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# CALVIN CONNECTION

## Your connection to the Calvin Church Community

### February

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast @ Jim's  
(8:30 a.m.)

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion  
(11:00 a.m.)

Election of new  
elders (after  
worship)

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** Valentines' coffee  
break (1:00 p.m.)

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Congregational  
pot-luck dinner  
(5:30 p.m.)

Annual Meeting  
(6:30 p.m.)

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** Edlers' ordination  
(11:00 a.m.)

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** Ladies Fellowship  
Bake Auction  
(2:00 p.m.)

College & Career  
Group (7:00 p.m.)

We're somewhere in the time between Christmas and Lent, counting off the numbered (or 'ordinal-ed') days between two of the high holy seasons in the life of the church...hence why we call this 'Ordinary Time'. However, in this sometimes lull in church life, we are called to reflect upon the life of Christ, and upon the ministry entrusted to us as His disciples. Here's just a little of what's going on at Calvin in this time:

### Election of New Elders

This Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, the election of new elders will be held immediately following the service of worship. As per term eldership requirements, 1/3 of the Session is renewed every 2 years. This year the congregation is asked to elect **5** new elders to serve on the Session as part of Calvin's leadership team. Those 5, are to be elected from amongst the following **6 nominees**: Paul Boese, George Roberts, Barry Fraser, Carol Whitlock, Sharon Marshall, & Cathy MacKay.

We ask you prayerfully consider the nominees, and to take part in the election process, as the work of the Session is essential to the life and ministry of Calvin Church. Those elected will be ordained on Sun. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

This year's A.G.M will be held on Sat. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m., and business beginning at 6:30 p.m. Annual reports are now available on the table immediately outside the sanctuary. (Please report any necessary corrections, or omissions to the office in advance of the meeting).

The Session has asked to have time set aside at this year's meeting to discuss ideas regarding the PAR (pre-authorized Remittance) plan, and the future of our ministry to youth and young families in light of the outreach worker's position being vacated. Please make plans to attend!

## Breakfast @ Jim's

You are invited to join us for this monthly tradition of getting together for breakfast at Jim's restaurant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the every month.

So make plans to join for breakfast on:

Sat. Feb 11<sup>th</sup>  
&  
Sat. Mar 11<sup>th</sup>

@ 8:30 a.m.

at Jim's restaurant  
(243 Bedford Highway,  
Halifax)

Everyone is invited to come enjoy good food, and great fellowship.

## Ladies Fellowship Annual Bake Auction

The Ladies Fellowship Group is holding their Annual Bake Auction on Saturday, February 25. Here is a chance to show your friends what a good baker you are! There will be a special section for our young people.

The categories are muffins, bread, loaves, cookies, squares, cakes and cheesecakes. Enter as many recipes as you like in as many categories as you like or enter just one recipe. The cost for each entry is \$1.00. Please take your entry/entries to the church that Saturday between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Entries will be registered and judged. Come back to the church at 2:00pm and bring your friends. The first and second prize-winning entries in each category will be auctioned. Following the auction, tea and coffee will be served and you may sample as many as you like from a buffet of delectable entries.

If you entered an item, the buffet is free. If you have not entered an item, the cost for the buffet is \$4.00 per person.

The entries are from Calvin Church but the buffet is open to everyone. If you have not been to our Bake Auction before, come along and have an enjoyable afternoon.

(\*Please note that because of the nature of this event, foods may contain nuts and nut products.)

## Bible Study Returns

Doctrine, dogmas, creeds, and confessions...what are they? And what do they matter? They're how the church expressed its beliefs, and you're invited to this 6-part bible study entitled, "Dealing with Doctrines...(and why they matter)", to explore some of the church's most basic...and some of its most challenging...beliefs.

The study begin Thursday Mar. 2nd, with sessions at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. Everyone is invited to come! Dates and topics are as follows:

**Thurs. Mar. 2nd** – *Creeds, Confessions, Doctrines, & Dogmas*

We'll take a look at what these words mean, why we use them, where they came from, and why they matter. We'll explore the basis of how the Christian church expresses its most basic biblical beliefs.

## Family Worship

Families of Calvin Church, are invited to join a group of families already meeting for an evening of dinner, discussion & discipleship (the 3D's)

**Sat. Mar. 4th**  
**from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
 (6:15 at the latest)  
 at the church.

Pizza will be provided for dinner, followed by a brief informal time of family friendly worship.

After worship, we'll break down into different age groups, for various age appropriate activities and discussion topics.

It's an informal, laid back, come as you are kind of thing. But It's also a great way to learn about our faith, while meeting other families in the process.

Come, and let's encounter God together in our midst

If you're interested in coming, please RSVP to [calvinhalifax@bellaliant.com](mailto:calvinhalifax@bellaliant.com) prior to Thurs. Mar. 2nd. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call on my cell phone at 902.402.6747.

Hope to see to then!

### **Thurs. Mar. 9th – *The Doctrine of Creation***

What does the church believe about the nature of creation – both the world's, and our own? And how does it impact our understanding of God, ourselves, and others?

### **Thurs. Mar. 16th – *The Doctrine of the Trinity***

We'll take a look at how we understand, experience, and encounter God? We'll also give some thought to how God engages and seeks to interact with us.

### **Thurs. Mar. 23rd – *The Doctrine of Virgin Birth***

We'll take a look at what the Bible actually have say about it...and about why it matters.

### **Thurs. Mar. 30th – *The Doctrines of Sin & Salvation***

We'll take a look at understanding sin, the idea of original sin, and our human need for salvation.

### **Thurs. Apr. 6th – *The Doctrine of Predestination***

We'll take a look at perhaps one of the most perplexing and often misunderstood doctrines, the nature of what we call 'free will', and how we can know for sure out eternal destiny.

## World Day of Prayer Service

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax Metro: will celebrate the 2017 World Day of Prayer with a service being held at 2:00 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 3rd (storm date March 10th) at Fairview United Church, 3524 Dutch Village Road, Halifax. The service this year is written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines with the theme "Am I Being Unfair To You?". The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather on this day to learn about, pray for, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of The Philippines through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family. A reception will follow the service. All Are Welcome!



just a friendly reminder...

**Volunteers needed:**

Volunteers are needed to record the offering that is received each Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers for Sundays in the rest of Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., etc.

On a monthly basis, a half hour of your volunteer time would be appreciated. Thank you.

**Contribute Your News:**

Help keep people informed. Share your faith story, an experience of God's, or your groups plans and activities with the congregation!



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The Calvin Connection is a publication of Calvin Presbyterian Church aimed at keeping the community informed of events in and around the life of the church.

All ministry teams within the congregation are encouraged to submit information for publication, and those groups or individuals wishing to contribute are encourage to have submissions into the office via email no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, **encourage** one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:11