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Calvin Connection



November 2018

Calvin Church - 2018 Year In Review

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Pastor Carol's Corner

*"As good stewards of the varied gifts
given you by God,
let each use the gift received in
service of others."
1 Peter 4:10*

Every November Calvin Church, like most churches across the US, finds itself in stewardship season. Generally that means we talk about the church budget and what we need to cover things like the utilities, snow removal, paying staff salaries. But stewardship is at its core much more.

If we look at the Bible's definition, a steward is someone who cares for the world and all the creatures God created. Psalm 24 says: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it." Stewardship begins with the affirmation that we live in a God-given world, that we belong to God – all that we have and all that we own comes from God.

Being a steward and practicing stewardship becomes more than deciding what dollar amount to give to the church. Stewardship imitates God's example of giving. Stewardship becomes a spiritual practice – a part of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

If we think of stewardship as only giving money to pay bills at the church, it becomes an obligation. Being a steward in the church means participating in the life of the body of Christ. It includes all the other things people do to support the mission and ministry of the church – whether it is singing in the choir, ushering on Sunday morning, participating in the prayer chain, serving as an Elder or a Deacon, helping with the community meals, or donating to the various special offerings throughout the year.

It takes a community of people sharing their gifts and their resources to make a church like Calvin a vibrant, faithful community. Thanks for all you do to support the body of Christ at this place!

Peace,

Carol

The Session committees are lead by the following people:



Christian Education – Chelsea Rhea
Buildings and Grounds – Ken Pratt
Finance and Stewardship – Skelly Shaughnessy
Fellowship – Kathy Berg, Ann Shaughnessy
Mission – Belinda Breit, Tammy Wenz
Nominating – Tammy Wenz
Worship – Martha Brown, Amy Wenz
Personnel – Joel Settles, Martha Brown, Denny Anderson
Outreach – Shelly Dressel

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

November 4 - Communion

Greeters - The Goman Family
 Liturgist - Anita Goman

November 11

Greeters - The Gagner Family/Stephanie Coe
 Liturgist - Susan Baker

November 18

Greeters - Vanessa Gagner & Stephanie Coe
 Liturgist - Dwight Chamberlain

November 25

Greeters - The Shaughnessy Family
 Liturgist - Maighread Shaughnessy



THANKSGIVING EVE ECUMENICAL SERVICE

We will gather with our friends at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00pm for a service of Thanksgiving. Their new Associate Pastor, Ann Fenlason will be preaching. A pie social will immediately follow the service. Please join us!

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
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



Safe Trick-or-Treat event organized by the Long Lake Chamber of Commerce. Saturday, October 27th. Thanks to all who donated candy, decorated, and worked the event!





Trick-or-Treat!



Safe Trick-or-Treating event on Saturday, October 27th. Thanks to Shelly Dressel and Kathy Berg for organizing the event, decorating, and dressing up to greet the trick-or-treaters!



SPARKS

The Orono SPARKS after school program has begun! Volunteers provide academic help for kindergarten through 8th grade students. Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons at Calvin. Middle school students are from 3-5pm, elementary students from 4-5pm.

How can our congregation help? SPARKS need volunteers; consider participating even one day a week or as a substitute. Contact Genna Torney at #952-449-8338 x6350 or gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us



Bible STUDY
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
GENESIS: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS
Unit Three: Cataclysm and a New Beginning

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

- Sunday, November 4 - Lesson 10, Preparation for Deliverance -- Genesis 6:11-22
- Sunday, November 11 - Lesson 11, Safety in the Ark -- Genesis 7:1-10
- Sunday, November 18 - Lesson 12, The Great Flood -- Genesis 7:11-24
- Sunday, November 25 - Lesson 13, Thanksgiving and a Promise -- Genesis 8:15-22

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.



Save the date - Monday, December 3rd!

We are working on the entertainment so more details to follow. The salad supper begins at 6pm with punch and conversation. The evening is a gift from the PW coordinating team as a thank you to all the women of the church. It was originally intended for the women, but the men want to know what fun things we are doing so they are invited also. You may bring friends. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall as the date approaches.



On Sunday, November 11th join the DAR Lake Minnetonka Chapter at 2pm as they honor veterans at the 7th Annual Veterans Day Salute at Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Lake. Featured speakers will include World War I historian Dan Hartman and U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Maureen Banavige (Miki's daughter-in-law).



Orono High School is hosting an event on Friday, November 9th at 8:30pm. The ceremony is open to the public, and sponsored by the Maple Plain American Legion and the Rotary Club.

Following worship on Sunday, November 11th there will be a short ceremony (at 12:30pm) to honor Veterans at Nelson Lakeside Park in Long Lake. The timing was determined so those who wish to attend the DAR event would have time for both. All are welcome!

Birthdays

November 7	Sarah Anderson
November 15	Mary Ann Goodall
November 16	Maighread Shaughnessy
November 19	Jack Lutz
November 20	Isabella Berbig
November 24	Lois Sturman
November 30	Arlo Vande Vegte

Celebrate!

Anniversaries

November 7	Ron & Nancy Miller
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A message of thankfulness from Belinda Breit (PW):

I am grateful for the people who contributed to and helped assemble our school kits and hygiene kits. We will be shipping 86 school kits and 16 hygiene kits.

I am grateful for all the help with the rummage sale and especially for all the shoppers who found so many treasures. I am grateful to Lillian's family for donating so many of her pretty pieces to our sale. The income from the sale was our second highest!

I am so glad I had helpers at our PW Fall Gathering. Without them, we would not have been able to serve coffee and treats or lunch. The whole point of any PW Gathering is the food. And I am so thankful for our beautiful fellowship hall; our guests always remark how nice the room is.

And I am especially thankful for all the Calvin members and one Catholic renegade who helped with our Community meal. We had people in the kitchen doing food prep, we had enough servers for 2 serving lines, and we had the clean-up team. When I went home, all the dishes were washed and put away, the tables were clean and the floor had been vacuumed. And we served 120 people, our largest event ever! Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting November 8th @ 2pm

PW Meeting on November 5th @ 9am

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting November 28th @ 9:30am





Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, November 7th at 12pm. 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 are now rotating the host responsibilities every month. This month's Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Ken & Wanda Pratt. 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 new 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.



A new and updated church directory is available in the Gathering Hall. Copies are still available if you haven't picked one up yet.



Blood Drive - First Presbyterian of Maple Plain is holding a blood drive on Friday, November 30th from 1-7pm. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Consider donating during this event.



Thursday, November 29, 2018

5:30-6:30pm

St. George Catholic Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



**Shirley Tulberg
Memorial Concert Series**
at Calvin Presbyterian Church



Greetings from the music corner! We hope you've been enjoying the music selected for worship this fall - we have certainly enjoyed preparing it. Please keep a few days on your calendar: Music Sunday will be November 18th where we will feature the handbells and chancel choir. Saturday, December 15th will be our second concert of the year on the Shirley Tulberg Concert Series: A Three Tenors Christmas. This show, which runs at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater later that month, will have its debut at Calvin - at a fraction of the cost! Mark your calendars and invite your friends. This is a concert you do NOT want to miss! Grateful as always for your enthusiastic support of music at Calvin.



NOVEMBER 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: center;">Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</p>				1	2	3
4 Communion 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship	5 8am Men's breakfast 9am PW meeting	6 3-5pm SPARKS 6:30pm Session meeting 	7 12pm Lunch Bunch 6:15pm Bell practice 7pm Choir practice	8 2pm Ruth Circle 3-5pm SPARKS	9	10
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25 Stewardship Dedication 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship	26	27 3-5pm SPARKS	28 9:30am Mary & Martha 7pm Choir practice	29 3-5pm SPARKS 5:30pm Community Meal, St. George	30	

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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.