

CALVIN CONNECTION

Official Newsletter of Calvin Presbyterian Church

February 2026



Parents, make your dinner reservations now so you can enjoy a nice Valentine's Day dinner with your sweetheart.

We will feed your children a simple supper and provide fun crafts and games to keep them busy until you return.

Saturday, February 14th,

5-8 PM. \$5 per child.

Children must be potty trained.

Volunteers

Liturgists

1st - OPEN

8th - Joel Settles

15th - OPEN

22rd - OPEN

29th - OPEN

Fellowship

1st - OPEN

8th - Brown

15th - Pie Sunday

22rd - Bowman

29th - OPEN

Happy Birthday

Feb. 2 Henry Funk

Feb. 3 Bob Hagan

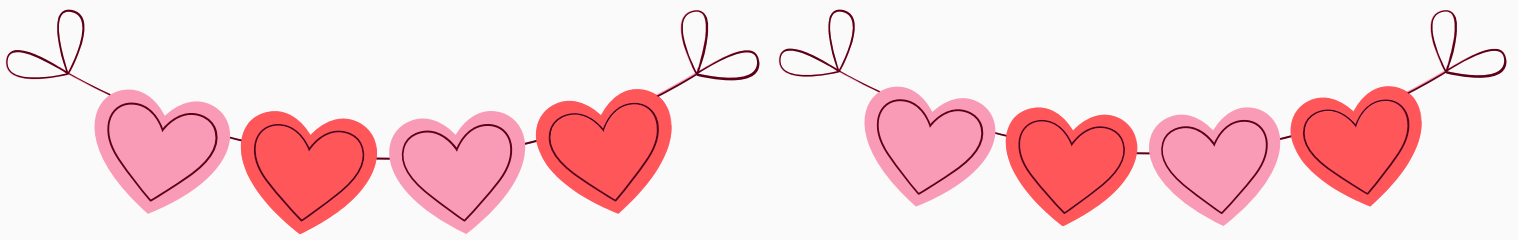
Feb. 3 Judy Rogosheske

Feb. 4 Dwight Chamberlain

Feb. 12 Sharon Corl

Feb. 23 Joyce Anderson

Feb. 28 Belinda Breit



Journeying Together: Lenten Soup & Spirit

This Lenten season, we are slowing down and opening our doors (and our hearts) to our neighbors. We are thrilled to announce a special collaborative Lenten series with our friends at First Presbyterian Church Maple Plain.

Lent is a season for reflection, community, and preparation. What better way to prepare than by sharing a warm meal and a quiet moment of worship?

Wednesday Evenings: Food for the Body and Soul

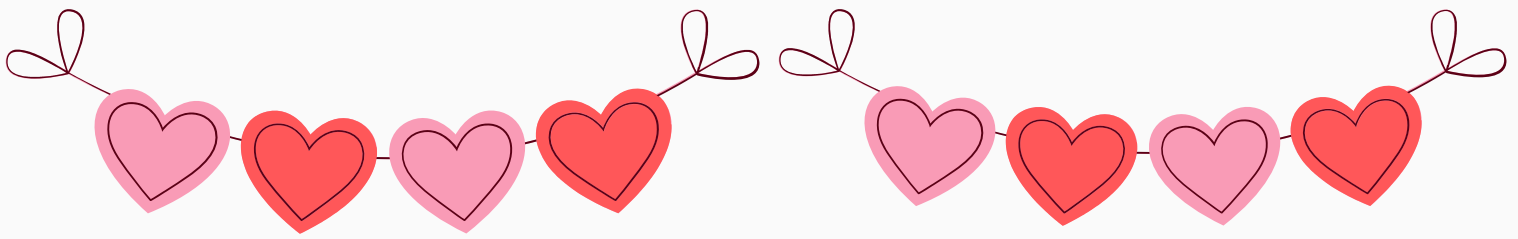
Every Wednesday during Lent, we invite you to join us for a simple, nourishing evening:

- 6:00 PM: Soup Supper (A time for fellowship and warm bowls)
- 6:30 PM: Lenten Service

Where to Find Us

To symbolize our shared journey, we will be alternating locations throughout the season. Please take note of the schedule to ensure you're headed to the right sanctuary:

Date	Occasion	Location
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday	Calvin Presbyterian
Wednesdays	Lenten Services	Alternating (Check weekly bulletin)
April 2	Munday Thursday	Calvin Presbyterian
April 3	Good Friday	First Presbyterian Church Maple Plain



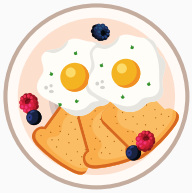
ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

LED BY REV. DWIGHT R. CHAMBERLAIN

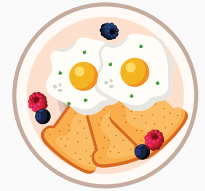
The Adult Education Class will meet each Sunday in February at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

In February the Bible lessons will continue on Psalm 100. Each class opens and closes with an inspiring video of a song appropriate for the lesson.

everyone is invited and welcome to come.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 8:30AM

Men's Breakfast meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

We will continue to meet at the Original Pancake House at the corner of County Rd 6 & 101 in Plymouth.

All men of the church are invited and welcome to join us for:

A delicious breakfast, good fellowship, and a short devotional and prayer.





PW News

The Calvin Women's Association is pleased to announce the Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will run from May 6th – May 9th. Church members may bring rummage starting Thursday, April 30th through Sunday, May 3rd. Baked goods will be accepted Monday & Tuesday, May 4th & 5th.

Volunteers will be needed for organizing, pricing & working at the sale Thursday, April 30th – Saturday, May 9th, with clean-up on May 9th starting at Noon. Call Tammy at 612-384-9520 with any questions or to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Note: We can not accept electronics or large items unless you make special arrangements to pick up the item on Saturday, May 9th if it has not sold.



PW Pie Day is coming soon. The PW co-ordinating team is planning a special treat for everyone during coffee hour on Feb. 15, 2026. Our team, and anyone else who would like to bake, will be bringing pies for your enjoyment. The event is a fundraiser for our group to fulfill our pledge to our PW Mission team at the national level; therefore we hope you will help us by donating generously. There will be many pies and you may try as many as you would like. We will also have take-home containers for you to enjoy a slice later in the day. Any questions; ask Belinda Breit.

Letter from Jon Lyman

On January 18th, I memorialized the Torberg family with altar flowers. You may be wondering who the Torbergs were? They were my first lineage of relatives. My Aunt Chuckie would sometimes join me here at Calvin over the years.

I am Jon R. Lyman (nicknamed Lefty). Growing up my entire life on the North Shore of Long Lake, my sister and I grew up very close with our first cousins, the Torbergs. My mother Joyce and Virginia Torberg (Chuckie) were sisters and when we were young, we did everything together – picnics, swimming, birthday parties, etc.



Many years ago, the Torberg's bought an old creamery building south of Maple Plain in Lyndale. Then, Bernie and the sons refurbished the building and turned it into a wood shop on the lower level, a store in the front, a soap making operation upstairs, and a living arrangement throughout the building. Bernie was very talented. The creamery in Lyndale became very popular. Most people knew that that's where the woodcarvers lived and that's where the homemade soap maker lived. Their gift shop was open mostly every day! My Aunt Chuckie made and sold homemade soap. She did this for many years and even had a small storefront shop in downtown Long Lake, on the northwest corner of the signal light crossing in the footprint of the old Buckhorn restaurant and gaming facility. Her homemade North Country Soap became popular – she was selling it all over the world and was one of the very first to have a website. (I know because I created it for her in the early 1990s using AOL! Ugh!)

Every year you could find Chuckie at the west end of the Minnesota State Fair in Heritage Square in her North Country Soap booth selling her soaps, even in her later years when she had lost her eyesight! She trusted her customers to make the proper change to their transactions! What an angel she was!



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My uncle Bernie was a master model maker, craftsman, and woodcarver and that fine talent followed down in all four sons: Steve, Rick, Pete, and Nork. Steve, who is the surviving son, ran the boat repair shop at Grays Bay Marina for many years with brother, Rick. Today, Steve is retired and living in Wayzata. The other three have since passed, thus my remembrance.

The talent that the Torberg's had when it came to turning a piece of wood into a thing of beauty was just amazing! I remember my uncle Bernie holding up an old log when we were at the cabin and saying to me, "an you hear him?" When I asked, "Hear who?," he would say to me, "The old sailor trying to get out," as he turned the log within his hands and started carving and whittling. And then, later that evening, there he was, the old sailor captain! Bernie had released him from that log! It was magical!



My uncle Bernie, while starting as a model maker, turned most of his talents and time into carving. He even invented/created a carving machine that would rough-cut about 10 carvings at a time. This machine became very essential due to the demand at the Minnesota State Fair each year since he also had a spot in Heritage Square. The Country Woodcraft (Norwegian) wagon would be the first thing a person would see after they climbed the steps into Heritage Square, where many trolls and santas would come face to face with the fairgoers. As I mentioned, the sons all had that same wood carving talent. Pete would carve beautiful reliefs out of a slab of a log. This raccoon is one Pete gave me.



After Bernie, Rick, and Pete had passed, Nork (Dan Torberg) continued the carving business for many years, calling it Torberg Wood Sculpture. He even kept the wagon going in Heritage Square on the state fairgrounds, keeping up with the demand for trolls, sea captains, santas and any custom carving a person could describe or desire.



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One such project that he and his brothers worked on, that most of the people traveling around Wayzata and Long Lake will remember, is the Wizard of Wayzata. The Wizard of Wayzata stood many years on the edge of old highway 12 on the west end of Wayzata. The homeowner asked the Torbergs to carve it from a tree that stood on their property. From that point on, the Wizard of Wayzata started welcoming everyone as they drove in from the west. For many years, the Wiz was in his natural beauty. However, as he aged and the tree decayed, he was then repaired and painted. I remember one time that the “hat” alone needed some work, so it was brought back to the shop. After the work was done, I happened to be visiting that day, and helped load his 200+ pound hat onto the back of the pickup to return it to its location on the wizard's head. So, I can actually say, I worked on the Wiz of Wayzata briefly – very briefly.

And that is the story of who the Torbergs are, how I am related to them, and why I memorialized them at the altar. It was always fun getting together with the Torbergs. They were all fun and beautiful people!



PS: There was an eight-year period where I would fill in at Her... would show up after my day job and take over on the wagon, acting as a carver, and covering the essential duties of selling, of cleaning up, and of closing down each night. This would allow Nork a chance to head home to renew his energy and reload for the next days' business. And after 8 years I did manage to carve one item ...
A BEAVER!

Respectfully Signed,
Jon R. Lyman



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Communion Sunday School 11am Fellowship	2	3 3-5pm SPARKS	4 8:30sam Men's Breakfast	5 3-5pm SPARKS	6	7
8 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Fellowship	9	10 3-5pm SPARKS	11	12 1:30pm Circle 3-5pm SPARKS	13	14 5-8pm Parent's Night Out
15 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Fellowship Pie Sunday	16	17 3-5pm SPARKS	18 6pm Ash Wednesday Soup supper and Worship	18 3-5pm SPARKS	20	21
22 9am Adult Ed 10am Worship Sunday School 11am Fellowship	23	24 3-5pm SPARKS	25	26 3-5pm SPARKS	27	28