

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

You are *makarios*!

No, I'm not making a derogatory comment. *Μακαρίων* is an ancient Greek word meaning "blessed."

From the dictionary for biblical Greek terms, *makarios* literally means "blessed; the state of one who has become a partaker of God; to experience the fullness of God."

So, through the gift of Christ and by the goodness of God, we are *makarios*. We have partaken of God's goodness to us.

God daily provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock and all property – along with all the necessities and nourishment from this body and life. God protects us against all danger and shields and preserves us from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of ours at all! For all of this we owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

I hope the above paragraph sounds familiar to you. It is from Luther's explanation of the first article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism. Luther leaves no doubt. All that we have is from God. We are *makarios*.

But *makarios* is more than just being gifted by God. *Makarios* also involves the sense of being fulfilled by those gifts. It is believing and feeling that what God has given us is enough. We don't need more.

And for that blessing we owe God our thanks and praise. For this blessing we are called on to serve and obey God.

On Sunday, November 20 I invite you to join in a *Makarios* Gathering immediately following worship in Erlander Hall. The gathering, which will include a catered lunch through funds provided by Thrivent, will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on God's blessings on us as individuals and as a congregation. We will pause to give our thanks and praise in a brief worship and through an offering in support of the relief efforts under way in Haiti following Hurricane Matthew. And, the gathering will also provide for us an opportunity to consider our financial response to God for his blessings to us as we support the work of the Church in 2017.

You are *makarios*! Give to God your thanks and praise, your service and your obedience.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 4 – Barb Geerts
- 10 – Minita Heed
- 11 – Allen Noftsker
- 12 – Viola 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



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

♥ Words cannot express the kindness and concern that I have received during the past several months when my mother's health began to fail. As a member of the choir told me – We're family. Yes, Calvary certainly is.

Thank you to everyone who helped with my mother's funeral luncheon; especially Jan Jackson for organizing the food and helpers. To Debbie Faith for taking over the secretarial duties, you did a great job! To Pastor Don who visited with her over the last several years and was "spot on" with his homily; and to the choir. You sang beautifully.

---- Thank you, Teri Griebel and her family

• I want to thank you for your kind contribution of \$80 to the E.Moline/Moline CareLINK. We also encourage all of you to begin reading the Churches United Facebook page, participate in the dialogue or simply get informed. You can also find us at www.cuqca.org as well. For those of you into social media, Twitter will begin as well in the near future. Most importantly though, we appreciate the relationship we have with you and know that your donation is making an impact in the community through the ministries at Churches United.

--- Sincerely, Anne Wachal, Exec. Director

Happy Anniversary to:

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



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room. Come for a tempting food, fun and fellowship with your Calvary friends....don't forget to invite a neighbor or friend to join us....we ARE a friendly group!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT KNIT – A – BIT Group

has been meeting on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. We will only be meeting until November 9th. We have been busy working on scarves/hats for Jefferson Pre-school and for other organizations. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, please come and we will take the time to *try* and teach you. Apparently, according to some, it is a learned skill? If all else fails – come for the fellowship.

So the next time if you do not know what to do on a Wednesday night at 6:00 pm, come and join us at Knit-A-Bit.

CHILI & VEGETABLE SOUP SUPPER

The Chili Supper will be held **Saturday, November 5th** from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Erlander Hall. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Hope to see everyone there!

----Charlene Lundstrom & Connie Langston



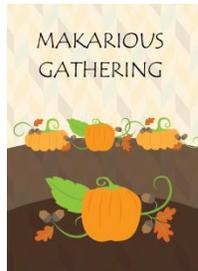
IT's That Time of Year Again to "FALL BACK" on **NOVEMBER 6**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one (1) hour before going to bed. Also, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

October 30 – has been designated as a Healing Service. Healing stations will be available during the communion service.





We offer our sympathies and prayers to Sue Knipe & Margo Miller and family and friends of Steven Burdick. Steven passed away on Saturday, October 22. May each of you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Makarios Gathering: *Makarios* is Greek word meaning “blessed.”

On Sunday, November 20 following worship we will gather in Erlander Hall for a time of food (a catered lunch), fellowship, worship, and service as we reflect on God’s blessings to us. Donations will be accepted at the gathering in support of the relief efforts underway in Haiti following Hurricane Matthew. We will also celebrate the blessings of God for the ministries supported by Calvary through the congregation and the greater Church. Finally, our time together will include an opportunity for members to consider their response to God’s blessings through their time, talents, tithes and offerings for 2017. The cost of lunch will be offset by funds provided by Thrivent.

Endowment Committee will meet on Sunday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room. We will meet to determine where to send 2015 funds.



Newsletter DEADLINE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is November 10th. Please email or put in my box your articles. The newsletter will be distributed on November 23rd.

COME JOIN US after worship on November 27 as we **DECK THE HALLS!** and the sanctuary, the Upper Room and Erlander Hall for the Christmas Season. More people makes the task go faster.



WELCA -All Calvary women are invited.

- ❖ **Deborah Circle** will meet on November 1 at 9:00 a.m. All Rachel members are invited to attend.
- ❖ **WELCA MEETING – SATURDAY, NOV. 12** at **9:00 a.m.** in the Upper Room. The reason we are having a Saturday morning meeting is to include those who work during the week and those who cannot or do not want to come to evening meetings. All Calvary ladies (younger women especially) are encouraged to come and express their ideas about the structure of our women’s group and the services it will be providing in the coming year. Recommendations from the last WELCA meeting will be reviewed and decisions made – your input is important!!!!
- ❖ **HAPPY HOOKERS** will meet on November 30 at 9:30 am

Marilyn’s Corner



Marilyn's Corner

Thank you all for all your ways of kindness during my recovery time again. I am trying very hard to not go through this shut down time again. Enough now for sure.

Calvary though has the best Earth Angels! This time of getting older and its trials and tribulations one needs to be treated with a little humor. I received this note from one of Calvary’s Earth Angels and it tickled my heart, so here’s hoping it brings a smile for you.

So your engine’s runnin’ sluggish?
So your gears seem outta whack?
And you’re ridin’ low on fuel,
Though for gas you never lack?

You’d best just idle for awhile,
Let ‘em put you up on blocks -
They’ll knock some rust off of your frame
And put the spring back in your shocks!

Thank you again.

Love & Hugs from Marilyn Mudd



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
World Community Day Celebration is
Friday, November 4, 2016.
 The theme is "Sharing Gifts at the Table."

Our unit celebration will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1330 13th Street, Moline with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program. Please RSVP to Cindy Wildermuth at 309-792-3864 or the church at 309-762-3624.

Our speaker will be Paula Morgan with "Operation Christmas Child."



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USHER SCHEDULE

Thank You Greg Johnson!

Greg is stepping down this year as Usher Scheduler and we thank Greg Johnson for all his hard work in scheduling the Ushers for the last ten years.

Teri will be taking over scheduling ushers. If you would like to be an usher, please let me know in the office. An updated usher schedule will be distributed in early January for the time period of February 2017 through January 2018. If you would like to make a schedule change, please let Teri know. The final schedule change should be in the office no later than December 15th. It would be great to be able to create another usher team! Teri & Greg thank you for your service to Calvary.

We also thank those of you who have stepped up on Sunday mornings to help with ushering, offering and communion when someone has been absent. Thank you to everyone who has served as Usher.

HAPPY HOOKERS



Happy Hookers

Fall is that time of year when we clean out drawers, boxes and closets. If you find yarn, materials, etc., the Happy

Hookers will gladly relieve you of those items. Also if you have a sewing machine that works and you would like to it to have a new home, we will be happy to put your machine to good use.

Thank you, Marilyn Mudd



Celebrate

WITH ALL THE BOUNTY
 THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD
 HAS GIVEN TO YOU.

DEUTERONOMY 26:11, NRSV