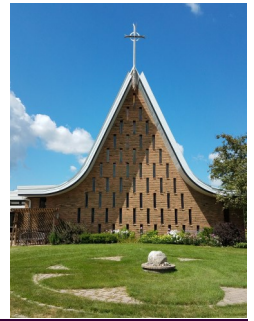


# Calvin Connection



June/July 2018

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## CALVIN CHURCH PRAIRIE GARDEN



When the first French explorers arrived in this area of North America, they saw miles of tall native grasses. They called the land *prairie* or *meadow*. Did you know that approximately 70% of the average prairie plant is roots? Prairie plants can manage the extreme heat and drought as well as the extreme cold temperatures we have in Minnesota.

Our prairie garden has been a careful project of Terry Olson's for many years. Here is what Terry wrote for our church website:

*Calvin Presbyterian Church has approximately one acre of Native Prairie grass and flowers on the North side of the church property. It was planted in the spring of 2003 when the Fellowship Hall was completed and the property to the North was graded so drainage from the property could flow to the street East of the church. Before 2003 the area north of the church was a vacant lot that was not landscaped or mowed.*

*There are now over eight types of Native MN grasses and over 24 Native flowers in this area. The prairie area provides food and cover for pheasants and other birds as well as small mammals, butterflies and other insects.*

*The prairies grasses do not require the maintenance of a grass lawn nor the fertilizing a lawn requires. It does require one mowing a year and every three to four years the cold weather plants need to be killed and the area burned to help the reseeding of the prairie grass and flowers. Also the thistle has to be kept under control.*

Last summer we had an amazing crop of wildflowers. Some of our neighbors told us it was the prettiest they had ever seen the prairie. George Funk has been mowing a pathway through the prairie garden. Spend some time out in the prairie garden this summer, appreciating this wonderful asset of Calvin Church!





## Pastor Carol's Corner

God, I promise I won't complain about the weather. Got that? I promise. When the heat blisters up from the sidewalks and when not the slightest breeze offers solace on a sizzling day, remind me how I felt about the weather in the frigid temperatures of February. The seasons are Your gift. Is there not something glorious about summer heat? Amen.

[Prayer from Guideposts]

This year it felt like we went from winter, which lasted exceptionally long with that unexpected snowstorm the middle of April, skimmed over spring and landed squarely in summer. When the temperatures jumped so fast, you could practically watch the leaves opening and it seemed as if the perennials in my little flower garden grew an inch a day.

Memorial Day weekend means we are officially in summer time. Even those of us whose lives are not guided by school vacation schedules feel like we have moved into a summer vacation mode. There is a different feel to summertime. Clergy all wonder why church attendance drops, surely not because people are away every weekend but more likely because people embrace the lazy days of summer.

Even so, I would invite you to join me this summer in a season of prayer. God never takes a vacation from us, why would we ever consider setting aside our faith for a time? In this season of growth, why not try a new spiritual practice, a new way of drawing closer to God?

The other day I was reading an email from a colleague in the Presbytery who mentioned having a group of church members who meet him to pray at a specific time each week. I thought, what a wonderful idea! If you would like to join me, I will be taking time throughout the summer on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to pray for this congregation, its members and any other needs I hear about. If you cannot join me at the church, you can join me wherever you are, although I would be pleased to know you are doing so. As well, if you have a special prayer request, let me know to include that.

Enjoy these days of summer we have been given, especially being outside in God's amazing creation. Take time to examine a flower close up. Look up and watch a bird riding the air currents high above you. Make time to spend with family and friends. Feel the sun on your skin and laugh at the memory of snowfall in April. Draw close to God and be thankful that you are held in God's love.

Blessings,

*Carol*



*Photos from the Landscape Arboretum, including one of their summer origami sculptures*



**Liturgist Schedule**

JUNE

**June 3 - Communion**

Liturgist - Belinda Breit

**June 10**

Liturgist - Pat Headley

**June 17**

Liturgist - Susan Baker

**June 24**

Liturgist - Val Hagan

**\*During the summer months the ushers will also be greeters.**

JULY

**July 1 - Communion**

Liturgist - Anita Goman

**July 8**

Liturgist - Susan Manro

**July 15**

Liturgist - TBA

**July 22**

Liturgist - TBA

**July 29**

Liturgist - Joel Settles



*Azaleas in bloom in Calvin's labyrinth garden - May 2018*



**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
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am
Community Meal	4th Thursday	5:30pm



**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Dexter Park, Long Lake**

(in case of rain, meal will be moved to Trinity Lutheran Church)

**Thursday, July 26, 2018**

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**

Please see Sue Bobzien or Belinda Breit if you can help with the Community Meal in July. Look for a sign-up sheet as the date approaches.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**



Emily Goman - Graduating from Orono High School on Thursday, June 7, 2018. She will be majoring in Microbiology at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in the fall. Congratulations Emily!

*Congratulations Taylor! Our accompanist, Taylor Burkhardt (pictured at right), has graduated with her Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Collaborative Piano and Coaching from the University of MN. She is headed off to work for Mill City Summer Opera, and then at the Kentucky Opera for their 2018-19 season.*



Our two choral scholars, Brian Brokofsky and Sabreena Cherrington, have both graduated this spring from the University of Minnesota with Bachelor of Music degrees. Brian (pictured above, center) has just accepted a teaching position at Hidden Oaks Middle School in Prior Lake. Sabreena (pictured above, on right) will continue to live and work in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area after graduation.



THE FUN HAS BEGUN! Camp has started! Bring on the Games! Boating! Hikes! High Ropes! Worship! Laughter! Fun! Triumphs! Songs! Skits! Adventure! And it is not too late for you to be a part of it all! Experiences for campers, grades 3rd-recent graduates are still open. Check out [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) or give the office a call at 218-678-2325 to find out which camps are still open. Don't let the opportunity to see what God can do in a child's life slip through your fingers - register them today! Remember, we are offering a \$25 gift certificate to the store for campers who refer a friend!

Never been to Clearwater Forest? Are you a little nervous about having your child away for the week? Ask around the congregation to find out what it is all about, come up for Friends and Family Day (June 10th) or call 218-678-2325 with questions.

**Vacation Bible School**

June 11-14, 2018 | 9am-noon each day  
 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - 2060 CTY RD 6, LONG LAKE, MN 55356



At VBS: Shipwrecked, children will venture to an uncharted island where they learn that Jesus is there to carry them through life's storms. They will encounter some new friends, too!

Children age 3 (by June 1) through grade 4 (completed) are welcome! Youth in grades 5 & older are needed as helpers throughout the week.

Cost is \$35/child. Scholarships are available.

[www.TrinityLongLake.org/Vacation-Bible-School](http://www.TrinityLongLake.org/Vacation-Bible-School)



June Birthdays

- June 4 Gloria Purnick
- June 5 Bob Kvale  
Jeff Settles
- June 9 Ron Breit
- June 10 Kim King  
Carol Strassburg
- June 12 Harry Johnson
- June 17 Joel Settles
- June 20 Walter Rhea
- June 21 Jim Rettinger
- June 26 Phyllis Johnson



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 21 DJ Goman
- July 24 Dan Swanson
- July 28 Jan Solheim
- July 31 Jane Olson  
Carley Hagan

June Anniversaries

- June 2 Len & Kathy Berg
- June 5 Jack & Wilma Hagan
- June 9 Ken & Wanda Pratt

July Anniversaries

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

*Celebrate!*



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

- Three 70-pg. wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks
- Six new, unsharpened pencils
- One full size eraser
- One pencil sharpener
- One box of 24 crayons



We will also be assembling Hygiene Kits that are distributed wherever there is a healthcare disaster. All items should be placed in a one-gallon zipper top plastic bag. For these kits we need:

- One hand towel, appx. 16"x28" (no microfiber or bath towels)
- 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)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Ruth Circle** Meeting June 14th @ 2pm  
Meeting July 12th @ 2pm  
**PW** Meeting - to be determined





**Lunch Bunch** is cancelled for the month of June, due to the lack of a host/hostess. Also, there will be no July Lunch Bunch due to the 4th of July holiday. We are hoping to resume again in August. Please see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Hall.



**New summer office hours** - Beginning Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> the church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10am-3pm. Regular office hours (M-F, 10-2pm) will begin again the first week of September, after Labor Day.



**Gardening Club** – The faithful garden crew at Calvin could use your help! Meet every Tuesday morning at 9am with your gloves and gardening tools to work in the gardens. There are always enough thistle and dandelions to share!

**Doug and Lois Potter celebrate 60 years of marriage!** The congregation is cordially invited to celebrate Doug and Lois Potter's 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 12th from 2-5pm in the Court Atrium of Presbyterian Homes in Spring Park.



Greeting from the Music Department - what an incredible year we have had! We had two Music Sundays; we hosted Thanksgiving with a combined choir, and a moving Good Friday service with a guest violinist. The handbells rang, and the Chancel Choir sang over 35 pieces. We heard solos sung by our Choral Scholars, and rousing duets for the piano and organ. The choir sang for the funeral of Shirley Tulberg, and we developed and implemented the Shirley Tulberg Memorial Concert Series. We've heard new music, old music, new-to-us music, and we were even graced by the stylings of the Ding Dong Dollies thanks to the PW! I am grateful to everyone who participated, supported and encouraged the work of the Music Department here at Calvin. This work at Calvin truly continues to be an engaging and energizing blessing in my life, and I hope it has been the same to you in our worship and our church life.

This summer has unexpectedly become very busy for me, and I will be away more often than I had planned. In May, I will be in Montreal competing at the Concours Musicale International de Montreal, and then flying directly to Boulder, CO where I was selected as one of three pianists to participate in a workshop hosted by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. While these professional development opportunities have been scheduled for a while, I was not expecting to receive a call from the Up North Vocal Institute in Boyne, Michigan. They have asked me to come serve as faculty for their four-week program training young singers. This is a large step for my professional life where I transition from studying (or running) a training program to being a hired faculty member.

I'm immensely grateful to Pastor Carol and the Personnel Committee for allowing me these additional absences and finding a balance as I continue to grow and develop as a musician. I'm happy to say that our friend of the church Marilyn Lueth will be taking over the worship music duties in my absence – so I leave knowing Calvin is in familiar and more than capable hands (literally!).

Our summer choirs will continue with Brian and Sabreena conducting. June 17, July 15, August 19. EVERYONE is invited to join in this low-stress, high-enjoyment experience. Rehearsals begin that Sunday at 9:20. Music will be available at the church office, for those of you who like to prepare – but preparation is NOT REQUIRED..

In the 2018/19 Season, I look forward to expanding the Tulberg Memorial Concert Series, re-invigorating our handbell choir, introducing new Choral Scholars to Calvin, and continuing to bring the most effective, beautiful and meaningful music to our worship services.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### JUNE/JULY 2018

Men's breakfast - Monday, June 4 @ 8am  
Monday, July 2 @ 8am

Session Meeting - Tuesday, June 5 @ 6:30pm  
No July session meeting

Community Meal - Thursday, June 28 @ 5:30pm (Trinity hosting)  
Thursday, July 26 @ 5:30pm (Calvin hosting)

Lunch Bunch - No June Lunch Bunch  
No July Lunch Bunch

Office closed - Wednesday, July 4

Ruth Circle - Thursday, June 14  
Thursday, July 12

Mary & Martha Circle - No June or July meetings



**The total proceeds from our spring rummage sale was \$3,844.52!**

Here is a breakdown of where that money goes:

- \$500 - Maple Plain food shelf
- \$500 - Westonka food shelf
- \$500 - Feed My Starving Children
- \$500 - Interfaith Outreach
- \$400 - Home Free (Women's shelter)
- \$400 - Chechon Children's Home
- \$100 - Sunshine Committee
- \$100 - Graduate's Reception/gift cards
- \$100 - Mission postage
- \$150 - Garden & Grounds Fund
- \$150 - May Salad Supper/guest entertainment
- \$100 - Greg Kemnitz (leftover rummage)

**\*\*Mark your calendars for the Fall Rummage Sale on October 4, 5, and 6th, 2018!\*\***

Set-up will begin Thursday, September 27 & continue through Wednesday, October 3 (9am-12pm).  
Volunteers are needed to help unpack & organize donations, and to help clean-up leftover rummage after the sale.

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**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 -

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- Angela Cocoluto            [angela@calvinchurch.net](mailto: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.*