

Calvin Connection



September 2015

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RALLY DAY



Sunday, September 13th

Informal Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00am

Ice Cream Social following worship

Games on the front lawn



*Ice cream, Ice cream, we all
scream...*



With games for the kids

Consider inviting someone to join us for worship and
the ice cream social on Rally Sunday!





*Cross on the isle of Iona,
Western Hebrides, Scotland*

Pastor Carol's Corner

I need to thank so many people who made my Sabbatical this summer possible. First, to the Personnel Committee – Pam Vande Vegte, Terry Olson, and Bonnie Boylan – my thanks for coordinating the summer worship schedule. Thank you to Rev. Doug Potter, who was most often in the pulpit, Sam Grace and Mark Bilyeu who led worship three times, and all the church members who bravely stepped in to take a turn leading worship.

Thank you to Rev. Dwight Chamberlain for providing pastoral care. He and Bette put on over 1000 miles visiting Calvin people during my time away!

My thanks to Angela Coccoluto for assuring everything ran smoothly, wearing even more hats than usual. Finally, my thanks to the congregation for the support you provided in a myriad of ways. With the help and prayers of so many people, I had the confidence all would be well and I could in good faith be away for this time.

My Sabbatical was an incredible experience! After years of wanting to get to Iona, I was thrilled to finally get to that island off the west coast of Scotland and for a time become a part of that Christian community. I was also excited to get to Ghost Ranch, a Presbyterian conference center in northern New Mexico. In both places I attended classes with other clergy on Sabbatical as well as church members from a wide variety of denominations and countries. I attended a conference in Minneapolis once I returned home and got through a significant pile of theology books I never find time to read. I feel blessed by the gift of this time, all the phenomenal places I visited, the amazing people I met, and all I learned.

Time goes by quickly and now it is good to be back at Calvin. I am saddened that this month we are saying good-bye to Sam Grace, our talented music director as he moves to a larger church that can provide him with more hours and benefits. It has been a joy working with Sam these past four plus years. We knew someday we would lose Sam to other opportunities and in the meantime have been thankful for the gifts he has so graciously and enthusiastically shared with us. I will miss Sam as a colleague in ministry. I am thankful he is only moving to a church in Minneapolis so we can keep up with his career and look forward to seeing him and his choral group, MPLS (imPulse), as they continue to rehearse at Calvin.

Peace and blessings,

Carol

Pastor's Schedule Update:

Pastor Carol has switched her day off from Friday to Monday. She is now in the office Tuesday through Friday.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

September 6 - Communion

Greeter - Pam Vande Vegte
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

September 13 - Rally Day

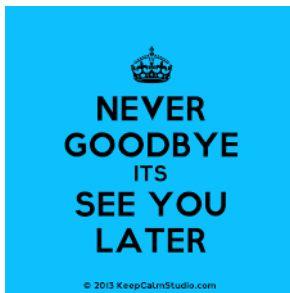
Greeters - The Berbig Family
Liturgist - Krista Berbig

September 20

Greeter - TBD
Liturgist - Shirley Tulberg

September 27

Greeters - George Funk & Judy Rogosheske
Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske



Dear Calvin Family,
I want to thank you all for being my home, my family, and my faith mentors for the past four years. While I walk away from this position having learned a lot and gained many skills, what I will take away most from my experience are the relationships I have been able to foster with all of you.

It's truly the people at Calvin that make this church such an amazing place to worship together. Everyone has a place at Calvin, whether it's filing music, cooking dinners, gathering donations for IOCP, battling our leaky roof, organizing the rummage sale, attending session meetings...need I go on!!! You all set an incredible example of God's love for us all. That's what I have learned most from my experience. Your presence in my life has made all the difference to me.

I hope to keep connected with you all as I transition away. As many of you know, I conduct a chamber ensemble called MPLS (imPulse) that rehearses periodically at Calvin. Please know that you are all welcome to observe our rehearsals. I will be sure to forward rehearsal dates and times so that you can plan ahead. Plus, I'd love to catch up with you while you're visiting.

If we did not get the opportunity to say goodbye, you can always be in touch with me. My phone number is 319-830-3021. My email is samuelcgrace@gmail.com.

Blessings to you all, and thank you. ~Samuel Grace

Fall 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

9:30am GIFT
10:00am Exercise

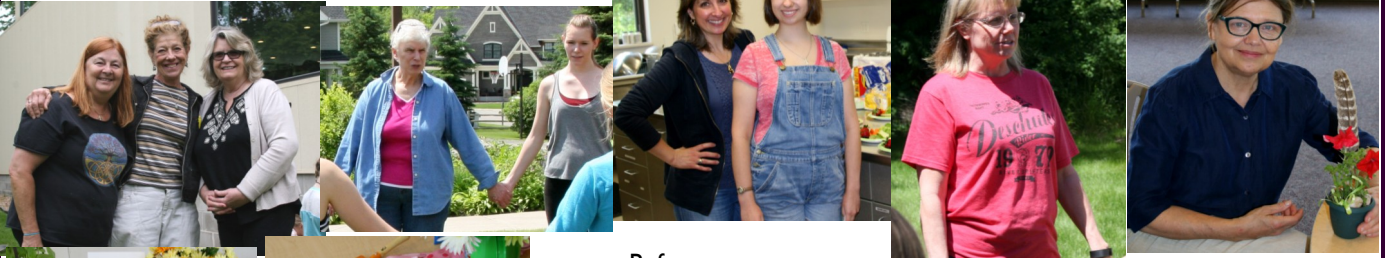
Wednesday

6:00pm Handbell practice
7:00pm Chancel choir practice

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Monday	8:00am
Crisis Nursery	1st Monday	3:30pm
Session Meeting	1st Monday	6:30pm
Loaves & Fishes	1st Tuesday	3:45pm
	(meets at River of Life Lutheran Church)	
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
Confirmation	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	5:30pm
PW Meeting	2nd Monday	7:00pm
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am

Thanks to all our fabulous VBS volunteers!



Before

VBS crew planting vegetables



After



Rally Day is on Sunday, September 13th to kick-off the new Sunday School year! We will have an informal worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Following worship there will be an ice cream social and games on the front lawn. Invite someone to join us for a fun morning of worship and fellowship!



Movie night for the younger youth (4th grade and under) will be on Friday, September 18th at 6:00pm. The movie will be "Bedknobs and Broomsticks". Pizza, beverages, and popcorn will be provided. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall.



Sunday School for the children (PreK through 5th grade) begins on Sunday, September 20th. Sunday School will start around 10:15am (after the children's message), so they will start off in worship; with the exception of the first Sunday of every month, when the children will go directly downstairs for Sunday School and end in the sanctuary for communion. We are excited to share our exciting new curriculum with the children this year!



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am

Adult Education resumes on Sunday, September 13th.

Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMES ALIVE

Part One: Seeds of New Growth

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation

Sunday, Sept 13 - Lesson 1, Praying for One Another -- Acts 4:23-31
and Lesson 2, Sharing All Things -- Acts 4:34-5:10

Sunday, Sept 20 - Lesson 3, Witnessing to the Truth -- Acts 5:27-29, 33-42

Sunday, Sept 27 - Lesson 4, Remembering God's Faithfulness -- Acts 7

Extra Care Challenge

The Extra Care Challenge was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated supplies for the Interfaith Outreach food shelf. Miki Banavige and her grandson, Rowan took three trips over to IOCP with donations totaling almost 300 pounds! We did our part this summer to wipe away the need. 😊



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Time to start cleaning out your closets and garage! We will begin taking donations for the fall rummage sale on Friday, September 25th. (Please no TV's, skis, computers, large electronics, encyclopedias or textbooks). Baked goods may be brought for the Bake Sale on Wednesday, September 30th between 9am-12pm.

Volunteers are needed to help unpack & organize donations Mon-Wed, Sept 28-30 from 9am-12pm. We will also need help packing up leftover rummage on Sat, Oct. 3rd beginning at 12pm. Even a few hours would be greatly appreciated!

Shopping for Calvin members is on Wednesday, September 30th from 6-7pm. There will be no "pre-sales" prior to Calvin's shopping night. The sale is Thursday, October 1st (9am-7pm), Friday, October 2nd (9am-3pm, half price day), and Saturday, October 3rd (9-12pm, Bag day/ \$4 a bag).

Birthdays

- September 3 Emily Goman
- September 4 Abi Carver
- September 8 Bev Fry
- September 11 Debbie Stubbs
- September 12 Jac Carver
Scotlyn Carver
Kaitlyn Burak
- September 19 Jack Hagan
- September 24 Matthew Hagan
- September 27 Alex Bracken
- September 28 Kathy Boylan
- September 29 Nancy Miller
Mark Bilyeu
- September 30 Ron Miller



Celebrate!

Anniversaries

- September 3 Harry & Phyllis Johnson
- September 15 Josh & Angela Coccoluto

Presbytery Meeting



Calvin Presbyterian and Maple Plain Presbyterian are jointly hosting The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area for their September meeting on Tuesday, September 8th from 4-9pm. Many Calvin members are already recruited to help with serving, parking cars, baking treats, and clean-up. You may also attend the meeting to see our Presbytery in action. The meeting begins with worship at 4:15pm; dinner is served at 6:00pm, and the meeting is expected to end around 8:00pm.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- GIFT** Weekly meetings resume Tues. Sept. 15th @ 9:30am
- Ruth Circle** Meeting Sept. 10th @ 2pm
- PW** Meeting Sept. 14th @ 7pm
- Mary & Martha Circle** Meeting Sept. 23rd @ 9:30am





To our Calvin Family - We would extend our many thanks for all the hugs and condolences that were received upon the passing of my mother. We were truly overwhelmed by the many acknowledgements we received. We thank you for keeping our family in your prayers as we pass through our grieving. Our Calvin Family is such a comfort and a blessing to us! God is great and God is good. His peace be unto all of you with our grateful thanks. ~Pam Vande Vegte (for Marion Johnson's Family)



Volunteers are available for anyone that may need a ride to church on Sundays. Please contact Marj Kvale at #952-473-7765 or Joyce Anderson at #763-972-9966 if you are in need of a ride.



Our grandmother is in a memory care home due to Alzheimer's disease. We are participating in the Twin Cities Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 26th at Target Field. We are asking for donations to help support the research for this horrible illness. If you aren't able to give, please keep in your prayers all who suffer from this disease and their families. Thank you for all your donations and prayers! ~Lily, Abi, Jac & Scotlyn Carver



Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped maintain our gardens through the summer months, especially Kathy Berg and Jan Solheim. They look beautiful!



Farewell

We will be recognizing Sam's music ministry with us and saying goodbye to him during a special farewell reception immediately following worship on Sunday, September 6th. He has accepted a job at St. John's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and his last day at Calvin is Sunday, September 6th.



MUSIC News



- First choir rehearsal of the new season will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm. The chancel choir will sing in worship on Sunday, September 13th.
- We are excited to introduce Calvin's newest choral scholar that will be starting this month. Her name is Iris Kolodji and she is entering her senior year of music education at the University of Minnesota. She is originally from Hibbing, MN. Iris will be a wonderful addition to our chancel choir!
- A start date for Calvin's Bell Choir is yet to be determined.

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.



SEPTEMBER 2015



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 3:45pm Loaves & Fishes	2 12pm Lunch Bunch	3	4	5
6 <i>Communion</i> 10am Worship 11am Farewell reception for Sam	7 3:30pm Crisis Nursery  HAPPY LABOR DAY Office Closed	8 4pm Presbytery meeting	9	10 2pm Ruth Circle 6:30pm Bowman wedding rehearsal	11	12 4pm Bowman wedding
13  9am Adult Education resumes 10am Worship 11am Ice cream social & games	14 7pm PW meeting	15 9:30am GIFT resumes 10am Exercise class resumes 5:30pm Choir dinner at Brown's	16	17 2pm Ruth Circle	18 6pm Youth movie night	19 10:30am-3pm Stubbs Family picnic
20 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/Sunday school <i>First Day of Sunday School</i>	21	22 9:30am GIFT 10am Exercise	23 9:30am Mary & Martha  <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	24 9-12pm Rummage sale set-up	25 9-12pm Rummage sale set-up	26 9-12pm Rummage sale set-up MPLS (imPulse)
27 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/Sunday school	28 9-12pm Rummage sale set-up	29 9-12pm Rummage sale set-up 9:30am GIFT 10am Exercise	30 9-12pm Rummage sale set-up	 <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 - Sam Grace
- Handbell Director - Sam Grace
- Organist - Mark Bilyeu

- Office Administrator - Angela Coccoluto
- Treasurer - Pat King
- Financial Secretaries - Marj Eisinger & Tammy Wenz
- Custodian - Dave Zajac

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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.