

# Calvin Connection



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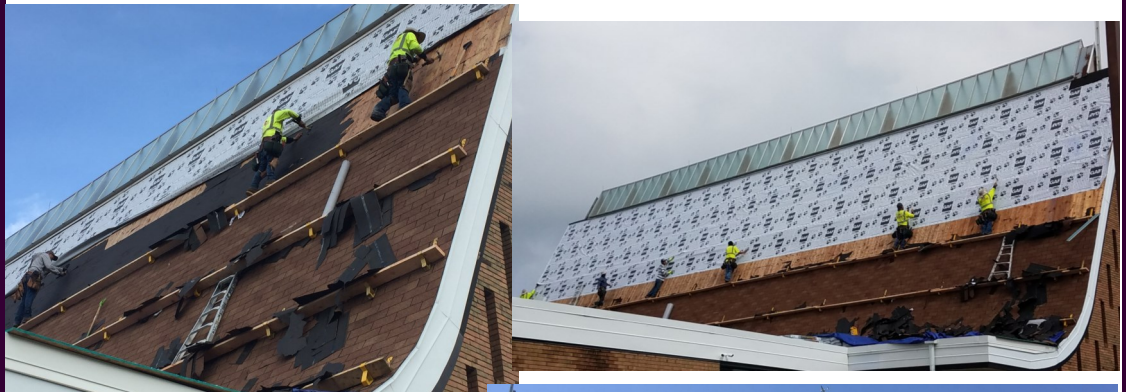
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## Roof Update



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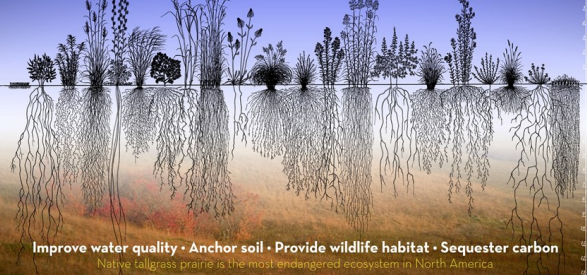
The roof in the sanctuary started to leak during Holy Week, in the vicinity of the organ and piano. Ron Bowman and Todd Wood were able to patch the missing shingles so that there was time to research roofing companies. Ron Bowman, co-chair of building and grounds spent hours on the roof, and with help from John Manro, the other co-chair of building and grounds, reviewed eight bids. In the end they contracted with Allstar Construction from Maple Plain who worked hard in the heat just before the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday putting a new roof on the sanctuary.

Unfortunately the team was not able to put away their ladders just yet. There was still a leak in the narthex (Gathering Hall). That meant more climbing onto the roof for Ron, at times with Dave Kearin and Rob Wenz, as they tried to identify the leak on that roof section. The good news is that Ron and Dave believe they have found the leak near the skylight adjacent to the Fellowship Hall and have repaired it. But more of the heavy rains we've had this summer will answer that question!





## Put Down Some Roots...Plant Prairie



## God's Creation

*Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.*

Luke 12:27

Prairie grasses and wildflowers once stretched across western and southern Minnesota. Prairies are sometimes called upside-down forests because much of the plant life is below ground. Many prairie grasses have roots 5 to 15 feet deep; as much as 90% of the weight of a grass plant can be in its roots. These means prairies can withstand drought, prevent erosion, and increase soil organic matter.<sup>1</sup>

The prairie garden at Calvin Church was begun in 2003 just after the addition of the Fellowship Hall was completed. A prairie garden is a low-maintenance but not a no-maintenance garden. For years Terry Olson was the person who kept track of the yearly mowing and the required burn once every three to four years. Thank you to Joel Settles who has stepped in to help with the management of the prairie. Last year Joel was fighting thistle plants that were growing abundantly; this year the bane of the prairie is sumac that has threatened to take over.

Late summer is when the prairie at Calvin is at its best. The monarchs have been abundant this year feeding on the milkweed and coneflower and a family of deer have been finding shelter in the prairie.

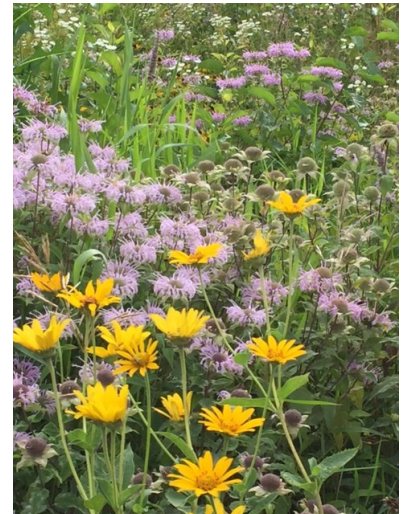
God of golden fields and blue skies –  
thank you for summer.

God of white waves and wet pebbles –  
thank you for summer.

God of ripe plums and meadowsweet –  
thank you for summer.

Thank you for warmth and beauty and wonder –  
thank you for life!

*Prayer by Ruth Burgess in "Summer" from Wild Goose Publication, Iona, Scotland*



<sup>1</sup> [https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/nrplanning/community/roadsidesforwildlife/putdownroots\\_poster.pdf](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/nrplanning/community/roadsidesforwildlife/putdownroots_poster.pdf)

## Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

### August 4 - Communion

Greeters - Ushers  
Liturgist - Lily Carver

### August 11

Greeters - Ushers  
Liturgist - Jay Gagner

### August 18

Greeters - Ushers  
Liturgist - Susan Baker

### August 25

Greeters - Ushers  
Liturgist - Anita Goman

## Summer Schedule

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall



A dragonfly taking a quick rest in our prairie garden

### Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Tuesday	8:00am
Session Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
Ruth Circle and Mary & Martha Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Community Meal	4th Thursday	5:30pm



Arlo Vande Vegte as an elderly Benjamin Franklin. He and Pastor Carol had a dialogue sermon on Sunday, July 7th on Benjamin Franklin's life, his faith and how it influenced his work as a statesmen at the beginning of our country.



**Thursday, August 22, 2019**

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Dexter Park – located off Orchard Lane,  
at the end of Dexter Drive**

**(hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church)  
In case of rain, meal will be moved to Trinity**

- Bring a picnic blanket & lawn chairs (some tables & chairs provided)
- Dinner & beverages provided; there is no cost for the meal, but donations are welcome.
- Everyone is welcome – bring the kids!





## Orono Schools COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### ***Orono Community Education is looking for after school SPARKS Volunteers!***

Orono Community Education is currently looking for volunteer mentors to work with students on homework, reading and fun enrichment activities after school. The role of the SPARKS volunteer is to be a caring adult in the lives of students and to encourage them to succeed in school. Volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with elementary or middle school students. The time commitment 1-4 hours per week (from 3-5pm or 4-5pm) on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Genna Torney at [952-449-8338 X6350](tel:952-449-8338) or [gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us](mailto:gtorney@orono.k12.mn.us).

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### ***What can I do at home to help the earth?***

#### **Unplug appliances**

This is probably the simplest thing you can do at home to reduce your energy footprint and save money. Did you know that when your TV is turned off it still draws about 30% of its power? It helps to use power strips you can switch on and off with ease. Remember: high-voltage appliances like air conditioners and microwaves should always plug directly into the wall, not into power strips. When light bulbs burn out, replace them with energy-efficient bulbs.

#### **Bring your own coffee cup and bag**

The average American office worker uses about 500 disposable cups per year. This is an area where we can make a huge difference in the amount of waste we produce just by toting our own travel cup. One source estimates that plastic bags have three times the greenhouse gas impact of reusable bags. Worse, a few years ago scientists discovered a gigantic mass of plastic floating in the Pacific Ocean, which is an especial threat to marine life.

#### **Recycle**

We all know this one. This doesn't mean just sorting plastics from paper and dumping them in their respective bin. It also means reusing and repurposing the disposable items you do have. Keep those plastic grocery bags and reuse them in your bathroom trash bins.

#### **Cut back on water**

Cutting back on water by fixing and preventing tiny leaks you never knew were there.

#### **Use your windows**

On cold days, opening your blinds during the day will help you retain heat from sunlight even at night, and the opposite goes for keeping your blinds closed on hot days. Opening multiple windows will help you get a nice cross-breeze going during summer months. And, of course, insulate!

#### **Buy less**

We don't need much of what we own. Increased demand leads to increased production, which leads to even more consumption, pollution, and waste of natural resources. We can always start small and stop buying bottled water and start reusing containers.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail visiting Calvin's gardens this summer

Back to School Bags & Hygiene Kits



Belinda has a collection of beautiful hand-sewn school bags ready to be filled! Watch the ads for back-to-school specials. We will assemble school kits for CWS (Church World Service). The kits require:

- One 12" ruler
- One full size eraser
- One pencil sharpener
- One box of 24 crayons



Items should be brought to church by Sunday, August 25th in preparation for assembling and sending them off. See Belinda Breit with any questions.

**August Birthdays**

August 11	Ken Pratt
August 12	Teri Wood
August 13	Pat Headley
August 20	Sara Headley
August 29	Candy Bowman

**August Anniversaries**

August 13	Jeff & Martha Brown
August 15	Doug & Lois Potter
August 18	Walter & Susan Baker
August 23	Rob & Tammy Wenz

Celebrate!




We will also be assembling Hygiene Kits that are distributed wherever there is a healthcare disaster. All items should be placed in a one-gallon zipper top plastic bag. For these kits we need:

- One **wide-tooth** comb (suitable for thick, coarse hair)
- One nail clipper
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Ruth Circle Meeting August 8th @ 2pm  
**PW** No August meeting  
**Mary & Martha Circle** Now joined with Ruth Circle





**Lunch Bunch** is usually the first Wednesday of the month, however the group has not met in several months. The group rotates host responsibilities every month, so if all participants sign up to host at least once, all months should be covered. Everyone brings a dish to share, but no need to bring your own place settings. We use kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up. If there is interest in keeping the Lunch Bunch group active, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Hall.



**Thanks to Bob Hardin** for the Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry that was planted by the front signboard. It will turn a brilliant red color in the fall, with clusters of white blossoms in spring. Thanks to Tom and Deidre Kvale for planting it, and George Funk for protecting it from the marauding deer that found it quite a tasty treat!



**Thank you to our Calvin family and friends for all your love and support during Gay's illness and during her time at home on hospice.** She treasured every visit, phone call, food delivery, and card that was sent. We would also like to thank the Calvin Women for all their work preparing such a wonderful luncheon. We know she was smiling down upon everyone as we gathered to celebrate her life.

~Love & blessings to all,  
Dave, Tammy, Angela, Michael, and families

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*  
Cecil F. Alexander, published 1848

Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

*Refrain:*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

**Important Choir dates:**

Choir's first rehearsal - Wed, Sept. 4  
Choir's first Sunday - Sept. 8



*A tree swallow using our nesting box near the prairie garden*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**AUGUST 2019**

Men's breakfast - Tuesday, August 6 @ 8am

Ruth Circle - Thursday, August 8 @ 2pm

Community Meal, Dexter Park - Thursday, August 22 @5:30pm



**Presbyterian Women  
Fall Gathering**

Saturday, October 12, 2019

First Presbyterian Church, Kasson, MN  
More details to follow

**49th Annual Corn Days  
Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th**



Fun for the whole family! Admission is free

Enjoy live music, teen & children's games, bingo, a petting zoo, a 5K run, and parade

For more information and a full schedule - go to [www.corndays.com](http://www.corndays.com)



**First Presbyterian Church Garage Sale**

Friday, August 16th - 8am-6pm

Saturday, August 17th - 8am-1pm

558 County Road 110, Maple Plain

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**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
  
- 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.*