

Calvin Connection



September 2019

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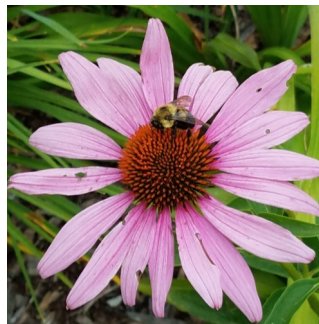
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Fall Kick off - Sunday, September 8th

- ◆ Fellowship picnic - all food & beverages provided
- ◆ Adult Education classes starting September 8th

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



O Lord today is truly special, for it comes as a gift from you to me.
I am surrounded by the marvelous things you have made:
Babies are born, leaves bud on the trees,
Bodies heal after illness,
Children ride two-wheelers for the first time,
People build friendships.
Help me to always see your hand in my world,
Even on what seems like the most ordinary of days.
Open my eyes to see your love in countless little things,
and in that way become aware of the grand scale of your grace.
Make my heart sing with your praise today and every day.
Today is truly special for it is a gift from you to me.
Thank you for this day. Amen.

Prayer by Rev. Mark W. Kukkonen



*With my brother at one artist's studio;
the potter's kiln in the background*

Pastor Carol's Corner

The end of August I went to North Carolina to visit my brother and sister-in-law who had moved there in January to be near their daughter and her family. One afternoon we went to an area where there are so many potters they call the main highway Pottery Road. People are invited to explore the potters work space and the kilns they use. It was a bit like stepping back in time, where artisans were creating their art and selling it in small shops on the same property as their homes.

Seeing the wheels and the kilns the potters use, I mentioned to my brother a passage from the Biblical prophet Jeremiah. It was never an easy job to be a prophet, and the book of Jeremiah tells how the prophet struggled to get the attention of people who had turned away from God. It was a difficult time in the nation's history after a foreign army had invaded Jerusalem and carried people off into exile in Babylon. Jeremiah speaks of a potter reworking clay to make a misshapen vessel into a useful one.



Looking inside another kiln

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

~Jeremiah 18

In Jeremiah's metaphor, God is the potter and people are the clay. The prophet's words encourage us that when we turn away, God is still there. When things get hard and we struggle to cope, God is with us. Even if we make a mess of things, God does not give up on us. God is willing to help us again and again to become the people we were born to be. God has a plan, Jeremiah says, and it is a plan for the community of faith to live blessed lives.

Blessings to you as we move into a new program year at Calvin Church.

Carol



Kiln at yet another potter's studio

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

September 1 - Communion

Greeters - Dwight & Bette Chamberlain
 Liturgist - Rev. Dwight Chamberlain

September 8 - Kick-off Sunday

Greeter - Belinda Breit
 Liturgist - Belinda Breit

September 15

Greeter - TBA
 Liturgist - TBA

September 22

Greeter - TBA
 Liturgist - TBA

September 29

Greeter - TBA
 Liturgist - TBA

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 front door this past August. He hung out on the door all day!

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 Tuesday	8:00am
Session Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
PW Meeting	3rd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle <i>and</i>	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle		
Community Meal	4th Thursday	5:30pm



Rev. Carol Reed will be away September 2nd through September 8th. Rev. Dwight Chamberlain will be providing pastoral care during that time. Rev. Scott Larson will be preaching on Sunday, September 8th.



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

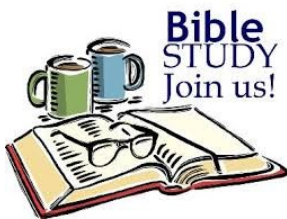


Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

First Presbyterian Church, Kasson, MN
 Saturday, October 12, 2019
 9:00 - 3:00pm

DETAINEES, REFUGEES and IMMIGRATION: Serving our brothers and sisters in a broken world
 All women of the church are invited!

Special guest: Mary Hogan, Community Relations Officer
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES

Unit One: Moses Prepared and Called to Deliver Israel

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

Sunday, September 8 - Lesson 1, Israel's Long, Hard Oppression in Egypt -- Exodus 1:7-22
 Lesson 2, The Birth of Moses -- Exodus 2:1-10

Sunday, September 15 - Lesson 3, Moses Flees Egypt, Alone in the Desert -- Exodus 2:11-25

Sunday, September 22 - Lesson 4, Moses at the Burning Bush -- Exodus 3:1-10

Sunday, September 29 - Lesson 5, "Let My People Go" -- Exodus 5:1-9



Mission message from Belinda - Our mission work for September involves the Days for Girls menstrual hygiene kits. I would like to create 40 kits; each kit requires two pairs of underwear. I am asking for donations of Hanes™ brand ladies cotton briefs, size 6 or 7. If possible, buy a multi-pack that has assorted colors (not all white). Please don't buy bikini, boy-short, or high-rise cuts-briefs only! You can find them at Walmart or Target. Donations can be brought to church and left in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Belinda with any questions.



Pictured from top left to right: Bette Chamberlain, Susan Manro, Judith Lent, Marj Kvale, and Sara Headley



Thank you to Belinda for coordinating the crew for packing kits, and nourishing them with a meal! And thanks to everyone who brought donations for the school supply and hygiene kits.

Birthdays

- September 3 Emily Goman
Donna Fike
- 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
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE NEW SALE DATES!

OCTOBER 17-19, 2019

It's time to start cleaning out your closets and garages! We will begin taking donations for the sale on Thursday, October 10th, 9am-12pm. (Please no TV's, skis, computers, large electronics, encyclopedias or textbooks). Baked goods for the Bake Sale may be brought Tues, Oct 15th or Wed, Oct 16th between 9am-12pm.

Volunteers are needed to help unpack & organize donations beginning Thurs, Oct 10th from 9am-12pm. We will also need help packing up leftover rummage on Saturday, Oct. 19th beginning at 12pm. Even a few hours would be greatly appreciated!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW September Meeting - TBD
Mary & Martha Circle (now joined with Ruth Circle), and
Ruth Circle Meeting September 12th @ 2pm



Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, September 4th at 12pm. Bring a dish to share, **but no need to bring your own place settings**. We use church kitchen supplies to simplify clean-up afterwards. Join us - everyone is welcome! We now rotate the host responsibilities every month. This month's Lunch Bunch is hosted by Marj & Bob Kvale. If all participants sign up to host at least once, all months should be covered. You can sign up for hosting on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall.



Calvin picture directory - We still have picture directories available in the Gathering Hall, if you haven't picked one up yet. Thank you to all who donated to cover printing costs - we have reached our goal!



Thank you to everyone who has done a yeoman's job at the church this summer. Rev. Dwight and Bette Chamberlain have been doing pastoral visits during times that Pastor Carol was away on study leave and vacation. Ron Bowman and Dave Kearin have been tracking all kinds of issues around the building and been up on the roof countless times. Belinda Breit was here working in the gardens every week. Pat King is recreating reports on memorial funds from years in the past. There are others whose work has gone unnoticed only in that you do it so quietly. Calvin Church is a small congregation with limited funds. The gift of your time is invaluable. Thank you!



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



Thursday, September 26, 2019

5:30-6:30pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Please see Shelly Dressel or Belinda Breit if you can help with the Community Meal.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There is no cost for these meals,
but donations are accepted.



Greetings from the Music Corner!

As our program year starts up, so does the music! Choir rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 4th from 7:00pm-8:30pm, and our first service will be Sunday the 8th. If you're looking to make a contribution to our worship at Calvin, and have fun doing it - choir is the best bet! No experience necessary, and no audition required! Looking forward to seeing you there!

-Mark Bilyeu



SEPTEMBER 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Communion</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am Men's breakfast</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12pm Lunch Bunch</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11am Kick-off picnic</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2pm Mary & Martha, and Ruth Circle</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am Visitation and Memorial service</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am-3pm Stubbs Family picnic</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>5:30pm Community Meal, Calvin Church</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30am Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>NOTES:</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p> </div>				

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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

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.