

Calvin Connection



March 2019

Note:

Page 4 - Lumina Women's
Ensemble concert info

Page 5 - MN FoodShare
March food drive

Page 7 - March calendar



The Season of Lent



Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers and Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6

Lent is a time to consider Jesus' journey to the cross and how we can follow Christ in a deeper way

Lent is the six weeks leading to Easter

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 6th

Join the Calvin community each Wednesday evening

Beginning at 6:00 for a light soup supper

(Sign-up sheet to bring a pot of soup is in the Gathering Hall;
Session members bring soup on Ash Wednesday)

Following supper, a worship service from 6:30-7:00

Participate in the special offerings for mission during Lent:

Minnesota Food Share

&

One Great Hour of Sharing



Inside this issue:

Pastor's Corner	2
Worship	3
Youth	4
Education	4
Serve	5
Care	5
Connect	6
Music	6
Calendar	7



Pastor Carol's Corner

For many Christians, Lent is a time for giving something up, perhaps caffeine or sugar or meat on Fridays. Presbyterians often take a different approach, encouraging *adding* a spiritual practice – prayer or reading of Scripture for instance, something that draws us closer to God.

Recently I came across an article on a United Methodist Church website about giving things up in Lent that gave me pause. Here are some of the suggestions from the author, Rev. Magrey deVega.

1. *Give up comparing yourself to others.* We need not be defined by what others have and what you do not have. Find contentment with what we have, and who God created us to be.
2. *Give up your fear of the future.* We surely all have fears about the unknown, but do not let your life be defined by them. We worship a God of hope. Jesus said: *Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.* Matthew 6:34
3. *Give up the avoidance of difficulties.* No one likes difficulties or sadness. But numbing ourselves to them can lead to self-destructive patterns like addiction. That is when life gets really scary.
4. *Give up the need to be in control.* The Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith begins: *In life and death we belong to God.* It reminds us that we do not control the future, but hold to the belief that God is in charge.
5. *Give up the need to make everyone happy.* How much wiser to take the advice from Galatians 1:10 – *Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*
6. *Give up the non-essential noise in life.* We are inundated by so much that is vying for our attention and devotion. Turn off the phone for a day. Watch less television; read more books. Take a walk; watch the sunset. Give thanks to God who is ready to do a new thing in you this Lent.

Blessings in this Lenten season,

Carol

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10



Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

March 3 - Communion

Greeter - Ron Bowman
Liturgist - Candy Bowman

March 10

Greeter - George Funk
Liturgist - Judy Rogosheske

March 17

Greeters - Harry & Phyllis Johnson
Liturgist - Lily Carver

March 24

Greeters - Bob & Jan Solheim
Liturgist - Maighread Shaughnessy

March 31

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles
Liturgist - Joel Settles

Soup Suppers start on Ash Wednesday, March 6th!

Time: Lenten meal served at 6:00pm,
Worship service at 6:30pm
Where: Calvin Fellowship Hall
Free will offering will be collected



Sign-up sheets to bring soup or to
volunteer for set-up/clean-up are
in the Gathering Hall

Snow covered
evergreen trees
outside the
Fellowship Hall.
They have been
especially beau-
tiful the last
few weeks after
all our snowfall!



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

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

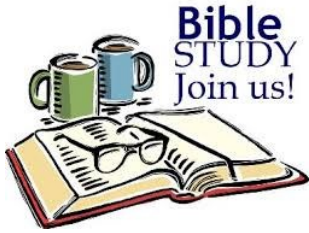
Mary & Martha Circle

4th Wednesday

9:30am



Photo directory – There is a sample of the photo direc-
tory 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.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
NEW TEACHING
Unit One: New in Christ

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

- Sunday, March 3 - Lesson 1, A New Loyalty -- I Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Sunday, March 10 - Lesson 2, A New Affection -- I Thessalonians 3:1-13
- Sunday, March 17 - Lesson 3, A New Way of Life -- I Thessalonians 4:1-12
- Sunday, March 24 - Lesson 4, A New Understanding -- I Thessalonians 4:13-5:10
- Sunday, March 31 - Lesson 5, A Growing Confidence -- II Thessalonians 1:1-12

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.



LUMINA WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE
THE VEIL & THE THORN
Music for Lent

Sunday March 24th
7:00pm

**"The Veil and the Thorn:
Music for Lent"**

Exploring the season of
contemplation,
simplicity,
and repentance.

Re-envisioning it through
the eyes of Mary.

Tickets: \$20
At the Door

177 Glendale Drive Long Lake, MN 55356
www.calvinchurch.net



Shirley Tulberg
Memorial Concert Series
at Calvin Presbyterian Church

Please join us, and bring some friends for this stunning program during our Lenten season.

Lumina is a professional women's ensemble dedicated to the mystery, beauty, and hope inherent in music. The *Star Tribune* listed Lumina as one of the 'Top 10 Musical Events of 2018', and they currently are Class-Notes Artists at Minnesota Public Radio. Their program "The Veil and the Thorn" explores this season of contemplation, simplicity, and repentance, and re-envisions it through the eyes of Mary.

With special guest, Laura Sewell on cello. Tickets are \$20, and will be sold at the door, and during fellowship time the morning of the performance.



Thursday, March 28, 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!



Join us this March as we collect food for our local food shelves. Minnesota FoodShare campaign works hard to collect food during the month of March, to help stock the shelves for the busy summer months and secure funding distributed later in the year. Our donations in March are eligible for matching grants!

This year Calvin Church is dividing members into three teams for a little friendly competition and a bigger goal of collecting food. Three Session members will act as team leaders. **Kathy Berg will be captain for Team #1**, collecting for the **Maple Plain Food Shelf** and will be joined by members with last names beginning with **A-F**. **Chelsea Rhea is heading Team #2**, collecting for **IOCP**, joined by those whose last names begin with **G-O**. **Tammy Wenz is captain for Team #3**, collecting for **WeCan**, joined by those whose last names begin with **P-W**.

There will be boxes for each team to fill with your donations. This projects needs to be completed by the end of March so it's important to get your items in as soon as possible. We will be using a point system to name the team winners. Let's have fun with this and be a huge help to people in need!

Birthdays



- March 5 Bob Solheim
Bette Chamberlain
Grace Berbig
- March 13 Evelyn Neilson
Dave Shaughnessy
- March 14 Susan Manro
- March 15 Laura Rettinger
- March 21 Margot Garin
- March 22 Stephanie Coe
- March 25 Dave Kearin
- March 28 Tammy Wenz

Celebrate!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering that has been received by Presbyterian Churches throughout Lent for over sixty years. Collection and dedication of our OGHS offerings will be on Palm Sunday. Fish banks are available in the Gathering Hall.

OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

- 36% Presbyterian Hunger Program
- 32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- 32% Self-Development of People



We received another thank you note from our Adopt-a-Family project. This message is from Kent (family #49), who said "Thank you for your generosity and the time you spent to make my Christmas special. Wishing you a very Happy New Year."

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



- Ruth Circle** Meeting on March 14th
- PW** No March meeting
- Mary & Martha Circle** Meeting on March 27th



No Lunch Bunch is scheduled for March or April, due to our weekly Lenten soup suppers. **The next Lunch Bunch will be May 8th at 12pm (moved back a week due to the spring rummage sale).** If you would like to host the meal, please sign up in the Gathering Hall. If all participants sign up to host at least once, the entire year should be covered.



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 to my Calvin family for all your cards, well wishes, pictures, and prayers for my family during this difficult time. ~Love to you all, Sarah Anderson



Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls during my long recovery. I hope to be back to church soon! ~Debbie Stubbs

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 from the Music Department. I am thrilled to announce our next event in the Shirley Tulberg Memorial Concert Series on March 24th at 7p: **Lumina Women's Ensemble**. Lumina is a professional women's ensemble dedicated to the mystery, beauty, and hope inherent in music. The *Star Tribune* listed Lumina as one of the 'Top 10 Musical Events of 2018', and they currently are ClassNotes Artists at Minnesota Public Radio. Their program "The Veil and the Thorn" explores this season of contemplation, simplicity, and repentance, and re-visions it through the eyes of Mary. With music spanning centuries, from Kassia (ca. 810-867), the earliest woman for whom we have preserved music, to Patty Griffin (b. 1964). A few big names make the list too: Bach, Tomkins, Di Lasso, Duruflé, Rutter, Vaughan-Williams, and Ippolitov-Ivanov. With special guest, Laura Sewell, cello. Tickets will be \$20, and will be sold at the door, and during fellowship time that morning. Please join us, and bring some friends for this stunning program during our Lenten season.

-Mark Bilyeu

MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</p>					1	2 7pm Suzuki violin recital
3 Communion 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship	4	5 8am Men's breakfast 3-5pm SPARKS 6:30pm Session meeting	6  6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	7 3-5pm SPARKS	8	9 Xu Qian Music Center student recital
10 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship	11	12 3-5pm SPARKS	13 6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	14 3-5pm SPARKS	15	16
17 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship	18	19 3-5pm SPARKS	20 6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	21 3-5pm SPARKS	22	23
24 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship 7pm Lumina Women's Ensemble - Shirley Tulberg concert series	25	26	27 9:30am Mary & Martha Circle 6pm Soup supper & Lenten worship 7pm Choir practice	28  5:30pm Community Meal @ Calvin	29	30
31 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship	NOTES:					

CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

177 Glendale Drive
Long Lake, MN 55356

Phone: 952-473-5419

calvinchurch.net

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:

- Carol Reed carol.reed@calvinchurch.net
- 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.