughout the summer. It has been a great addition to our summer services, and offers our choral scholars even more opportunities to conduct (both of them even got to conduct when the power was out! Talk about 'even-steven'!) We have one more volunteer Sunday on August 13th for you to join us! Please do! I'd like to also say a quick 'thank you' to Brian and Sabreena who have conducted AND sang solos throughout the summer. Their contributions are such assets to our services, and I'm so grateful to them. I will be in England for the second half of August participating in a workshop and then playing a recital tour - Taylor will be back from her summer adventures and playing in my stead. Choir and bells start up again in September, and I hope you will consider joining us for our weekly rehearsals and Sunday singing.

~Mark Bilyeu



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



AUGUST 2017

Session Meeting - Tuesday, August 1 @ 6:30pm

Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, August 2 @ 12pm

Men's breakfast - Monday, August 7 @ 8am

Ruth Circle - Thursday, August 10 @ 2pm

Community Meal, Calvin - Thursday, August 24 @ 5:30pm

CHURCH GROUNDS UPDATE

- Calvin Church's old mailbox was victim to a baseball bat or golf club at the end of June. The incident was reported to local police, but the box was not salvageable. Dave Kearin worked his magic and put up the new mailbox, using the existing post (with some minor repair work to the wood). Thanks Dave!
- Due to the fact that many neighbors like to walk Calvin's gardens and property with their dogs (and don't pick-up after their dogs do their business), Terry Olson purchased and installed two dog waste stations. They are located on either end of our prairie garden and each hold 400 bags for dog waste. Hopefully that will eliminate the piles in the lawn. Thank you Terry!
- The north side of the sloped roof of the sanctuary was repaired in June. They also re-routed and installed new gutters so rainwater wouldn't pool on the flat portion of the roof.
- Joel Settles and Kathy Berg have been putting in many hours working on Calvin's flower and prairie gardens. Weeding, spraying, pruning, and cutting down thistles; and the gardens look absolutely beautiful this year! Thank you!



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CHURCH

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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
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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.