

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

Thank you. That’s my simple message to you this month. *Thank you.* Because of your generosity we, as a congregation, have accomplished much. And so, I say thank you.

Yes, much of what we have done is somewhat mundane. We have paid for the electricity that we use to light and cool the building. We have paid the city of Moline for our sewer and water use (which is on my mind this morning because we noted at council yesterday that there has been a 38% increase in that particular bill). We have made sure we are protecting our assets by maintaining proper insurance. We have paid for janitorial service for the regular cleaning of the building. And we have done all the other things that are necessary to have a facility to house our congregation.

But we do those “maintenance things,” not for their own sake, but for the purpose of loving and serving God.

Because of your generosity we provide a weekly opportunity for people to gather to worship. And those people are not just members of Calvary. Over the course of the year we have had a number of people join us for worship as they are travelling through the area, visiting family, new residents of the area or people who looking for something in their lives (perhaps as simple as a cup of coffee and a donut) and hope to find it among us. Some of those folks may hang around, others seem to come and go. But regardless, as we offer weekly worship, we touch the lives of our members and visitors in positive ways.

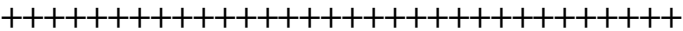
Because of your generosity we also touch the lives of people outside the walls of our building. Through your offerings we help fight food insecurity in the Quad Cities (Café on Vine) and throughout the world (ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Christian Friendliness food pantry, or making 3000 meal kits for Kids vs. Hunger). Our offerings also bring hope and healing to people who are suffering (CareLink, Winnie’s Place,

ELCA Disaster Relief, or school supplies for children in Romania). We have helped provide housing for struggling families (Habitat for Humanity lunches). Our support of the Happy Hookers brings warmth and comfort to nursing home residents, shut-ins, and to some homeless folks (with blankets donated to the Moline Police Department). Because of your generosity we have helped children attend camp (LOMC) or supported future leaders of the church through our gifts to the ELCA.

Your generous offerings throughout the year do so much more than just keep the lights on. Through your offerings, you extend the mission of our congregation to countless people in our community, our nation, and around the globe. We will never know how our offerings may touch the lives of others. But, be assured, our gifts to God through Calvary help share the love of Christ in so many ways. Your generosity makes a positive difference in people’s lives.

And so, I say thank you.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Knowles



CAFÉ ON VINE November 18



The sign-up sheet for Cafe on Vine is in the narthex. Please put your name by the food you want to donate. We will prepare the meal on Friday November 17 starting at 9:00. If you signed up to bring any food please have it there by that morning. If you bring it earlier, just place it in the downstairs kitchen refrigerator or on the counter. We serve on Saturday and will leave the church at 10:45.

We need helpers for both preparing the meal on Friday and serving on Saturday. Any questions see Pam Gross.



Happy Birthday to:

- 4 – Barb Geerts
- 11 – Allen Noftsker
- 12 - Viola Marie Bowser-Smith
- 13 – Paul Levesque
- 14 – Marianne Barnett, Sandy Strosahl
- 20 – Sharon Hough, Ann Lundstrom, Warren Wren
- 24 – Annette Menke, Karyn Hurst
- 27 – Richard Strosahl

Happy Anniversary to:

- 1 – Teri & Dave Griebel (1974)
- 4 – Michael & Kelly Chase (2006)
- 10 – Dick & Connie Jensen
- 15 – Barb & Joe Geerts (1980)

CALVARY’S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers: Roger Thorsvold, Erik Swanberg, John McAlister and family, Cindy Pham.

**CALVARY CARETAKER CREW (CCC)
November 15**

Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to work for about an hour and then enjoy fellowships and treats. There is inside work and also hope to do some outside work with grounds cleanup if weather permits.

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
November 15**

All articles should be emailed to secretary@calvarymoline.org or dropped off in the office by **Wednesday, November 15**



**DECK THE HALLS
November 26**

We will deck the halls at church after worship on November 26.

With many hands it only takes us about 30 minutes and there is something for everyone to do.

TIME TO FALL BACK



**TIME TO FALL BACK
November 4**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4.



We have received the following words of thanks recently...

❖ **From Teri Griebel:** Thank you so much for the cards and phone calls. They were appreciated very much. I would like to thank the Happy Hookers/Marilyn Mudd for the beautiful quilt. I have used it often and will treasure it always. May God continue to hold each of you in the palm of His hand.

From Jack Gross: Just want to say "thanks" to all who helped me celebrate my Oct.6th 95th Birthday at Coffee Hour on Sunday, Oct.8 with cards and good wishes. It was a very special day for me with family and friends.



**MINI CHOIR
REHEARSAL October 29**

We will be having our first choir rehearsal on October 29 after worship in the sanctuary. The song is Advent Echo Carol and will be done tentatively on December 17. If you would like to hear the song, please go to JW Pepper, then search the title of the song. Everyone is welcome to come and lend your voice.

----Teri Griebel & Renee Ketelsen

NEW GRANDCHILD



Paul and Dawn Levesque proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild: Jack Cooper Frieden, son of Peter and Chelsea Frieden, born on Sunday, October 15, at St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin – 7 lbs / 14 oz. Mother and baby are doing well. The Frieden family lives at 1221 Corey Court, Osceola, WI 54020

**CHURCH WOMEN UNTIED
Friday, November 3**

World Community Day will be Friday, November 3 at 9L30 a.m. Christ United Methodist Church – 3801 7th Street, EM. \$5.00 includes Brunch. RSVP by October 31 to Pat Reuter, 309 – 721-4510. (call or text)

FUNDRAISING NIGHT – Thursday, November 9th from 5 – 8 p.m. at Culver’s 608 22nd Ave, Silvis. 10% donation Night will benefit Local Food Pantries.



WELCA Wednesday, November 1st

WELCA will meet November 1st at 11:00 in the Upper Room. Bring a food item to share. Friends welcome. Volunteers for devotions welcome. WELCA will meet again in November to finish up the shoe boxes.

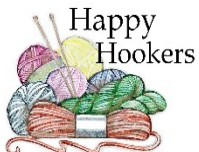
SHOE BOXES will be on a table outside the Upper Room. You may purchase items for the shoe boxes to be sent overseas and we will pack them or you can take a box home, pack it yourself and bring it back. See bulletin inserts for instructions.

BASEMENT SALE NEWS

There is a possibility of holding another basement sale next spring. A final decision will be made at a later date. Please **DO NOT BRING** any items to church until after January, 2024. Also, we are requesting **NO CLOTHING**.

KNIT – A- BIT Tuesday, November 27

Knit-a-Bit will meet on Tuesday, November 27 y at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Geerts



HAPPY HOOKERS November 28

The Happy Hookers will be meeting on Wednesday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m. Along the great fellowship and delicious snacks. The group continues to create quilts and lap robes and other items for people in need throughout the community. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES -



will be on stage at Circa 21. We are gauging interest in putting together a group to attend a Wednesday matinee performance in April, 2024. Lunch and the show are included in the price, which will be around \$55.00 per person. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. If you are interested, please sign your name on the sheet in the narthex. We will set a date when we know approximately how many people are interested.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE November 21

St. James is hosting an interfaith Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. Participating churches include Rock Island congregations in the area of St. James, but anyone is welcome to attend. The preacher this year is Rabbi Linda Bertenthal of the Tri-City Jewish Center.

REGARDING OUR SERVING VOLUNTEERS

If you will be out of town during the months of **November, December or January**, please let the office know.

I have finished the December schedule which includes two services on Christmas Eve. The morning service at 10:30 a.m. will be the 4th Sunday in Advent. While the 4:00 p.m. service will be our Christmas Eve service. Thanks, Teri Griebel

YOUTH HOPE FOOD PANTRY



Thank you for helping YouthHope! Here is a list of items we are collecting for the holiday baskets as well as our most needed items for our Food Pantry. We have placed boxes in the hallway on the way to the Upper room for individual items.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Cranberry Sauce	Canned Pumpkin
Canned Corn	Canned Green Beans
Box Stuffing	Gravy
Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Vegetable Oil
Cake/Brownie/Cookie Mix	

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

Soup	Pasta
Rice	Tomato Paste/Sauce
Canned Fruits & Veggies	Cereal (Hot or Cold)
Canned Tuna, Chicken, etc.	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Paper Products (Toilet Paper, Paper Towels)	
Laundry Detergent	



Please read over carefully, especially DECEMBER. December 24 is highlighted. We have two (2) services – 1 at 10:30 (4th Sunday of Advent) and our Christmas Eve service at 4:00 pm. If you are unable to full-fill your commitment, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office

ALTAR GUILD for NOVEMBER

Sandy Ohrn and Pam Ohrn

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASSTANTS
for NOVEMBER**

November 5 – Margo Miller (L & CA);
Sandy Ohrn (CA)
November 12 – Paul Levesque (L & CA);
Dawn Levesque (CA)
November 19 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
Val Daniel (CA)
November 26 – Deb Faith (L & CA);
Connie Langston (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for NOVEMBER

November 5 – Linda Chase
November 12 – Joe Geerts
November 19 – Terry Langston
November 26 – Barb Geerts

COUNTERS for NOVEMBER

November 5 – Charlene Lundstrom &
Vicki McAlister
November 12 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
November 19 – Deb Faith & Teri Griebel
November 26 – Gary Gross & Terry Langton

USHERS/GREETERS for NOVEMBER

November 5 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs
November 12 – Bruce & Val Daniel
November 19 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
November 26 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross

ALTAR GUILD for DECEMBER

Sandy Ohrn, Pam Ohrn & Sheila Doering

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASSTANTS
For DECEMBER**

December 3 – Margo Miller (L & CA);
Sandy Ohrn (CA)
December 10 – Paul Levesque (L & CA);
Dawn Levesque (CA)
December 17 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
Val Daniel (CA)
December 24 – 10:30 am
Ruth Laabs (L & CA); Deb Faith (CA)
December 24 – 4:00 pm
Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
Connie Langston (CA)
December 31 – Lessons and Carols

BACK DOOR GREETERS for DECEMBER

Decemberr 3 – Linda Chase
December 10 – Joe Geerts
December 17 – Terry Langston
December 24 – 10:30 am – Deb Faith
December 24 – 4:00 pm – Pam Gross
December 31 – Connie Langston

COUNTERS for DECEMBER

Decemberr 3 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
December 10 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
December 17 – Charlene Lundstrom
& Vicki McAlister
December 24 – 10:30 am – Paul Levesque &
& Barb Geerts
December 24 – 4:00 pm –
December 31 – Deb Faith & Teri Griebel

USHERS/GREETERS for DECEMBER

Decemberr 3 – Kirk Ketelsen
December 10 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
December 17 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs
December 24 – 10:30 am – Bruce & Val Daniel
December 24 – 4:00 pm – Bruce & Val Daniel
December 31 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase