



## Kitchen Remodel Begins This Month

By Janet Magedanz

Our existing kitchen is in desperate need of upgrading, and Session agreed that it was time to take on the project with the restriction that we couldn't spend more than \$150,000. In August, we signed a contract with Henderer Design+Build, a long-time contractor in the area with an exemplary reputation. The contract is for \$133,505, including estimates for demolition and painting. Our intent is that Calvin people will perform those two tasks, thus reducing the last payment to Henderer. Aaron Newton is heading up the demolition on September 14.

Completion is scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving, and we hope to celebrate that by celebrating Thanksgiving using the new kitchen.

Some highlights of the remodeling:

- Two new kitchen stoves each with two ovens.
- Two refrigerators.
- The wall between the kitchen and sanctuary will be moved toward the sanctuary slightly less than three feet. This will allow space for a 7'6" island to provide much needed prep space.
- Electric capability will be greatly increased.
- The countertops will be Formica and the cabinets will be faced with Formica. This will prevent the need for refinishing and the cabinets will be much more resistant to normal wear and tear.
- The lighting will be enhanced.
- The window between the kitchen and sanctuary will be completely redesigned.

- New windows over the kitchen sink.
- We have begun discussion about installing some sound absorbing panels in the back of the sanctuary.

The Lord has blessed us financially. We have sufficient cash reserves to pay the entire balance to Henderer. That being said, once the project is finished, our reserves will be substantially reduced. If you are able, you have two alternatives: (1) make a contribution right away for the kitchen or (2) begin making contributions over the next weeks, months, and years to re-establish our reserve balance so that we will be financially ready for the next big project that will undoubtedly come up in the future.

To God be the Glory!!

## Small Groups & Sunday School

By Andy Van Arsdel

If you are new to Calvin or just looking for a chance to get to know more people here, small groups and Sunday school are a great way of doing so!

Small groups meet throughout the week in people's homes or at church. Some meet in the morning, and others meet in the afternoon or evening. Though none of them are quite the same, many begin with a meal, study a passage from the Bible or a Christian book, and end in prayer. God made us for community and to be formed in his image through the renewing of our minds, and small groups are a great way of engaging these goals.

Sunday school meets Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in Olleman Hall. The discussion revolves around the sermon text for that morning, giving those who come an opportunity to learn more about the background of the passage before it is preached by Zach or Andy. This class is open to everyone and all levels of biblical knowledge. If you would like to know more about the Bible or how to study it, this class is for you!

If you have any questions about what groups are currently meeting or how to join one, you can reach out to Andy at [andy@calvin-church.org](mailto:andy@calvin-church.org).

## Calvin Family Nights

By Vanessa Washburn

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family Night is for everyone at Calvin and beyond. We'll share a meal, enjoy worship and a brief message, and do a large group activity. This is our time to get to know one another better and build our skills as brothers, sisters, and neighbors. Flyers to share with friends and neighbors are on the entry table.

### Fall Dates

Oct. 13: taco bar, costume parade, and game night  
Nov. 10: pizza and minute-to-win-it  
Dec. 8: soup, cookie swap, advent stations and crafts

# Van Arsdel Update

By Andy Van Arsdel

When Lauren and I came to Calvin almost two years ago, we knew that my residency would only last for a period of time, and would culminate with me being ordained as an EPC pastor and a call to a different church. Working through the ordination process is going well, though I still have a long way to go.

However, a job opened up at an EPC church in Littleton, Colorado, called GracePoint Community Church, to which I applied. They liked my application and my initial interview over Skype went well, so I am going to visit the church for an in-person interview and a chance to preach in worship on the weekend of September 13-15.

If I were to get this job it would end our time with Calvin sooner than expected, which is painful to even think about.

Calvin has been a true home for us, and we have so appreciate how everyone has loved and welcomed the two of us and, in particular, our daughter Elodie. But I have to think about the future, and there is much about GracePoint that reminds me of Calvin and much about the job that seems like it might be a good fit. If I'm not offered the job (which is a real possibility), you probably won't hear any more from me about it. However if I am offered the job and decide to accept, I will of course let the congregation know of our plans and timetable as it forms.

In the meantime, please pray for us. We spent about a year and a half in the uncertain world of applying to jobs before coming to Calvin, and don't relish the idea of stepping back into the emotional ups and downs of the application process. Pray that we would be content with God's will, whatever it may be.

# International Students at OSU

By Andy Van Arsdel

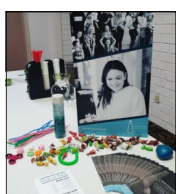
In his incredible sovereignty, God works in various ways to draw people to himself. In particular, he has seen fit to send thousands of students from around the world right here to Corvallis and Oregon State University. This has opened up a door for friendship and evangelism with students from countries ranging from China to Saudi Arabia to India and Argentina. There are a number of programs through OSU and private organizations that facilitate making connections between members of the Corvallis/Albany community and international students. If this sounds like a mission you might be interested in, contact Andy at [andy@calvin-church.org](mailto:andy@calvin-church.org) for more information.

## Missions Updates & Opportunities

**Latvia Summer Mission Team Report Sunday, September 15, 11:30 a.m.**  
Come hear from this year's team about English Camp in Madona. Olleman A/B.

**Missionary Support Group Sunday, September 22, 11:30 a.m.**  
Bring a lunch and join us in the library as we encourage one another in sharing Jesus' love with our brothers, sisters, and neighbors.

**Chaplain Dean Aithwaite Update Sunday, September 29, 11:30 a.m.**  
Join Dean in Olleman A/B after worship to hear about Willamette Valley First Responders.



*Amanda Banister shared at Calvin about Lighthouse Transitional Care in Latvia last month.*

## Summer Picnics in the Park



In July and August Calvin folks and friends and neighbors enjoyed picnic dinners, face painting, games, and ice cream or popsicles by the

Community Garden. In July some of the Girl Scouts from the 5 troops that meet at Calvin joined us and presented us with an *Outstanding Community Supporter* certificate.



## Calvin Youth Group

First meeting Wednesday, September 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All middle and high school students are welcome. Come enjoy dinner as we plan out the year, which will likely include the Alpha course. Talk to Vanessa Washburn for more information.

## Membership Classes

An introductory class about membership at Calvin and in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be held in our library on Saturday, September 14, 9-noon, or Tuesday, September 17, 6-9 p.m. Current and prospective members are welcome to attend one of these informative meetings led by Pastor Zach.