



Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

In the early years of our marriage, when I was a poor seminary student, the cars we owned to get back and forth between Illinois and Pennsylvania often operated on a wish and a prayer and were held together by Band Aids and chewing gum. There wasn't much mechanical work I could do by myself, but I always kept some basic tools in the trunk just in case.

On one of our trips back to Gettysburg the headlight in our (1979?) Malibu burned out. At least headlights were something I could deal with. So we found an auto parts store near the interstate in Zanesville, Ohio where I purchased a headlight. Out in the parking lot I popped open the trunk, grabbed my set of Phillips-head screwdrivers and proceeded to twist the screwdriver into the screw hole in the headlight. It didn't take me long, however, to realize that even though I was twisting the screwdriver, the screw was not turning. As darkness was settling in, I grabbed a flashlight and peered into the screw hole only to discover that the head of the screw was not a Phillips or a regular slot. It was some sort of star shape that I have never seen before. My old set of tools did me no good in completing the task at hand. I needed to update my tool kit. (Thankfully the auto parts store was still open and carried the necessary screw driver.)

One of the realities of life is that as time goes by, as things change and as we change, the tools we need to accomplish our tasks need to change, too.

The building that houses our congregation is one of those tools. I know it may seem odd to think of the building as a tool, but that is precisely what it is. It is a tool that we use to facilitate our mission of serving God and sharing Christ's love in our community and throughout the world. The building exists to help us do God's work.

And over the past 97 years it has been necessary to adapt and change this important tool. In the early 1950's the upstairs was added to accommodate a growing congregation and provide a new worship space that arched toward the heavens. In 1988 the Sunday School/Upper Room addition was completed to make space for all the children in Sunday School and provide some much needed social space on the sanctuary level. In 2001 the sanctuary was renovated to

lighten and brighten our worship space. As we have changed over the years we have modified the building to help us carry out our mission.

Now, as we approach our 100th anniversary as a congregation, our needs are still changing. I continue to believe that our mission among the ELCA congregations in our area is ministry with and for seniors. I am convinced that that is where our gifts lie and what God is calling on us to do. Unfortunately our building is probably not the most efficient or effective tool for carrying out that mission.

The most serious deficiency is accessibility. It is more and more difficult for many of our members - people vital to our ministry - to participate because of the stairs.

A second issue that I see is visibility. Even with the "Marshall building" down, our building still seems to be invisible to people driving the Avenue. I don't know how many times I have been met with blank looks when I describe our location to people. But when I tell them we are across from Adolph's, they know exactly where we are but say they never realized there was a church there. Part of this issue, I think, is that there is a subtle bend in the road when approaching Calvary from the west. Another part of the issue, though, is that people driving by the church on the Avenue never see any activity. Everything is happening in the back of the building.

Through the direction of the council we have recently been in contact with two architectural/engineering firms to discuss what can be done to help improve our building to support our mission. We will continue to explore possibilities that include accessibility, visibility, utilizing the empty lot to our east for additional parking and considering better outdoor storage space (a garage?).

At this point in time I am simply letting you know what I believe are significant needs for our congregation and invite your thoughts and prayers about how we can best meet those needs as we seek to do the will of God in this place. How can we make our building a better tool for our ministry?

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 2 – Bryce Chase
- 4 – Harold Clark
- 6 – Madisen Jones
- 8 – Addi Miller
- 10 – Valorie Daniel
- 11 – Marilyn Mudd
- 12 – Haley Mudd
- 15 – Sheila Doering
- 18 – Austin Blair
- 20 – Lee Ann Carlson
- 21 – Eulalia Dunn
- 22 – Gerda Schmeltzer
- 24 – Debra McClanahan
- 25 – Tyler Bowser-Smith
- 29 – Jan Jackson
- 30 – Tyler Lee Miller
- 31 – Linda Miner



Happy Anniversary to:

- 9 – Connie & Terry Langston (1997)
- 14 – LaVerne & Sue Knipe (1976)
- 16 – Judy & Allen Noftsker (1998)
- 20 – Greg Johnson & Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (1977)
- 23 – John & Doris Henriksen (1947)
- 27 – Pastor Don & Mary Knowles (1983)
- 29 – Rick & Pam Ohrn (1981)
 - Jeff & Michele Selander (1998)



During the months of June and July we received the following words of thanks....

♥ Dear Pastor Knowles; Please accept these donations in loving memory of our beloved mom and grandmother. Your service was lovely – your sermon was comforting and humorous all at once. Mom would have been pleased (and still stubborn!).

----the family of Laura Dickerson

♥ Dear Calvary; We would like to continue to receive your newsletter. Our e-mail is rvHertz@netzero.net. The check is for whatever is needed for. We say hello to all there at Calvary, and think of our days at Calvary often..

---- In Christ, Bob & Vicky Hertz

♥ I would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls and visits while I have been under the weather. Now that I am beginning to feel better, you had better watch out.

---- Love and Hugs, Marilyn Mudd

♥ Dear Calvary Friends; Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, flowers and food you gave me during the three months I was in the hospital, nursing home, and home bound. Your concern and support helped me to get better and stronger. Thank you Pastor for the visits. I am feeling better and hope I can get our more.

---- Love to you all, God Bless. Shirley Lofgren

• I want to thank you for your kind Member Church contribution of \$267 to the general ministry fund and your contribution of \$80 to the E.Moline/Moline CareLINK. We also encourage all of you to begin reading the Churches United Facebook page and find us and lots of info on our website at www.Cuqca.org.

---- Anne Wachal, Executive Director



NO GET-TOGETHER IN AUGUST BUT ... starting in September, our Lunch Bunch will be meeting on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month. This change (hopefully) will spread out our activities and will make it possible for all to easily attend without conflicts. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 13th** at 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving
IN JULY



On Sunday, August 7, we will have a celebration announcing the results of our Hunger Drive to aid the food pantries sponsored by Churches United.

JAZZ SERVICE
SUNDAY, JULY 31
at 10:00 a.m.



Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to our Jazz Service on Sunday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. Come early to hear the Jazz players rehearse!



We the church extend our deepest Christian sympathy to:

- ✠ Sandy Ohrm and family on the passing of her sister, Hazel Warnock on June 7th;
- ✠ Arla Olson on the passing of her brother, Steve Cooper in Florida on June 9th;
- ✠ The family and friends of Dorothy Mason who passed away on June 16th;
- ✠ Joan Freese and Teri Griebel and family on the passing of Joan's brother and Teri's uncle, Gerald "Jerry" Bentley on June 18th; and, on the passing of Joan's nephew and Teri's cousin, Rev. Charles Pendleton on June 27th;
- ✠ Pastor Don and Mary Knowles and family on the passing of Pastor Don's father, H. Clark Knowles on July 16th.
- ✠ Mary Green, family and friends on the passing of Larry Green on July 16th.

May each of you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We have been collecting money for backpacks (\$10 each) to send to Romania with **Another Child Foundation**. Thanks to the generous donations from Calvary, we have met our goal of 50 backpacks!



RELAY FOR LIFE – ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

It's time for our annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL – The Calvary Crusaders invite you and your friends to a fun afternoon of entertainment and a tempting menu of delicious desserts and ice cream! Our menu will also feature yummy barbecues and hot dogs served with chips – all for your generous donations to Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's signature event in Rock Island County.

The afternoon will begin with an hour of bingo and games from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. with prizes. If you would like to donate a prize, let one of our Relayers know.

The "Just for Fun" band will entertain us from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We thank them for donating their talents to our benefit!!! Other surprise guests may be coming as well – you just never know!!!

So mark your calendar. Food will be served until it runs out – so come early – stay late – fill up your tummy! And...remember to bring your friends and neighbors.

Cleaning List



Remember, we have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We could really use some help in the "cleaning" department. All it takes is a spare hour or two and you can do it any day of the week!

**RELAY FOR LIFE – CALVARY CRUSADERS
Other Events**



LUMINARIA... these tributes dedicated to all who have battled cancer are lighted and line the track at Black Hawk the evening of Relay, **Saturday, September 17**. If you haven't experienced it, it is a very inspiring sight – and the names of all are read during the ceremony that accompanies the lighting.

Luminaria are \$10 and order forms are available on the table in the Upper Room or from any Calvary Crusader. The team will receive credit for your participation if payment is received before the day of the relay.

THE MEMBERS OF BETA SIGMA PHI (part of our Relay Team) have raffle tickets available for a catered dinner for 12 in your home (Value \$250). See the bulletin board in the hallway or the Upper Room. Marilyn Gross has tickets.



SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in DIR ₁

The opposite of play WO K ₂

One-of-a-kind NIQUE ₃

A hug and a KI S ₄

Sour TAR ₅

To speak very loudly YE L ₆

Immediately N W ₇

Bees live in a HI E ₈

A dandelion is this W E D ₉

I _____ in your unfailing _____ ;
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed;
 I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV