

Calvin Connection



March 2020

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The Season of Lent



Guide us God
As we seek to follow you
In a world
Where darkness overwhelms

Help us recognise your touch,
Your whispering voice,
Your call in the desert

Grant us your strength God
As we learn and live in your way
And give us new hearts
And new eyes to see you

Be with us on the journey
From darkness into light
Amen.

From "Finding Light in Darkness" Lenten Study by Rev. Alistair Macrae

With Ash Wednesday we enter the season of Lent that stretches all the way to Easter. Lent was first observed in the early centuries of the church. The season is 40 days (Lent does not include Sundays), recalling the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism and in preparation for his ministry.

Lent is a time for us to consider more deeply our intention to follow Christ, to recognize our need of God and how we respond to God's call upon our lives.

For many Christians it is a time to let go of obstacles to our commitment to Jesus Christ. The word *Lent* comes from an Old English word for *spring*. It works for us living in a northern climate, but it also reminds us of how we can grow in our faith during these 40 days.

Our practice at Calvin during Lent is to add to our daily lives with different spiritual practices during these weeks of Lent.

We gather each Wednesday for a soup supper and worship service. The meal is served by 6:00pm, with worship at 6:30pm, and you are on your way by 7:00pm.

Another Lenten tradition across the church and the centuries is extra giving opportunities. Together with the March MN FoodShare program, we collect for our local food shelves (more info on pg. 5).

We also collect for One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent (see more information on page 5).

Blessings on your Lenten journey, *Carol*

Session News

Session members:

Denny Anderson – Personnel
 Krista Berbig – Christian Education (chair), Outreach
 Alison Bowman – Personnel (chair)
 Ron Bowman – Building and Grounds (co-chair)
 Belinda Breit – Mission
 Jeff Brown – Personnel, Fellowship
 Shelly Dressel – Outreach (chair)
 John Manro – Building and Grounds (co-chair)
 Jim Rettinger – Personnel
 Judy Rogosheske – Finance
 Ann Shaughnessy – Fellowship (chair)
 Arlo Vande Vegte – Worship, Finance
 Tammy Wenz – Mission (chair)



(Jim Rettinger and Judy Rogosheske are sharing a 3-year position on Session and Arlo is completing a 2-year term)

A group of people have begun working on the establishment of guidelines on how to manage the endowment received from Terry and Jane Olson's estate. Those who have begun that work include Judy Rogosheske, Jay Gagner, and Sharon Corl. They are working with the family's wishes and the desire of Terry and Jane to see their church continue to be sustainable into the future.

The following explains the work of the team to date; it was handed out to the congregation at the annual meeting: The purposes of this endowment fund are as follows. At the request of the Olson Family, \$200,000 of the funds are to go for major building or grounds maintenance and construction. It will be used to solidify, for years to come, one of our greatest assets here at Calvin, our sanctuary/meeting place. The other half of the fund will be used for program support, staffing, development and the long-term support of our great congregation/community, including to help grow the base membership of our congregation so we can be self-sustainable into the future. The family would like to see this implemented over a 20-year period.

The Session approved \$20,000 from this fund pay a portion of replacement of the sanctuary roof. The remaining balance of that expense (\$17,000) be withdrawn as follows: one half from unrestricted memorial funds and one half from the sale of land years ago that was designated for replacement, maintenance or upgrade of the property.

The Session had a retreat at church on Saturday, February 15th including the newest Session members. In an effort to work more effectively as a group, we spent time learning about one another's communication style. We spent time reviewing what it means to be an Elder, how we function as a committee and a review of Robert's Rules of Order. We settled on moving our meeting date to the second Monday of the month and discussed committee assignments.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to speak to one of the Elders, the Clerk of Session, Walter Baker, or the Moderator, Rev. Reed.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

March 1 - Communion

Greeter - Susan Baker
Liturgist - Susan Baker

March 8

Greeter - Bonnie Boylan
Liturgist - Krista Berbig

March 15

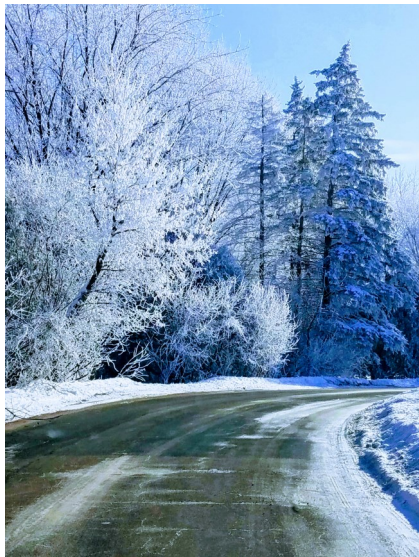
Greeters - The Gagner family
Liturgist - Jay Gagner

March 22

Greeter - Sharon Corl
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

March 29

Greeters - Seth Quiggle & Stephanie Coe
Liturgist - Stephanie Coe



Rime ice on the trees of Glendale Drive across the street from our prairie garden. Photo taken by Angela on Feb. 10, 2020

Winter 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
	11:00am	Fellowship time
Tuesday	3:00pm	SPARKS program
Wednesday	7:00pm	Chancel choir practice
Thursday	3:00pm	SPARKS program

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Tuesday	9:00am
Session Meeting	1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
PW Meeting	2nd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle and	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle		
Community Meal	4th Thursday	5:30pm



Soup Suppers continue every Wednesday through March

Lenten meal is served at 6:00pm

Worship service at 6:30pm

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

***we need 6-7 soups each week to ensure we have enough**





**Shirley Tulberg
Memorial Concert Series**
at Calvin Presbyterian Church



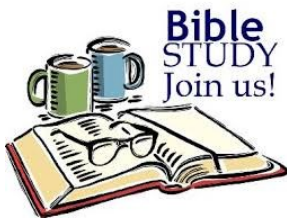
Lumina Women's Ensemble presents *The Veil and the Thorn: Music for Lent*

Saturday, March 28 @ 7pm

Tickets are \$15 at the door, or online at bpt.me/4537114 (Brown Paper Tickets website)

Our next Shirley Tulberg Concert is happening on Saturday, March 28th. Lumina Women's Ensemble - a vocal acapella trio - performed at Calvin last year, and we knew they HAD to come back. They will once again present a program entitled "The Veil and The Thorn: Music for Lent." A rich tapestry of music focusing on themes of Lent through songs of Mary and lament, this concert weaves the old and the new. Selections include everything from Kassia, (the earliest woman in the history of music for whom we have preserved music), to local composers Elizabeth Alexander and J. David Moore. Rachmaninoff, Victoria, Brahms and Duruflé round out this deeply satisfying program. Please come, and invite your friends and neighbors to this beautiful and contemplative concert!

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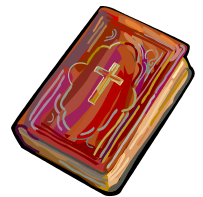
**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am

Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
PROPHECIES OF THE MESSIAH



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

Unit One: The Coming One

Sunday, March 1 - Lesson 1, A Prophet like Moses -- Deuteronomy 18:9-22

Sunday, March 8 - Lesson 2, Look and Live -- Numbers 21:1-9

Sunday, March 15 - Lesson 3, A Son of David -- II Samuel 7:1-16

Sunday, March 22 - Lesson 4, A Priest like Melchizedek -- Psalm 110:1-7

Unit Two: The Promised Saviour

Sunday, March 29 - Lesson 5, The Suffering Servant -- Isaiah 52:13-53:12



The MN FoodShare Campaign begins March 1st and goes through March 31st. This year the Calvin PW will match cash donations up to \$1500, with monetary donations being split evenly between WeCan (Western Communities Action Network, Inc.), Westonka Food Shelf, IOCP Food Shelf & Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf.

This year all paper products, food, and household items will be donated to IOCP. The most needed items are cooking oil, canned fruits & vegetables, dried fruit, healthy snacks, coffee or tea, hearty soups, peanut butter, jam or jelly, cereal, baby food & formula, baby wipes, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

Donations can be brought to church and placed in the designated area in the Gathering Hall. Cash or check donations should be earmarked for the food shelf.



The Missions Gift Table is back! This time there are items for sale that are seasonal for springtime and Easter. The table is set up on Sunday mornings and 100% of the sales throughout March are going to the local food pantries we support.

The Art 2 Heart gift shop in Hamel is donating the goods, along with Lori Westling (Donna and George Fike's daughter.)

We would love to see this project grow. Do you have any handmade items you could donate to the Missions Gift Table? Perhaps a quilted piece or handmade cards or baked goods. Please see Donna Fike or Pastor Carol for more information, or stop by the table after worship on Sunday morning.

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!



One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering that has been received by Presbyterian Churches throughout Lent for over sixty years. It helps support hunger programs, with disaster assistance for communities in this country and around the world, including grassroots projects investing in local communities fighting racism and poverty.

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Meeting March 9th @ 9am
Ruth Circle and Mary & Martha Circle
 Meeting March 12th @ 2pm (Pres. Homes)





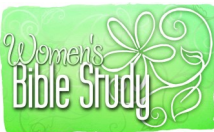
No Lunch Bunch is scheduled for March or April, due to our weekly Lenten soup suppers. **The next Lunch Bunch will be May 13th at 12pm (moved back a week due to the spring rummage sale).** If you would like to host the meal, please sign up in the Gathering Hall. If all participants sign up to host at least once, the entire year should be covered.



Weight Warriors support group - 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.



Coffee Fellowship - Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall. There are *many* open Sundays in March and April for hosting coffee hour. If you would like to simply bring treats or snacks, juice and coffee will be made. Just note "food only" next to your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you!



Interested in joining a Women's Bible Study? In addition to the two current bible study groups that meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, we've decided to add another group that will meet the same Thursday (late afternoon or evening). Exact time TBD and will be based on input. If studying the Bible with other women who have similar interests has been on your heart, please sign the sheet in the Gathering Hall and you will be contacted. You can also talk with Donna Fike or call her at (231) 620-3029. We hope to hear from you!



Thursday, March 26, 2020 @ 5:30-6:30pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church

A volunteer 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 Department! Lent is a unique time in our church calendar: there are so many hymns we love very dearly, and ones which are immediately familiar, but so many of them are in minor keys. It is reminiscent of our time in Advent, but for me, despite often minor keys, Advent feels more positive, as we look forward to the birth of Jesus, rather than anticipating his death and resurrection. I recently read an online description of Lenten hymns this way:

"Scientists call the coastal regions where fresh water and sea water mix an "estuary." Lent is an "estuary" where the bitter tears of sorrow over sin are mixed with the sweet, joyful tears of sins forgiven.

So, as you live life in minor key during this Lenten season – as you sing those sad, somber melodies – make sure you listen carefully to the words. Yes, it is your sins that caused his suffering. That is your punishment which He bore. But He did so willingly in love... When we really listen to the words, we come to realize that the sad, somber songs of Lent are really the happy hymns of heaven."

So, as we explore our Lenten hymns, make sure you look beyond the minor melodies and harmonies, and explore the text: deeply moving, and full of God's love for us.



MARCH 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Communion</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am Men's breakfast (Perkin's) 3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:15pm Bell choir 6pm Soup supper & worship 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>9am PW meeting 6:30pm Session meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5pm Confirmation class 6pm Soup supper & worship 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2pm Ruth Circle meeting 3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>5:15pm Bell choir 6pm Soup supper & worship 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5pm Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3:30pm Brokofsky/Baumgartner wedding</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5pm Confirmation class 6pm Soup supper & worship 7pm Choir practice</p>	 <p>5:30pm Community Meal @ Calvin</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm Lumina concert</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>3-5pm SPARKS</p>	 <p>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</p>			

NOTES:

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PRESBYTERIAN
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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
- Choral Accompanist - Jared Miller
- Choral Scholar - Kiley Hazelton

- 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.