

Calvin Connection



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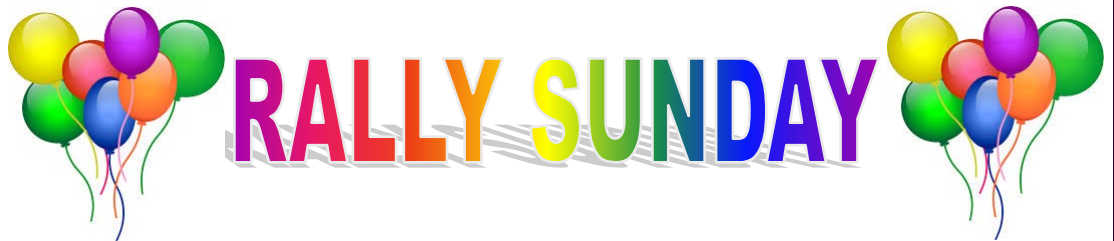
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September 2017



Sunday, September 10th

FOOD! GAMES! FELLOWSHIP!

- ◆ Potluck picnic (meat and beverages provided); sign-up in the Gathering Hall to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert
- ◆ Sunday School classes starting September 17th; Exciting new curriculum for children, ages PreK - 5th grade
- ◆ Nursery care provided every week (as needed); please sign-up in the Gathering Hall to assist in nursery



Consider inviting someone to join us for worship and the potluck picnic on Rally Sunday!

"Let the word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God!" ~Colossians 3:16, Translation by Eugene Peterson



Green Gables House
Cavendish, Prince Edward Island

Pastor Carol's Corner

This summer I read the book *Anne of Green Gables*. It was written by Lucy Maud Montgomery and published in 1909. I cannot recall ever reading it; it is considered a classic book and parts of it did seem familiar. After reading it this summer, I could see why people all over the world have read it over the past one hundred plus years.

If you do not know the book, *Anne Shirley* is a young orphan girl from the Canadian Maritime province, Nova Scotia. She mistakenly ends up at the farm of an older couple (a brother and sister) on the nearby island of Prince Edward Island. Anne loves to use big words, she can be precocious, and yet you cannot help but find her enthusiasm for flowers and woods, the taste of food and the thought of friendship to be endearing.

When Anne arrives at Green Gables Farm, Marilla, the sister, decides there is a definite gap in the girl's education. When Marilla encourages Anne to say her evening prayers, Anne explains that although she was not able to go to Sunday School or even school very often, she had learned something about prayer. She explains that she had memorized the entire catechism. (The author incidentally later married a Presbyterian pastor). Anne explains: "There's something splendid about some of the words. 'Infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.' Isn't that grand? It has such a roll to it—just like a big organ playing."

Marilla insists that if Anne is to live with them, she must pray every night before bed. Anne, who has never really prayed, says: "If I really wanted to pray I'll tell you what I'd do. I'd go out into a great big field all alone or into the deep, deep woods, and I'd look up into the sky—up—up—up—into that lovely blue sky that looks as if there was no end to its blueness. And I'd just **feel** a prayer."

There is something theologically sound in Anne's ideas about prayer. Why do we ever worry about the words of our prayers? The God who created us, who knows us through and through, knows what is in our heart and our words even before we can voice them. The Bible tells us that the Spirit of God prays for us when we do not know how to pray and "intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26.) There is something simplistic yet beautiful and very real about *feeling* a prayer. Isn't that what we do when we sing a beautiful hymn, or when we see the beauty of God's creation and cannot help but give thanks to God?

We start the program year on September 10th with the choir returning and Sunday School classes beginning again. My prayer is for you to participate in the programs of the church and find ways to continue to grow in faith, continually drawing closer to God.

Peace,

Carol

God of the sunlight, thank you for the fits of being able to respond to light.

God of the living breath,

thank you for the gift of being able to feel it brush our skin.

God of the sunset, thank you for the gift of sharing in the cycles of time.

God of the stars, thank you for the gift of being able to discern the pattern in their courses.

God of the darkness, thank you for the gift of being able to sleep in peace.

God of our inner selves,

thank you from the silence of our souls.

Amen.

Roddy Cowie

In "*We bring you everything, and tip it out in front of you.*"

Wild Goose Publications, Iona, Scotland

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

September 3 - Communion

Greeter - Belinda Breit
Liturgist - Belinda Breit

September 10 - Rally Day

Greeter - Lillian Miller
Liturgist - Susan Baker

September 17

Greeter - Sharon Corl
Liturgist - Anita Goman

September 24

Greeters - Youth
Liturgist - Youth



A photo of St. Leonard's Church in Hythe, Kent, England where Mark played a concert on Saturday, August 26th. The church is over 900 years old!

Greeters and Liturgists Needed!

If you would like to be a Sunday morning greeter or liturgist at Calvin, please let Jim Rettinger know. We all enjoy seeing smiling faces at the door when we enter, and also enjoy hearing different people reading the scripture lessons. Please consider helping fill this role at Calvin!

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	
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

Progressive Dinner

The Fellowship Committee is planning a Progressive Dinner for Friday, September 29th. Appetizers and social hour will be held in the church Gathering Hall and dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts will be served at Orono Woods, which will eliminate driving between homes. The menu will be announced once we determine how many people sign up. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall for this fun event!



- ♪ Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir Dinner is Wednesday, September 6th at 5:30pm. The dinner will be held at Jeff & Martha Brown's residence.
- ♪ First choir rehearsal of the season will be Wednesday, September 13th at 7pm. The chancel choir will sing in worship on Sunday, September 10th.
- ♪ A start date for Calvin's Handbell Choir is yet to be determined.

Upcoming Youth Events

SPARKS

Orono Community Education would like to thank Calvin Presbyterian for hosting the SPARKS program. We are currently looking for additional volunteer mentors in order to serve more students in the program. The role of the SPARKS volunteer is to encourage students to succeed in school, to assist with homework or reading activities so that children are better prepared for school and to be a caring adult in their lives. Volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with elementary or middle school students to help them successfully complete homework assignments, read to children and listen to them read and provide general support and positive role modeling. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours (3-5pm) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Genna Torney at 952-449-83383 x6350 or gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us. You can also talk to Chelsea Rhea for more information.



Rally Day is Sunday, September 10th to kick-off the new program year! Following worship there will be a potluck church picnic. Sloppy joes, baked beans, and beverages will be provided; sign up in the Gathering Hall to bring a side dish or dessert. Invite someone to join us for a fun morning of worship and fellowship!

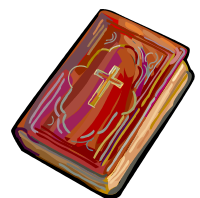


Sunday School for the children (PreK through 5th grade) begins on Sunday, September 17th. The Sunday School class will start around 10:15am (after the children's message), so they will start off in worship. We are excited to share the wonderful curriculum with the children this year!



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
COVENANTS WITH GOD
Unit One: Signs of God's Covenant

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation

Sunday, September 10 - Lesson 1, The Rainbow -- Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17
and Lesson 2, Circumcision -- Genesis 17:1-14

Sunday, September 17 - Lesson 3, Sabbath Observance -- Exodus 31:12-18

Sunday, September 24 - Lesson 4, A Spirit-Filled Heart -- Ezekiel 36:22-32



Calvin is teaming up with Feed My Starving Children, the MN Twins, and FOX Sports North to pack 750,000 meals at Target Field on Tuesday, September 19th! We have 20 spots reserved. Sign-up on the sheet in the Gathering Hall. We will meet at church at 4pm to carpool to the Park & Ride, where a bus will transport everyone to Target Field. The event runs from 5-7pm. Call the church office or see Tammy Wenz with any questions.



Calvin Church is focusing on different projects so more of our congregation can become involved with the gift of their time and service. One of those projects is Feed My Starving Children. On the first Tuesday of every month our congregation is committed to spend a couple hours packing food at their Chanhassen site. We have 10 spots reserved each month, so sign-up and bring a friend! The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Hall.

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)

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 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

FALL RUMMAGE SALE



Time to start cleaning out your closets and garage! We will begin taking donations for the sale on Friday, September 29th. (Please no TV's, skis, computers, large electronics, encyclopedias or textbooks). Baked goods may be brought for the Bake Sale on Wednesday, October 4th between 9am-12pm.

Volunteers are needed to help unpack & organize donations Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 2-4 from 9am-12pm. We will also need help packing up leftover rummage on Saturday, Oct. 7th beginning at 12pm. Even a few hours would be greatly appreciated!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Ruth Circle** Meeting September 14th @ 2pm
- PW** Meeting on September 11th @ 9am
- Mary & Martha Circle** Meeting Sept. 27th @ 9:30am





Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, September 6th 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!



SPARKS Mentor training will be held at Calvin on Thursday, September 28th from 3:00-4:30pm.

Thank
You!

A huge thank you to Terry Olson for his many, many years of service to Calvin Church recruiting weekly Sunday morning ushers. The job has now transitioned to the Worship Committee. If you are interested in helping as an usher, please see Martha Brown.



Pictures from the Community Meal hosted by Calvin on Thursday, August 24th, 2017.



MUSIC News

Greetings from the music department! We are looking forward to the return of weekly choral anthems and monthly handbell offerings with the beginning of the program year. This summer has been a busy one for our music staff: Taylor was a fellow at the prestigious Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Brian was involved with the Summer Singers, Sabreana enjoyed some much needed work-life balance before student teaching; and for me, Source Song Festival continues to grow. All these experiences contribute to a richer music program here at Calvin, and I am excited to continue our work together as we seek to make meaningful contributions to our worship. We are in the final stages of solidifying a partnership with the Minnesota Bach Society for their concert in October, and hope this will be an opportunity for us to showcase the beautiful space and community we have here at Calvin. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28th, and invite your friends. This is an opportunity for us to open our doors to the community and offer world-class performances. It's an exciting time: join us!

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 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p>					1	2
<p>3 Communion</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2:30-4:30pm FMSC</p> <p>6:30pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12pm Lunch Bunch</p> <p>5:30pm Chancel & Handbell choir party @ Brown's</p>	7	8	9
<p>10</p>  <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am Rally Day picnic/games</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2pm Ruth Circle</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>10:30am-2pm Stubbs Family picnic</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship/ First day of Sunday school</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>5-7pm Feed My Starving Children packing event @ Target Field</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	21	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Mary & Martha</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>3-4:30pm SPARKS mentor training</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>Progressive Dinner at Calvin</p>	30

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 Cocoluto
- 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.