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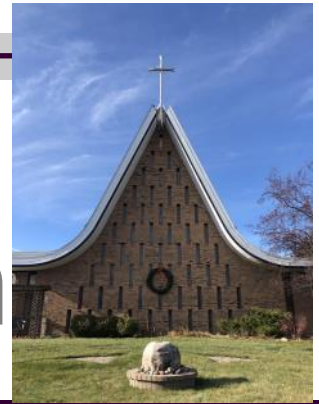
Calvin Connection
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May 2023



The Calvin Women's Association is pleased to announce the **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will run from **May 3, to May 6th, 2023**. (Please note updated dates) Proceeds from this sale go to a variety of mission projects of the church locally with Interfaith Outreach, Westonka Food Shelf, WeCAN, Delano Helping Hands, Feed My Starving Children, Missions Inc/Home Free.

Volunteers will be needed for organizing, pricing & working at the sale, as well as clean-up on Saturday, May 7 starting at Noon. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Hall Call Tammy with any questions, or to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Hours of Sale

Wednesday May 3rd 9 a.m.—6 p.m. (presale)
Thursday May 4th 9 a.m.—6 p.m.
Friday May 5th 9 a. m.—3 p.m.. (1/2 Price Day)
Saturday May 6th 9 a. m.—12 p.m.. (Bag Day / \$5 a bag)



THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain

Adult Education meets each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome.

In May we will finish our lessons on Psalm 19 & then the lessons will be on Psalms 20 to 27.
These will include Psalm 22, fulfilled by Jesus when dying on the Cross,
Psalm 23, everyone's favorite Psalm,
Psalm 24, fulfilled by Jesus on Palm Sunday,
Psalm 27, How our Faith gives us Help and Home through all of life.



Ruth/M&M Circle will hold a hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom on **Thursday, May 11th at 1:30**. A link will be sent out this week. All are welcome, including people of any faith, gender

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Men's Breakfast will be on the first Wednesday of the month, May 3rd at 8:30 a.m. at Perkins off Highway 394 by Menards.

Church volunteers are needed!

- Communion Servers
- Liturgists
- A/V
- Greeters
- Fellowship Hour
- Alter Flowers
- Ushers



Calvin Kids News



Bibles given to the Sunday school kids in memory of Cal Headley

Children's Choir is starting back up! They will meet at 10:50 am and kids will be upstairs around 11:05 am and be performing on Mother's Day!



Children's message on Easter Sunday



Clerks Highlights of April 12th Regular Session Meeting

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

1. The Church Session received a thank you note from the First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain regarding the two churches having common Lenten services. The Session of Calvin Church is sending a responsive mutual Thank You.
 2. The church has received a substantial notice of increase in their property insurance. The Finance Committee is looking into the church replacement cost in an effort to reduce the annual premium costs.
 3. Policies for the building rental use are being reviewed and revised as necessary.
 4. A children's choir is being formed.
 5. A task force is being formed to install the outdoor play structure. Those interested in that activity should contact Amy Feldkamp.
- Please direct any questions to the Clerk of Session at Church via email or phone.

A big "Thank You" to our soup makers, cookie bakers and cleaner-uppers who worked to make the Lenten Soup Suppers a success! Also thanks to Dave Kearin for the freshly baked bread he provided.
Thank you all!
-Ann Shaughnessy


Thank you

Thank you so much to all our church family for the many prayers, cards, flowers, calls, visits, and hugs shared with our family after Wilma's passing. Everyone has been so thoughtful telling us so many stories about how Wilma touched their lives over the years. Your shared memories have been very comforting to us. We also want to thank you all for the many donations made to Calvin in Wilma's honor. We are so blessed to have an incredible church family and have been so touched by everything you have done to help us through this difficult time.
Love,
Jack, Bob, Val, Matt, Carley and Brad Hagan

Birthdays

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| May 1 | Vanessa Gagner |
| May 4 | Cheryl Pelkey |
| May 3 | Jeff Brown |
| May 6 | Bob Gehrman |
| May 11 | Vincent Gagner |
| May 13 | Lucia Stubbs |
| May 14 | Marj Kvale |
| May 15 | Seth Quiggle |
| May 17 | Myla Wenz |
| May 18 | Sharron Keller |
| May 29 | Rachel Wenz |

Message from Pastor John

May Day!

In ancient times, there were numerous festivals around the beginning of May; while they were largely pagan celebrations the intention behind them we can all agree with: it's warm out and we should celebrate!! It feels like this winter was very long. Very cold and very wet. I haven't looked it up, but I know that it was one of the "snowiest" winters on record here in the Twin Cities. But it is finally time to get out the deck furniture and think about firing up the grill! Jesus said in the Gospel of John that He came so that we might have "life abundant," and I believe to the core of my being that the Triune God wants us to enjoy the life that has been given to us and the world we have been placed in.

As flowers begin to bloom and the grass turns green and starts to grow (and we have our rummage sale!), I pray that you find time to enjoy the life that God has given you. There are always problems and issues, please don't misunderstand me – through our missing the mark that God asks of us we are never going to have a "perfect life" as if that were possible. But I hope that you have the chance to slow down and enjoy what God has given each one of us.

And the thing about it is...we can do that anytime. Just stop and give thanks to the One who spun the stars and planets and also gave you life. Appreciate it! Live in wonder and joy! Feel God's grace in your life – enjoy Him. Like is says in the Westminster Shorter Catechism that many of us memorized as children: "What is the chief end of mankind? A: to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Let's get started.

Through God's grace,
Pastor John



Bonnie Boylan making May Day Baskets