Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other—Psalm 85.

I recently attended the last of the 4-part evening film series with Roy Anker. This psalm was quoted often by the folks in the film, Babette’s Feast.” It was a wonderful movie, as were the other three that we saw and discussed.

I only have five movies on my shelf, and Babette’s Feast is one of them. The movie was about redemption and grace. It’s a powerful story about how Babette prepares a feast for the townspeople, who were really religious and devout, yet were spiritually dead.

Babette’s feast was a form of communion, and the feast helped them all become spiritually alive again. Babette gave everything she had to the townspeople, not expecting anything in return, except perhaps a life of gratitude.

The movie reminds me of the blessings of CALL, and I am thankful for those who give so graciously to make it work—wonderful volunteers and staff.

- **Volunteers:** A large organization like CALL needs many volunteers, including leaders of our committees, our coffee servers, and our staff. Thank you!

- **Staff:** Welcome Sonja DeJong as our new Administrative Coordinator!

Sonja is the daughter of Dutch immigrants, grew up on a dairy farm in New Jersey, and then moved to New York. She did all the work on the farm imaginable, and you will be able to see the results from her work ethic. Despite no Christian schooling, her parents (and God) directed Sonja to travel to Western Michigan to attend a little-known school called Calvin College. (Parents always know best—do they not?) She did not have a chance to Google “Calvin College” in the 1980’s—so she had to rely on real people—her parents, for counsel.

She loved Calvin, and later met Ross DeJong, an aerospace engineer from U of M. After living in Virginia and Seattle, Ross and Sonja moved back to Michigan—where she worked part-time, and full-time raising three children—who attend Unity and Hudsonville Christian schools.

What attracted the Executive Committee to Sonja were her demonstrated credentials in working with volunteers, organizing projects, and finding new opportunities to serve—and her grace!

Sonja could have been overwhelmed during her first week as she trained with Lisa Bauman. However Lisa was very organized, was patient and was an excellent trainer for Sonja.

Sonja remarks that she was impressed by the depth and variety of programs CALL offers. She also noticed from the start that there were many people who devote countless hours to make CALL one of the outstanding adult education programs in the country.

She looks forward to working with all of you and will do her part to fulfill CALL’s mission. Thank you, Sonja, for joining us!

Sonja continues to work with our faithful, and dedicated Membership Assistant, Marjo Jordan, who has done a superb job in her first year at CALL. We introduced her to you earlier.

Say thanks to these two ladies
when you see them! They are so gracious in their work.

We will miss Lisa Bauman, who has been with us for five years. Lisa told Sonja that she would not find a better place to work than CALL. Lisa will become a full-time foster mom, which means she will take in and care for children under 14 who have journeyed from their home country to the US to be reunited with their family members living here. This program usually involves care for from one-three months through Bethany’s refugee program. Thank you, Lisa, for your years of service!

At its November Board meeting, the Board . . .

• received an update on the fall class schedule and member enrollment. Once again the Board feels blessed to have an increased number of members at 1609 with 792 taking classes.

• heard the 2014 Spring curriculum is well underway with twenty courses already confirmed. We anticipate the mailing of the spring catalog around January 10, 2014. The planning for summer courses has also begun evaluation.

• reviewed current financial reports showing a healthy balance and continue to project a positive balance at fiscal year-end in June.

• feels understanding our members and their concerns are of key importance to CALL. As such, efforts are in progress to provide an improved method of providing feedback to the CALL administration.

• approved service grants to three CALL members for charity work. To date, sufficient funds are available for service grants to several additional causes by CALL members.

• is soliciting nominations for four openings on the board in the spring.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and had much to celebrate with family and friends.

Ray Vander Weele
President

Public Events

Henry Baron, Chair

Fall 2013 Noontime Series
The Fall 2013 Noontime Series has concluded for 2013. Stay tuned in future newsletters on the next series of lectures beginning in February 2014.

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

Winter Address: Spring 2014 Curriculum Guide
The spring curriculum guide will be mailed around January 10 to the home address we have on file. Know that this mailing will not be forwarded to your winter address should you be away temporarily. Please check the website in January for the curriculum guide and online registration, or send us your January mailing address.

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.

Hopping into Spring Curriculum Early
Instructor Karin Maag will offer a course, Cavaliers and Roundheads: The English Civil War, Mondays at Raybrook, January 20 – February 10, from 2:00-3:15 P.M. to accommodate the January Series lectures. This course will be listed in Group 9 of the spring curriculum guide. Registration opens after January 10.
**Wednesday, December 18 - Noon**

**Christmas Luncheon**

CALL members and their friends are invited to our Christmas luncheon of praise and worship. Our very special guests, John and Gwen Varineau, will lead us in celebrating Christ’s birth through their music and words. The luncheon will be in the Calvin Commons Dining Hall.

Cost - $19.00.

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**Monday, January 27, 2014**

**January Series Brunch**

**Prince Conference Center**

*Is the Arab Spring the Arab Christian’s Fall?*

Anna Zaki will share what life is like in Egypt for Middle Eastern Christians and share with us where she finds her hope. Anna is a competent and articulate speaker. She is a resource development specialist for global and multicultural in the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship living with her husband and four sons in Cairo, Egypt. Anna received her bachelor’s degree from Calvin College in Psychology and Sociology in 1999, her Master’s degree from the American University in Cairo in the field of Social Psychology in 2002 and her Master’s of Divinity from Calvin Seminary in 2009. Anna, who was born in Egypt, and her husband, Naji Umran, pastored two churches in Michigan and British Columbia but always planned to return one day to Egypt 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.

Cost $16.00 includes brunch, reserved seating in the Covenant Fine Arts Center and bus transportation to and from the Fine Arts Center.

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**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 LosAngeles 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 Audry Laninga, the director of “Stand and Deliver.” Priscilla will introduce us to the history and mission of the Master Arts Theater. Audry 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

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**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. Plan now to attend this outstanding musical performance. 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.

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**Member Events**

Don and Shirley Lautenbach, Co-Chairs

If you have questions regarding events, unless otherwise indicated, contact Shirley at ministrysl@yahoo.com or 698-9244.
Trips to Cuba, New England, Europe and Hungary

There are four travel experiences available in 2014 to CALL members, Calvin alumni and friends.

**Cuba Today: People and Society, March 4 - 12, 2014**
- This all inclusive tour to Cuba has just been added to our list of alumni/CALL travel experiences. Delve into the rich history and heritage of Cuba by meeting with local leaders, residents, artists and intellectuals to discuss the Cuba of today and explore local attractions.
- Leaders: Kenneth Erffmeyer ‘86, Vice President for Advancement, Calvin College, assisted by expert national and local Cuban guides.
- For more information about this unique travel experience, phone 616-526-6097 or e-mail cwolffis@calvin.edu.

**Envisioning New England**, led by English professor Gary Schmidt and wife Anne, **June 2-13, 2014**.

This version of the popular “New England Saints” interim class for students features five nights in Maine and six nights in historic Concord, Mass., following and pondering the work of the great American writers and poets.

**A Pilgrimage to Israel--In the Light of Jesus**: both trips in March, 2014 are sold out!

**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.


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. **Brochures for all of these tours** can be found at the Alumni/CALL offices, second floor, Youngsma Center. Or call 526-6142 to have a brochure mailed to you. Or check this website: www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel
Join us for the 48th Annual Passport to Adventure Film Series. Tickets can be purchased through the Calvin College Box Office at 526-6282 ($6 adult, $3 student).

View the brochure at: http://www.calvin.edu/academic/call/passtick.htm

Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:00PM
(Note the time)
*Lure of Alaska with Dale Johnson*

Alaska still issues a siren call that resonates with people seeking adventure, sights of gigantic grizzlies fishing for salmon, receding glaciers and primal appeal. Anchorage is now a city of 300,000, almost half the population of the entire state. Forty miles north of this city is the Matanuska Valley, an agricultural region that produces some amazing crops in 22 hours of sunlight every day, such as cabbages that weigh up to 127 pounds. America’s largest national park, The Wrangel-Saint Elias, covers 13 million acres and contains the abandoned Kennicott Copper Mine which flourished at the end of the 1800’s.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM
*Rediscovering Ancient America with Gray Warriner*

Travel across the U.S.A. and back in time to uncover amazing accomplishments by Native Americans, such as Serpent Mound, the Marching Bears of Iowa’s Effigy Mounds, and giant earthen birds in Wisconsin. Ohio’s Hopewell culture moved thousands of tons of earth to build giant geometric earthworks in the forms of squares, circles, and octagons. In Florida, towering temple mounds overlooked turquoise waters. Out west, spectacular scenery is the background for exploring cliff dwellings and Pueblo towns, such as Lost City in Nevada, Mesa Verde, Bandelier, Wupatki, and Canyon de Chelly.

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.
CALL Membership

CALL’s membership year begins September 1 and expires August 31. Membership cost $35.00 per person per year. Multiple-year memberships cost even less at $90.00 for a three-year membership and $150.00 for a five-year membership.

CALL members may register for courses three times during the year at only $20.00 per course. Members also enjoy reasonably-priced member events, day trips and overnight trips as well as discounted rates at MVP Sportsplex. CALL also keeps members updated through weekly emails and monthly newsletters.

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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.

“Christmas at the Campus Store”
Saturday, December 7, 2014
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Shop Calvin” for Christmas and come to the Campus Store for clothing, books and other gift ideas. Book signings, giveaways every hour and refreshments will be available—and part of the proceeds go toward local scholarships for students!