#### CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **Calvin Connection**



November 2019

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# Faithful Stewards

"I have came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Ask most Calvin members and friends why they are a part of the church and they will likely say it is the community, the support, the weekly worship that inspires them to live as followers of Christ in their daily lives.

Stewardship season is the time in the church year that we ensure this community will be gathering, worshipping, and serving God for another year. But stewardship is also about how we live our lives.

This fall Rev. Dwight Chamberlain has been teaching an adult Bible class on the Exodus. On the Sunday he was teaching about the Passover, he explained that just before the Hebrew people fled slavery in Egypt, they were told to sacrifice the very best lamb. It was not to be an animal that was sickly or deformed; it was to be perfect. Rev. Chamberlain pointed out that the connection to our own lives – that we do not give out of our leftovers to God. We give of our very best to God, we give of ourselves, our time, our talents, and our treasure to God.

Jesus said: "I have came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."



This year alongside stewardship, let's give thanks for what we do have: a community that cares for one another and the needs of the world, talented people who give of their time and talents, generous people who faithfully help support the church, a beautiful place to gather for worship, and most of all, a God who promises to always be with us.

Pledge cards will be mailed out later in the month and will be dedicated at Stewardship Sunday, on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Giving Thanks at Calvin Presbyterian**

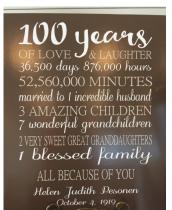


Blessing of the Animals at Calvin on Sunday, October 13th. On left: Phil and Mary Ann Goodall with their beloved dog. On right: Sara Headley with her pooch.



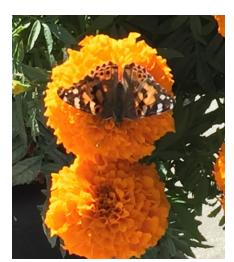








Helen Pesonen's 100th birthday celebration at Calvin on Sunday, October 6th after worship. On right: Helen pictured with her oldest grandson.





### **Greeter/Liturgist Schedule**

#### **November 3 - Communion**

Greeters - The Goman Family Liturgist - Anita Goman

#### November 11

Greeters - The Gagner Family Liturgist - Jay Gagner

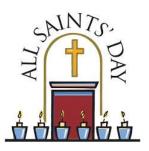
#### November 17

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles Liturgist - Joel Settles

#### November 24 - Stewardship Sunday

Greeters - TBD

Liturgist - Pam VandeVegte



## On Sunday, November 3rd we

will honor those who have joined the church triumphant in the past year during our All Saints' worship service.



Thank you to Pam Vande Vegte and Carol Reed for the new banner of a Celtic cross. The Celtic people were from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and some of the earliest Christians in northern Europe.

#### 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

I I:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

#### **Weekly Activities**

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Sunday		-
	9:00am	Adult Education
	9:30am	Chancel choir rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship/Sunday school
	11:00am	Fellowship time
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	3:00pm	SPARKS program

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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 and	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	,	·

Community Meal 4th Thursday 5:30pm



## THANKSGIVING EVE ECUMENICAL SERVICE

We will gather at Calvin Presbyterian with our friends from Trinity Lutheran, St. George, and First Presbyterian of Maple Plain on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00pm for a service of Thanksgiving. A pie social will immediately follow the service. Please join us!



#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am Everyone is welcome!



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

Unit Three: Deliverance Accomplished

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

Sunday, November 3 - Lesson 10, Out of Egypt -- Exodus 12:29-42

Sunday, November 10 - Lesson 11, Pharaoh's Pursuit of the Slaves -- Exodus 13:17-14:9

Sunday, November 17 - Lesson 12, Crossing the Red Sea -- Exodus 14:10-22

Sunday, November 24 - Lesson 13, Deliverance from Pharaoh's Army -- Exodus 14:23-31



**Confirmation class is beginning in November.** The class time will include a mixture of study, service projects, and field trips. Val Hagan, Teri Wood, and Carol Reed will be leading the class this year.



Bach Society of MN "Mysteries" concert photos, featuring the group Flying Forms. Concert was on Saturday evening, October 12th.









#### Save the date - Monday, December 9th!

The salad supper begins at 6pm with punch and conversation. The evening is a gift from the PW coordinating team as a thank you to all the women of the church, but spouses and friends are welcome too! Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall as the date approaches.



Another Calvin Rummage Sale is in the books! I can't say they get any easier, but they are always a great time of fellowship, laughter & community outreach. Of course, there is also a bit of exhaustion!

The veteran workers returned and we had some new recruits. Some days we were short on help, but other days we had a lot of help, including Saturday clean-up. I'm always amazed when I walk through on Saturday afternoon following the rummage sale. It's hard to believe the way it looked just a few hours earlier!

A special thanks to everyone who donated items for the sale, those who donated to the bake sale, to all who purchased merchandise, to those who brought snacks or provided lunch for the worker bees, and to each & everyone who took time from their busy lives to work at the sale during the 10 days from setup to clean-up.

A special thanks to my co-chair, Marj Eisinger. We make a great team & keep each other going throughout the week of the sale. We collectively logged over 330,000 steps and over 85 miles!

Now for the information that everyone wants to know - how much did we make? Anyone who came to the sale knows that we probably had more stuff than ever before, and I am happy to share that we made just over \$4,500! We had a record "Bag Day", and sold 125 bags, which cleared out a lot of merchandise.

Now that this sale is behind us, mark your calendars for 2020. Set-up will begin on April 30th, with the sale starting on Thursday, May 7th. ~Tammy Wenz

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Birthdays

November 7 Sarah Anderson

November 15 Mary Ann Goodall

November 16 Maighread Shaughnessy

November 19 Jack Lutz

November 20 Isabella Berbig

November 24 Lois Sturman

November 30 Arlo Vande Vegte

Anniversaries

November 7 Ron & Nancy Miller



On Sunday, November 10th join the DAR Lake Minnetonka Chapter at 2:30pm as they honor veterans at the 8th Annual Veterans Day Salute at Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Lake. Featured speakers will include Vietnam Veteran Gary Nash and U.S. Air Force Major General Maureen Banavige (Miki's daughter-in-law).



The Orono Rotary Club in partnership with Orono Schools is hosting an event on Monday, November 11th at 8:30am. The ceremony will be held in the Orono High School gymnasium. Retired U.S. Army Colonel Mitchell Brew is the featured speaker. The colors will be presented by the Paul Stinson Post 514 American Legion. Doors will open at 8am. All are welcome!

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW** No meeting in November Ruth Circle and Mary & Martha Circle Meeting November 14th @ 2pm





**Lunch Bunch** is Wednesday, November 6th 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 now rotate host responsibilities every month. This month's Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Marj & Bob Kvale. If all participants sign up to host at least once, each month should be covered. You can sign up for hosting on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall.



Weight Warriors support group - The group continues to meet at Calvin 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.



Our Calvin family is truly amazing! We need to thank all of you for the outpouring of love and support upon the loss of Michael Rettinger. Each hug, prayer, card, and kind word brought peace to all of us. The loss of a son, brother, nephew, and father will take a long time to recover from; but knowing we have the support of our Calvin family is what will get us all through the difficult days to come. Blessings to all of you! ~Michael's family



Thanks to Dave Kearin who has helped us discover problems with the boilers this fall. Please tell him thank you when you see him for making sure we are warm and comfortable when we come into the church building!



Thursday, November 21, 2019

5:30-6:30pm Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



Join us in welcoming the new soprano to the Chancel Choir!

Kiley grew up in Bemidji and moved to Saint Paul this past June. She is an alumna of Concordia College in Moorhead, MN (bachelor of music vocal performance) and the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles (master of music vocal arts and opera). Kiley currently works at the Saint Paul Conservatory of Music, teaches an after-school musical theater program at Farnsworth Aerospace 5-8 School in Saint Paul, and teaches vinyasa yoga. In the summer Kiley enjoys spending time on the lake and in the winter you can find her watching Hallmark Christmas movies on repeat.



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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 #) 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.