

# *Calvary Courier*

## *June and July 2018*

A Publication of Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois

From the Pastor:

I shared this story in the newsletter at Calvary in 2010. Some recent conversations I've had made me think it might be worth repeating as a reminder of our true mission as congregations of God's church.

### **Parable of the Life Saving Station**

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought of themselves went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely, because they used it as a sort of club. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in this club's decoration, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where the club initiations were held.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet, and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick, and some of them had black skin and some had yellow skin. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that sea coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown!

This parable originally appeared in an article by Theodore O. Wedel, "Evangelism—the Mission of the Church to Those Outside Her Life," *The Ecumenical Review*, October 1953, pg. 24. The above paraphrases the original by Richard Wheatcroft, which appeared in, *May-June Letter to Laymen* 1962, p.1.

In Christ,

*Pastor Knowles*



Pastor Knowles will be on vacation beginning June 18 through July 6. If you would need Pastoral care, please contact either Pastor Conway at Trinity Lutheran, Moline at 309-762-3624 or Pastor Willers at Salam Lutheran, Moline at 309-764-5614.

## 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:

- 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)
- 26 – Norm & Judy Carbiener (1964)



**WELCA** - (No Meeting during July or August)

- ❖ **Deborah Circle** – Tuesday, June 5 at 9:00 am at **Welcome Inn** in Milan for a breakfast and meeting. Meet at church at 8:30 am for rides. All women are welcome to join us. (No meeting during July or August.)
- ❖ **Happy Hookers** – will meet at 9:30 on June 27 and July 25<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy fellowship while doing quilting and handiwork.
- ❖ **Northern Illinois Synod Women's Organization Convention** – Saturday, September 15, 2018. We will be sponsoring a delegate – other women also invited to attend.

### CAFÉ

**Saturday, June 23 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Moline Public Library Café,**  
**3210 41<sup>st</sup> Street, 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.



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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

- ★ **Clayton Gerrans**, son of Rachel (Thorsvold) and Jon Gerrans, grandson of Karen & Roger Thorsvold will graduate June 13 from Manhattan Beach Middle School in Manhattan Beach, CA. He will attend Mira Costa High School in the fall.
- ★ **Raegan Annette Menke**, grand-daughter of Dave & Annette Menke has been accepted to the University of Iowa college of Pharmacy, starting August 18<sup>th</sup>.



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

➤ Thank you for your ministry and all you do in proclaiming Christ. Thank you too, for your gifts of mission support and sharing ministry together in our Northern Illinois Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

----Pastor Kurt Nordby, Asst. to the Bishop for Stewardship and Development

➤ **Thank you** to those who came on Saturday for work-day. We got a lot accomplished, but there is still more *yard* work to do. Any time you have a spare moment and would like to come to church to check on the bushes, mow the grass, pull weeds, etc., you are more than welcome to give us a hand. Just give me or Teri a call to be sure someone will be at church to let you into the garage.

----- Gary Gross, Property

### LUNCH BUNCH – JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>



**The program** will be a 30 minute historical documentary “Letter Home to Hero Street,” produced by WQPT and Fourth Wall Films.

Producers of the film, Tammy and Kelly Rundle and Lora Adams of WQPT will show the film for us and perhaps some of the film’s stars will be coming too. They will take part in a question and answer time following its showing. They will be bringing DVDs of the film in case anyone is interested in purchasing one. We are inviting St. James to attend. Please bring a guest or two along with you so we have a good group!!!

## 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
- 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)



NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE

### AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is July 12

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](mailto:secretary@calvarymoline.org) with your address. Also, please watch your email as I will be publishing a “Calvary Notes” page either the end of June or first of July as a reminder of up-coming events in July.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

July 10th

**Ladies Night Out** will be on **Tuesday, July 10** at 6:00 pm at Montana Jacks, Moline. Meet at the restaurant. All Ladies are invited. Let Sue Knipe or Marilyn Gross know you are coming.



### Lunch Bunch – July 17

Invite your friends and come for a good meal and fellowship. Program will be announced in the bulletins.



**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
**From 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Erlander Hall**  
**Sponsored by Relay for Life**

The Calvary Crusaders invite you and your friends to a fun afternoon of bingo, prizes and music. Oh, yes, and food...we'll have the famous Whitey's Ice Cream and luscious pastries and desserts or you may choose to make a sundae with various toppings. Our menu will also include yummy bar-b-ques and hotdogs served with chips – all for your generous donations to Relay for Life. A Thrivent Action Team grant will be used to cover expenses, so **all your donations** will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life – thank you in advance. (As of now our team has \$1,152 credited on the Relay web site – the fund raising deadline is Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>.)

The music for the afternoon will be provided by a father-son singing duo, Ray and Scott Wierson from Davenport. You and your guests will love hearing them sing the wonderful familiar popular songs that we enjoy so much!

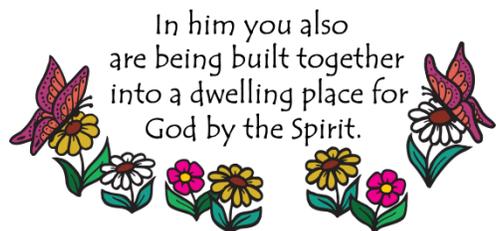
Please mark your calendars, invite your family and friends, and make this the social event of the summer!!!!

### JAZZ SERVICE July 29th– 10 a.m.



Mark your calendar for August 6! Once again, the “Prodigal Sons Jazz Band will play at our worship service. As many of you know, these musicians have played for us the last several years to everyone's enjoyment. Our service will coincide with The Bix Beiderbecke Festival to be held August 2 through August 4 in Davenport, IA.

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



EPHESIANS 2:22, ESV



### May Council Meeting

At its May meeting, the Calvary council decided to use the proceeds from Alan Johnson's estate to pay off the mortgage balance at Blackhawk Bank and Trust. After a recent anonymous gift designated for the mortgage, the principal is under \$50,000. The proceeds from the estate, which are currently in a CD that matures in June, will be used to pay for the roof replacement over the Upper Room and the mortgage. By paying off the mortgage the congregation will save about \$300/month in interest. It is the hope of the council that members will continue their contributions to the Building and Improvement Fund in order to build up savings for future building needs.



### THANKSGIVING IN JULY Returns in 2017

Calvary will join with churches across the Quad Cities to collect large donations of non-perishable food and items for Churches United from July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The food will go to the pantries that we support.

Nonperishable item needs include baby food; canned fruits and vegetables; canned meat such as tuna, Spam and chicken; peanut butter; rice; pasta and pasta sauce; macaroni and cheese; juice boxes; boxed meals and soups. Paper goods – toilet paper and diapers – are also needed and gratefully accepted.

Cash donations are especially appreciated and allow the food pantries to buy bulk food at a reduced cost. Make checks payable to Churches United Thanksgiving in July.

Please prayerfully consider supporting 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.



### RELAY FOR LIFE CALVARY CRUSADERS

❖ **SUNDAY, June 24, July 22 & August 26** – Stop in the Upper Room to have some refreshments and special treats – your donations are appreciated.

**The Relay for Life** of the Quad Cities was held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day and evening. Three of our team attended. We continued to sell tickets for the quilt auction until the drawing took place at 7:45 pm. Eighty-two tickets (@\$5.00) were sold and we had a donation of \$1.00 so our **total going to Relay is \$411.00.** Congratulations to the winner of the quilt – Kay Chase!!!

**THRIVENT T-SHIRTS**...if you have participated in one of the "Thrivent Action Team Events" by giving a donation or working on one, there are really nice light-weight t-shirt available in the Upper Room, perfect for the long, hot summer...and giving Thrivent credit for their help with our church projects.



**THANKS TO ALL** who attended the Relay for Life Taco Lunch on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. With your generous donations we raised \$270.00!!! We will hope you will also support our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday coffee hours during the summer. Our next BIG event will be the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. See page 3 for more information.



**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.



**Thank you** for your generous donation of cancelled postage stamps. Calvary donated 17.4 pounds of cancelled stamps to the auction for a total of \$27.00. This year's event, which was held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church, Moline, raised about \$6,500.00 bringing the 41-year total to over \$288,500.00 to benefit the American Cancer Society. We will continue collecting the cancelled stamps for the 2019 stamp auction. Please continue to support Calvary's Relay for Life Events.