

Calvin Connection



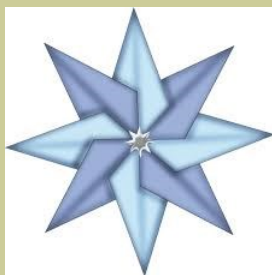
January 2019

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A Year with the Bible



Would you like to learn more about God? Would you like a deeper relationship with God? As Christians we know the best way to have a relationship with God is to spend time in prayer and reading of Scripture. We call it a spiritual practice to do this on a regular basis.

You are invited to join other Calvin friends in **a journey through the Bible in 2019.**

Sign up with Pastor Carol to receive a list of readings for each day of the new year. The daily readings are a condensed overview of the Bible from the American Bible Society. We are not committing to reading the entire Bible in one year, at least not this year!

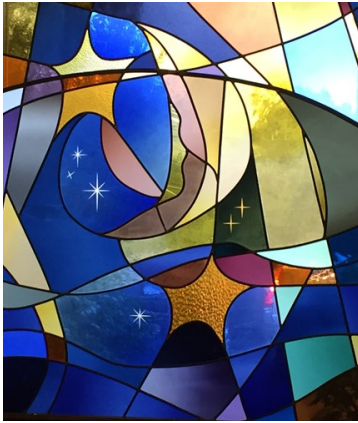
The readings assigned for each day are not long; it is designed so you will be successful in your commitment to read the Bible each day. The readings begin with Genesis in January and move through the Bible to next December 31st when it ends in the Book of Revelation. There is extra time spent on the Gospels; less time spent on the genealogies and the laws of the Old Testament. But spent the year committing to read through the Bible and you will surely feel you have a different understanding God and how God has been a part of people's lives throughout history.

Consider joining those who have already signed up to be committing to a spiritual practice of reading the Bible throughout 2019.

"Reading the Bible is one of the best ways to learn about God—and what God wants from us. When we read the Bible, we read about a specific people and their relationship to God, but we also can learn about our own relationship with God." (American Bible Society)

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Stained glass window, Minnetonka
United Methodist Church

Pastor Carol's Corner

O star of wonder,
star of night,
Star of royal beauty bright;
Westward leading,
still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Chorus: "We Three Kings"

Can you picture how Hollywood reflects the passing of time? Think of an analog clock where the minute and hour hand begin picking up speed and start spinning faster and faster. Or how about a wall calendar where the pages rapidly fly off one after another? It is hard to believe we are entering another year. They seem to go faster every year!

For many the celebrations of Christmas are over December 26th. If we lived in England or a Commonwealth country we would at least have Boxing Day on December 26th to extend the celebration of Christmas.

However, the church is not so ready to rush past the season honoring the birth of the Christ child. The church calendar says we enter the season of Christmas on December 25th and that continues until the day of Epiphany, January 6th.

In literature an *epiphany* is a sudden awareness: it comes from a Greek word meaning 'to show'. The Scripture lessons assigned to this season of the church year are all about God appearing to people – in times of difficulty or loss or going about the living of ordinary days. Then on the day of Epiphany we read the story of the wise men following a star to greet the newborn king, Emmanuel – God with us.

Scripture tells us that having met the Christ child, the Magi returned home by a different way. Their story reminds us that even though we move back to life as usual in January, we are changed by the birth of the Christ child. Epiphany invites us, like the Magi, to worship the *Light of the World* and to move into the days ahead knowing God's grace comes to us all.

Blessings to you in this New Year,

Carol

God of new beginnings,
help me make a difference in myself,
so that with your help
I may make a difference in the world.
A real difference:
in the world and in me,
at your pace,
in your peace,
God of new beginnings.

Prayer by Brian Woodcock
From "Going Home Another Way" by
Wild Goose Publication, Iona, Scotland

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

January 6 - Communion

Greeter - Sharon Corl
Liturgist - Susan Manro

January 13

Greeter - Anita Goman
Liturgist - Anita Goman

January 20

Greeter - Susan Baker
Liturgist - Susan Baker

January 27

Greeters - Phyllis & Harry Johnson
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte



REMINDER:

All annual reports are due to Angela in the church office by Friday, January 4th.



The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th immediately following worship. 2018 Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, January 20th.

Winter 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
11:00am Fellowship time

Tuesday

3:00pm SPARKS program

Wednesday

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

Thursday

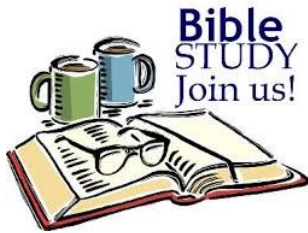
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Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Tuesday	8:00am
Session Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
PW Meeting	2nd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am



The 2019 flower chart is now available. Sign up for flowers on your loved one's birthday or to celebrate a special anniversary. The cost of the standard arrangement is \$35. Flower questions? See Gay Kearin.



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
GOD COMES TO EARTH
Unit Two: Christ Pursuing His Mission

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & Rev. Dr. Carol Reed

Sunday, January 6 - Lesson 6, Christ's Identity Established -- Matthew 3:13—4:11

Sunday, January 13 - Lesson 7, Teaching and Healing -- Matthew 4:12-25

Sunday, January 20 - Lesson 8, Christ's New Commands -- Matthew 5:33-45

Sunday, January 27 - Lesson 9, Christ's New Teachings -- Matthew 6:1-13

As time permits we will also highlight the lives of several early 2nd century Christian leaders. These persons are important in early Church History and our heritage as Christians.



The total proceeds from our fall rummage sale was \$4,200!

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 - PW receptions/party supplies/food
- \$300 - Mission projects/postage
- \$100 - Christmas gifts/female staff
- \$200 - PW Christmas party/entertainment
- \$100 - Greg Kemnitz (pick-up of leftover rummage)



****Mark your calendars for the Spring Rummage Sale on May 2, 3, and 4th, 2019!****

Set-up will begin Thursday, April 25 & continue through Wednesday, May 1st (9am-12pm).

Volunteers are needed to help unpack, organize, and price donations; and to help clean-up leftover rummage after the sale. Thank you to the Rummage Sale committee members and all the helpers that make this event such a success every year!



Thursday, January 24, 2019

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

Please see the sign-up sheet
in the Gathering Hall to volunteer.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There is no cost for these meals, but donations
will be accepted. Join us!

Birthdays



- January 4 Val Hagan
- January 7 Todd Wood
- January 13 Carol Reed
- January 14 Pam Vande Vegte
- January 15 Debbie Baker
- January 19 Marj Eisinger
- January 24 Joel Wenz
Jay Gagner
- January 26 Lily Carver
- January 27 Pat King

Celebrate!

Thank You

Thanks to Rev. Reed and Calvin for the pastoral care at Dad's funeral and for your care to my parents in life. I will always have fond memories of them, and of Calvin.

Sincerely,
Dave Olson



We will be taking down the greens after worship on Sunday, January 6th. Any help is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Do you need a ride to church or to an occasional medical appointment? There are Deacons and other church members in your church family who are ready to help!

Call one of these drivers if you need a ride:

- Bob Kvale
- Jeff Brown
- Ken Pratt
- Ron Bowman



We still have Calvin Presbyterian coffee mugs for sale! They are \$7 each, 2 for \$12, or 3 for \$15. Contact the church office to purchase, or see Tammy Wenz on a Sunday after worship.

NOTICE

The church has a lending closet: walkers and small transfer wheelchairs are available to be borrowed.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle No January meeting
PW No January meeting
Mary & Martha Circle Meeting on January 23rd





Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of every month. Bring a dish to share, *but no need to bring your own place settings.* We use kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up afterwards. Join us - everyone is welcome! We rotate the host responsibilities every month. **However, due to lack of response, this month's Lunch Bunch has been cancelled.** If all participants sign up to host at least once, all the months should be covered. You can sign up for hosting on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall.



Weight Warriors support group - A support group has formed at Calvin and meets every Saturday morning at 8am. Weigh in and stay for an informal meeting to get support on your weight loss journey. The group is open to anyone (men or women) that are interested in losing weight, getting back on track with healthy eating, or looking for support to maintain their weight loss. Questions? See Kathy Berg or Tammy Wenz.



Thank you so much for allowing the Westonka Garden Guild to use your beautiful Fellowship Hall and kitchen on Saturday, December 8th. Everyone commented on what a beautiful space you have and a good time was had by all. Thanks again. ~ Paula Umbehocker



Birthdays & anniversaries - Please let the church office know if we are missing your birthday or anniversary date. Birthdays and wedding anniversaries are posted every month on the bulletin board in the Gathering Hall.



Dear Calvin friends, A lovely evening from beginning to end - our driver (Dave) was so kind and attentive to three old ladies. The tables laid out with a bounty of deliciousness. Entertained by an incredibly talented ventriloquist (don't you agree - puts Edgar Bergen & Mortimer Snerd in 2nd place?) Again, many thanks for your warm hospitality to the Ridge Pointe knitters. ~Georgia Gustafson



Congratulations to Lily Carver! Lily graduated on Saturday, December 15 from Minnesota State University - Mankato, with a Bachelor degree in Psychology, and a minor in Sociology.



A huge thank you to my choir family for the generous Christmas gift certificate to Chanhasen Dinner Theater. It was certainly a surprise and not necessary, but thankfully accepted. Jeff and I will enjoy the evening out soon! ~Martha Brown



Greetings from the music department! Our Advent and Christmas was packed full of beautiful music - from our weekly Advent candle lighting, to our choral anthems, and of course our most recent installment of the Shirley Tulberg Concert Series: A Three Tenors Christmas. My personal thanks to all those who facilitated, attended and supported this concert, and more importantly: this series. We welcomed nearly 100 audience members to our beautiful space for this exciting event. We have two more concerts scheduled for this season: the next one is Sunday, March 24 at 7p and features an entire evening of reflective music for Lent performed by the outstanding Lumina Women's Ensemble. With many thanks for all those who offer their musical, organizational, and monetary gifts to sustain our vibrant music program here at Calvin!

~Mark Bilyeu

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

JANUARY 2019

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</p>		<p>1</p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	2	3	4	5
				3-5pm SPARKS		
<p>6 Communion</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p> <p>6:30pm Session meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	11	12
<p>13</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>1pm Suzuki violin workshop</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	18	19
<p>20</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Mary & Martha Circle</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>  <p>5:30pm Community Meal @ Calvin</p>	25	26
<p>27</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am Annual Meeting</p>	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	31		

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 - Jared Miller
Choral Scholar - Savannah Heigl

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

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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.