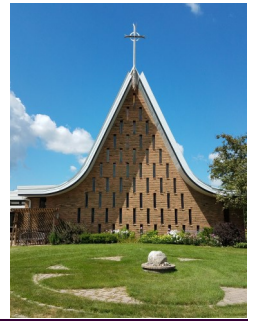


# Calvin Connection



July 2020

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## CHURCH SUMMER UPDATE

The big question for the summer for Calvin: When can we reopen the church?

That is not an easily answered question. We continue to be guided by the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health along with our Presbytery's guidance. We continue to be cautious, recognizing that we wish to keep everyone safe.

Some of the things we value would not be allowed if we returned to worship together in the sanctuary. Singing is deemed a high-risk activity because of the respiratory droplets that are expelled. This would include congregation as well as choir singing. We would need to wear masks and maintain 6 feet of physical distance. No more passing the offering plate or distributing communion, and no fellowship hour because of the restrictions involved in serving of food. Cleaning and disinfecting protocols for the building would need to be followed closely. Then of course the reality that much of our membership is in the high-risk category and others spend summer weekends away at cabins. The question remains, is it worth it to reopen considering the risks and the restrictions involved?

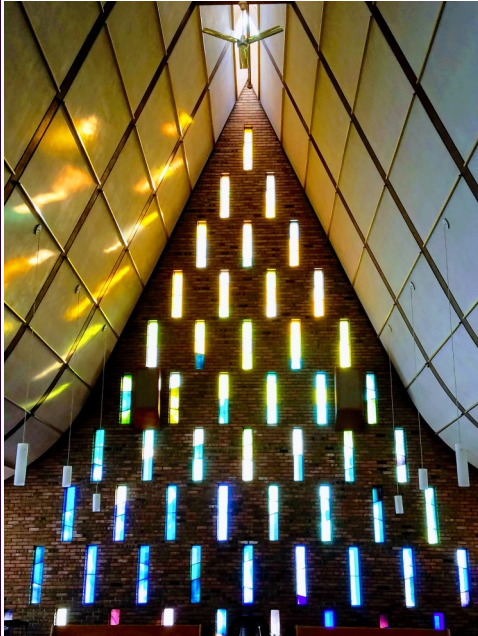
Churches that consider reopening to more than 10 members, are required to prepare and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. If you are interested in the details see: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidefaith.pdf> or [https://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID\\_19\\_business\\_plan\\_template.pdf](https://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_business_plan_template.pdf)

All this to say, at the time of this newsletter publication, the Session has decided to continue as we are with the building shut down and worship services and meetings held remotely. Meantime, your staff continues to work primarily from home. Worship services are pre-recorded and now available not only online but via the phone for those without internet. Staff, along with Session, keep looking for ways to remain connected as a congregation. If you have ideas or thought, please do share them. And stay safe!



The gardens at Calvin have been somewhat ignored this summer because so few people are around the building. The bench in the pergola at the front of the church recently had weeds growing up through it! Even though the building is closed, you are welcome to give a little time to weeding any of the church gardens – any time!

Alice Walker, author: "I love gardening; in fact it is the best therapy ever!"



## Pastor Carol's Corner

*"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*  
John 4:23-24

What does worship mean? How does this time when we worship remotely fit with our understanding of "corporate worship"?

A colleague in ministry, Rev. David Parker, recently reminded me of theologian Soren Kierkegaard's metaphor about what we are doing in worship. Kierkegaard lived from 1813-1855, mostly in Copenhagen. Kierkegaard described worship in terms of drama. He criticized the view of worship where God is directing worship, the worship leaders are the actors, and

congregation is the audience. In this view, the congregation are passive observers of worship and the service is designed to please the audience/congregation.

Kierkegaard's metaphor turned it around entirely. In his example God is the audience, the congregation serves as the actors, and the worship leaders are merely the prompters for the congregation/actors. With this view of worship, God becomes the focus; God is the one worship is designed to please. The work of the congregation is no longer passive but important work of participation in worshipping God.

In this time when we are worshipping remotely, of course our worship feels much different. The worship service is recorded in advance with only a few "prompters". We do not see one another face to face when the service goes live. But we are still worshipping God who is receiving our worship whenever and wherever we are singing God's praise, searching for meaning in God's Word, and finding ways to apply God's message to our daily lives.

Gracious and loving God, through our songs of praise we seek you.  
By our words of prayer, we reach out to you.  
Grant that we may hear your voice and not merely echoes of our own.  
Fill us with your Spirit; bless us by your grace;  
surround us with your love,  
now and always. Amen.

Rev. David Parker is the pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview and co-chair with me on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). Rev. Heidi Bolt is a staff person who works with COM and co-pastor together with her husband at First Presbyterian Church in Red Wing. Together we developed a plan to give clergy and musicians some vacation time this summer. We look forward to being prompted in worship by those two churches on July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings,


Carol

In the month of July Calvin will be part of a cooperative with Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview and First Presbyterian Church in Red Wing.

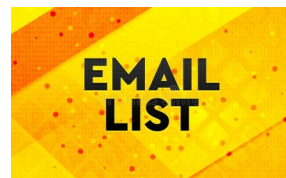
On the first and third Sundays of the month when you tune into our service, you will hear the worship service led by another church. July 5<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Church of the Way. July 12<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Calvin. July 19<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church. This is being done so our various church staff can take summer vacation time.



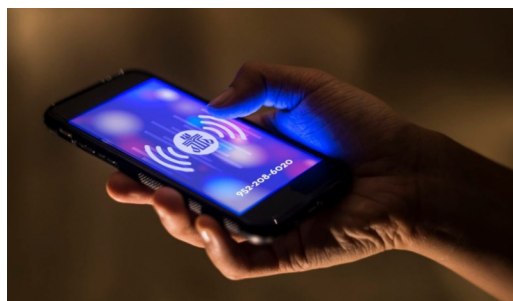
**Short mid-week music and meditation services will be available as you usually access our worship services on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Tune in as you usually do to our worship services, using Facebook, the church website or by phoning in.



Pastor Carol will be taking a reading week of study leave from July 14-18, and taking vacation days on July 19-25.  
Rev. Dwight Chamberlain will be available for any pastoral emergencies during that time.



There are emails being sent out to the congregation on a regular basis with a devotional message and often information regarding the congregation. If you are not yet on the mailing list, email Angela at: [angela@calvinchurch.net](mailto:angela@calvinchurch.net). If you do not have email but would like to receive a printed version of the email, also let Angela know. You can leave a message at the church office: 952-473-5419.



**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!



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS

We are planning a fun, digital VBS with at-home activities, a “live” opening each morning, and so much more. **The new VBS will be August 3-6, 2020 and registration is open now!**

We still have many of the same familiar station leaders guiding activities via video like Bible Adventures, games, crafts/imagination station, and a fun train-related snack each day. These short videos will be available online for families to do during the day whenever works best for them. We will also have our wonderful opening large group time each morning at 9am as a livestream with singing, Bible buddies, and more!

**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.**

How To:

# VOTE SAFELY

From Home

Request Primary & General Election Absentee Ballots or Download a Form to print out and mail back at:

MNVotes.org

- 1 VISIT [MNVotes.org](https://MNVotes.org)
- 2 CONFIRM that you are registered to vote
- 3 REQUEST an absentee ballot to be mailed to your home
- 4 FILL OUT your ballot when it arrives – safely at home
- 5 MAIL your ballot as soon as possible to allow for processing

In order to be counted, Ballots must be received by the elections office **BEFORE:**

August 11 for the MN Primary  
November 3 for the General Election

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS  
OF WAYSATA PLYMOUTH AREA  
Membership: [LWVwpa@LWVmn.org](mailto:LWVwpa@LWVmn.org)



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 Wednesday, July 1st Calvin Presbyterian Church has agreed to provide the meal and supply the volunteers.**

*\*If you would like to help, you need to be at Trinity Lutheran Church from 4:30-6:30pm\**  
Please contact Shelly Dressel at #612-554-4943 if you can help.

The summer meal schedule continues weekly on **WEDNESDAYS**, 5:30-6:30pm from the Trinity parking lot

**July Birthdays**

- July 4 Kathy Berg
- July 6 Amy Wenz
- July 7 Brad Hagan
- July 9 Charlotte Knutson  
Sophia Berbig
- July 21 DJ Goman
- July 24 Dan Swanson
- July 28 Jan Solheim
- July 30 George Fike
- July 31 Carley Hagan



Celebrate!

**July Anniversaries**

- July 1 Bob & Val Hagan
- July 3 Denny & Joyce Anderson
- July 24 Cal & Pat Headley



**NEW! Just launched! The Interfaith Outreach Learn. Reflect. Act Series**

This newly launched series will provide interactive ways to learn, reflect and act with kindness this summer. COVID-19 has hit families hard, and you can help provide summer food bags for local kids! Buy, sort, and bag needed items to drop off by July 6.

So far, people have committed to donating 130 of the 800 bags we need. Can your team compile another 10 more bags? 40 more? Whatever amount you can do, join us in this big 2020 community push to work together for the benefit of local kids and families. Learn more and/or share the video explanation located at [iopc.org/volunteer](http://iopc.org/volunteer).



**Please join WeCAN and Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless during the Annual Food Shelf Challenge Grant!**

**Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will proportionally match donations to WeCAN's Mobile Market during the month of July, up to \$4,000.**

**Donate to WeCAN's Open Your Heart Challenge July 1 through July 31, 2020!**

The more funds our Mobile Market raises in July, the larger the matching grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be.

Our goal at WeCAN is to stock our shelves with kid friendly food, which can be done through your generous donations. Donations, either food or monetary, can be brought to our office at 5213 Shoreline Dr. Mound, MN. For further information, please contact WeCAN at 952-472-0742 or visit our website at [www.wecanmn.org](http://www.wecanmn.org).





Vincent Edward Gagner was baptized on June 21<sup>st</sup> & the baptism was included in our Sunday worship service on June 28<sup>th</sup>. (Pastor Carol talked with our Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to learn what was allowed for remote baptisms and Jay & Vanessa decided they were fine with having the baptism at church with their immediate family included.) Blessings to Vanessa, Jay, Adeline, and Vincent!



thank  
you!

Thank you all for the gifts, cards, and well wishes on the birth and baptism of **Vincent Edward Gagner**. We are so blessed to be apart of an amazing congregation and look forward to the day where we can show him off in person at church!  
Love, Jay, Vanessa, Adeline, and Vincent Gagner



**West Suburban Grief Coalition maintains five spouse loss groups, one family loss group and one child loss group.** The summer session is meeting on Thursdays at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community, 155 County Rd 24, Wayzata through August 27th. The fall session starts Thursday, September 3rd at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church at 17205 County Rd 6 in Plymouth. You can find more information on their website: <https://westsuburbangriefmn.org/> or contact Alva Benson, 763-545-1108, or Harley Feldman, 612-840-1774.

**The meetings schedule is as follow:**

- 4:00 – 4:30 pm – Optional Time Open for Socializing, Refreshments, Browsing Our Library and Ist-Time Attendees' Registration
- 4:30 – 5:00 pm – Meeting Begins – Devotion & Speaker
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm – Break-Out Group Sessions

*Each Break-Out Group is organized around a specific loss; loss of a spouse/partner, a child, and other family member or friend*



## JULY 2020

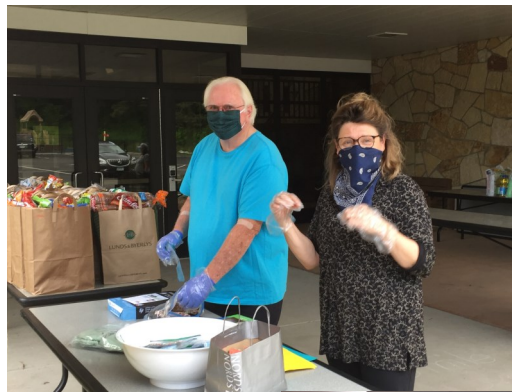


The church continues to be closed and the staff are all working remotely except for occasional times in the church office. If you need to reach Pastor Carol, Angela, or Mark, you can leave a voice mail at the church office or email them directly. In addition, you can phone Pastor Carol: home (952) 933-2330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

Pastor Carol will be taking study leave and vacation from Tuesday, July 14 through Saturday, July 25.

Continuing through the first week of September, Angela is working Monday through Thursday, 10-3pm.

Pictured at right: Ron Breit, Judy Rogosheske  
 Pictured below: Sue Bobzien  
 Pictured below (right): Jill Cornell, Ann Shaughnessy, Shelly Dressel, and Belinda Breit.  
 Not pictured: Carley & Val Hagan



There was a good crew of Calvin members at the community meal we served on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Shelly Dressel for coordinating it, planning the meal, ordering and picking up the food from Coborn's. The meals were prepackaged in carry out containers in the Trinity Lutheran Church kitchen and picked up by community members in their parking lot.

Our volunteers: Sue Bobzien, Belinda Breit, Ron Breit, Shelly Dressel, Carley Hagan, Val Hagan, Carol Reed, Judy Rogosheske, and Ann Shaughnessy.

It continues to be a way we reach out as churches into our community, providing a break for people as well as help those who need extra support just now.

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Connect with us!



**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
10:00am - 3:00pm

*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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- Angela Coccoluto              [angela@calvinchurch.net](mailto: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.*