

Calvin Connection



September 2018

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Fall Kick off - Sunday, September 9th

- ◆ Potluck picnic (main dish and beverages provided); sign-up in the Gathering Hall to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert

- ◆ Adult Education classes starting September 9th

Consider inviting someone to join us for worship and the potluck picnic on Kick-Off Sunday!

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2018 PW Birthday Offering

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates Presbyterian women's history of mission giving. It was launched in 1922, and has become an annual tradition that funds nearly 100 major mission projects. One of the recipients of this year's Birthday Offering is The Dwelling Place. On Sunday, September 9th we welcome Dwelling Place director, Linda Wiza, who will be speaking about the work and mission of the Dwelling Place.

The Dwelling Place

Minneapolis and St Paul

The Dwelling Place was established in 1998 to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner. Transitional housing, education, food, clothing, trauma-informed support services, programming and mentoring for women are all part of the mission of the Dwelling Place. This Birthday Offering grant will help the Dwelling Place purchase a vacant lot where they will construct a multi-use building with spaces suitable for large and small group programming, one-on-one case management, safe living space, and staff offices. With the additional building, Dwelling Place will be able to serve even more women and children who are seeking safety.



Starting on Sunday, September 2nd, our worship at Calvin Church will be around the theme: *A Season of Peace*. This is a focus from the Presbyterian Church USA. *A Season of Peace* will be reflected in our worship throughout the month of September and culminating on World Communion Sunday, October 7th. We will reflect the concept of peace in hymns, Scripture readings, and choral music. Listen for how many times our hymns speak of peace; Mark and I are having no problem coming up with music that has peace as its message!

Peace is a central concept found throughout the Bible. The Hebrew word for peace used in the Old Testament is *shalom*. *Shalom* is used as a greeting or parting (think of how *aloha* is used in Hawaii.)

Shalom is not just spoken of as the absence of war, important though that is since battles and conflicts are mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Bible describes *shalom* as a sense of inner completeness or tranquility, as a feeling of wholeness in community.

The theologian and Old Testament commentator, Walter Brueggemann, write that *shalom* in the Bible was never talked about in an abstract or fuzzy way. It is always very specific and concrete. It is what we Christians are talking about when we consider the incarnation and how we live as Christ's disciples with our own lives.¹

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has materials on their website that includes Peace Cards for use during this Season of Peace. We will be including some in the bulletins throughout the weeks ahead, each supplying concrete ways we can work to become peacemakers in our own lives.

Peace,

Carol

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24

¹ "Living Toward a Vision – Biblical Reflections on Shalom" by Walter Brueggemann



MAKING A BETTER WORLD

Question: What things would you like to change to make our world better?

Action: Create a "Jar of Change." Write "Jar of Change" on an old jar. This month, don't spend any coins—place them in the jar and save them to help change the world. Decide as a family where your money will go. You might give it to someone in need or to support a mission of your church or an agency that works for change in your community.

Prayer: God of Change, we like things to stay as they are, comfortable and familiar. Don't let us be satisfied with the way things are. We need to be agents of change and improvement. Please take these few coins and multiply their use as an offering to you. Amen.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

September 2 - Communion

Greeter - Anita Goman
Liturgist - Anita Goman

September 9 - Rally Day

Greeter - Susan Baker
Liturgist - Susan Baker

September 16

Greeter - Bonnie Boylan
Liturgist - Pat Headley

September 23

Greeter - Pam Vande Vegte
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

September 30

Greeter - Margot Garin
Liturgist - Susan Manro

Greeters and Liturgists Needed!

If you would like to be a Sunday morning greeter or liturgist at Calvin, please let Jim Rettinger know. We all enjoy seeing smiling faces at the door when we enter, and also enjoy hearing different people reading the scripture lessons. Please consider helping fill this role at Calvin!



A little, green visitor to our flower planter outside the front door.



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



Welcome to George and Donna Fike! Stop to introduce yourself when you see them on Sunday morning.



Orono Schools COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SPARKS

The Orono SPARKS after school program is starting again soon! Our goal is to find what sparks each student's interests and motivation to learn and surround them with caring adults that can ignite that flame! Licensed teachers and site coordinator will manage this program with the help of adult and high school age volunteers from the community.

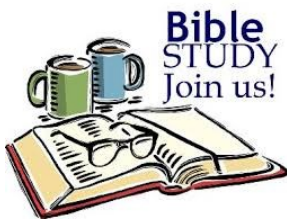
What: Tutoring, academic help, adult mentors, fun enrichment activities, for Kindergarten-8th grade students
When: Tuesday and Thursday after school, October through May
 Middle School students 3-5 pm
 Elementary students 4-5 pm
Where: Calvin Presbyterian Church

How can congregations help? We 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



Fall Kick-off is Sunday, September 9th to start the new program year! Following worship there will be an old-fashioned church picnic. The main dish and beverages will be provided; sign up in the Gathering Hall to bring a side dish or dessert. Invite someone to join us for a fun morning of worship and fellowship!

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ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
GENESIS: THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS
Unit One: The Beginning of the World

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation

Sunday, September 9 - Lesson 1, God Creates Heavens and Earth -- Genesis 1:1-13 and
 Lesson 2, God Creates Lights and Life -- Genesis 1:14-25
 Sunday, September 16 - Lesson 3, God Creates People -- Genesis 1:26-2:3

Unit Two: The Beginning of Human History

Sunday, September 23 - Lesson 4, God Planted a Garden in Eden -- Genesis 2:4-14
 Sunday, September 30 - Lesson 5, God Creates the Family -- Genesis 2:15-25

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering



Saturday, October 13, 2018
9:00am - 3:00pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Kara Vanderkamp - Remember Niger Coalition
Carol Nelson, MD - Rural Healthcare Initiative
Monica Groves - The Dwelling Place

**Mark your calendars and look for more information in the coming weeks.

Thanks to everyone who brought donations for the Church World Service kits.
The volunteers that packed school & hygiene kits:

Pictured at right:
Sara Tomczik, Marj Eisinger
Pictured below:
Marj Kvale, George & Donna Fike, Lucia & Debbie Stubbs, Pat Headley.



Birthdays

- September 3 Emily Goman
- September 4 Abi Carver
- September 8 Bev Fry
- September 11 Debbie Stubbs
- September 12 Jac Carver
Scotlyn Carver
- September 19 Jack Hagan
- September 24 Matthew Hagan
- September 28 Kathy Boylan
- September 29 Nancy Miller
Mark Bilyeu
- September 30 Ron Miller



Celebrate!

Anniversaries

- September 3 Harry & Phyllis Johnson

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Time to start cleaning out your closets and garage! We will begin taking donations for the sale on Friday, September 28th. (Please no TV's, skis, computers, large electronics, encyclopedias or textbooks). Baked goods may be brought for the Bake Sale on Wednesday, October 3rd between 9am-12pm.



Volunteers are needed to help unpack & organize donations Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 1-3 from 9am-12pm. We will also need help packing up leftover rummage on Saturday, Oct. 6th beginning at 12pm. Even a few hours would be greatly appreciated!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle Meeting September 13th @ 2pm
PW Meeting on September 10th @ 9am
Mary & Martha Circle Meeting Sept. 26th @ 9:30am





Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, September 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 are now rotating the host responsibilities every month. This month's Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Dwight & Bette Chamberlain. 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.



Calvin phone directory - A new phone directory will be printed and available later this month. Pick up a copy on the table in the Gathering Hall.



Regular office hours - The Church office hours are back to Monday through Friday, 10am - 2pm effective Tuesday, September 4th. The office is closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.



Adjustable bed and Thomasville hutch - A twin size adjustable bed and Thomasville hutch are for sale, from Lillian Miller's estate. An ad with pictures and more details is available on the counter in the Gathering Hall.



Thursday, September 27, 2018

5:30-6:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL ARE WELCOME - Bring the kids! Dinner and beverages are provided. There is no cost for these meals, but donations will be accepted. Join us!



Greetings from the Music Department!

As we go into the program year, we are looking forward to once again offering weekly choral anthems, and monthly handbell pieces. Our first Sunday with the choir will be September 9th, at 9:15am. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for handbell rehearsals, and our Fall Music Sunday which you won't want to miss! Thanks, as always, for your support!

-Mark Bilyeu

Do you love to sing? The Calvin Chancel Choir is always welcoming new singers! No experience is necessary—only a love for music! There's also no need for a long-term commitment. Join us for one rehearsal and see if you like it. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm in the music room.



SEPTEMBER 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p>						1
<p>2 Communion</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Prayer group</p> <p>12pm Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:15am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am Kick-off picnic</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p> <p>9am PW meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Prayer group</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2pm Ruth Circle</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30am-2pm Stubbs Family picnic</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm PEO group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Prayer group</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Prayer group</p> <p>9:30am Mary & Martha</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>5:30pm Community Meal, Trinity Lutheran</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-12pm Rummage sale set-up</p> <p>1pm Xu Qian Music Center Student Recital</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</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

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Treasurer - Pat King
Financial Secretaries - Marj Eisinger & Tammy Wenz
Custodian - Open

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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.