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**July Birthdays**

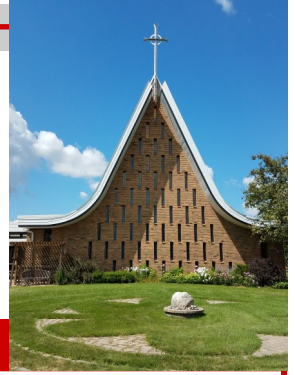
July 4 Kathy Berg  
July 6 Amy Wenz  
July 7 Brad Hagan  
July 9 Charlotte Knutson  
Sophia Berbig  
Ella Feldkamp  
July 20 Lewis Anderson  
July 21 DJ Goman  
July 24 Dan Swanson  
July 31 Carley Hagan

**July Anniversaries**

July 1 Bob & Val Hagan  
July 2 Joel & Nejra Wenz  
July 3 Denny & Joyce  
Anderson  
July 24 Rob & Amy  
Feldkamp



# Calvin Connection



July 2023

## Pastor John's Message

### High Summer

Well, it's been a year since I came to minister at Calvin. My first Sunday was around July 5<sup>th</sup>, and this year, my last Sunday will be July 23<sup>rd</sup>. I'm sure you've heard that Calvin Presbyterian Church has called a candidate to be your pastor, and he will begin his time here about August 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm so excited for you all!

In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you that I've had a wonderful time being your transitional minister! I pray that you will all be well and follow God's plan into the future!

But for right now, it's July. It's hot out, and at least at my house, it hasn't rained for weeks. The grass is brown and the sky is blue. I'm not generally one to complain, but summer has never really been my favorite season – you can always put on more layers, but there are only so many that you can take off! But God is always at work, and I love the way things grow so much during the summer. The trees grow leaves in the spring and then as summer begins the branches are full of green and disguising the birds and squirrels wandering around. The grasses pop up and obscure what is going on behind them.

In a similar way, we love to obscure what is really going on within us. We love to hide from God. And often, as we relax at the lake or poolside or around the fire pit, we feel guilty. We don't go to church so much; Sunday school takes time off... Like God, too, is on vacation. Now, I'm not TRYING to make you feel guilty! But worship still goes on...

However, it is a good thing to relax. God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and then He rested on the seventh. We all need a good rest! So, I hope and pray that this summer is a time of rest and relaxation – of growth and hope and love and peace. God is still at work behind the scenes, and He is with you as you rest! May it be fruitful!!

In Christ,  
Pastor John

## Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, June 11. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the recommendations of the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) and conduct a vote regarding extending a call to T.J. Shirley to be Calvin's next pastor. The special meeting was moderated by Rev. Anne Fisher, The congregation voted to extend a call to T.J. Shirley and approved the terms of the call.

On Saturday, June 10, the PNC hosted a barbeque to allow members of the congregation to meet T.J., his wife Maggie, and their two daughters Brooke and Allie. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped plan, prepare, grill, and serve food at the barbecue. The barbeque was a great way for members to meet T.J. and his family. We eagerly await the beginning of T.J.'s ministry at Calvin.

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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 the communion 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

**PHOTO DIRECTORIES**

The church directory will be printed in August. There is a draft in the hallway, please make updates by July 23 or email Stephanie at [stephcoe@yahoo.com](mailto:stephcoe@yahoo.com).

**Church volunteers  
are needed!**

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

*You can sign up for these*



**BRAD HAGAN**

Brad Hagan graduated from Wayzata High School on June 2, 2023. He will be attending Iowa State University in the fall and will be a business major. He is the 14th member of the extended Hagan family to attend Iowa State.



Brad Hagan was co-captain of the Wayzata Boys Tennis team and they were the 2023 State Champions! He and his doubles partner also took 3rd Place overall in the State in the individual player competition!

