

CALVIN
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CHURCH

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**August
Birthdays**

Aug 11 Ken Pratt
Aug 12 Teri Wood
Aug 13 Pat Headley
Aug 20 Sara Headley
Aug 26 Rob Feldkamp
Aug 29 Candy Bowman

**August
Anniversaries**

August 13
Jeff & Martha Brown

August 18
Walter & Susan Baker

August 23
Rob & Tammy Wenz

**Please don't forget to
wear a nametag in
worship to help
Pastor TJ and
family...we are
working on getting
new ones**

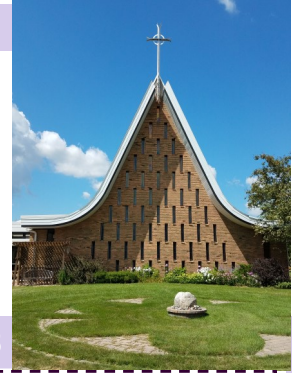
HELLO

My Name Is

John Calvin

Calvin Connection

August 2023



Time with TJ

Greetings!

I would first like to sincerely apologize about the heat we brought with us from the south last week as we moved here. Maggie, Brooke, Allie, and I were really hoping to have seen the last of temperatures being in the high nineties this summer, but, alas, we suffered right along with all of you.

Our life right now is full of moving boxes and regret that we didn't throw out more junk before we packed it up. We are filling out paperwork for schools, registering for new licenses, finding new doctors, and updating all of our contact information. The to-do list seems to get two more items every time we cross one item off.

Despite all that needs to be done, it does not feel like a burden. Our family is full of excitement for a new house, new friends, new schools, and new jobs. We have a great hope that we will flourish here, and we are eager to see what our future in Minnesota will be.

Sometimes, Christianity is presented in a way that makes it seem like a huge burden; unfortunately, it is often Christians who present it in such a way. Faith has been turned into a list of dos and don'ts, a never-ending obligation, a house full of boxes. But, this is not the faith we are taught in Scripture. While we have God-given responsibilities and standards by which we are to live, we should respond to these with joy due to the faith we have in Christ. Because we have an expectant hope for the future, we can have enjoy the life we have in Christ now. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Pastor TJ's Contact Info

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Calvin Directory Update

The church directory will be printed and distributed in mid-August.

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Connect with us!



PASTORAL CARE

Along with Pastor TJ, 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

Dwight: (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, 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.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL UPDATE

Many thanks to all who donated goods or funds to support our back-to-school packages! We collected over \$350 in donations so far! Last week we packed 80 kits! Thanks to Donna Fike, Sally Miller, Pat and Sara Headley, Dave Kearin, Sharon Keller and my neighbor Fran for working so hard to get the kits packed. -Belinda



An Open Invitation

The combined circles of **Ruth / Mary & Martha** will begin their fall series "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" on Thursday Sept. 14, at 1:30pm. Some of the people meet at the church, some on zoom, and, together we enjoy fellowship and learning. Books for study are provided free of charge by the PW and will be available before the first meeting.

Continuing onward, the group will meet monthly at 1:30pm, the second Thursday of the month. Call Marj at (952)473-7765 to let her know you plan to come. All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sunday, Sept 10**— Rally Sunday
- **Thursday September 14**—Circle restarts
- **Wednesday, Sept 27-October 3** — Rummage Sale set-up
- **October 4-7** — Rummage Sale
- **Saturday Oct 14**—PW Fall Gathering
- **Sunday Oct 15** — Pastor TJ Shirley Ordination

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!

