

Calvin Connection



September 2020

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CHURCH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

What did an average work schedule look like in the past month for the church's employees?

Pastor Carol:

Worship: prepare & lead worship services, work with Mark to select music that fits the Scripture, recruit liturgists & prepare their materials; coordinate with Joel Wenz about recording sessions & special instructions; choose theme & work with Mark on the twice monthly music & meditation services

Pastoral care: phone calls to church members; write twice weekly devotional emails for the congregation, updates to prayer chain; meet with Orono Woods members outside; Zoom meeting with Parker Brokofsky's parents about baptism; memorial service arrangements

Outreach: Community Meal plans; contact person for building use such as blood drive & Sparks
Other: write newsletter articles; moderate Session meeting; work with Ron Bowman (Building & Grounds), Arlo Vande Vegte (Finance Comm.) about roof & financing; Presbytery's COM work

Mark Bilyeu, Music Director:

- Collaborate with Carol for weekly worship & Musical Meditations
- Schedule musicians
- Seek/Purchase music for worship & Musical Meditations
- Scan, organize and distribute music
- Arrange music
- Practice
- Edit Musical Meditation videos
- Ongoing project to re-catalogue choral library

Angela Cocoluto, Office Administrator:

- Proofread and send out twice weekly Pastor Update emails using Mailchimp program
- Pick up mail once a week, sort & distribute to appropriate places
- Check email correspondence - send, reply, and generate emails as needed
- Call in to check church voicemail three times a week & return phone calls as needed
- Format monthly session meeting minutes
- Upgrade internet service with our provider - call customer support for upgrade, schedule technician appointment, and be contact person for tech issues & assist with installation
- Research to track down appropriately licensed company to schedule repair for freezer, and be contact person on day of repair
- Upload & schedule recorded services on YouTube, Facebook & update website with new content; extract audio from recorded services & upload/schedule file for phone livestream site
- Compile information, create content, design & format photos/graphics & information for newsletter; email & print newsletters, then fold, address & seal them for mailing
- Respond to requests for information - forms needed, copies made, payments needed, etc.
- Correspond with Alpha Video & submit certificate of tax exemption & other paperwork as needed for new technology ordered for recording/streaming services; coordinate pick-up of items



Pastor Carol's Corner

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

This decision about whether or not to return to worship in the church and whether to have staff return to work in the office is difficult. We will see what the team working on the re-entry plan concludes, but we need to consider the safety and welfare of everyone.

I don't know anyone who likes the restrictions we find ourselves living under. It takes more effort to do things remotely and has required a steep learning curve to learn new skills.

But plain and simple, the decision involves the health of all those who come into the church building. We have no guarantee that everyone will wear masks when they enter the church building or that just because someone feels well, they are not asymptomatic and inadvertently spreading the virus. Your staff is concerned about the safety and welfare of others as well as trying to stay healthy ourselves.

Meantime, we need to draw closer together and support one another in this crazy time. Let's try to find a way to work together to understand one another, to listen, yes, really listen to one another, even when we don't agree and think the other is totally wrong. Compassionate, active listening is a skill that will help **all** of us find consensus in our families, our communities, and our country. Only together we will find a solution that works for all.

*God of our lives, by the power of your Holy Spirit we have been drawn together by one baptism into one faith, serving one Lord and Savior. Do not let us tear away from one another through division or hard argument. May your peace embrace our differences, preserving us in unity, as one body of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith,

from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:23-24

Carol



Short mid-week music and meditation services will be available as you usually access our worship services on Wednesday, September 9th and Wednesday, September 23rd. Tune in as you usually do to our worship services, using Facebook, the church website or by phoning in.

NEWS FROM SESSION



- The next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6pm via Zoom.
- Preparedness Plan - All businesses, organizations, and venues where gatherings take place are required to develop and implement an event specific COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance put forth by the MN Department of Health.
- There is a group from Session working on our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. If you would like to provide input, contact Krista Berbig, Jim Rettinger, or Arlo Vande Vegte. We are mandated to do this work before we can move forward re-opening the building.

Reminder: The state of Minnesota is under Executive Order 20-81 that mandates the wearing of face mask or covering when entering all public buildings, including churches. The building is still officially closed, but if you stop in at church, you never know when you may run into someone else dropping something off. Remember to wear your mask inside!



Calvin Presbyterian Church at sunset,
photo taken by Jill Cornell, August 2020



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. 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.



Join us for an outdoor, socially distanced ice cream social on the lawn at Calvin Church!

Sunday, September 20th at 1:00pm

or

Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00pm (as a rain date)

Bring your own lawn chair if you can & enjoy the church's gardens!

Water will be provided

We still need to be considerate of one another; bring your mask!



You are invited to a virtual coffee fellowship time (via Zoom) after our worship service on Sunday, September 13 and 27 at 11:00. If you are interested, contact Pastor Carol to receive instructions on how to "join" the fellowship time.



Starting in September the Community Meals will return to the **fourth Thursday of the month**. For the next two months the meals will continue to be a curbside pick-up at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Realizing that we are missing part of the reason we started the meals - being together as a community - the planning team from the three churches decided to plan some community-wide outdoor activities.

Calvin Church will be planning an outdoor activity in October. Let Shelly Dressel, Belinda Breit, or Carol Reed know if you would like to help.



Sue Bobzien, Belinda Breit, Sharon Corl, Val Hagan, and Carol Reed volunteered at the community meal on August 26th. They served 135 meals plus the equivalent to 7 meals/food brought to Woodlands Group Home. 19 grocery bags and the green bean produce was distributed as well.

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



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



SCHOOL SUPPLIES & HYGIENE KITS UPDATE

Even though we are not meeting in person, mission needs still go on! We send our kits to Church World Service where they are dispersed globally, wherever there is a need. There has been a huge need for school supplies. Belinda's sisters have been busy making school bags, so Belinda & Ron have shopped to fill them up. They have filled 145 bags!!

Historically, Calvin members have played an important part in this project. With COVID restrictions, we are asking your help with funds for hygiene kits and the shipping costs. You can make your checks out to PW (Presbyterian Women), and send them to Belinda Breit (345 Niagara Lane, Plymouth, MN 55447). All your donations will be recorded on your record of giving.



Parker Brokofsky was baptized on August 23rd & the baptism was included in our Sunday worship service on August 30th. He is the nephew and godchild to Brian & Anna Brokofsky.



Blessings to the Brokofsky family!



Greetings from the Music Department. As we continue to navigate our church life during a global health pandemic, we are continuing to seek out ways to offer worshipful musical experiences. Music has always been such an integral part of our Calvin worship, which I have always been so grateful for. It will be hard for me personally not to see and work with the Chancel Choir as we start our program year, and share that work in our worship. But we know that singers are considered "super spreaders" and it is simply not safe to make music like that right now.

While this is certainly a loss for all of us, I want to reflect on the blessings that we have experienced in the form of Kiley, Miles, and Jared. We are so fortunate to have such capable musicians and worshipful souls to provide the music we all crave (and to have two singers who already live together is nearly unheard of!). Carol and I will be continuing our twice-monthly musical meditations, and we are working to record additional musical experiences into the fall.

Stay well, and remember that a small bonus of socially distancing is the ability to make that 'joyful noise' unto the Lord wherever you are, especially if there is no one but the Lord there to hear it!



SEPTEMBER 2020



Regular office hours (from home) - The Church office hours are back to Monday through Friday, 10am - 2pm effective Tuesday, September 8th; continuing to work from home until approved to be back in the office. *Note: The office is closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.*



Our sympathies to Sharon and Gary Keller following the death of Sharon's mother. A private family memorial service will be held at Calvin. Please keep that family in your prayers.



Our frog friend hanging out on the glass looking into the Fellowship Hall (when it was raining inside the church due to the roof leaking).

Before (above) and after (right) photos of the Gathering Hall roof. The roof was replaced in August. The skylights are custom fit, so they will be replaced after they are made.



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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
Choral Accompanist - Jared Miller
Choral Scholar - Kiley Hazelton

Office Administrator - Angela Coccoluto
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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.