

Calvin Connection



February 2019

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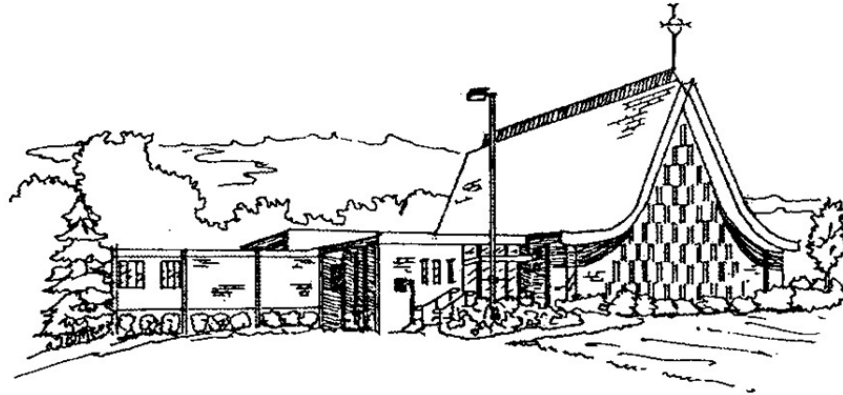
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The annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 27th. If you did not receive an annual report, they are now available through the church office. The meeting followed worship and began with a potluck. Thanks to Kathy Berg and Ann Shaughnessy for organizing the meal.

At the meeting the congregation heard from committee chairs. New Elders elected were Allison Bowman, Ron Bowman, and John Manro. Amy Wenz has agreed to serve part of a second term. The Deacons board is: Bob Kvale, Marj Kvale, Bonnie Boylan, Gay Kearin, Jeff Brown and Wanda Pratt. Thanks to everyone who serves the church in so many ways!

The congregation received the budget for 2019. Every year Calvin has a "faith budget" – a portion beyond what is projected to be received in pledges and giving for the year. Many years we are able to make the budget. This year we were behind by a significant amount. There is a complete explanation in the Finance and Stewardship report.

The Session realizes the importance of having a realistic budget, but even after trimming expenses, they presented a budget with an anticipated \$36,000 shortfall. The Session has agreed to look closely at expenses for 2019 and work to see what can be changed to help us curb expenses.

Tammy Wenz asked any in the congregation who do not wish to pledge to let her know what they anticipate giving in 2019 which will reflect income. Pledges may also still be submitted to the financial secretary's box in the church office. In addition, church members are encouraged to pay their individual per capita (\$35.70), the amount the church pays the denomination for each confirmed member of the congregation.

Just days before the annual meeting we received notice that the church may be the beneficiary of a significant amount from a life insurance policy from a church member. Further details when they become available will be provided to the Session and the congregation.

God is good! Please continue to hold the leadership of Calvin Church in your prayers as we move forward faithfully into this year.



Pastor Carol's Corner

*The heavens tell out the glory of God,
Heaven's vault makes known
God's handiwork.
Psalm 19:1
Oxford Study Bible*

My friend Gail is among many things a photographer. She captured the above image of the total lunar eclipse, which was referred to as a *blood moon*, on January 20th. It was cold that night but was a clear sky and so for those of us who braved the cold we were able to watch the progression of the eclipse.

Winter has felt particularly dramatic this year. I am writing this from my home on the day we closed the church office due to extreme cold. Another clergy in the Presbytery whose church was also closed due to weather, texted me earlier that it was -4F at the South Pole this morning. That means it was 24 degrees colder in Minneapolis! I certainly never recall US mail being cancelled across the entire state due to the cold!

The good news is the days are getting longer. The promise of warmer days is before us.

Blessings to you, in what are surely the coldest days of winter,

Carol

A prayer from Alaska "Being tempted to join Brother Grizzly"

In the dark cold of winter,
I am tempted to join Brother Grizzly in hibernation.
When it is dark and cold
I seem only able to feel my failures
and my attention is drawn more to the folly of human efforts
to tame the feared chaos.
But in the dark and cold
You are working a miracle:
the return of sunlight showing
the wild profusion of renewed life –
the resurrection of the world.

Like the darkness, the light comes every year.
Please help me, Miracle of Light,
to grasp the promise
and wait for the Light
that the darkness cannot overcome.
Amen

Excerpt From: Neil Paynter. "We Bring You Everything, and tip it out in front of you." iBooks. Poem by Israel Nelson, PC (USA) minister in Palmer, Alaska.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

February 3 - Communion

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles
 Liturgist - Joel Settles

February 10

Greeters - Chris & Chelsea Rhea
 Liturgist - Dwight Chamberlain

February 17

Greeters- Jay & Vanessa Gagner, Stephanie Coe
 Liturgist - Tammy Wenz

February 24

Greeters - The Hagan Family
 Liturgist - Val Hagan



Pastor Carol will be away on vacation from Monday, February 4th through Thursday, February 28th.



In her absence Rev. Dwight Chamberlain will be providing pastoral care and Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders will be leading worship on February 10, 17, and 24.

Winter Schedule

9:00am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall

9:30am Chancel choir practice, Choir Rehearsal Room

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday school

11:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00am

9:30am

10:00am

11:00am

Adult Education

Chancel choir rehearsal

Worship

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

Session Meeting

Lunch Bunch

PW Meeting

Ruth Circle

Mary & Martha Circle

1st Tuesday

1st Tuesday

1st Wednesday

2nd Monday

2nd Thursday

4th Wednesday

8:00am

6:30pm

12:00pm

9:00am

2:00pm

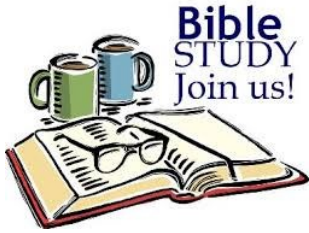
9:30am



Photo directory – If you were unable to get your picture taken and would like a family photo included in the directory, send your family photo to stephcoe@yahoo.com by February 8. There is a sample of the photo directory on the table in the hall, please review to ensure the information is correct (i.e. spelling of name, address, phone number, email address). If a correction needs to be made, note that on the sample by your picture. We are looking to complete the directory in early March.



The 2019 flower chart is available, with an open Sunday at the end of February, and all of March. Sign up for flowers on/near your loved one's birthday or to celebrate a special anniversary. The cost of the standard arrangement is \$35. Flower questions? See Gay Kearin.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
GOD COMES TO EARTH
Unit Three: Christ's Authority Displayed

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

- Sunday, February 3 - Lesson 10, Far-Reaching Authority -- Matthew 8:5-13
- Sunday, February 10 - Lesson 11, Astonishing Authority -- Matthew 8:23-34
- Sunday, February 17 - Lesson 12, Authority to Forgive Sins -- Matthew 9:1-8
- Sunday, February 24 - Lesson 13, Delegated Authority -- Matthew 10:1-15

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.



Class of 2020:
Kathy Berg
Martha Brown
Chelsea Rhea
Skelly Shaughnessy

Class of 2021:
Dennis Anderson
Shelly Dressel
Ann Shaughnessy
Tammy Wenz (2nd term)

Class of 2022:
Allison Bowman
Ron Bowman
John Manro
Amy Wenz (1 year term)

Welcome to our newest elders -
Allison Bowman, Ron Bowman, John Manro

Class of 2020:
Jeff Brown
Wanda Pratt

Class of 2021:
Bonnie Boylan
Gay Kearin

Class of 2022:
Bob Kvale
Marj Kvale



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.

Thank you ALL for your service!



Thursday, February 28, 2019

5:30-6:30pm
St. George Catholic Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

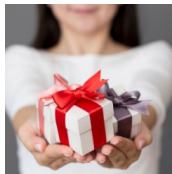
There is no cost for these meals, but donations will be accepted. Join us!

Birthdays



- February 2 Henry Funk
- February 3 Bob Hagan
Judy Rogosheske
- February 4 Dwight Chamberlain
- February 5 Jake Goman
- February 12 Sharon Corl
- February 23 Joyce Anderson
- February 28 Belinda Breit

Celebrate!



From Sasoneia - Family #94 (family of 7) - This message is for the family who chose the Spirit of Giving this year. May the Creator continue to richly bless you and yours. Happy Holidays & Thanks a Million.

From Anna & Mikhail - Family #130 - Thank you for your gifts. Best wishes for the holidays and for health and happiness throughout the year!

thank you!



Interfaith Outreach
Igniting the power of community

Give the gift of warmth to local families

As the bitterly cold weather continues we are especially in need of warm (new and gently used) coats, parkas, snow pants, scarves, and gloves/mittens. **Women's and men's 2xl-4xl coats are especially needed.**

Program participants have access to the coats you donate free of charge through Resale Select. Please go through your closets, spread the word to co-workers and friends, and bring your donations to church. Donations can be left in the Gathering Hall. All items will be brought to Interfaith Outreach in February. Thank you!



Calvin will again be participating in the MN FoodShare March Campaign. We will form teams and make it a fun, friendly competition! Please look for more details as the month of March approaches.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Ruth Circle No February meeting
- PW No February meeting
- Mary & Martha Circle Meeting on February 27th





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. **February's Lunch Bunch is hosted by Bob & Marj Kvale.** If all participants sign up to host at least once, the entire year 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.



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.



Lending closet - Just a reminder that the church has a lending closet. Walkers and small transfer wheelchairs are available to be borrowed. If anyone has a need, please contact the church office to make arrangements.

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






MUSIC News



Greetings, All,

From amid a polar-vortex, the music program continues to bring warmth and beauty to our worship services at Calvin. We have another concert in the Tulberg Memorial Concert Series coming which I am extremely excited about! On **Sunday, March 24th at 7pm**, Lumina Women's Ensemble is a four-person vocal ensemble that has made extremely important and relevant contributions to the Twin Cities community. They are currently Minnesota Public Radio Class Notes Artists, and released a beautiful CD whose profits go directly to hospice facilities. They will present a program entitled "The Veil and the Thorn: Music for Lent." Please plan to join us, and invite your friends for this gorgeous and unique addition to our Lenten journeys.

FEBRUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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

Email address contacts:

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- Angela Coccoluto 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.