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### 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 31 Carley Hagan

### July Anniversaries

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



# Calvin Connection



July 2022

## Welcome, Pastor John Gay!

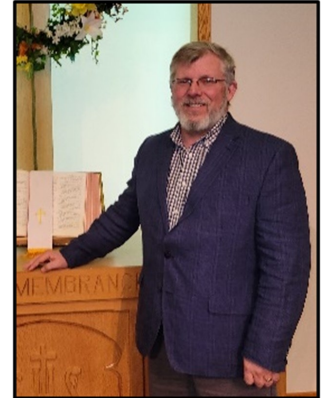
Reverend Doctor John R. Gay (although he really prefers Pastor John) is originally from Washington state and has lived in every major region of the United States. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served his country in Norfolk, Virginia as a Surface Warfare Officer before getting out because of his asthma.

He eventually answered God's call and attended seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and has served churches in Tennessee, New York, and Minnesota. He received his Doctor of Ministry in 2015 (from UDTs again) with a specialty in Biblical Theology. Pastor John is really interested in discipleship and the ancient church, and he truly believes God is calling all of us to be his people.

Pastor John is married (25 years now!) to Jennifer (they met while they both attended USNA), and they have five children together: Rob, Michael, Thomas, Margaret, and Joshua. They live in Ham Lake and are very excited for this next step in ministry.

Pastor John will be in the office at Calvin on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:30. Pastor John can be reached at 763-645-4492 when he's not in the office.

The Personnel Committee encourages everyone to stop by and meet Pastor John during his first week at Calvin. Pastor John's first day as interim pastor is July 5 and his first Sunday preaching is July 10.



## Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

We have had three meetings of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The first two meetings were moderated by Rev. Anne Fisher from Presbytery. Anne is a member of the Pastoral Positions Team and is our official contact and adviser.

At the first meeting, Anne summarized the process and briefly described the steps for the PNC. She also stressed the importance of confidentiality for the prospective applicants. The committee has scheduled weekly meetings through the middle of July.

At the second meeting, Anne briefed the committee regarding the Ministry Information Form (MIF) and described the roles that needed to be filled by the PNC members. Chelsea Rhea and Tammy Wenz volunteered to be co-moderators. Tammy Wenz and Ann Shaughnessy are responsible for communication with candidates and potential candidates.

Communication with Session and the congregation: Arlo Vande Vetge is responsible for communication with Session and Joel Settles is responsible for communication with the congregation. Sharon Corl volunteered to take PNC meeting notes. At the third meeting, the PNC began working on the MIF. The next meeting occurred on Wednesday, June 29

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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 will continue to have **flower arrangements** on our altar table throughout the summer. If you are interested in signing up for flowers, please call Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 or email her at [tammywenz@aol.com](mailto: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.



IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING.

Sales for these items usually start right after the 4th of July. Often, Wal-mart has the best prices. The contents for the school kits usually cost around \$4. Hygiene kits are more expensive-usually around \$6. If you would rather contribute funds, you can give money directly to Belinda Breit or add it to your Calvin pledge and mark it for back-to-school. Belinda would like to have supplies by the end of July so they can be packaged in August

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- 3 70-page spiral-bound note books, wide ruled
- 12-inch wooden ruler, not plastic
- 24 count crayons
- Child-size scissors for age 5+
- 6 pencils with attached erasers (unsharpened)
- Handheld sharpener

**HYGIENE KITS (must include:)**

- One new hand towel measuring approximately 16"x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One new washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb (please look at the beauty supply stores or Wal-mart or Target and find a comb suitable for heavier, coarser hair)
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper, not the ones you get at a hotel. Those can be donated to a local homeless shelter, along with the travel size shampoo.)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging. Do not split multi-packs)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®

*Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure; remove excess air from bag, and seal. Because these kits may sit in a hot warehouse until they are needed, please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Please add \$3 for each kit for postage for shipping to Little Rock for Church World Service*

Church volunteers  
are needed!

- Liturgists
- Greeters
- Kitchen Clean-Up
- Nursery Attendants

You can sign up for these opportunities in the Gathering Hall

**Offering your time and skills is an act of worship!**

