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October
Birthdays

- Oct 1 Martha Brown
Oct 11 Beth Potter
Reggie Rettinger
Oct 16 Rob Wenz
Oct 18 Chelsea Rhea
Oct 23 Zach Berbig
Oct 25 Cal Headley
Anita Goman
Oct 26 Walter Baker

Anniversaries

- Oct 8 Anita & DJ Goman
Oct 18 Krista & Zach
Berbig

Calvin Connection deadline:
Third Friday of the month
Sunday Bulletin
announcements deadline:
Thursdays at 10am

Email articles and/or announce-
ments for the Calvin Connection
& Sunday bulletins to the church
office.

Calvin Connection



October 2022

The Journey with Pastor John

October is a strange month for lots of people. It's getting dark and cold, and the leaves seem to suddenly disappear if they haven't already. People who have trouble with the long dark nights and the cold are starting to get grouchy and school and jobs seem to just be continuing.

It's not a transition month really – and while I've been writing and speaking a lot about transitions over the last few months, I thought I'd shift gears just a bit for October. You may remember that on October 31 st, 1517 an Augustinian monk and scholar by the name of Martin Luther marched up to the castle church in Wittenberg and nailed his 95 theses against indulgences on the doors, inadvertently "setting off" what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

And while this, in a way, was a new thing and a new idea, it had also been brewing for hundreds of years. The Reformation was a reaction to the Renaissance and many abuses in the Catholic church during the Medieval era. "There is nothing new under the sun." The present grows out of the past.

In a similar way, where we are at Calvin has grown out of the past. Transitions are not bad, by themselves. Martin Luther and the roots of Protestantism inform John Calvin and the roots of Presbyterianism and so on. This month, I would encourage you to look back on your roots. Not just of the church and the denomination, but you personally as well. What are your roots? Where are they? Do they grow from the soil of Minnesota, or from farther afield? When did you start coming to Calvin? Why? Why have you stayed? What is wonderful about this particular church family that you love? And even, what hasn't been so great? What annoys you about your roots and you wish maybe were different?

And as you think on your roots, imagine where you're growing. Soon, the PNC will be looking at possible candidates for your new pastor. Where do you want to go and to grow?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John





PNC update

The PNC has completed the required Ministry Information Form (MIF). The MIF has been approved by Session and the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry—Pastoral Positions Team. The MIF is being entered into our PCUSA computer system. Prospective applicants can view our MIF on-line and if interested forward their resume to the PNC. The PNC hopes to begin receiving and reviewing resumes in October.

Choir Updates

Brian Brokofsky will be leading the choir on the following Sundays 10/2, 10/16, 11/6, 11/13 & 11/27

NOTE: There WILL be choir practice on the Wednesdays prior to these Sundays at

Church volunteers are needed!

- * Liturgists
 - * Greeters
 - * Kitchen Clean-Up
 - * Nursery Attendants
- You can sign up for these in the Gathering Hall



Rummage Sale

The Calvin Women's Association is pleased to announce the **Fall Rummage and Bake Sale** will start on October 5, 2022. This popular community event sale will have expanded hours. On Wednesday, October 5th, we will be offering a Pre-Sale to the public with a \$3 entry fee from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. We will waive the \$3 entry fee for Calvin members. On Thursday October 6th, the church will be open to the community from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. On Friday October 7th, the hours will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with all items half price. Saturday October 8th from 9:00 to Noon will be "bag day" for all you can fit into a bag for a flat fee of \$5.00

Church members can bring rummage after church Sunday October 2nd & Monday October 3rd from 9 am - Noon. Bake sale items will be accepted on Monday & Tuesday, October 3rd & 4th from 9 am-noon. Volunteers will be needed for organizing, pricing & working at the sale Monday October 3rd - Saturday October 8th, and clean-up on Saturday, October 8th starting at Noon. Call Tammy at 612-384-9520 with any questions, or to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Note: We can not accept electronics or large items unless you make special arrangements to pick up the item on Saturday, October 8th if it has not sold.

Adult Education

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain, has begun again after the summer recess. Join us Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00a. Everyone is welcome. Lessons this month are "Glorification, Resurrection and Eternal Life in Heaven."

Looking ahead also anticipate a Series of Lessons on favorite Psalms in the Old Testament, One Psalm each Sunday beginning with Psalm 1.

Ruth / M&M Circle

Will begin gathering again starting Thursday Oct 13 at 1:30 at the church or on zoom for a hybrid gathering.

This year's theme is Celebrating the Sabbath, and we will start by looking at the Sabbath as a gift from God for each of us. Many of us may not want to change our lives so much as make a mid course correction to some of our ways.

Weight Warriors

Has begun meeting again and is working on a time that works for everyone...stay tuned. Everyone who is interested is invited to join us! If you have any questions or would like more details, please contact Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520.

Rally Sunday Photos:



Clerks Highlights of September, 2022 Session Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

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1. The Session Approved the "Mission Information Form" which is the information about Calvin that is given to ministers who may wish to be selected as our next pastor.

2. The Session will have a fall retreat on October 18th at 4:00 PM at the church

3. Chelsea Rhea was selected as new office administrator

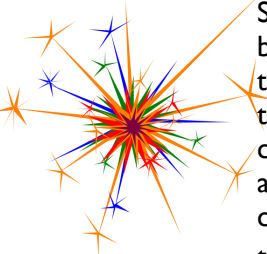
4. The personnel committee is seeking a new choir director, and organist/pianist

5. The resignations of Mark Bilyeu and Jared Miller were accepted with thanks.

6. Brian Brokefsky has agreed to serve as interim Choir Director

Please direct any questions to the Clerk of Session at Church via email or phone message.
Walter Baker

Clerk of Session



SPARKS is starting again at Calvin on October 11th. SPARKS is an after school, neighborhood-based program for elementary and middle school-age students provided by the Orono School District and coordinated by the Community Education department. The goal is to provide another intervention that provides extra time and support to students. A licensed teacher and site/volunteer coordinator along with community mentors are matched to students to provide another caring adult in the lives of students. They work to provide academic support, organizations help, and encouragement. If you would like more information please contact Chelsea Rhea, she is the licensed teacher for the program.

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PASTORAL CARE

Along with Pastor John, Calvin's Parish Associate, Rev. Dwight Chamberlain, is available for any pastoral care needs that may arise

He can be reached by calling the church and leaving a message, or by calling him directly at
(952) 937-6160

We have **fresh flower arrangements** on the altar table for the live on-line services! If you are interested in signing up for flowers, please call Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 or email her at tammywenz@aol.com, to check on available dates. The cost is \$35/arr., and payment can be made by sending a check to the church payable to Calvin. If you wish, you will be able to pick up your flowers after the recording of the Sunday service.

"All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (1 Cor. 11:29)

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,

"The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

