



Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor:

“Are you not of more value than they?”

The answer to the above question, which Jesus poses to the crowds gathered on the mount in Matthew 6, is obvious. Of course we are of more value than the birds of the air or the lilies of the field.

Jesus asks that question as a part of his “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew’s gospel. In that passage he invites his listeners to look around and take note of the birds of the air, “... they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” Likewise, he asks the gathered crowd to “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these...” Jesus wants his listeners to understand that God takes care of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. And if God does that for the flowers and the birds, he will also take care of us – for we are certainly of more value than they. The message of Jesus in this passage is really a simple one. God loves you and God will take care of you.

That is the same message the Martin Luther emphasized in his explanation to the fourth petition of the Lord’s Prayer, “Give us today our daily bread.” Luther writes, “In fact God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.”

And what is “daily bread?” Again Luther writes, “Everything our bodies need such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright

children, upright workers, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”

Like Jesus, Luther wants us to understand that God provides for us. Everything we have comes to us as a gift from God – whether we understand it or not. What Luther asks of his students, and what Jesus asks of his followers, is to recognize the hand of God in all that we have, to trust God, and to be thankful.

So, as you may gather with family and friends this month around the Thanksgiving table, I encourage you to remember the words of Jesus from the sermon on the mount. You *are* valued by God and God takes care of you. And remember also the advice of Martin Luther. God provides us with our “daily bread.” Let us be ever thankful to God for his loving gifts.

Happy Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



IT’s That Time of Year Again to “**FALL BACK**” on **NOVEMBER 4**. Don’t forget to set your clocks back one (1) hour before going to bed. Also, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:



- 4 – Barb Geerts
- 11 – Allen Noftsker
- 12 – Viola Marie Bowser-Smith
- 13 – Paul Levesque
- 14 – Kay Chase, Sandy Strosahl
- 20 – Sharon Hough, Ann Lundstrom, Warren Wren
- 21 – Rudy Ohrn
- 24 – Annette Menke, Karyn Hurst
- 26 – Andrew McClanahan
- 27 – Richard Strosahl

Happy Anniversary to:



- 1 – Teri & Dave Griebel (1974)
- 4 – Michael & Kelly Chase (2006)
- 10 – Dick & Connie Jensen
- 15 – Barb & Joe Geerts (1980)



During the month of October we received the following word of thanks....

☀ Dear Lunch Bunch, My team and I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$35.00 toward my ministry. Jane and I so enjoyed spending time with all of you. Love the pictures with all of you.

----Gracie, (Comfort Dog)

☀ Thank you to all of you who attended my 90th Birthday Party on October 6th. All the cards were much appreciated and enjoyed. Also, thanks to Becky Maxon and husband Dick Kramer who volunteered to take pictures with the guests – what a great way to remember my special birthday!

----Jack Gross



LORRAINE BECKINGHAM is turning 95!

On October 30, Lorraine is turning 95! Let's *Shower* her with cards! Her address is: 155 N. Eagle St. No. 103, Oshkosh, WI 54902

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is November 8



The church year is winding down, but in the office, everything is beginning to *speed up* – especially with the up-coming holidays.

Please be sure all items are into the church office by **November 8!** If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please either call the church office (309-762-5423) or email: secretary@calvarymoline.org with your address.

WANTED – 1995 ANNUAL REPORT

I have spent some time in the office going over records and files. After carefully going through our Annual Reports – we are missing the 1995 report. If you have one lying around, please let me know. Thank you – Teri Griebel, Adm. Asst.

Happy Hookers – will meet on Wednesday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m. There is always something to do for all abilities – and don't forget – we have a coffee break, too!



OFFICE HOURS FOR THANKSGIVING

For the week of November 19 – the office will be open on **MONDAY, TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. The Newsletter will be in your boxes on Wednesday, November 21.

SERVANT CALENDAR – for December 2018; January and February 2019

If you know that you will be gone, especially during the month of December, January or February please let me know. Thank You. Teri, Adm. Assistant

CALLING ON SERVANTS to SERVE

We are in need of Servants willing to serve in the following areas – Back Door Greeter, Narthex Greeter, Lector and Communion Assistant. The rotation is usually about once every other month. If you would like to serve on a Sunday morning, please let me know in the office.

Thanks, Teri Griebel, Adm. Assistant



WELCA – ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

❖ **DEBORAH CIRCLE** – Tuesday, November 6 – 9:00 a.m. - will meet in the Upper Room. Beverly Boyle and Jan Jackson are hostesses.

NOVEMBER is THANKOFFERING MONTH – bring your “thankoffering” offerings to our Circle meeting or give them to our treasurer, Connie Langston.

**REPORT ON NIS WELCA
30TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The 30th Annual WELCA convention was held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at Trinity Lutheran, Harvard, IL. The theme for the day was "Hope for the Homeless." Keynote speaker was Carrie Freund, McHenry County Director of Homeless Services, Pioneer Center for Human Services. Bishop Jeffery Clements brought the morning message. Lynette Todd, Exec. Board Member of the Women of the ELCA, also brought greetings. Seventy-five women from the synod were in attendance including 35 voting members. New officers and conference representatives were elected. Cindy Widernuth from Trinity Lutheran, Moline, was elected our new West Conference Representative.

Marilyn Gross, Delegate from Calvary Lutheran



USHER SCHEDULE – Dec. Schedule

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I am scheduling for the Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24.

If you will be out of town, or would like to volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible.

Usher Openings in 2019 - We have several openings on our Usher Teams. If you have been asked to sub and would like to be assigned to a team let me know. To those who are already serving as Usher, I will keep you on the same team unless you notify me.

These additions/changes should be in the office no later than **December 14th**. The new schedule will be distributed in early January for the time period of February 2019 through January 2020.

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the Thrivent Action Team for Kids Against Hunger. 38 people signed in to help. 6000 meals (1200 bags) were assembled. Total cost of the meals was \$1500.00 and we were able to give an extra \$285.00 to go towards shipping. The \$250.00 grant from Thrivent paid for our lunch and \$85.00 worth of food for a food pantry. Calvary & St. James members did a great job! Gary Gross



We extend our condolences to Mary Ann Behrens on the deaths of an aunt and an uncle.

Pauline Rehbein Erickson, Winterset, IA passed away on June 6, 2018 at the age of 99 ½ years. During WWII, she worked in a California airplane factory. At graveside, she was posthumously given a “Certificate of Appreciation” for being a “Rosie the Riveter,” and noted that death occurred on D-Day.

Herbert Rehbein, formerly of Van Meter, IA, passed away on August 22, 2018 – one month prior to his 90th birthday. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS – Nov. 30

COME JOIN US on Friday, November 30 at 6:00 pm for pizza. After eating our fill, we will **DECK THE HALLS**, the sanctuary, the Upper Room and Erlander Hall for the Christmas Season. More people - makes the task go faster.



CAFÉ - Saturday, Nov. 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Moline Public Library Café, 3210 41st St, Moline, IL Sponsored by St. James WELCA

Please join us for a cup of coffee, tea, and maybe a pastry, as we gather for Bible Study. All women of St. James Lutheran and Calvary Lutheran Churches are invited.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

World Community Day is Friday, November 2, 2018.

The theme is “Reaching for Wholeness in Harmony with God’s People”

Our unit celebration will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 3801 7th Street, East Moline (shuttle from North Parking Lot) with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program. Please RSVP to Pat Reuter at 309-721-4510. Bring World Service Kits, and Election of Officers

**CALVARY –
CELEBRATING a CENTURY of CARING**

Kick-Off Event, Sunday, November 18

Join us for the Mortgage Burning and Lunch. Worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by a catered lunch. Everything will be provided, so just bring yourself.

We will Kick-Off our 100th year by Burning Our Mortgage and looking at Calvary's ministries. We have many events planned for the next year to help us in Celebrating a Century of Caring. Come and help us Kick-Off the year!

Beginning – November 1 – 100 Items of Caring – as a Kick-off to our 100th anniversary. This will be our way of celebrating throughout the year.

Each month Calvary will begin collecting 100 of the following items to be given to local food pantries. This will be in addition to the grocery cart collection.

Please keep this list available as some items you may find on sale at various times. If you decide to purchase while on sale, please keep them until the month of collection.

**As a reminder –
please no glass jars if at all possible.**

November – Boxed Stuffing Mix

December – Instant Potatoes

January – Soups

February – Cake/Brownie Mix

March – Peanut Butter

April – Salad Dressing

May – Pancake Mix

June – Canned Tuna/Chicken

July – Skillet Meal Helpers

August – Cereal

September – Canned Spaghetti Sauce

October – Boxed Pasta



*Order your
Poinsettia*

Deadline: December 11

**Now
\$10.00**

**Make checks payable to:
Calvary Lutheran Church**

Please complete the appropriate information:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by _____

