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DEADLINES:

Calvin Connection
3rd Friday of the month

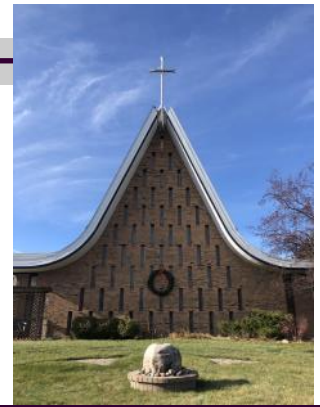
Sunday Bulletin
Thursdays at 10am

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



Jeff gives it up for Lent.

Calvin Connection



March 2023



Lent at Calvin



Our practice at Calvin during Lent is to add to our daily lives with different spiritual practices during these weeks of Lent.

We gather each Wednesday for a **soup supper and worship service**. Alternating location weekly with First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain. The meal is served by 6:00pm, with worship at 6:30pm, and you are on your way by 7:00pm.

Another Lenten tradition across the church and the centuries is extra giving opportunities. Together with the March MN FoodShare program, we collect for our local food shelves



Palm Sunday Brunch



We will be serving a great brunch in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, April 2nd after worship. All are welcome so feel free to invite your neighbors and friends! A free will offering will be collected.

Ash Wednesday—Maple Plain
March 1—Long Lake
March 8—Maple Plain
March 15—Long Lake
March 22—Maple Plain
March 29—Long Lake
April 6— Maundy Thursday Maple Plain
April 7—Good Friday here at Calvin.





The Calvin Women's Association is pleased to announce the **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will run from **May 4th to May 7th, 2022**. Proceeds from this sale go to a variety of mission projects of the church local-

ly with Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf, Westonka Food Shelf, WeCAN, Delano Helping Hands, Feed My Starving Children, Missions Inc/Home Free.

Church members can start bringing rummage on Friday, April 29th through Monday, May 2nd, from 9 am - noon. **Volunteers will be needed** for set-up on Thursday, April 28th (9 am - noon & 5-7 pm), organizing, pricing & working at the sale, and clean-up on Saturday, May 7 starting at Noon. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Hall in March. Call Tammy with any questions, or to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Ruth/M&M Circle will hold a hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom on **Thursday, March 9th at 1:30p**. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting.



Thursday, March 23, 2023

5:30-6:30pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

ALL ARE WELCOME - Bring the kids! There is no cost for these meals, but donations will be accepted. Join us!

Easter flowers - We will have a variety of flowering plants in the chancel on Easter Sunday to represent the garden tomb. To order flowers please fill out an order form and return it with payment to the church office, no later than Wednesday, March 29th. Plants are \$14 each & order forms will be available soon in the Gathering Hall.



Church volunteers are needed!



- Liturgists
 - Greeters
 - Nursery Attendants
- Soup Chefs
 - Kitchen Clean-Up
 - Choir Members

Offering your time and skills is an act of worship!



Clerks Highlights of Session Regular February Meeting, 2023.

Six Session members attended the meeting together with the Pastor, Clerk, and the Treasurer

1. Walter Baker was elected clerk of session for 2023 with Joel Settles as assistant clerk. Cheryl Pelkey was elected treasurer and Tammy Wenz was elected financial secretary.
2. The 2022 annual reports for the General Assembly, Presbytery, and the Secretary of State of Minnesota were all filed and accepted.
3. Session committees are being formed at the present time. If you have an interest in participating in a Session committee please contact the Moderator of the Session pastor John.
4. Lent services for 2023 will be held in partnership with First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain. Please watch the church bulletin for times and further details.
5. The financial committee together with the Session will be working on the financial issues that may arise in 2023.
6. There continues to be problems with the HVAC systems particularly with the main boiler.

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



MN Food Share

42nd campaign will begin on February 27th and run through April 9th. **Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000 plus 500 lbs. of food.** We will have a fundraising tracker posted to show our progress.

The most needed items are canned fruit, diced tomatoes, dried fruit, kid's cereal, pasta sauce, paper towels, toilet paper & shampoo. You can drop these items off at the church starting Monday, February 27th. Cash donations will also be accepted. Make your checks payable to Calvin Church and put "MN Food Share" in the memo portion of your check. You can also donate via Venmo @ Calvin-church. Questions? Call Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 or Kate Boylan at 612-247-7024

Birthdays



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| March 5 | Bob Solheim
Bette Chamberlain
Gary Keller |
| March 13 | Evelyn Neilson
Dave Shaughnessy |
| March 14 | Susan Manro |
| March 21 | Margo Garin |
| March 22 | Stephanie Coe |
| March 25 | Dave Kearin |
| March 28 | Tammy Wenz |

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



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Winter Schedule

9:00am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday school (for the 1st Sunday of the month), all other Sundays the children will be in worship until the children's message

11:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship

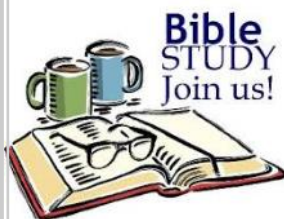


If you would like to purchase Girl Scout cookies to be kept in the freezer for fellowship hour Chelsea has a contact we will be ordering through.

- You can write a check to Calvin church with coffee hour in the memo line.

-Cookies are \$5 a box

We will be placing orders March 5th



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am

Everyone is welcome!



We meet each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall
 The Lessons are on special Psalms in the Old Testament.
 We will finish Psalm 16 with its concluding insights on Heaven.
 Then we will begin Psalm 19 with it's lessons on
 "God's Word in Creation and God's Word in Scripture and the
 Words We Speak"

A Very Special and Meaningful Psalm
 You are welcome to come and study God's Word with us.



The Personnel Committee is excited to announce Miguel Sousa will be Calvin's new Music Director starting May 15. The Personnel Committee along with a few members of choir participated in interviews with Miguel over the past month.

Miguel is employed by Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN as a Director of Fine Arts and has experience working with a small church in Texas as a Music Director. Calvin is honored to have Miguel for 10 hours each week to bring heavenly music to our worship services through accompanying the choir and selecting music. Miguel is currently in Portugal and will return to the US in May. He will reside in St. Peter, MN.

If you missed the December 4, 2022 worship service where Miguel performed and would like to hear Miguel's amazing pianist skills, please listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8A93DLGHNYl>.

Additional information about Miguel will be included in next month's newsletter.



Pastor John's message...

Lent 2023

Well, Lent is off with a bang! Last Wednesday, we were supposed to begin our Lenten journey together with the sign of ashes together with our closest Presbyterian neighbors. However, the snow and wind sort of had us stay home and worship together via Zoom. I do hope that you had a chance to attend!

Lent is a fascinating time in the church; similar to Advent, we are looking forward and back at the same time to when Jesus was raised from the dead and to when we all will be raised to be with Him for eternity at the end of all things. Mostly, Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for eternal life in and with Christ in the remade heaven and earth.

“Lent” comes from a Middle English word meaning “springtime” – rather than a Greek or Hebrew word. As it always happens in the spring, it makes sense, right? Especially if we view Easter (another English word, and not Greek!) as a renewal and sort of “rebirth” (John 3), we can view Lent as the preparation for that. We are called to enter into the discipline of the Christian life in preparation for re-experiencing the joy of Jesus’ resurrection!

On the Sunday of the Transfiguration, I talked about the discipline of Lent – whether it’s giving something up or adding something to your routine, I hope and pray that you have found the beginning of it meaningful. As the traditional “invitation to the Lenten discipline” goes, I invite you to observe a holy Lent.

And remembering that “holy” literally means “set aside from ordinary use for God’s use,” aim yourself towards following Him into what He has called you into and for. He has a plan for you – and you might not even know it! So during these weeks of Lent as we explore the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness and the spiritual disciplines, I do invite you to observe a holy Lent. May you all be intimately connected with our Lord as we prepare our hearts and minds and souls for His Resurrection!!

In Christ,
Pastor John

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.Wed.Fri

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Tues.Thurs

Varied Hours
from home

*Pastor John is in
the office Tues & Thurs
(or can be reached via
email or 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

Interim Pastor - Rev. Dr. John R. Gay
Parish Associate - Rev. Dwight Chamberlain
Clerk of Session - Walter Baker

Music Director -
Accompanist - Ella Johnson

Office Administrator - Chelsea Rhea
Treasurer - Cheryl Pelkey
Financial Secretaries - Tammy Wenz
Custodian - Tom Pekley

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