

CONNECTION

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**February 16, 2026 is the
Deadline for the March
2026 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

The 1896 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the 1st Olympiad, and commonly known as Athens 1896, were the first international Olympic Games held in modern history. The event was held in Athens, Greece, from April 6th to the 15th, 1896. Fourteen nations and 241 athletes took part in the games. Participants were all European or living in Europe, except for the United States team, and over 65% of the competing athletes were Greek.

Venues included: Tennis, Fencing, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Swimming, Shooting, Gymnastics, and road cycling. Men only. It wasn't until the year 1900 in Paris that women were allowed to compete. They competed in Tennis and Golf individually and Sailing as a team.

The rings represent the 5 major continents and key characteristics that all athletes should aspire to attain.



The Olympic symbols are icons, flags and symbols used by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to elevate the Olympic Games.

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February Birthdays

James Weaver	February 1
Jill Campbell	February 7
Tim Roth	February 7
Dave Workman	February 8
Charlie Hartsch	February 9
Jennifer Hopper	February 10
Ann Snyder	February 16
Fanchon Bunnell	February 17
Sharon Overway	February 23
Debbe Shaffer	February 23
Pat Reef	February 28
Rose Ann Jones	February 29

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February Anniversaries

Tom & Kay Weatherwax

married for 54 years February 18

Brian & Kathy DeWitt

married for 43 years February 19

This year the Winter Games will be held in Milan, Italy from February 6-22.

The Olympics remind me of what will be...but only when Jesus, our King, returns. When swords are turned into plowshares. When global peace we long for has a chance to succeed. When the hope we have held out finally finds a home. When the continents have only one King. When the character traits of the five rings are renamed with the Fruit of the Spirit. When competition is about excellence of character and the discipline of the body rather than gold, silver, or bronze. Where the words of Paul will ring out, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

May they remind us of our own fight, our own race, and our own faith.

Blessings,

Dr. Dan

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

The next prayer meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30 pm. It gives us an opportunity to spend some time in prayer where we can pray for each other, for the lost, for our nation, or just pray through the scriptures to hear God's voice.

We hope that you can join us and invite someone to come with you.

HOW WE CAN PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *by Cindy Heinzman*

In Exodus 40 God tells Moses how to set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting for worship and sacrifice. Moses follows God's instructions exactly. So how do we prepare our hearts for worship? Here are five ways we can prepare our hearts for worship: 1. Pray that God will open our hearts to worship 2. Focus on what Jesus has done for us through His sacrifice on the cross 3. Praise Jesus for our salvation and for the freedom to worship when and where we choose 4. Present our tithes and offerings in response to God's grace on our lives 5. Prepare to share what we have learned through the scripture and our time spent with God in worship and prayer.

"And here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me"

Tim Hughes

SESSION SOUNDINGS

In our January meeting we once again set our teams in place.

Corporate Officers

Terrie VanSoest - President
Jeff Overway - Vice-president
Sara Overway - Secretary
Malissa Lowe - Treasurer

Session Team Leaders

- Sara Overway – Clerk
- Jeff Overway – Moderator
- Dave Reinking/Dave Swigart – Maintenance
- Dr. Dan Lute – Missions
- Terrie VanSoest – Christian Ed.
- Nominating Team – Terrie VanSoest
- Personnel – Elders
- Finance – Scott Rush
- Worship – Jeff Overway

† Finances seem to be healthy and in order as we head into 2026. We appreciate the sacrificial giving of our covenant partners and attendees.

† The new sign on Market Street was finally put in place. It has our new external logo and has changed to all LED lighting.

† Dave Reinking and Dave Swigart will be looking into a chair lift for the entrance of the sanctuary. The old one had to be removed because it did not meet updated fire and safety codes and could not be retrofitted.

† They are also working with Blue Fish Plumbing and Heating in Delphi to retro fit a part connected to the boiler as well as a future inspection/estimate on getting the exterior wastewater line fixed that runs to the east of the church out to the sewer.

† Dr. Dan is working on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Services.

† Worship Team is looking into new hearing devices for those who need them. The old frequency is no longer available.

Elders: Class of 2026

- Sara Overway
- David Swigart
- Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2027

- Jeff Overway
- Scott Rush

Elders: Class of 2028

- Dave Reinking

Deacons: Class of 2026

- Jeff Goltry
- Pat Reef
- Buttons Smith

Deacons: Class of 2027

- Judy Bainbridge
- Tim Roth
- Chris Williamson

Deacons: Class of 2028

- Carole Maxwell

† Final letters to the National and Regional ECO centers were sent out and received stating that we are no longer part of the denomination.

† As elders we set forth an initial job description for an Assistant Pastor and will be pursuing several job posting sites.

† We continue to study our Leadership Training Guide and “A Praying Church” by Paul Miller. Both are available on the Elder shelf in the library.

Keep us in prayer as we seek to serve our Savior and his Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Daniel Lute



Substitute office help volunteers

We are looking for some additional men and women who could volunteer to fill in a half day shift, when our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Malissa, needs to be off work. You don't have to use a computer. You would answer the phone, take a message, or let someone into the building. (training available) You can bring a book or something else to fill your time. If you are interested in being added to the list, please let Malissa or Terrie VanSoest know.

Thanks

We want our covenant partners and any other friends of Calvary to know that there are wonderful scripture based Bible studies currently in session. We will try to keep our Connection viewers informed of what each study is studying monthly. The following is information on current studies. We welcome all who want to join a study to do so!

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING & EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Deb Lute*

The Monday morning and evening Bible study led by Deb Lute will begin on Monday, February 16. There are two opportunities for you to attend: 9:30 – 11:00 AM and 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We meet **every other** week. This study is six sessions and will run from February 16 to April 27.

The Letter of James: Living Out Your Faith

James, of course, is the author of this letter. We know that James is Jesus' half-brother and he was a leader on the Jerusalem Council making him a leader in the church. In his letter he instructs the believer how to live out the Christian life and a few of the things he addresses are:

1. The importance of controlling your tongue.
2. Knowing the difference between earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom.
3. He encourages us to turn from our evil desires and obey God.
4. He teaches us to pray for each other.

Please join us as we learn to **Live Out Our Faith**.

DR. DAN'S BIBLE STUDIES *by Rev. Dan Lute*

We welcome you to join us on Wednesday nights (6:30-7:30) for an in depth study of Genesis. Dr. Dan also has two Ezekiel studies, one after the Sunday morning service (11 - noon) for everyone and for the men from 8:15-9:15 on Thursday mornings. All are invited and bring a friend.

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Loaves and Fishes provide meals for the needy as well as fellowship by many of the local area churches including Calvary . This program provides a Saturday lunch, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., all year long. Donations are accepted. Meals will be served on the following dates:

February 7	Faith Fellowship
February 14	Calvary Church
February 21	Church of the Good Shepherd
February 28	Trinity Episcopal



A big THANK YOU to our Calvary members and friends who have helped with the warming center, whether it be organizing and serving the breakfast, volunteering to stay in the evenings, dropping off casseroles and other food items, to providing needed items for the Logansport Street Outreach.

It is a blessing to serve our community and in loving remembrance of Malcolm, we are honored to continue serving with the servant's heart he so beautifully modeled.

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship & Communion 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	2 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	3 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:00 Deacons Meeting 6:30 GB Team Mtg	4 6:30 Genesis Study 7:30 AA	5 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Dance Fitness Class	6 10:00 am AA	7 <i>L&F at Faith Fellowship</i> 8am – 1pm Great Banquet Team Mtg
8 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	9 5:30 pm Psi Iota Xi Meeting 7:30 AA	10 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:30 GB Team Mtg	11 Noon – DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Study 7:30 AA	12 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Dance Fitness Class	13 10:00 am AA	14 <i>L&F at Calvary</i>
15 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	16 President's Day 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 6:15 Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	17 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Mtg 6:30 GB Team Mtg	18 Ash Wednesday 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 AA	19 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Foundation Mtg 6:30 Dance Fitness Class	20 10:00 am AA	21 <i>L&F at Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
22 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Worship with Dave Reinking 7:30 pm AA	23 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	24 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 5:30 GB Meeting 7:00 GB Team Mtg	25 6:30 Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA	26 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Dance Fitness Class	27 10:00 am AA	28 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>