

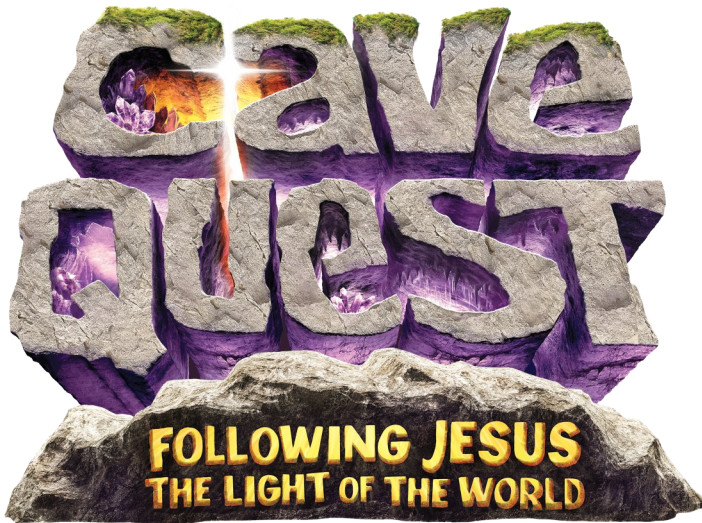


Calvin Presbyterian Church

# The Courier

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## Vacation Bible School

August 8-12, 9-noon

Talk to Mindy Aithwaite  
to volunteer.

Register at  
[calvin-church.org](http://calvin-church.org)



## Pioneer Club and Youth Group Celebrate a Successful Year

Families joined us for a potluck meal and kids were able to pick prizes for their attendance throughout the year. The youth group reflected on their year of service alongside the younger children, and learning about missions, social justice, prayer, studying scripture, sacraments and the church calendar, and worship. They made thank you notes for all the speakers who shared their expertise with them this year.



## Women's Summer Coffee Mornings

Tuesday, July 26

10 a.m. @ Kim Oxsen's

Tuesday, August 23

10 a.m. @ Lorraine  
Garrison's

All women are invited to join this time of fellowship. Bring a coffee mug and a friend and enjoy a morning together.



# Update from Pastor Craig

By Craig Kulonis

My role at Calvin is taking on a new look. Many of you already know that I have been a part-time chaplain at the Corvallis Manor for eight years and have seen God work through my life in this role. At Calvin in the 10 years of being on staff, my heart has greatly gravitated to reaching out on a regular basis to the homebound folks and seniors. Serving the Lord as a chaplain has been confirmed to me over and over through others that know me well.

In light of this, the Session at Calvin has offered me the position of being a part-time chaplain at Calvin. I have accepted their offer and look forward to this new season.

The ministry of chaplaincy here at Calvin will hopefully take shape in the next couple of months. Initially, my hope is to visit the homebound folks two times a month and active seniors one time a month. The express desire in my visits is to bring comfort and encouragement to this group within

our body of believers. I would also help each senior reflect on what God still has for them in this particular season of life. A typical visit would include listening to the person on how they are doing, reading Scripture and praying. My heart's desire as I visit people is to leave the person(s) with a real sense that Jesus has ministered his love to them. Contact me at [craig@calvin-church.org](mailto:craig@calvin-church.org) or the church office if you have questions or want to arrange a time to meet.

# Mid-Year Financial Update

By Janet Magedanz, Elder & Trustee of Finances

I'm pleased to tell you that our year-to-date (6 month) giving is close to following 1/2 of our annual budget. Our total budget is \$257,000 and our year-to-date actual giving is \$123,317. Our church budget is not all that dissimilar from your home budget in that many of our expenses run about the same amount every month. However, there are other expenses, such as repairs and maintenance, that can be a surprise – both good and bad.

once Sprick Roofing begins tearing off old roofing they will find a fair amount of rot, which will increase the cost.

That being said, it is important that we begin rebuilding our reserves for the next "surprise." We have a restricted account for repairs and maintenance and we encourage you to consider providing special giving for this account. On the back of your giving envelope is a line entitled "Other." If you write in "repairs and maintenance" or "building fund," the amount you give will be set aside for that purpose, meaning the gift will not be part of the budget and should be given in addition to your regular giving.

The large expense that will be incurred this year is to replace the roof on the flat surfaces (not the sanctuary) of the building (see update, p. 4). Fortunately, we have reserves that have been set aside for such a "surprise" but the roof will cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The reason for the range is because there is a strong suspicion that

If you have any questions about the budget, please feel free to contact me. If you have questions about items related to the building, Mel McCracken is the best person to contact.

# Summer Sunday School Proverbs

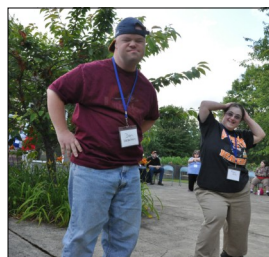
Our Sunday School series on Proverbs continues. Come join in any Sunday as we explore themes from Proverbs such as community, righteousness, wealth and wisdom. Each week stands alone, so if you miss a week you will not be lost. We meet on the patio, weather permitting, or in Olleman Hall D.

**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR**   
*{proverbs 3:5}*

# Vacation Church Workshop

*"People look at the outside of a person but the Lord looks at the heart."*

This verse from 1 Samuel was the theme of this year's VCW. About 50 attendees and volunteers enjoyed this annual week of Bible learning, games, music and dancing on the patio at Calvin in June.



# Calvin Members teaching English Camp in Latvia for 3rd Year



By Paula Hewitt, BBI missionary

Kids in Latvia want to learn (or improve) their English. This year

Aaron and Callie Newton, Skip and Laura Rung, and Marc, Carol and Katie Andresen will join me for camp in Madona, June 25-29. Our group of teachers will divide the students into beginning, intermediate and advanced. Our material this year will be based on the Veggie Tales series, which will give lots of opportunity for speaking – retelling the tales, etc. We expect

between 30 and 40 kids. Much of the spiritual input will come from the Latvian director, Diks, and his staff. It's our joy to develop relationships with these students and perhaps keep up with them in the future.

We appreciate your prayers:

- For safe travel there July 20 & 21; home August 2 & 3
- That our materials will be helpful for teaching English and scripture
- That the kids who come will understand their teachers
- For the younger kids to feel secure enough to speak during classes

- For Diks and the translators (16-18 year-olds connected with the Baptist church in Madona)
- For the New Hope Latvia team: Tim, Nathan, Tallis & Laurel, who help out running games & crafts
- For opportunities to meet up with old friends we have known for a long time



## Calvin Women's Retreat What a Friend We Have in Jesus

In late May more than 30 Calvin women gathered for a weekend of fellowship. The theme of the retreat was friendship; friendship with each other and with Jesus. Linda Lawrence told stories about how her relationship with Christ has shaped her friendships. During two breakout sessions, one focused prayer time, morning worship and meals together women got to know each other and strengthened bonds. Thank you to all who attended and worked hard to make the retreat possible. With your continued support this will become an annual event, which will bless and strengthen the body of the church.



# Calvin Roof Update

By Mel McCracken, Elder & Trustee

Replacement of the roofing on the low-slope roof portion of the building is scheduled to be completed later this summer. During the process of approving this work, Session also considered what should be done about the steeple, which has leaked since it was installed a number of years ago. The investigation into the source of steeple leaks revealed that portions of the steeple are experiencing decay (see photo) that will ultimately require replacement or removal. Therefore, we will be removing the steeple from the building as part of the roof repairs this summer. The steeple, with the cross raised above our building, was installed to proclaim to our community that Jesus is King, so the decision to take it down is sad in some respects. However, Session has made a conscious decision to invest more of our time and resources in the people of Calvin,



rather than the building, that you may be equipped and encouraged to proclaim 'Jesus is King' as you move throughout our community.

# Paula's Village



Paula Hewitt recently sent this picture of Sandymount, the village where she is now living in Ireland. She requests prayer for an extension of her Permit to Stay, which is currently good through October.

# Calvin Cookbook Update



The cookbook is currently being copyedited and will be finished and printed soon. Unveiling in August may include a launch party! Donations to cover the cost are appreciated and can be given to Callie Newton or dropped off in the church office.

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### Sundays at Calvin

8:30 Prayer in the Prayer Room  
9 a.m. Proverbs on the Patio  
10 a.m. Worship