



# *Calvary Courier*

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From the Pastor:

*Flourish.* According to Merriam Webster's dictionary "flourish" is defined as (1) to grow luxuriantly: thrive and (2) to achieve success: prosper. The word originates from the Latin and has to do with flowering. So, when thinking about flourishing we should, perhaps, think about a flower putting forth its beautiful blossom.

I looked up the word "flourish" because it is used in the ELCA draft Social Statement on Women and Justice. The first core conviction of the document states that "We believe God's intention revealed through the Scriptures is that all people flourish and have life abundantly." Later in the document the writers of the statement point out various scripture passages that support their premise.

I was intrigued by this idea that it is God's intention that all people flourish. Based on the dictionary definition, the statement indicates that it is God's intention that all people thrive and prosper. The notion is that God wants all people to blossom into the beautiful flower that we were meant to be. I find that notion to be a wonderful image of the loving God that we worship. God wants all of us to thrive, to prosper, to live a life to our fullest, most beautiful potential.

And because that is God's desire for all the world, God provides us with what we need to flourish. Luther, in his explanation of the first article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism, reminds us that "God daily and abundantly 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 for this body and life." God wants us flourish and provides the means for that to happen.

Yet, we don't have to look around very far to notice that not everyone is flourishing. There are those in our midst who suffer from injustice, who hunger, or have no safe place to sleep at night. Many in our communities and around the world do not thrive and prosper. They have no opportunity to blossom.

For those who find it impossible to flourish, God calls into mission. Remember, it is God's intention that *all people* flourish. So we, as God's people, are called to help all those around us to thrive and prosper. We are called on to share God's love and forgiveness with the world. We are called on to speak the word of God's mercy and to do the works of God's justice. We are called to treat *everyone* with equity and love. We are called on to do God's work of enabling all people – no matter who they are – to flourish.

That is our challenge and our calling as the people of God. We are to look at each other and the world through the eyes of God and do whatever we must to help them blossom...to thrive and prosper...to flourish.

In Christ, *Pastor Knowles*

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Birthday to:



- 2 – Fran Freeze
- 3 – John Henriksen
- 4 – Dave Griebel
- 5 – Debbie Faith
- 7 – Linda Nelson
- 8 – Ruth Laabs-Wilcox
- 11 – Mark Jackson
- 12 – Lennon Miller
- 17 – Gary Gross
- 19 – Mary Knowles
- 20 – Randy Bowser
- 23 – Ronny Woitte
- 27 – Christine Mellgren
- 28 – Dave Menke



Happy Anniversary to:



- 14 – Steve & Debbie Faith (1974)
- Kirk & Renee Ketelsen (1991)
- 17 – Paul & Dawn Levesque (1988)
- 20 – Kurt & Lisa Dicks (1986)
- 25 – Carroll & Elaine Foster (1993)
- Dave & Annette Menke (1960)



**CAFÉ**

**Saturday, September 15  
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.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**

**SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

All are welcome to attend!  
Bible Study will resume on  
Sept. 9 at 9:15 till 10:00 a.m. in  
the Library.



**We offer our sympathies and Prayers to** the family and friends of Jeanette Peters.

Jeanette passed away on August 8. Funeral services were held at Trimble Funeral Home on Saturday, August 11. **We also offer our sympathies and prayers to** Stan Heed, family and friends of Minita Heed. Minita passed away on Friday, August 10. Funeral services were held at Calvary on Friday, August 17. May each of you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Happy Hookers** – will meet on Wednesday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m. There is always something to do for all abilities – and don't forget – we have a coffee break, too!



**ST. JAMES – 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**10:30 a.m. at St. James**

**NO Service at Calvary**

**Calvary** will be joining St. James as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Worship will be at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon following. There will be **NO Worship Service at Calvary!**

**FALL - CHURCH WORK DAY**

**Both Inside and Outside  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 15**

A Fall work day is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and work until 11:30 a.m. There is plenty of Yard work and Inside cleaning to do. Bring your own tools if you can. Snacks provided for our coffee break.





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

➤ We want to express our gratitude for all of the cards, phone calls, food and especially for the prayers said on behalf of us. Our God is an awesome God and during this trial He showed us some blessings and we knew He was with us and is still with us as we go on in His service. We can't thank our Calvary family enough. We love you all.

---- Steve and Debbie Faith

➤ Dear Calvary Family, My deepest appreciation for the many prayers, love and support that have been extended to our family. Even though our hearts are broken and in disbelief that our Todd is no longer here with us, we have peace knowing he is with his "heavenly father." We pray God will continue to bless us and give us strength to continue with our lives. Our faith and memories will sustain us.

Pastor Knowles presented a wonderful service honoring Todd and the WELCA ladies served a delicious luncheon. We had many lovely compliments on the Celebration of Todd's life and church gathering. Thank you so much. May the peace of God be with you.

---- The Hurst Family, Karyn, Kara, Marc and Andrea and grandchildren and great grandchildren

➤ This generous \$153 gift from a valued member church and partner in service to our mission and ministries helps us nurture and strengthen those most in need in our community through the grace and blessing of God's love. CARELink is sustained by your gift.

---- Churches United



**LUNCH BUNCH –  
Tuesday, September 18**

Tuesday, September 18 – from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Come for a delicious lunch and fellowship. Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors – we are planning to have a representative from Trinity Hospital speak on their program of "comfort dogs."

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE is September 13**



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.

**WELCA – ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED**



❖ **DEBORAH CIRCLE** – Tuesday, Sept. 4 – 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the Upper Room. Since we did not chose a hostess for this month, please bring a breakfast snack to share if you wish. Discussion on the upcoming fall schedule will take place.

❖ **WELCA Potluck** – Tuesday, Sept. 25 – 6:00 p.m. We will have a Potluck Supper. Please bring a dish to pass. All women of Calvary is invited to attend. We will also be inviting the women from St. James and All Saints Episcopal church.

❖ **NORTHERN IL SYNOD WELCA CONVENTION** - Saturday, Sept. 22, 2019. Marilyn Gross will be attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Harvard, IL.

**KIDS AGAINST HUNGER**



Sunday October 21, we will again be doing the Kids Against Hunger project by bagging meals for those in need. We will start with lunch following worship. After lunch and getting instructions about the process, we will begin to bag the meals. You will have a great time working together on this project and there is a job for everyone. We hope to be done by 2:00.

Our goal is to bag at least 4000 meals and need to raise \$1000.00. A form will be included in the September and October newsletter. Forms will be in the weekly bulletins, beginning in September, to donate money to cover the cost of meals or you could designate an amount on your weekly envelope. 40 meals = \$10.00 100 meals = \$25.00 We have invited St. James to be a part of this. If you have any questions ask Pam Gross or Ruth Labbs-Wilcox.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, October 6, 2-4 p.m.**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!**

A 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Jack Gross is planned for October 6 from 2-4 p.m. in Erlander Hall. Everyone invited to help Jack observe his milestone birthday!



**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**CALVARY CRUSADERS**

❖ **SUNDAY, September 22** –We will do the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Coffee Hour the Upper Room.

❖ **September 30** - Additionally, we will also sponsor a brunch. We will have no other events until the beginning of 2019.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Ice Cream Social following the Jazz Service on Sunday, July 29.

We appreciated your great response and your donations totaling \$364.00 for our start of fundraising for the 2019 Relay for Life. Thanks to Kellen Meyers for entertaining us by playing jazz piano during the social....what a talented musician!!!!



# Kids Against Hunger



Each day, thousands of children around the world go hungry. What if it took just one quarter — 25 cents — to provide a lifesaving meal to a starving youngster? Kids Against Hunger can use your small change to make a BIG change for struggling children in foreign lands—and here at home. Calvary will be joining forces with this humanitarian organization to purchase and package meals to combat hunger. How can you help? By filling out the pledge card below and joining us on Sunday, Oct. 21, as we package nutrient-rich meals for distribution both locally and abroad. We will gather for a light lunch, then put on our caps and get to work. If we get a good crew, it shouldn't take more than an hour.

What will  
your  
quarters buy?



\$10.00 = 40 meals  
\$25.00 = 100 meals  
\$40.00 = 160 meals

Blessed that I will not go hungry today when so many others will, I pledge:

- To donate \_\_\_\_\_ to provide meals for those in need.
- To be God's hands by helping to assemble meals on Oct. 21.

Name \_\_\_\_\_