When you were a child, did you ever wonder what you wanted to be when you grew up? Perhaps you wanted to be a teacher, a doctor, a fireman, or other recognized vocation. I suspect most of us have changed our mind not only during our youth, but throughout our entire life. Isn’t it interesting in hindsight how it all turned out, knowing that God knew all this way before we thought about career choices. Did any of you have any regrets of how your life turned out? I suspect most of us had no clue what we were getting into when we were young.

College students tell me that they are frequently asked, “So, what do you want to do when you graduate from college?” Many of us likely asked our grandchildren similar questions, or something like, “what is your major?” . . . which indirectly gives us insight into their thinking. College students tell me that they really didn’t know what they want to do, let alone what their major should be. To get adults off their backs, they’ll make something up which stops the awkward discussion. For example, if a student were to say, “I’m not sure what to do”, we are quick with advice such as . . .”you ought to major in . . .”, or “you ought to consider . . ., etc.” Sound familiar?

I had no idea I’d be involved in accounting, finance and investments, measurement and numbers. My career path likely started in my childhood as I observed my father. He was a factory worker who depended on hours worked to measure what pay he had coming. Our family raised 25 - 50 chickens at a time (in the city, mind you), for eggs and Sunday dinners. And finally, our family was blessed with 200 lineal feet of raspberry bushes (picking, maintenance and warding off mosquitoes mitigated the effects of the blessings, however.) On a World Missions calendar, which hung on a nail above a furnace register, my father daily recorded hours worked, eggs gathered, and quarts picked. (Later in life he admitted he never really did anything with the numbers—he just recorded them). I think his motivation to do this was that God gave him blessings, and he wanted in his own small way to record them on paper to remind him that all of these gifts came from God, and that he was merely trying to be a good steward of them. Record keeping was essential, he thought, because he knew that the Bible itself contains lots of numbers and measurements. (e.g., 40 days, 7 days, 12 apostles, 5 loaves, 2 fish, 3,000 souls saved at Pentecost, 10, 5 and 1 talent(s), etc.)

I hope this helps explain why I like to measure and publish CALL results, e.g., memberships, number of classes offered, number of course registrations, etc. Securing large numbers is not the goal of CALL, but measurement is a way to remind all of us that God has blessed our organization with incredible talents, members, support, interest and staff—and growing numbers remind us to be good stewards of these blessings.

Let’s have another great year together!

Ray Vander Weele
President

Registration Still Open for Spring CALL Courses

5. Don Quijote 28. Galapagos Islands 40. Young Adult Literature
11. Germany’s Roaring 20s 30. Late Medieval Art 42. Faith and Science
12. FFW course 32. Affordable Care Act 43. Genetic Manipulation
19. St Matthew Passion 34. Data Management 48. Nazi Germany
20. Sustainable Food System 36. Cooking Up Memories 49. Floods & Storm Surges
26. Deep History 38. Food & Health

Online Registrations

Many CALL members choose to register online at the CALL web site, www.calvin.edu/CALL. We’re glad this feature works well for some of you.

Tip: Favor the mouse or the tab key when filling out the form, as the enter key sometimes submits a form prematurely. Anticipate receiving an immediate confirmation for your credit card transaction.

Receiving registrations and your check through the mail also works well. When possible, we confirm receipt of your check by email. For those who do not use email, we confirm receipt of your check with a postcard. Keep communicating with us! Please keep us updated with any address changes.
Saturday, March 1, 2014

“STAND and DELIVER”

CALL members and their friends are invited to lunch and the Master Arts Theater presentation of the award winning play, “Stand and Deliver.” This Oscar-nominated drama is the compelling story of a dedicated East Los Angeles teacher who surmounts overwhelming odds in his quest to turn inner-city students into whiz kids. A true and inspirational story.

Our two special presenters will be Priscilla McDonald, Master Arts Theater director, and Audrey Laninga, the director of “Stand and Deliver.” Priscilla will introduce us to the history and mission of the Master Arts Theater. Audrey will give us the background and story line of “Stand and Deliver.” She will tell us what to look for and will help us to understand and appreciate the play.

The luncheon will be at the Calvin Commons Lecture Hall at 11:00am.

Cost - $30.00 includes lunch and play. (Drive to Master Arts Theater on your own)

If you have Master Arts tickets and would like to come just for the lunch, the luncheon cost is $17.00. You may use your tickets on March 1; however, to assure seating you should make your reservations early.

Wednesday Noon, March 26, 2014 - Spring Luncheon

“SOLI DEO GLORIA”

Call members and friends are invited to our Spring Luncheon featuring an inspiring and moving presentation by “SOLI DEO GLORIA.”

“SOLI DEO GLORIA” is a professional dance company founded through the ministry of Turning Pointe School of Dance. They will present “Sure Foundation,” a ballet that will use both contemporary Christian music and classic hymns to take us on a journey of discovery and honoring Jesus Christ as the “Sure Foundation” of our faith. Some of the hymns are those that we love and cherish - "Blessed Assurance," "Jesus Paid it All," "It Is Well With My Soul" and many more. Experience blessing and thanksgiving as we watch “Sure Foundation.” The presentation is filled with powerful messages, worship and testimonies from these professional artists.

The luncheon and program will be held in the Calvin Commons Annex Lecture Hall. Invite your friends and enjoy an afternoon of blessing and inspiration.

Cost - $18.00. Includes lunch and program.

Tuesday-Friday, April 29 - May 2

A TRIP INTO HISTORY

Join CALL members and their friends as we travel back into history and experience our country’s fight at Gettysburg for the preservation of the union, the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and Moses and the people of Israel and their struggle for freedom.

We will watch the dramatic presentation of “Moses,” - the parting of the Red Sea, the Burning Bush, the Plagues and the Ten Commandments. The greatest epic of the Old Testament comes into life in the presentation of “Moses” at the Sight and Sound stage in Lancaster. “Moses” is a journey back through time. Relive the golden splendor and pride of ancient Egypt, the poverty and pride of the Hebrew slaves and the humble broken man that God raised up to become their deliverer. Walk with Moses and the children of Israel as they struggle for faith, freedom and belonging.

Experience the struggle of our country to preserve the Union at the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and the Gettysburg battlefield. The National Civil War Museum encompasses the emotion of the American people as a time line from the issues staining the nation through the war to the conclusion at Appomattox. Nowhere can you find a better understanding of the Civil War, and its effects on the nation or on its people.

The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union Victory that ended Robert E. Lee’s...
second and most ambitious invasion of the north. It was also the inspiration for President Abraham Lincoln’s immortal “Gettysburg Address.” We will have a park guide give us a presentation on the battle and a guided tour of the battlefield area.

On our return home we will visit the Flight 93 National Monument.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Purdue Varsity Men’s Glee Club

This trip is full - waiting list only. CALL members can be added to the waitlist by calling the office at 526-8777.

The Glee Club is a widely acclaimed musical group that has inspired audiences on nine European tours and has performed at five presidential inaugurations. This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, classical choir selections, familiar opera choruses and much more. They utilize small groups and outstanding soloists to further enhance their performance. We will have lunch at the center, where a glee club member(s) will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the glee club.

The cost is $95.00 and includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and the concert. A $30.00 deposit will confirm your reservation. Balance of $65.00 is due April 1, 2014.

Coming Events

July - Detroit Tiger Ball Game
August - Shipshewana - Josiah for President - a musical
September - Art Prize

Public Events

A captivating and riveting series of lectures has been planned for this spring.

Mark your calendars now and share these dates and topics with others.

The Noontime Series are held from 12 - 1 PM in the chapel on Calvin’s campus and are free and open to all.

Thursday, February 20:
“Trapped by Endemic War: Syrian Refugees in Jordan” presented by Bert De Vries

At least six million Syrians are now homeless refugees; nearly one million have fled to Jordan. Visit Zaatari Refugee Camp with Prof. Bert De Vries to discover the plight of its 150,000 residents as well as the real damage this people displacement is doing to Syria itself, to Jordan, and the other surrounding countries. He will consider what structures are needed to prevent human catastrophes like this from happening.

Thursday, March 6:
Christian Book Publishing in a Post-Literate, Digital Age presented by Dwight Baker

The local Reformed community has cultivated four family businesses that have become Christian publishing legacies. Now at 75 years of age, Baker Publishing Group is actually the youngster of the pack. Dwight Baker will address the state of the book business from a variety of perspectives, including surviving as an independent among corporate competitors, dealing with e-books, and appraising the rise of the Nones – the “spiritual but not religious.” How does this affect the future?

If you missed a lecture you can watch and listen online by going to the CALL Noontime Series website page: www.calvin.edu/academic/call/noontime.htm

Henry Baron, Chair

Join us for the final presentation in the Passport to Adventure Film Series.

Tickets can be purchased through the Calvin College Box Office at 526-6282 ($6 adult, $3 student).

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM
The Soul of India with Rick Ray

Former Lonely Planet backpacker-turned cinematographer, writer and director Rick Ray spent four months braving heat, cold, altitude, earthquakes and riots to patch together a personal tapestry of the almost indescribable country of India. This film includes familiar sights — such as the Taj Majal, the palaces and forts of Rajasthan, the Himalayas and the river Ganges — as well as an exploration of concepts such as the caste system, democracy, marriage, privacy, life and death in a country that still reveals influences of past British rule.
A trip to Europe, **Northern European Art Tour**, led by Calvin Professor Henry Luttikhuizen, is scheduled for **June 16-27, 2014**. This tour will explore the great cities of London, Paris, Bruges and Amsterdam. In addition to visiting the British Museum in London, the Musee de Louvre in Paris and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, there will be opportunities to visit Gothic cathedrals and other architectural gems.

In a recent Q & A, Henry Luttikhuizen, tour leader, responded to these questions:

1. What are the five or six most well-known, memorable, important works of art that participants will see on this tour?

   That is a tough call. We will be seeing major paintings by renowned artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer, Jan van Eyck, Claude Monet, and Vincent van Gogh. In addition, we will view magnificent work from antiquity including the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon and the Venus de Milo. I am also excited to take fellow travelers to St. Denis, one of the first Gothic churches that also functioned as the mausoleum for French royalty.

2. Explain what the “four day Paris museum and monument pass” is? Will the tour leader coach the group on how to most efficiently use this pass?

   The pass enables holders to avoid long admission lines and grants access to over fifty museums in Paris. As the tour leader, I will make suggestions to participants regarding things they may wish to see on their own.

3. Will there be time on this tour to explore “non-art”, but interesting places in the cities we will visit?

   Although I will offer daily tours, I am well aware of the dangers of visual overload. I also recognize that there are places that participants may wish to visit beyond art museums and important architectural sites. I plan to visit sites beyond those listed in the brochure. If participants wish to join me on these excursions, they may; or if they prefer to do something on their own, that is fine too. All journeys should either instruct or delight. In this case, however, I am confident that we can accomplish both.

Exploring Hungary and its Reformed Heritage, led by Calvin political science professor emeritus Corwin Smidt, is scheduled for **Sept. 24-Oct. 7, 2014**.

We’ll spend several days discovering the treasures of Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe; and we’ll also explore other intriguing Hungarian cities that are usually not on the “beaten path” of American tourism. Throughout the tour, our sightseeing will be enriched by the history of the Hungarian Reformed Church and its contemporary life, witness and work.

From Corwin Smidt, tour leader, Top Five Reasons to Choose This Trip:

1. Discover the strong Reformed heritage of the Hungarian people.
2. Explore portions of Europe less often visited by other tourists.
3. Spend extended time in one of Europe’s most beautiful cities.
4. Enjoy the warm hospitality of the Hungarian people and their savory cuisine.
5. Learn of the challenges the church faced under communism as well as the life and witness of the Hungarian Reformed Church today.

**Pacific Northwest Tour**: this tour, led by John Apol, is scheduled for September 20 - 29, 2014. Some tour highlights: Beginning and ending in Seattle, where we will experience downtown (have a cup of coffee in the very first Starbucks store) before heading south to Mt. Rainier where year around snow and glaciers await us. After visiting the Mt. St. Helens volcano, a night close to the Pacific Ocean, and a stop in the Hoh Rain Forest, we will take the ferry to Victoria on Vancouver Island to visit Butchart Gardens, a world class botanical garden. From Vancouver Island the next ferry will take us to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island for an overnight stay and a boat tour to look for Orcas (Killer Whales) and other marine life. Back on the
mainland, we will tour the Boeing airplane production plant where we will be met by a Calvin alumnus who has engineering responsibility for the Boeing 777X project. The trip will end with one last night in Seattle. There is space available on this tour.

A Pilgrimage to Israel—In the Light of Jesus: Although both trips scheduled in March of this year are sold out, an additional trip will be offered in March of 2015. More details to follow.

Sneak Preview – 2015 tours
Israel tour – a repeat of this year’s tour, tentative dates, March 9-21
South Africa - a fall (South African spring) tour to South Africa planned. In addition to the scenic variety of the country and its wildlife, the tour will follow in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela, visiting sites important to the life of Nelson Mandela such as where he spent his early years, the site of his trial, the safe house where the African National Congress (ANC) met to plan their opposition to apartheid, and Robben Island, where he spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. Travelers will meet South African people of various cultures and experience the warmth of South African hospitality.
Norway-Sweden – a 10 or 11 day June tour led by Professor Debra Freeberg, covering interesting locations between Stockholm, Sweden and Bergen, Norway.
Southern Book Lovers tour – a 10 or 11 day motor coach tour from New Orleans to Savannah, Georgia, still in the concept/planning stage. Venues historically important to southern authors will be visited.

Have you finally found that time in your life that eluded you in the past? Does your bucket list include watching hairy woodpeckers, knitting a nose warmer, or reviving a rendition of Seventy-Six Trombones in River City? CALL offers several opportunities for members to join special interest groups. We are always looking for new groups and welcome calls to our office at 526-8777 if you would like to start one. The three groups we have currently are as follows:
The Knitting Group meets Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 PM, at DeVos Communications building- room 140 through May 7. Contact Diane Noorman at dnoorman@sbcglobal.net or 942-0046.
The Birding Group with Bill Sweetman will meet Thursdays: April 10, 17, May 1, 8, and 15. The group will meet 8:15am on these Thursdays at the gate house by the Bunker Interpretative Center on the east side of the Beltline. For questions, please contact Bill at bsweettours@gmail.com.
The Brass Ensemble meets most Mondays at 3:30 in the Calvin Seminary Chapel. Please contact Roger Griffioen at rdgriffioen@att.net or 452-3328 with any questions.

PARKING ON CALVIN CAMPUS
CALL members are considered students, so please refrain from parking in lots designated for visitors when you are here for your classes. The yellow parking permit allows CALL students to park in any of the numbered lots. The small visitor parking lot near the Spoelhof Center and other designated visitor spaces in other lots must remain open for visitors.

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Inclement Weather Policy
With the blustery days of winter, the CALL office would like to provide some guidance in response to questions that often come up related to inclement weather. Because about half of Calvin’s students live on campus, the college has a long history of remaining open during inclement weather even when other institutions may be closed. While this practice is likely to continue, it also is important for CALL members to be prudent in their decision to travel to campus if conditions are hazardous.

Festival of Faith and Writing
CALL members are eligible for a discounted price of $170 to attend Calvin’s Festival of Faith and Writing on April 10 - 12
To receive the discount, select “group” as your registration level and when prompted, enter the group name “CALL” and registration code “grcall14”. The registration deadline is March 14.
For additional information, visit http://festival.calvin.edu/.

CALL has a new black, zippered portfolio bag with handle available for $5.00
This is a great way to carry all your class notes and books. You can purchase one at the CALL office (218 Youngsma building, east side of Beltline). Please bring exact amount ($5). We usually don’t have change at the office.

Reserve the date for:
CALL Annual Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 11:30 A.M.
Prince Conference Center
More information later