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September Birthdays

Sept 3	Donna Fike
Sept 4	Abi Santiago
Sept 8	Bev Fry
Sept 11	Debbie Stubbs
Sept 12	Jack Carver Scotlyn Carver
Sept 18	Lucille Rhea
Sept 19	Jack Hagan
Sept 24	Matthew Hagan
Sept 28	Kathy Boylan
Sept 29	Nancy Miller
Sept 30	Ron Miller

September Anniversaries

Sept 21	Rachel & Garrett Wenz-Marcus
Sept 26	Chelsea & Chris Rhea

Calvin Connection



September 2023

Rally Sunday is on September 10th!

Rally Sunday is an opportunity for YOU to get involved in the church! We will be having a breakfast buffet following the church service. Each session member will be stationed at a table with their respective committees. We would love for more people to be on our team so that we have more insight, ideas and collaboration!

The following committees will have tables:

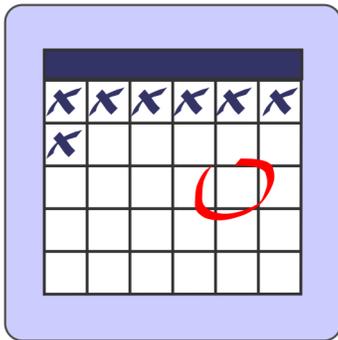
WORSHIP: The Worship Committee provides assistance to the pastor regarding the details of the worship services. This committee is seeking volunteers to help with banners and paraments, pew supplies, holiday decorations, calling for greeters, liturgists, communion servers, and ushers, communion set up and clean up, and special services. As to date, we haven't had any formal meetings, but could certainly meet with those willing to help to divide up the tasks so no one person has too much responsibility. Any help is always appreciated. If you are interested in being part of this committee, you can contact Sharon Keller (skeller763@yahoo.com).

PERSONNEL: We are seeking individuals interested in being part of the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee's objective is to find and keep good employees by harmonizing lawful employment practices with God's commandments. We meet quarterly, conduct employee reviews in the fall, set the personnel budget annually, and ensure a continuous feedback loop between employees and the congregation. Members do not have to be part of Session, but rather provide a committee report to the Clerk once a month. If you'd like to learn more about the Personnel Committee, please contact Stephanie Coe (stephcoe@yahoo.com) or Tammy Wenz (tammywenz@aol.com).

FELLOWSHIP: What I love about this committee is that its purpose is to bring the church family together! This committee is seeking volunteers to help plan events for our church, help with large events such as Palm Sunday, and ensure we have snacks for coffee fellowship hour. The committee works with the pastor, session members, and congregational members to plan and implement activities that will appeal to a wide range of church members. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Amy Feldkamp (amwenz93@gmail.com).

Community Meal

Calvin will be hosting the Community Meal on **September 21st from 5:30pm-6:30pm.** If you would like to help please sign up in the hallway or let Belinda know. We will need some volunteers to help with preparing the meal and then serving it. Borrowing from the menu of the last funeral at church, we will serve pulled pork, potato salad, coleslaw and chips and if some of the bakers at church would make some bars, we will serve those as dessert.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sunday, Sept 10**— Rally Sunday
- **Thursday September 14**—Circle restarts
- **Wednesday, Sept 27-October 2** — Rummage Sale set-up
- **October 4-7** — Rummage Sale
- **Saturday Oct 14**—PW Fall Gathering
- **Sunday Oct 15, 3:00p.m.** — Pastor TJ Shirley Ordination

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!



Adult Education

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain

In September the class will begin on Rally Day, September 10th
Each Sunday we meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00a.m.
The Lessons are on special and meaningful Psalms in the Old Testament.

Lessons will be on:

- Psalm 20—David's Song of Trust in God in the Troubles and Trials of Life
- Psalm 21—David's Song of Thanksgiving for Victory and God's Help in the Troubles and Trails of Life
- Psalm 22—A Psalm of the Crucifixion. A vivid and prophetic description of the crucifixion of Jesus
- Psalm 23—"The Lord is my Shepherd" A favorite Psalm for everyone

You are welcome to come and study God's Word with us.

VBS

Vacation Bible School with First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain was a blast! There were stories, games, crafts and dinner. Thank you to everyone that came and those that helped. The kids and adults had a great time!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Our Christian Education's mission statement is "nurturing our family of faith as devoted followers of Christ committed to learning." Our committee is looking for volunteers to help with coordinating and supporting activities such as the Christmas pageant, Sunday School, Nursery, Vacation Bible School, bible study, adult education, etc. We have a couple volunteers already, but many hands make light work! We hope to expand our committee to be more involved with the adults in the congregation by providing resources for Christian education and faith development. Please contact Amy Feldkamp if you are interested (amwenz93@gmail.com).

MISSION: "Building disciples; growing in the faith; serving in Christ's name." Calvin's Mission Committee helps provide essentials to people in need. We also hope to spread a welcoming spirit. "Community Meal" is part of that. We take turns with Trinity Lutheran and Saint George Catholic to put on the monthly gathering. Everyone in the community is invited to come in, share a meal and a visit. If interested, please contact Kate Boylan (minnesotafloidaline@gmail.com).

OUTREACH: The Outreach Committee does pretty much as our name says: We reach out to people - our neighbors, our friends, the communities around us, and those we don't know! Outreach does this in several ways: door-to-door, newspaper articles, holiday newspaper ads, and simply talking to people. If interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Kate Boylan (minnesotafloidaline@gmail.com).

BUILDING & GROUNDS: We currently aren't looking for volunteers for the BUILDING aspect of this committee. However, if you are interested in helping keep the GROUNDS in good condition, a task force could be formed! Monthly updates are appreciated so it can be reported at session meetings. Please contact Arlo Vande Vegte with interest (arlovlaw@gmail.com).

Sunday School

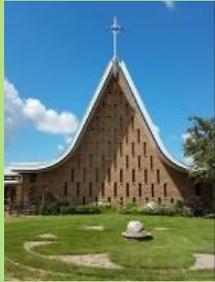
Kick-off for Sunday School is September 10th starting with the children learning about the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. Ms. Teri will be leading Sunday School following the children's message. The Children's Choir practice will also begin the same day starting at 11 am for approximately 15 minutes. (Parents will have some quiet time to enjoy their coffee after the church service!) We are looking forward to seeing all the children again!

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir will resume practice in September. Our first fall practice is Monday, September 11th at 10 am. If you read music and have interest in joining the Handbell Choir, please contact Tammy at tammywenz@aol.com or 612-384-9520. It is great fun!

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will begin again on September 6th and continue on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30a.m. at Perkins off Highway 394 by Menards. All men in the church are invited and welcome to join us for:
 A Delicious Breakfast
 Good Fellowship
 Short Devotional



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 (952) 937-6160



Flowers

We all love having **fresh flower arrangements** on the altar! If you are interested in signing up for flowers, please call Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 or email her at tammywenz@aol.com, or check the calendar in the back of the sanctuary 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 Sunday service.

P W Association

The Calvin Women's Association will be the hostesses for the Fall Gathering of PW's from the Presbytery on October 14. We are honored to offer our church as the meeting site but, will need help from all the women of the church. The Gathering will be from 9 am to 3 pm, with a morning presentation by the Rev. Anita Cummings of Stillwater. The afternoon speakers will be Dr. Carol Nelson from the Rural Health Care Initiative in Sierra Leone, Africa and Ellen Schreder from Mango Farms Community in Haiti. I would love to have some Calvin Women sign up to attend the Gathering; the cost is \$15 and includes your lunch.

We will have a sign up sheet for this event in the hallway. We need people to attend, most of all, but also need a few people to serve lunch...maybe some men of the church?

Fall Rummage Sale!

The Calvin Women's Association is pleased to announce the Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will start on October 4, 2023. This popular community event will have expanded hours. On Wednesday, October 4th, **we will be offering a Pre-Sale to the public with a \$3 entry fee** from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. We will waive the \$3 entry fee for Calvin members. On Thursday, October 5th, the sale will be open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with all treasures sold at full price. Then on Friday, October 6th, the hours will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with all items half price, and Saturday, October 7th, from 9:00 to Noon, it will be "bag day" with all you can fit into a bag for a flat fee of \$5.00. Proceeds from this sale go to a variety of mission projects of the church, including Interfaith Outreach, Westonka Food Shelf, WeCAN, Delano Helping Hands, Feed My Starving Children, Missions Inc/Home Free and Salvation Army Disaster Relief.

Church members can start bringing rummage on Wednesday, September 27th, through Monday, October 2nd, from 9 am - noon. Bake sale items will be accepted on Monday & Tuesday, October 2nd & 3rd, from 9 am-noon.

This year, we already have a garage full of treasures, so volunteers will be needed for set-up starting on Monday, September 25th - October 2nd (9 am - noon) for organizing & pricing. October 4th - October 7th, we need volunteers to work the sale, and finally, clean-up on Saturday, October 7th starting at Noon. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Hall in September. Call Tammy at 612-384-9520 with any questions, or to find out more about volunteer opportunities.