We trust you had a meaningful passion and Easter week!

“Experience Enrichment“

This is the new “tag line” that the Board unanimously adopted at its March 6 board meeting. Do you remember the phrases . . . “When it rains it pours” or, “When you care enough to send the very best”, or “Just do it”? These are tag lines of well known companies. The new CALL look will include the tag line. Watch for it! It shows action! Determination! Growth! . . . and it reflects the prayer and hope that CALL will help each of us experience enrichment in our spiritual, educational, cultural and social lives.

In other actions, your Board . . .
- approved the nomination of Daniel Bos and Agnes Kroese for the board. They will be introduced at the May annual luncheon on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 11:30 AM.
- welcomed Bob Alderink, nominated by President LeRoy, to the board. Bob is married, has two children, and has contributed significantly to the design, marketing and communications programs at Calvin for the past 25 years. Welcome, Bob!
- reviewed the excellent luncheon program planned.
- approved nominees for the distinguished service awards-to be awarded at the annual meeting.
- heard good reports that Calvin is engaging in a strategic planning process to pave the way for great years ahead.
- reviewed the prospects for good participation in current and future member and public events.
- discussed the wonderful array of courses offered this spring and were overwhelmed by the growth. . . registrations in classes total 1,392 compared to 1,272 last year--up 9%.
- welcomed 106 new members in January and another 48 in February--membership now totals 1,560--a 20% increase from this time last year--400 new members joined us in the past two years alone. Please make new members feel welcome and encourage them to participate.
- recognized that because we are experiencing growth, we need to structure classes and events and venues to accommodate newer and younger members.
- approved a survey to find out how you can volunteer for the board, committees, or other activities.

Ray Vander Weele
President

We have a great summer session planned for you beginning in late May through the month of June. You will find your summer class/concert booklet included. You may register on-line or using the paper form in the booklet.

Remember, you do not need to be a current CALL member to participate in the summer program. Consider it a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to join you!
Come and travel the world with us! Join us for the last two presentations of this year’s Passport to Adventure Film Series. See, experience, wonder, learn and explore a variety of places, landscapes, histories, and peoples from the comfort of your auditorium chair. These films are a great experience for young and old alike. Invite others to take a trip with you! Contact the Calvin Box Office (526-6282) for tickets. A great travel bargain of only $5/adult, $2/student.

Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM
**Majestic Montana**
with Steve Gonser
The fourth largest state in the U.S. contains two national parks, ten national forests, seven Indian reservations, more than 40 state parks, nearly a dozen wilderness areas, more than fifteen national (and dozens of state-owned) wildlife refuge areas, and several national monuments and historical sites. Social anthropologist and paleontologist Steve Gonzer leads us through Montana on an adventure that includes an Indian Pow Wow, tracing the steps of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and meeting present-day immigrant farmers, shepherders, Indians, miners, loggers, artists and ranchers who live in this sparsely populated state.

Saturday May 4, 2013 at 2:00 PM
**Stories from the Holy Land**
with Sandy Mortimer
Along with a cultural past that included Phoenician, Roman Crusader and Turk influence, Israel offers a 5,000 year-old tradition of rich storytelling-accounts of love, hate, cruelty and compassion. In addition to visiting the sites of many Old Testament stories and following in the steps of Jesus, we experience the customs of unforgettable and obscure cultures and visit a modern-day kibbutz to experience this unique Israeli lifestyle.

Mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and join us for the final two Noontime Series lectures of the spring season. These entertaining and thought provoking lectures and concerts are free and open to the public. Held from 12-1 PM in the Calvin Chapel.

Learn more at [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/noontime.htm](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/noontime.htm).

**Thursday, March 28:** *I Don’t Know Who You Are: The Problem of Face Blindness*” presented by Heather Sellers
Imagine hugging a stranger because you mistook him for your boyfriend. Or not knowing if you’re looking at Brad Pitt or Winston Churchill in a photo. Or not being able to identify your students outside the classroom. Sellers tells the painful story of her rare condition called prosopagnosia, gives a short reading from her award-winning memoir *You Don’t Look Like Anyone I Know*, and talks about the new developments in face blindness research.

Heather is a professor of English at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where she teaches poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction. She was awarded an NEA Fellowship for fiction.

**Thursday, April 11:**
**Calvin College Women’s Chorale**
The Calvin Women’s Chorale is an honor choir, open by audition to female students from every class and discipline. Founded in 2001 by Dr. Pearl Shangkuan, they have performed at festivals throughout Michigan. In 2011 the Calvin Women’s Chorale released its second recording, **Celebremus**.
A group of Calvin alumni spent March 12-23 in Israel, led by alumni director Mike VanDenend and wife Loni and Rev. Bill VandenBosch and wife Lyn. In anticipation of that pilgrimage, I wrote this piece, first of all as an editorial for Christian Courier, but eager to share it with the CALL community as well. Our travels will include a visit to Mars Elias and with Father Chacour.

**Dona nobis pacem**

In the world’s most memorable sermon, the Man of Galilee said to a world haunted by violence: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

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It’s a moonless night in a small, poor village in Galilee, not far from Nazareth.

In a dimly lit cinder block home, a woman lies dying.

A priest sits with her, holding her cold, tremulous hand.

Toward the dark morning hours, her breathing stops.

The priest offers to deliver the news to the grieving son’s three brothers.

But the son stiffens, scowls, and says: “If they set foot in this house, we will kill each other.”

For the truth is that the brothers have such hate in their hearts for each other that even the death of their mother cannot bring them together.

These brothers are believers, once active in their village church. Their vicious hostility toward each other has infected others, like an invisible toxic fog seeping through the walls of souls and spreading its evil poison. Fathers won’t speak to sons; mothers and daughters spread false rumors about each other.

Most of the Christians in this village no longer show up in church.

Except for Holy Week. On Palm Sunday every seat is taken, though the feuding hostility is palpable. The feuding brothers are there also, but sitting widely apart from each other.

Before the benediction and dismissal, the priest descends from the pulpit and strides toward the back of the church. He locks the huge double doors that have been open with a chain and padlock. Returning to the front, he faces his astonished congregation.

The priest now turns prophet: he confronts God’s people who have become lost in their hate and malice.

“If you can’t love your brother,” he thunders, “whom you see, how can you say you love God who is invisible? I have failed to unite you, but there is someone who can. His name is Jesus Christ, who gives you power to forgive. And if you...
will not forgive, we will stay locked in here. You can kill each other and I’ll provide your funerals gratis.”

Silence. Tight lips. Clenched fists. Stony glares. But silence, as the minutes crawl by in agonizing slowness.

Then the mysterious power of God invades.

Someone rises. It is the man who would not let his brothers come to mourn their mother’s death.

Head lowered, voice faltering, the hardness of his heart melting with the irresistible grace of God, he turns to his fellow villagers: “I have hated my brothers enough to want to kill them. I need forgiveness more than any.”

He turns to the priest now. “Can you forgive me, too, Father?”

They move toward each other, embrace, give the kiss of peace, and of forgiveness.

The repentant brother now moves down the aisle, where, the wonder of it all, his three brothers rush to meet him. They hold each other in a long, tearful embrace of forgiveness and long-denied love.

God’s peace that’s beyond understanding descends on the congregation. People who haven’t spoken to each other for years now weep together. Repentance and forgiveness mingle in a holy stream of divine grace.

A second service follows, a joyous service of love and reconciliation.

Afterward, the transformed spill into the streets. Groups move from house to house to ask forgiveness for a certain wrong. And, amazingly, it’s always freely given.

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Today, more than 40 years later, that once almost forgotten village of Ibillin in northern Galilee is a pilgrim and tourist destination. The man from Galilee, Elias Chacour, is now Archbishop, Leader of the Melkite Catholic Church of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth, and all Galilee, the first Palestinian leader of the Palestine Christians in the Holy Land.

The dilapidated church he came to has been replaced by a beautiful and thriving Church of the Sermon on the Mount located on the campus of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, named after the prophet Elijah. Founded by Father Chacour, the eight schools include kindergarten through high school, a gifted student program, technical college, theological school and university, and open to students of all races and religions. More than half are Muslims.

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We long for peace: within our heart, our family, our church, our land, our world.

But how serious are we about peacemaking? Is our church and denomination a force for peace?

Are our politics? Do we know about organizations like Peace Direct, Peace Action, Peace Now, or the Canadian Peace Alliance, and do we offer them our participation and support?

If we are not peacemakers, can we still be the sons of God?
Saturday, April 20 “The Great Divorce” - C.S Lewis.

CALL members and friends enjoy the best of C.S. Lewis. Steve Vander Weele, retired Calvin professor, will share his thoughts on C.S. Lewis. He will introduce us to “The Great Divorce” and will tell us the story line and what specifically to look for in “The Great Divorce.” After lunch we will go to the Master Arts Theater for the performance of “The Great Divorce.”

Time - 11:30 am

Cost - $30.00 - includes speaker, lunch and the play. We will drive on our own to the Master Arts Theater.

Event filled. Reservations now will be placed on a Wait List with a good possibility of extra tickets becoming available. Please send your name to be on the “wait list.” Do not send payment. You will be notified if space becomes available.

Thursday, April 25, Nappanee and Amish Acres

Laugh your way through “Church Basement Ladies” sequel at the Amish Acres Round Barn Theater. We will also visit the Nappanee Center and view the special exhibit about the railroads and their importance to the community. We will visit the Coppes Commons - delightful little stores.

We will complete our day with dinner at the Mullets - the home of an Amish family.

Cost $89.

Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10 Chicago and More -

Our day in Chicago will begin with the Chicago Grand guided tour - the ultimate tour of the city of Chicago. This is a comprehensive tour of much of what Chicago has to offer in both the North and South side business and residential districts. On this tour we will visit the beautiful parks, Lincoln Park, Washington Park, Grants Park and we will tour virtually the entire length of the outer drive.

After settling in at the Hilton Gardens we will have dinner at the Drury Lane Dinner theater. After dinner we will see the ageless, timeless and matchless musical “Oliver.” Oliver is the very successful British musical based on the novel by Charles Dickens.

On Friday we will have guided tours of the Hemingway Birthplace and the Frank Lloyd Wright home and studio. We will also see several homes in the area that he designed. We will enjoy dinner together on the way home.

Cost is $249 per person. (double occupancy). Cost includes motor coach, rolls and coffee, Grand Chicago tour, dinner and theater, hotel, breakfast and the Hemingway and Frank Lloyd Wright guided tours and dinner.

Tuesday, May 7. Purdue Men’s Varsity Glee Club.

Trip filled. Short waiting list.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 11, 12 and 13 Lincoln Legacy trip. - Springfield, IL

Due to many requests, your Member Events team has scheduled another trip to Lincoln land. Those who have gone previously have been very enthusiastic about the trip and its value. The comments include statements like “this is a trip every American citizen should take.” The places we visit are: Lincoln Museum, Lincoln tomb, New Salem Village, “Old” Capital Building, Lincoln’s Law Office and the church the Lincoln family attended.

This trip is open to CALL members and their friends.

Cost - $340 (double occupancy)  Send in your reservation with a $50 deposit. Balance due May 1.

Questions - call Don - 698-9244 or cell 901-2170

Thursday, July 11, Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox ball game.

These two teams battle each year as rivals in the Central Division of the American League. This event is open to CALL members and their friends and grandchildren. Coffee and rolls on the way to the stadium, pop and hot dog at the stadium, admission to the game and dinner on the way home.

Cost - $82.00
Extended Trips Committee
John Apol, Chair

The Canadian Rockies (Sept. 21-30, 2013): The Canadian Rockies tour is full; a wait list is being kept with the possibility of repeating the tour in the fall of 2014.”

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ONLINE REGISTRATIONS
CALL members are getting more and more familiar with online registrations! 385 registered online for membership; 255 registered online for spring classes.
As of February, it is now possible to register for member events at the CALL web site, and many of you have already found those links. You’re doing a great job!
Tip: Favor the mouse or the tab key when filling out the form, as the enter key sometimes submits a form prematurely.

If you prefer to receive this newsletter electronically, email: call@calvin.edu

CALL Interest Groups
Birding Interest Group
Bill Sweetman will be leading our birding interest group again this spring. He will be leading outings on the following Tuesdays—March 19 and 26, April 30, and May 7, 14 and 21. The group will meet at 8:15 a.m. on these Tuesdays at the gate house by the Bunker Interpretive Center on the east side of the Beltline. Questions: contact Bill at bsweettours@gmail.com

Knitting Interest Group
The CALL knitting interest group meets on Wednesdays, now through May 8, from 2 - 4 PM in the De Vos Center room 160 (east side of the Beltline, next to the Prince Conference Center). All knitting levels are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Diane Vander Pol at dvpo@calvin.edu, 940-2955 or Diane Noorman at: dnoorman@sbcglobal.net, or 942-0046

Brass Ensemble Interest Group
If you are interested in learning more about the joining the CALL Brass Ensemble please contact Roger Griffioen (rdgriffioen@att.net or 452-3328)