

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

30 years ago this past week I stood before the altar at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Plaines, Illinois, my home congregation, and made some promises to God in the presence of God's people. Among other things, I promised to preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, the creeds and the Lutheran confessions. I promised to be diligent in my study of the Holy Scriptures, I promised to give faithful witness to the gospel. And I promised to pray for God's people and to nourish them with the Word and the Sacraments.

Please allow me to reminisce in this space this month as I reflect on those who have been a part of the flock in my care over the last 30 years. While I may have been called to care for them, they have cared for me in return. They are among the saints who have shaped my call to ministry and taught me how to be a better pastor and a better Christian.

I thank God for saints like Ruth, the organist at Mt. Zion in Bakersville, PA (my first call). Ruth, by the time I came to Mt. Zion, had been the organist there for a couple generations already, since she was 16. She continued to play well into her 80's. Ruth loved her congregation and the church like no one else I've ever known.

And I thank God for Helen, who was among the kindest, most gracious saints who never failed to lift my spirits, no matter what turmoil may have been brewing in our congregation.

Roy was among the saints who taught me about dying faithfully. "Pastor," Roy said to me as he neared death, "I don't want you to talk about me at my funeral. I'll be ok. Tell them about Jesus."

I am thankful for all the college students who felt called to do ministry at LOMC (our synod's camp).

They could have found easier, better paying summer jobs but chose instead to "welcome the little children." Their willingness to serve was an inspiration to me.

I give thanks for Norma, who is one of the best bakers I've ever met and she joyfully shared that gift with me, my family, and the entire community. (Her pies literally raise hundreds of dollars annually for a local charity.)

I give thanks, too, for those who have served as my mentors over the years – especially Jack and Greg who helped shape who I am as a pastor.

And I thank God for the people of Calvary, too. Your support encourages and inspires me to serve God together with you as we seek to share God's love with our community. You have made my call to ministry a joy.

These are but a few of the countless people who have, in the midst of my ministry, touched my life in significant ways. I am grateful to God for these past 30 years of ministry and awed by the wonderful people who have shared this ministry with me.

God is good! Thanks be to God.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles

**NEW WORSHIP TIME
BEGINNING AUGUST 6 – 10:30 AM**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 6 – Madisen Jones
- 8 – Addi Miller
- 10 – Valorie Daniel
- 11 – Marilyn Mudd
- 12 – Haley Mudd
- 15 – Sheila Doering
- 20 – Lee Ann Carlson
- 21 – Eulalia Dunn
- 22 – Gerda Schmeltzer
- 24 – Debra McClanahan
- 25 – Tyler De’Shawn 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 – Allen & Judy Noftsker (1998)
- 20 – Greg & Karla Johnson (1977)
- 23 – John & Doris Henriksen (1947)
- 27 – Rev. Donald & Mary Knowles (1983)
- 29 – Rick & Pam Ohrn (1981)
- 29 – Jeff & Michele Selander (1998)



BUS TRIP **October 17 - 23**

Bus Trip Pastor is organizing a bus trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C for October 17 – 23. The cost for the 6 night/7 day trip is Single Occupancy - \$1584.00; Double Occupancy - \$1121.00. This includes six breakfasts and six dinners plus six nights housing. If you think you might like to be a part of this trip, please let Pastor know. A minimum of 30 participants is needed.

The trip will offer tours of the Gettysburg Battlefield, the monuments of Washington, D.C. (both during the day and at night), Arlington National Cemetery and the National Cathedral. Time will also be allotted for exploring other parts of Gettysburg, the museums of the Smithsonian, the Kennedy Center, and the White House Visitors Center.



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

- Thank you so much for your donation of canned goods, cereal and other food. We are very grateful for your on-going support.

---- The Staff at Winnies Place

- Thank you for your Member Church contribution of \$272 to Churches United of the Quad City Area and your contribution of \$146 to the E.Moline/Moline CareLINK. Your contributions will help with the general operating cost of Churches United and the community with emergency assistance. With your contribution we will be able to continue our mission of serving our community.

---- Blessings, Ann Wachal, Exec. Dir.



JAZZ SERVICE **August 6 – 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 3 through 5 in Davenport, IA.

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



“NEW” CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please sign up at the table in the narthex on Sunday mornings or visit the website – www.calvarymoline.org and follow the link. The photographs will be taken on Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25 from 2 pm to 9 pm, and Saturday, August 26, 10 am to 5 pm. As times are beginning to be filled the earlier you sign up, the better chance you will have to choose your time. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Faith (309)798-2006.



Congratulations to Doug Gross. He will be promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant effective August 1st.



ST. JAMES – CORN ROAST!

August 13 – 4:00 pm

You are invited to our CORN ROAST on August 13th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. James.

All are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and CORN! If you are interested please bring a side dish or salad to share. Questions contact the St. James office at 309-786-0503

LUNCH BUNCH AUGUST 15



Everyone welcome.....Come for lunch at 11:00 a.m. - it's always delicious and served buffet style (take as much as you want!) There is always good conversation and a few jokes to make us laugh before a program of interest. Bring a friend, too.



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is August 10

Please be sure all items are into the church office by the deadline. Thank you.

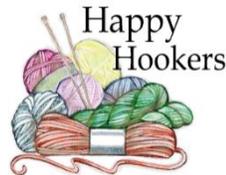
* If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please either call the church office (309-762-5423) or email: secretary@calvarymoline.org with your address.

On the Way: Lutherans and Catholics in Dialogue

On Sunday, October 15 members of the Lutheran and Catholic Churches in Moline will gather together for a joint event in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the protestant reformation and celebrating our joint mission in Christ. We will begin with a dialogue presentation at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 4:00 pm featuring the Rev. Lowell Almen, former secretary of the ELCA, and Fr. Michael Schaab, former priest at St. Pius Church in Rock Island. Following their presentation the gathering will process to First Lutheran Church for a brief worship service and fellowship gathering/light meal. On Saturday, October 14, members of the Lutheran and Catholic Churches are being invited to come together for a joint service project with Habitat for Humanity homes in the area. Please plan to attend these historic events for the churches of Moline. Additional details will be available in the next few weeks.

HAPPY HOOKERS

The Happy Hookers will meet on Wednesday, August 30 at 9:30 a.m. All women are invited for a morning of creative activities and fellowship. This group always meets on the last Wednesday of the month.



ANOTHER CHILD FOUNDATION

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 60 backpacks. We collected \$685.00, and 8 backpacks were donated, for a total of 76 ½ backpacks. Thanks so much. Greg Johnson



CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION

Thank you all for donating your cancelled postage stamps to the stamp auction. I do not know how many pounds of stamps I delivered; but I know it was a lot!! The stamp auction made \$9,200 this year; \$3,000 more than last year. I can't help but believe your generous donation made a big difference. This year the money was donated to the QC Relay for Life. The stamp collection container is in the hall among the other collection containers. Let's try to donate even more stamps to help the auction raise more money next year. Just a reminder.....the stamps also need the postal cancellation mark. Thank you....you are awesome!!

----Sharon Hough



WELCA NEWS
Northern Illinois Synod –
Women of the ELCA Convention

The 29th annual convention for NIS is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1013 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon, IL. Convention theme: “Lifting the Least.” Bishop Jeffery Clements will bring the morning message. Convention business will include a report on the Triennial Convention. Physical offerings of hygiene items will be given to Nachusa Lutheran Home.

Registration fee is \$35.00 and payment and registration form must be sent by August 18th. Our delegate will have her registration fee paid by our WELCA treasury. If interested, please talk to WELCA President Sue Knipe or Vice Pres. Marilyn Gross. For more information and on-line registration, visit www.nisynod.org/women.



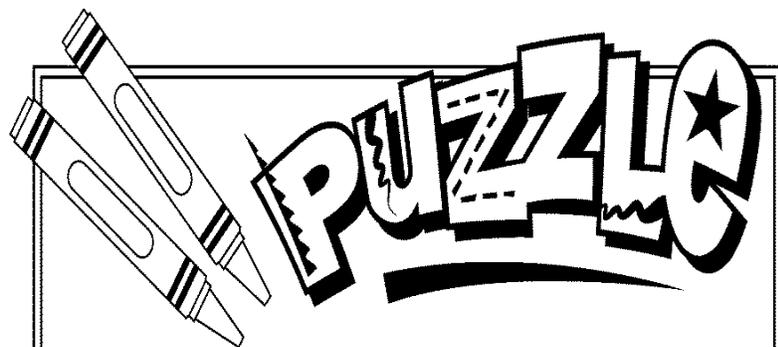
RELAY FOR LIFE
CALVARY CRUSADERS

The Calvary Crusaders Relay Team held another successful “Ice Cream Social” on Sunday, July 16. Music by the Wierson father-son singing duo was the highlight of the afternoon and enjoyed by everyone.

Team members were busy serving ice cream, pies, cakes, barbecues, hot dogs, chips, and drinks to attendees. Jackie Dooley was the bingo caller. Silent auction items brought in extra income. The tables were filled with visitors and church members. Channel 8 WQAD covered the event.

The afternoon raised a total of \$647 for the Quad Cities Relay for Life. The team goal of \$3,000 may be met and perhaps exceeded after final tabulations of our fund-raising efforts for the year. All contributions must be received by Aug. 10th. Our thanks to Thrivent Financial for a grant to help with expenses.

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.



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

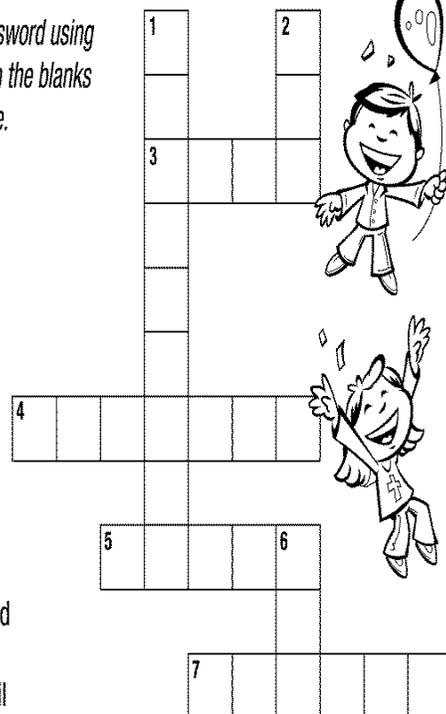
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

- 3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
- 4. What you do when you're very happy
- 5. A song written by David
- 7. Full of joy

DOWN

- 1. People who obey God
- 2. Our Creator
- 6. The month after April



“But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
 be happy and 7. _____.” 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful.” Psalm 68:3, NIV