



Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

Several years ago, while browsing through an art store in Oregon, Illinois, I was introduced to the paintings of Charles L. Peterson and I immediately became enamored with his work. A couple of years later I was given two of his prints as a gift.

One of the prints, which is typical of his work, depicts a small, white, wood-sided church. The simple building appears to be just one large room, with the entry doors sitting at the base of the towering steeple with a plain cross at the top. Outside the shrubbery and ground are blanketed in white, untrampled snow. It is a very peaceful scene.

But, upon closer examination, one notices that there is more to the picture than just the church in its pastoral setting. In front of the church are a handful of shadowy, almost ghostlike figures. They are there, but not really. There are people in a horse-drawn sleigh and a family walking through the snow on their way to the church. However, they make no mark in the snow. They really are not there - at least not in the present. Rather, they are people from the past. They aren't haunting the church, but are more a shadow of their presence from years gone by. They are, I imagine as I get taken in by the print, former members of the congregation whose existence can still be felt in the present. They are there in spirit, if not in body.

When the Letter to the Hebrews says that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, it is a scene like the one depicted by Charles L. Peterson that comes to my mind. As Christians we are surrounded, not by ghosts, but by the presence of those who have gone before us.

As I walk through our church building or look at the anniversary photos hanging on the walls of Erlander Hall I often think about the great cloud of witnesses that surround us in this place. I think about those pioneers who, in the last century,

sacrificed their time and their talents and their meager resources in order to raise a building and establish a congregation so that their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren would have a place to worship and learn and grow in the faith of their fathers. Their presence still hallows the halls of our church.

And I pray that in the years to come our presence will join that great cloud of witnesses for the generations to follow us. By our faith and through our witness God's church will continue to thrive in this place.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



Pastor Knowles will be on vacation from June 22 through July 5th. If you need Pastoral care, please contact the church office.

Jazz Musicians – July 31 at 10:00 a.m.

On July 31, Calvary will once again have the "Prodigal Sons Jazz Band" at our 10 a.m. worship service. This is the same jazz band that performed last year.



Musicians are Kellen Myers, piano & band leader; Ian Farmer, Bass; Logan Myers, drums; Mark Johns, Clarinet, sax/vocals; Rich Atwood, trumpet; Greg Firspatrick, trombone. This is to coincide with The Bix Beiderbecke Festival to be held August 4 through 6 in Davenport, IA.

Please invite your family and friends to this wonderful, upbeat service. Guaranteed to have a "jazzy" and spirit filled time!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Stan Heed, Brad Gross
- 2 – Kathryn Beardsley
- 4 – Vinh Pham
- 7 – Nathan Faith
- 8 – Wyatt Bunch
- 9 – David McClanahan
 - Jerry Cornelius
- 14 – Jenna Ketelsen
- 17 – Jim Johansen, Aaron Ohrn
- 18 – Olivia Bunch
- 30 – Michelle Youngworth



Happy Anniversary to:

- 3 – Doug & Amanda Gross (2006)
- 4 – Mark & Marena Jackson (1994)
- 6 – Rudy & Sandy Ohrn (1959)
 - Vinh & Cindy Pham (1976)
- 8 – Dean & Linda Chase (1996)
- 11 – Richard & Sandy Strosahl (1966)
- 15 – Ted & Jan Jackson (1957)
- 24 – Pastor Bob & Fran Pearson (1961)
- 26 – Norm & Judy Carbiener (1964)



Congratulations to Steve and Debbie Faith on the birth of their newest grandson. Nathan and Arika had their third child, Henry James on April 15, 2016. He was 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Congratulations also to Josh and Beth Lipka, Omaha, NE on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Margaret Lipka. She was born on May 6 and weighed 8lbs. 7oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Pam and Gary Gross and Great grandparents are Marilyn and Jack Gross.

Lost or Missing Tablecloths

We are missing 4 banquet tablecloths. Please check to see if you have them at home. You may have borrowed them or taken them home to wash and forgot to return them. We may have to purchase new ones, if we are unable to locate them.

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The following is a list of graduates and their plans for the future:

- ★ **Raegan Menke**, granddaughter of David and Annette Menke, is graduating from Kirkwood Community College with Honors. She will be continuing her degree in Biology at St. Ambrose University in Davenport
- ★ **Jacqueline Menke**, granddaughter of David and Annette Menke has accepted a grant and scholarship to study for a Master of Landscape Architecture at the University of Georgia beginning this August.
- Allison Boyle**, granddaughter of Bev Boyle, graduated from Iowa State University, College of Human Services in Ames, Iowa on May 6th.
- ★ **Angel Cisneros Thorsvold**, daughter-in-law of Karen & Roger Thorsvold, graduates June 11 from Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon. She will receive a degree in paramedic and fire science.
- ★ **Lauren Lamourt**, granddaughter of Allen and Judy Noftsker, will be graduating from Davenport Central. She will be attending Graceland University on a track and academic scholarship. She will be studying broadcasting. She has worked for KWQC for the last year and a half as an intern reporter.



WELCA - MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7:

All Calvary women are invited.

- ❖ **Deborah Circle** – will meet at **The Windmill** in East Moline at 9:00 am for breakfast. Please note the change in venue.
- ❖ **Rachel Circle** will meet at 6:00 pm at Riverhouse, 1510 River Dr., Moline
- ❖ **Unit Meeting** there will be no meeting, June, July and August..
- ❖ **HAPPY HOOKERS** will meet at 9:30 on June 29 and on July 27th.

50
Golden
Anniversary

Rich and Sandy Strosahl invite you to join in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Community Room at Hy-Vee, 7th Street and John Deere Road, Moline, IL Your presence is the only present we desire.



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

♥ God Bless and thank you to all The Angels at Calvary Lutheran that prayed and “pulled” for me, “Aint Faith Wonderful”!!!

---- Warren Wren

♥ Thank you for the flowers, cards and phone calls and Pastor Knowles visits.

---- Betty Clark

♥ A BIG Thank You to Jeanette Peters for the check to purchase material to make neck scarves for our homeless veterans.

---- Love & Hugs,
Marilyn Mudd and The Happy Hookers

• Thank you! We appreciate your generous gift to impact at-risk youth. This school year hundreds of kids and teens have participated in our centers and clubs. We have experienced an increase of both kids and teens.

---- Mark Drake, Executive Director, YouthHope

• Dear Friends, Thank you for thinking of us with your donation of clothes, toys and movies. Our clients and their children are always excited to get new things.

---- The Staff at Winnies Place

• Thank you so much for your continued support and for your kind contribution of \$80 to the E. Moline/Moline CareLINK.

---- Anne Wachal, Executive Director



We would like to thank Ted Jackson for his many years of service to Calvary. Ted is stepping down as Memorial Treasurer. Ted has done a

wonderful job in keeping track of the memorials made to Calvary over the years. We would also like to thank Shirley Lofgren, Ann Donahue and countless others for helping Ted with mailing the thank you cards. We salute you!

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – LeRoy Freeze
- 5 – Dale Armstrong
- 7 – Terry Langston,
- 12 – Tim Alan Miller
- 15 – Tim Lee Miller (son)
- 16 – Mary Ann Behrens
- 18 – Steve Miller
- 22 – Joan Freese
- 23 – Roger Thorsvold
- 24 – Dean Chase
- 26 – Arla Olson
- 27 – Jeremiah Griebel
- 30 – Dung Pham, Jonathan Bunch



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

- 4 – Gordon & Linda Nelson (1970)
- 14 – LeRoy & Fran Freeze (1956)
- 17 – Warren & Jeanette Wren (1976)



AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is July 14.



Please be sure all items are into the church office. 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.

Thanks to WELCA for sponsoring another lovely “All Daughter’s Banquet” on Friday, April 29th. Nearly 70 ladies (young and old) were there to enjoy the dinner provided by Jeffs Market and the cake decorating demonstration by Rita trout. Sidney Mudd won the decorated cake Rita made.



TACO LUNCH – Sunday, June 26



Relay for Life will be sponsoring a Taco Lunch after worship, starting approximately 11:15 a.m. We invite you to join us in Erlander Hall for unlimited tacos for your donation to Relay for Life. Dessert and drink also included.



Congratulations to Lauren Lamourt, who is a senior at Davenport Central. On May 12 she jumped 18 feet 3 ½ inches to take first place at the district qualifier. She is ranked #3 in the State of Iowa for long jump out of 1,000 jumpers. Last year as a junior, she was ranked 6th for long jump. Her 4x1 took second place. She will going to state to compete. Lauren is the granddaughter to Allen and Judy Noftsker.



Calvary Lutheran Church Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 20th, from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Erlander Hall. To donate, please call Ted Jackson at 309-762-0170.

WELCA is having a “Ladies Night Out” on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 pm at Arthur’s Garden Deli, 3717 Blackhawk Road, Rock Island. Meet at the restaurant. All Ladies are welcome to attend.



Our next Service project will be to serve at Café on Vine at 12:00 (noon) on July 30th. If you would be willing to volunteer to help, please contact Ruth Laabs-Wilcox.



THANKSGIVING IN JULY 2016

Calvary will join with churches across the Quad Cities to collect large donations of food for Churches United during the month of July. The food will go to the pantries that we support.

According to the Quad City Times on May 20th, one in eight people in our community (12%) are food insecure. This includes one out of five children.

Please prayerfully consider support our food pantries at a higher level. Calvary does a great job each month but the need continues to be there. For questions, please SEE Marilyn Gross or Ruth Laabs-Wilcox.

Count your blessings and remember your gifts this summer. As you are enjoying the summer activities that may take you away from your church family on Sundays, please remember your weekly gifts to Calvary. Just like when we vacation from home, our monthly bills still come in and need to be paid. You could mail your envelope in or drop it off when you will be out of town.



RELAY FOR LIFE CALVARY CRUSADERS UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 – Taco Lunch – see page 3

SUNDAY, JULY 24- Relay Coffee Hour

AUGUST - We have yet to set a date for the Ice Cream Social, so please watch the Sunday bulletin for more information.

LUMINARIA FORMS are available on the table in the Upper Room by the bulletin board. If you would like to honor a loved one at the Luminaria Ceremony at relay, fill one out with your donation of \$10 and give it to any Crusader member.

The website for the R.I. County Relay is [www.relayfor life.org/rockislandil](http://www.relayforlife.org/rockislandil). By clicking “donate” on the opening screen you can make a donation to any of our Crusader team members.