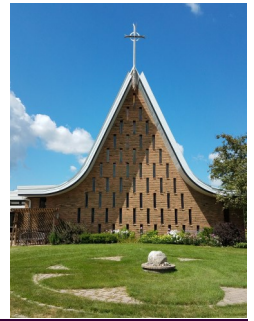


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CHURCH UPDATE

A message from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities area regarding re-opening churches:

In the spirit of love, justice, and communal wholeness that grounds our faith, the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area reaffirms its strong recommendation to its churches to avoid most or all in-person gatherings in churches or other indoor spaces for the foreseeable future.

There has been much public conversation in the last days in Minnesota and Wisconsin about the viability of in-person gatherings for worship or Bible study. Though it sorrows us, evidence has borne out that gatherings of faith communities remain some of the most risky activities in this time of COVID-19. There is ample evidence that group gatherings indoors for lengthy periods of times (like worship or Bible study), gatherings in larger groups (even outdoors), or public singing (groups or solos), are high-risk practices. More fundamentally, however, there are the values and instructions of our Christian faith which tell us:

In our choices around community, to center the gifts and needs of the most vulnerable (1 Corinthians 12:21-22)

To not mistake what is "permissible" for what is good (1 Corinthians 8:9)

To be patient in times of challenge (Romans 12:12)

We urge our congregations to follow the example of Jesus Christ in loving our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and not risk the most vulnerable among us for the sake of "returning to normal."

As a presbytery, we are modeling this by having cancelled all our in-person large group events through the end of 2020, and will continually reevaluate throughout 2021.

We are also designing a discussion guide for congregational leaders and Sessions about the Christian values foundational to our ministries, to help our congregations continue to discern and deepen how they will do ministry together in this time.

There are powerful opportunities to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God in this time, and spending our energy on doing those tasks mindfully and lovingly, rather than a return to the routine, is the core of our calling.

On behalf of your Officers and Staff,
Anna Kendig, Moderator and Jean Emmons, Vice Moderator

The church is
not a
building, the
church is a
people

Pastor Carol's Corner

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
- Acts 2:42-47

The beginning of the second chapter of Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came upon the believers who until that time had been uncertain what to do after Jesus had left them. Everything had changed. No one knew what was to come.

Sound just a bit familiar? For us everything about how we do church seems to have changed. We do not know how long this current reality of physical distancing and long distance worship will last. People miss the fellowship time and significant events have had to be postponed. We long to return to life as normal.

By the end of the second chapter in Acts we read that the believers had found a sense of purpose in worship, teaching and mission. The passage mentions the numbers who were being added to their ranks, but I don't really think that head count was what mattered. It would be a long time before people became organized as *the church* with a building and staff. They would need to depend on God and one another.

In the midst of this unprecedented time, we are **still** the church. We may not be seated together in the sanctuary, but we are still called to worship and pray, to serve those in need and to praise God together. I pray that this time of uncertainty and change will be a time for us to be touched by the Spirit and strengthened in faith.

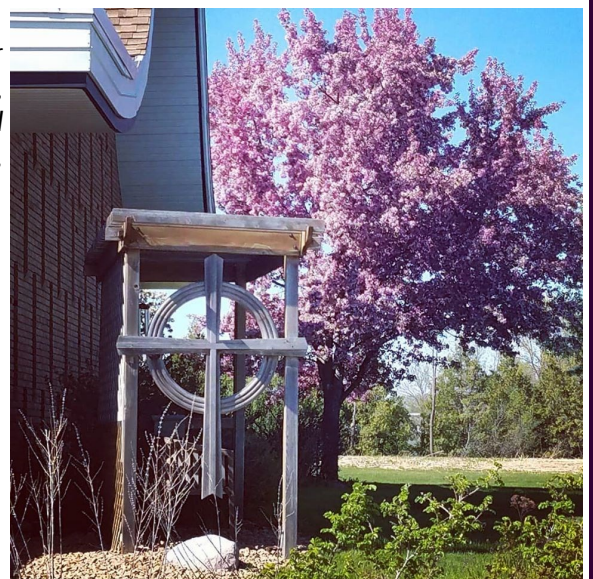
Spirit of God, filling our hearts with hope, steadying our nerves with peace, comforting our lives with love ...

Spirit of God, come to us now – surging through the darkness of our lives, sweeping over our weariness –so that, in this time of Pentecost, the sparkling light of faith, the rushing wind of hope and the joyful sound of praise may echo round the world, may echo in the church, and find their response in us. AMEN

By John Harvey in *Fire & Bread*, Wild Goose Publications

Blessings,

Carol



An excerpt from a notice by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians on May 21, 2020. The entire article is available on the PCUSA.org website.

Like those who made their lamentation by the waters of Babylon, our harps are hanging on the willows. Our tongues have been silenced. How can we sing the Lord's song ... in a time of exile, illness, and isolation? ... when singing has become a dangerous activity? ... when choir rehearsals are "super-spreader events"? ... when the breath of life disperses disease and death? As people who have devoted our lives to leading the people of God as they lift their voices in song, we are heartbroken. At the same time, we respect the wisdom of experts who have warned of the high risks associated with public singing during the Covid-19 pandemic. We believe that current measures to restrict singing—as much as we might lament them—are in the best interest of the church and world at this time.

We know that the praise of God can never be silenced. The ancient and eternal song of God's saving love will never end. The rivers and oceans sing "hallelujah!" The stones along the road shout "hosanna!" The trees of the fields clap their hands...



Azalea photo taken this spring by Judy Rogosheske



Trinity Lutheran Church has coordinated weekly meal curbside pick-up for SPARKS families and others in the community who are currently struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

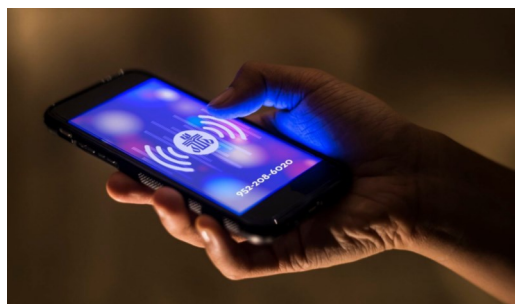
As in the past with the regular monthly Community Meals - the three churches are taking turns "hosting" these weekly pick-up meals.

On Thursday, June 4th Calvin Presbyterian Church has agreed to provide the meal and supply the volunteers.

If you can volunteer, donate to the expense, supply food for the meal, (or for grocery bags handed out to participants) please contact Shelly Dressel at #612-554-4943.

The summer meal schedule begins after June 4th and will continue weekly on **WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-6:30pm**

June 10th
June 17th
June 24th



PHONE LIVESTREAMING SERVICE AVAILABLE

We are excited to share our new telephone live streaming service for those who have limited access to the internet, don't want to learn about the internet, or don't have social media.

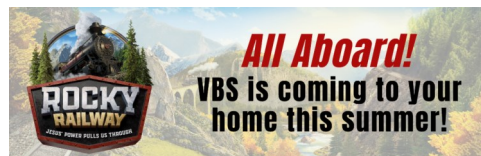
Simply call anytime to listen to the previous Sunday's worship service by calling #952-208-6020. If you would like a phone call when the next worship service starts, simply press '1' when you call and you will automatically receive a phone call when the service starts!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Grace! Grace Berbig graduates from Orono High School on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020. She will be staying local in an apartment and attending either Hennepin Technical College or Dunwoody depending on the location of her apartment.

Because of COVID-19 there will sadly not be any graduation celebrations. We are hoping you will consider sending our graduates a card, a prayer, or a word of encouragement. Our 2020 graduates are: Grace Berbig, Jac Carver, and Scotlyn Carver. You may send cards for Grace to 80 Valleyview Road, Long Lake, MN 55356. Jac and Scotlyn's cards can be sent to Joyce and Denny Anderson's address (957 Crossing Way, Delano, MN 55328).



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS

Due to COVID-19 and with the health and safety of our kids, volunteers & staff in mind, VBS will not be able to happen this year in the same way it has in the past. *Instead, we are planning a fun, digital VBS with at-home activities, a "live" opening each morning, and more. It will be August 3-6, 2020 and registration is open now!* We are so excited for the opportunity of at-home faith formation that family VBS will provide for kids of all ages (middle school included) and their families. **The cost is \$15, which includes a take-home box of Bible buddies, an iron-on VBS transfer for a t-shirt, and the crafts for the week per registered child, as well as one music CD per family.** Go to <https://www.trinitylonglake.org/VBS> to register.



- **Summer camp programs at Clearwater Forest are suspended in 2020:** This includes summer overnight camps; Grands Camp; the Camp in a Van program; Creative Arts Festival, and Chrysalis. Clearwater **will** remain open for rental groups that follow the state health department's guidelines.
- **Possible new programs at Clearwater Forest for 2020:** It is possible that we will be able to offer new programs this summer that may include family programs near the end of the summer and early fall. When we have more clarity on what an experience at camp can be like this summer, we will announce any programs that we are able to offer via email, on our website, and through social media.
- **Fall 2020 and Summer 2021 Programming:** We are currently planning on operating our fall and summer 2021 programming. Please visit our website for continued updates on all of our programs. We all look forward to the day when Clearwater Forest will be back to providing a safe space, lifelong memories, friendships, and faith formation that our kids deserve.



On Memorial Day, George Funk displayed an 1861, 31-star US flag at their home. The flag is huge, measuring 16' x 8' and very fragile. George's great-great-great grandma made the flag in 1861, along with her Akron, Ohio quilting club, to send troops off from Akron. There was no directive at the time of proportions for US flags, so the shape is different than what we use today. There are 31 stars on the flag (Kansas being the 31st) which meant it was good for only two years. Local news channels featured the story after Memorial Day, you can search for it on www.kstp.com/news (in the search bar under 'Orono man').



June Birthdays

- June 2 Phil Goodall
- June 4 Gloria Purnick
- June 5 Bob Kvale
Jeff Settles
- June 8 Skelly Shaughnessy
- June 9 Ron Breit
- June 10 Kim King
Carol Strassburg
- June 12 Harry Johnson
- June 17 Joel Settles
- June 20 Walter Rhea
- June 21 Jim Rettinger
- June 26 Phyllis Johnson



Celebrate!

June Anniversaries

- June 2 Len & Kathy Berg
- June 5 Jack & Wilma Hagan
- June 9 Ken & Wanda Pratt



Date 5/12/20 Sponsor Orono Fire Dept. / Calvin Presbyterian Church **American Red Cross**



Thank you for sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive.

Here are your blood drive results:

Presenting Donors 50

Total Units 48

We appreciate all your help today! Thanks so much for making all of this possible. We definitely blew away our goal of 34 units!

Thanks! Danielle & team

Calvin Church opened the Fellowship Hall to the American Red Cross for a blood drive on Tuesday, May 12th from 1:00pm-7:00pm.

Thank you to the volunteers that staffed the church, and to those that donated blood. With our help they surpassed their blood drive goal!



Summer office hours - Beginning the second week of June (Monday, June 8th), continuing through the first week of September (Friday, September 4th), Angela will be working Monday thru Thursday, 10-3pm.



New address - Our member Charlotte Knutson has moved to Orono Woods. Her new address is: 2040 W. Wayzata Blvd. #123, Long Lake, MN 55356. Her phone number is the same - #952-473-0492.



From Building & Grounds - Thank you to Bob & Marj Kvale for all their work cleaning up the church gardens. And thank you to George Funk, Zach Berbig, and Todd Wood for mowing and tending to the prairie garden.



To our Calvin Family, Thank you for your prayers, cards and best wishes regarding my recent surgery. Sarah and I are especially grateful to belong to such a caring faith community.
-Joel and Sarah Settles



Pastor Carol officiated a private memorial service for a past Calvin Church member, Harriet Mae Johnson, age 96, at Rettinger Funeral Home on Friday, May 22nd. Harriet and her husband Glen (Ernie) were active church members (and a neighbor to church) until they moved to Texas in the late 1980's.



It's a difficult time for musicians who typically spend so much time with others to practice, rehearse, discuss and perform. The difficulty is compounded when those performances, which are meant to enhance our community of worship, fall silent. Some days this silence seems to have no end point in sight. There will be, of course, a time when we can gather again to make and offer music for worship, but until then, it is truly an act of compassion we undertake daily to NOT gather.

Recently, I've been thinking about an anthem the choir had been rehearsing for our Easter celebration entitled "Glory into Glory" by Betty Carr Pulkingham (I encourage you to seek it out online - there is a recording on the sheetmusicplus.com website). I love this anthem for it's near chant-like melody and it's sense of assurance, but what sticks out for me currently is the refrain "and we are changed from Glory into Glory." I can't help but feel like currently, we are being changed from our previous Glory into a new Glory, and personally can't wait to hear the music at Calvin in that new Glory.

My deepest thanks to the musicians who continue to making meaningful contributions to our online services: Kiley Hazelton, Miles Herr, and Jared Miller, and to Carol for navigating our community through this time, into a new Glory.

-Mark Bilyeu



JUNE 2020



The church continues to be closed and the staff are all working remotely except for occasional times in the church office. If you need to reach Pastor Carol, Angela, or Mark, you can leave a voice mail at the church office or email them directly. In addition, you can phone Pastor Carol: home (952) 933-2330 or on her cell phone: (952) 239-2636.

Beginning the second week of June (Monday, June 8th), continuing through the first week of September (Friday, September 4th), Angela will be working Monday thru Thursday, 10-3pm.

In addition, Angela will be away for vacation time from June 8-11 and for foot surgery from June 15-17.



Congratulations to Vanessa, Jay, and big sister Adeline! Vincent Edward Gagner was born on Monday, May 11th at 3:03pm weighing 9lbs. 5oz. & 22" long. The new family of four are home and doing well!



Thanks to George Funk for mowing the prairie garden, along with help from Zach Berbig and Todd Wood. Terry Olson cared for our prairie garden for many years.



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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.*