

# CALVIN CONNECTION



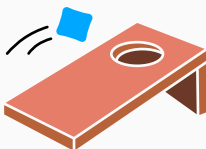
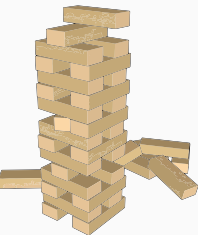
On May 18, we will celebrate the talents of our congregation on Music Sunday. We invite everyone, of whatever ability and talent level, to share your gifts with us through solos and small ensembles. If you would like to participate, please speak with Pastor TJ.

## BLOCK PARTY

Save the date for a neighborhood block party to be held at Calvin on Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm (rain date Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm).

We will be serving dinner and hosting yard games.

Look for ways you can sign up to help in the gathering hall. We are hoping church members will let us borrow various yard games and equipment as well as contribute to the food items for dinner.



- May 1 Vanessa Gagner
- May 3 Jeff Brown
- May 4 Cheryl Pelkey
- 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

### Volunteers

LITURGISTS	FELLOWSHIP
4TH - VAL HAGAN	4TH - HAGAN
11TH - JAY GAGNER	11TH - GAGNERS
18TH - JOEL SETTLES	18TH - WENZ
25TH - OPEN	25TH - OPEN



# Botswana & Zimbabwe: A Trip with Purpose

JEFF & MARTHA BROWN

In early March, we were fortunate enough to take a trip to Botswana and Zimbabwe . We, first , would like to give a huge THANKS to Belinda Breit for her generous gift of 40 book bags. Our group of six, purchased school supplies for the bags and then distributed the bags to some very excited kiddos in second grade at the Chisuma Primary School, Tshuma Village, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. We were greeted with songs of welcome and cheers of excitement as we entered the school grounds...so much fun!! Our day went in to include bead /jewelry crafts ( 1st & 2nd grades) , science experiments (3rd & 4th grades) and beanbag relay races...all grades. The day culminated with a soccer tournament: 14-21 yr. olds. The teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd and 3rd were awarded uniforms procured by Kim King from Orono Schools. What a fun and memorable service day!

Below are some pictures from our day.



Proud of our results!



Waiting for the suitcase to open and reveal the new school book bags.



Showing off our beautiful jewelry.



Packing supplies into the new school bags.



# MN Foodshare Recap



During the month of March, we participated in Minnesota Foodshare Month. We collected both monetary funds and nonperishable foods to donate to the local food shelves. Calvin collected 90lbs of food and \$2122 in donations, which surpassed our 2023, giving by \$1400. There are matching grants available to the food shelves during the Minnesota Foodshare Month which doubled our \$2122 into \$4,244. Then, the food shelves partner with other organizations such as food companies (like Second Harvest), restaurants, and grocery stores, and because of this, they can buy approximately \$9 worth of food for every \$1 donated. Therefore, our collection will provide the food shelves with approximately \$38,196 worth of food!! This year, we split our monetary donations between the Westonka Food Shelf and the Delano Food Shelf. Our nonperishable food was all donated to the Delano Food Shelf. As a finale to our Foodshare Campaign, the congregation gathered during coffee hour and assembled 200 sandwiches which were donated to the Salvation Army Harbor Lights Center in Minneapolis. Thank you to Cheryl and Tom Pelkey who weighed and dropped off all the nonperishable food and the monetary checks, and thank you to Belinda Breit for helping drop off all the sandwiches.



## Adult Education Class

PREPARED AND LED BY REV. DWIGHT R. CHAMBERLAIN



The Adult Education Class meets each Sunday in the fellowship hall at 9:00am.

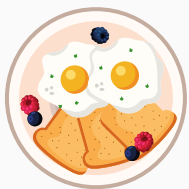
We continue to have one lesson on each phrase in the 23rd Psalm.

The phrases for May are:

- May 4 - "You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over."
- May 11 - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."
- May 18 - "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

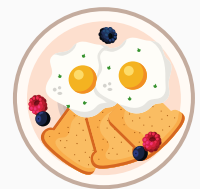
Each class opens and closes with a video of a song appropriate for the lesson.

Beginning May 25, Adult Education will take a break for the summer.



## Men's Breakfast

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH AT 8:30AM



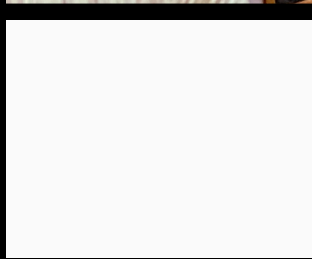
We meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

We meet at Perkins off Highway 394 by Menards.

All men of the church are invited and welcome to join us for:  
A delicious breakfast, good fellowship, and a short devotional and prayer.



# Children's News







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rummage Sale 9am-6pm	2 Rummage Sale 9am-3pm ½ Price Day	3 Rummage Sale 9am-Noon Bag Day
4  9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Fellowship	5	6  3-5pm SPARKS	7  8:30am Men's Breakfast	8  1:30pm Circle  3-5pm SPARKS	9	10
11  9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Brunch	12	13  3-5pm SPARKS  7pm Session	14	15  3-5pm SPARKS	16	17
18 - Music Sunday 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Fellowship	19	20	21	22  5:30pm Community Meal	23	24
25 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Fellowship	26	27	28	29	30	31