

CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Calvin Connection



December 2018

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THE SHIRLEY TULBERG CONCERT SERIES
AT CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS :

A Three Tenors Christmas.



● **Saturday, December 15 @ 7p** ●

This holiday twist on the classic, inspired by "The Three Tenors," is both fun and musically satisfying.

Join Nathan Bird, Aaron Hurible and David Walton as they bring their powerful vocal harmonies and spine-tingling high notes to Calvin Presbyterian with pianist Mark Bilyeu.

A Three Tenors Christmas - where style, opera, and holiday spirit collide.

Calvin Presbyterian Church
177 Glendale Dr, Long Lake, MN

TICKETS : \$ 2 0

**Daily Scripture Readings for Advent
from the Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA)**

All around us preparations for Christmas are focusing on shopping and decorating and parties. It is all fun and they are important festivities, but for Christians, Advent is much more. It is also a spiritual time.

Below is a list of Scripture passages for the journey through the four weeks of Advent. The readings tell about the graciousness and faithfulness of God, and the miracle of God coming to earth as a newborn child. Spend some extra time reading God's Word, and you are sure to arrive at Christmas feeling closer to the reason for the season.

Sunday, Dec 2 - Psalm 150	Friday, Dec 14 - 1 Samuel 2:1-8
Monday, Dec 3 - Isaiah 2:1-5	Saturday, Dec 15 - Psalm 148
Tuesday, Dec 4 - Psalm 33	Sunday, Dec 16 - Isaiah 35:1-10
Wednesday, Dec 5 - Matthew 24:23-35	Monday, Dec 17 - 2 Peter 1:1-11
Thursday, Dec 6 - Psalm 18:1-20	Tuesday, Dec 18 - Isaiah 11:1-9
Friday, Dec 7 - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Wednesday, Dec 19 - Psalm 42
Saturday, Dec 8 - John 1:19-28	Thursday, Dec 20 - Luke 1:5-25
Sunday, Dec 9 - 2 Peter 3:11-18	Friday, Dec 21 - Luke 1:26-38
Monday, Dec 10 - Psalm 145	Saturday, Dec 22 - Luke 1:39-48a [48b-56]
Tuesday, Dec 11 - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	Sunday, Dec 23 - Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday, Dec 12 - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	Monday, Dec 24 - Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
Thursday, Dec 13 - Ruth 1:6-18	Tuesday, Dec 25 - John 1:1-14

O God, our light and our salvation, you bring hope and peace. Let us see the world through your eyes. Help us open ourselves to your coming into our world and our lives. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Update – We are a people of faith, and our budget is based on faith as well. As of October's end, we are about \$20,000 short of where our faith budget indicates we should be to stay out of "The Red." Being such a small congregation, every pledge and dollar matters! Please keep the needs of our church community at heart as you consider your offerings for the end of the year. ~Skelly Shaughnessy, Chair of Finance & Stewardship

Pledge cards are still being received. They may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, mailed to church, or given to the financial secretary.

The Presbyterian Church is a connectional church, meaning we aren't an independent entity but part of a denomination. To support the ministry of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes & Prairies, and General Assembly (the entire denomination), we are required to pay a yearly fee for each confirmed member.

The Per Capita amount per confirmed member for 2019 is \$35.70. Each payment of Per Capita is a help to the Calvin Church budget.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

December 2 - Communion

Greeter - Stephanie Coe
Liturgist - Candy Bowman

December 9

Greeter - George Funk
Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske

December 16

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles
Liturgist - Joel Settles

December 23

Greeter - Sharon Corl
Liturgist - Lily Carver

December 30

Greeter - Bonnie Boylan
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
worship service at Calvin is
Monday, December 24 at 5:30pm**



Thank you to Kathy Berg for all her work and creativity making the cornucopia and creating such a beautiful arrangement that we enjoyed on the Communion Table this November.

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

3:00pm SPARKS program

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





Would you like to learn more about God? Would you like a deeper relationship with God? You are invited to join other Calvin friends in a journey through the Bible in 2019.

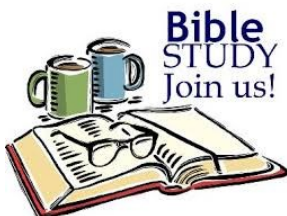
Sign up with Pastor Carol to receive a list of readings for each day of the new year. The daily readings are a condensed overview of the Bible from the American Bible Society. We are not committing to reading the **entire** Bible in one year, at least not this year! The readings assigned for each day are not long; it is designed so you will be successful in your commitment to read the Bible each day.

“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)

Christmas Word Find

G C P M E H E F F N Y Y A S E
 V F I O G K N O C Y R R I L B
 Z H S J Z X U H E G A B Z N B
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 R P L R S I L E N T N I G H T
 R K O Q S N E M E S I W A J H
 Y L X T Y Z S W C Z S P E P L
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 J A B T T B A R I O R S X Z H
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 M A A N W A I A R S A S N O E
 C I H O T C T M F U S O A H F
 D J E D K Q Y S V S W T E K Q

- JESUS
- MARY
- JOSEPH
- WISEMEN
- MANGER
- NATIVITY
- BETHLEHEM
- CAMEL
- DONKEY
- STAR
- HAY
- ANGEL
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- HOPE
- FRANKINCENSE
- MYRRH
- SILENT NIGHT
- LORD
- SAVIOR
- CHRISTMAS

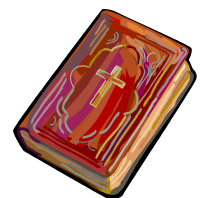


Bible
STUDY
 Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
 Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
GOD COMES TO EARTH
 Unit One: The Advent of Immanuel



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

- Sunday, December 2 - Lesson 1, The Sign of Immanuel -- Isaiah 7:1-4, 7-16
- Sunday, December 9 - Lesson 2, The Promise of a Divine Ruler -- Isaiah 9:1-7
- Sunday, December 16 - Lesson 3, The Righteous Branch -- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Sunday, December 23 - Lesson 4, The Birth of Christ (Christmas) -- Matthew 1:18-25
- Sunday, December 30 - Lesson 5, Wise Men Worship Christ -- Matthew 2:1-12

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.

In Memoriam



I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

~John 11:25-26

Terry Olson
August 4, 1936-November 5, 2018

{Dear Rev. Reed and Calvin members - Many thanks for the great service to honor our father. Many church members made very nice comments about Dad's legacy, and it was pleasing and comforting to us. ~Terry's family}



Adopt-A-Family (IOCP)

Please check out the registration list on the "Giving Table" in the Gathering Hall. There are copies of the wish list on the table for you to take. Please help if you can. All gifts need to be returned by Wednesday, December 5th; and they will be wrapped on Friday, December 7th.



Christmas Party



The annual PW Christmas Salad Supper is on **Thursday, December 13th, beginning with refreshments at 6:30pm**. Our special entertainment will be Musical Ventriloquist Kevin Doely. The meal is provided by the PW planning team as a gift to the women of the church (and their spouses/friends) as a gesture of appreciation for all the many things the women do for the church and its members. A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Hall. Mark your calendars for this fun evening!

Birthdays



- December 7 Sarah Settles
- December 8 George Funk
- December 13 Jim Dillman
Charlotte Oliver
- December 16 Glen Fry
- December 21 Jennifer Schadewald
- December 23 Krista Berbig
- December 30 Angela Coccoluto

Celebrate!

Anniversaries

- December 8 Joel & Sarah Settles
- December 21 Dave & Gay Kearin

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



Calling all Holiday Helpers!

We will be decorating the church on **Saturday, December 1st at 9:30am**. Please join us for donut holes, coffee, juice, fellowship and decorating!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Ruth Circle** No December meeting
- PW** Meeting on December 3rd @ 9am
- Mary & Martha Circle** No December meeting





Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, December 5th 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 now rotate the host responsibilities every month. This month's Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Susan & John Manro. 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.



Poinsettia orders and payment are due to the church office by Tuesday, December 4th. Plants are \$11.00 and order forms are available in the Gathering Hall (as well as in Sunday's bulletin announcements). We are ordering the traditional red and white poinsettia plants this year.



Mitten Tree - Bring warmth to families this winter by donating hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to hang on our mitten tree. All items will be taken to Interfaith Outreach.



Calvin Family - I want to thank everyone that has said prayers in my name. It's comforting to know the support and caring you have given my family and me during this difficult time. God's Blessing to all! ~Sarah Anderson



Thursday, December 20, 2018

5:30-6:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



Greetings from the Music Department! December is usually a busy month, and this year is no exception. Advent and the Christmas Season is so rich with music we love, and I am excited to bring this joy to Calvin, through our worship services and community programs. The choir, handbells, and soloists will offer beautiful music for our worship, and the "Three Tenors Christmas" concert on Saturday, December 15th will surely be a highlight of our music program this month. Please plan to invite your friends and neighbors to this concert. Tickets are \$20, and will be available at the door, or on Sunday the 9th directly following worship. Wishing you all a calm and joy-filled Advent and Christmas season.

~Mark Bilyeu



DECEMBER 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p style="text-align: center;">Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</p>						<p>1 9:30am Hanging of the Greens</p> 
<p>2 Communion 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>3 9am PW meeting</p>	<p>4 8am Men's breakfast 3-5pm SPARKS 6:30pm Session meeting</p>	<p>5 12pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>6 3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 11-3pm Westonka Garden Club</p>
<p>9 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>12 6:15pm Bell practice 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>13 3-5pm SPARKS  6:30pm PW Christmas Party</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15  7pm Three Tenors Concert</p>
<p>16 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>19 6:15pm Bell Practice 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>20 3-5pm SPARKS 5:30pm Communiy Meal, Trinity Lutheran</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>24  5:30pm Christmas Eve worship service</p>	<p>25  Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>31 </p>	<p>NOTES:</p>				

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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.