

Calvary Courier

December 2023

, ALONG WITH A LIST OF
MAILBOX NAMES

A Publication of Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois

From the Pastor,

A wise elder of mine once offered this sage advice, “Don’t pray for patience or God will give you opportunities to practice it.”

Who would want opportunities to practice patience? Patience means restraining oneself, putting off the desire to have or to do what a person wants now. Certainly, nobody wants to wait for that desired “thing.” However, often that is exactly what must be done.... wait. And so, perhaps it isn’t so bad to practice waiting.

As we pray the Lord’s prayer, we offer a petition that God’s kingdom comes and that God’s will be done. That is the ultimate good thing, the great desire of Christians. We live in a world that seems like the polar opposite of God’s kingdom. The reign of God will be a time of peace and harmony when all of God’s creatures will live together in unity with all of God’s creation. (The lion will lie down with the lamb.) Right now, it seems like no one gets along with anything. And so, we pray that God’s kingdom will come.

And God promises that His kingdom will indeed come. The harmony of the Garden of Eden will come again. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. All things will be made new. The scriptures are full of references to God’s promise of His beautiful kingdom. It will come!

But it will come in God’s time. And so, we must wait. We must be patient.

As we pray for the patience to wait, God gives us the opportunity to practice that patience. In the church year, that time of patient waiting is called Advent. In the season of Advent we slowly move through the weeks. In worship we light one additional candle per week, allowing the light to grow slowly toward the peak on Christmas. Advent is the season that reminds us that something great and wonderful is coming – but it is not yet here. It is the season that is ripe with the promise of God’s new creation. But for the fulfillment of that promise we must be patient. We can’t make it happen. We can’t hurry it. We must wait.

I invite you to practice patience, to practice waiting, with me this Advent season. Know that the world is not the world as God will make it. Trust in that promise. Live in that hope. And then join in the waiting that is Advent.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



Happy Birthday to:

- 5 – Andrew Levesque,
- 9 – Dawn Levesque
- 10 – Charlene Lundstrom
- 13 – Karen Thorsvold
- 23 – Ian Mudd
- 25 – Sidney Mudd

29 – Jacki Dooley

Happy Anniversary to:

7 – Megan & Michael Necessary (2009)



On Sunday, December 3, in your mailboxes will be an updated directory of our members and mailbox names. You may bring Christmas cards for regular attending members and place them in their mailbox. Please mail cards to shut-ins and those who go out of town for the winter or do not attend regularly, as we don't want them to sit in their mailboxes all year. Please put your return address on the envelope.

Christmas Cards to Shut-ins

If you are sending Christmas Cards, please keep our shut-ins in mind:

Bev Boyle – Apt. B210
Friendship Manor
1209 21st Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

Bob Fuller
Big Meadows
1000 Longmoor Ave
Savanaha, IL 61074

Betty Clark
4231 26th Ave
Moline, IL 61265

Gisele Richardson
New Perspective
1900 10th St. Apt. 300
Silvis, IL 612825

Beth Fuller
1515 10th St.
Silvis, IL 61282

Gene & Betsy Untiedt
2205 Kimblery Rd
Apt. 343
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Gerda Schmeltzer
4858 Blackhawk Trail Ct.
Bettendorf, IA 52722

DECEMBER 24 SERVICES



This year, we have two services on December 24.

Special Christmas Services

The 10:30 a.m. service will be the 4th Sunday in Advent. Jack

Cooper Frieden, son of Chelsea & Peter Frieden and grandson of Paul & Dawn Levesque, will be baptized this morning.

At 4:00 p.m., let us join together and celebrate the birth of Jesus by attending Calvary's Sunset service or St. James Evening service at 7:00 p.m.



CHURCH OFFICE: Teri will be in the office beginning on Monday, December 18 through December 21.

The church office will be closed on December 26 through January 1 as Pastor Knowles and Teri Griebel will be on vacation. The office will reopen on January 2. Pastor Knowles can be reached on his cell phone (815) 866-9595.

DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIA ORDERS IS DECEMBER 6



Please be sure and have your order forms into the office by **December 6**. The cost is \$10.00. There is an order form on page 4 of this newsletter. You may send an email to secretary@calvarymoline.org or call the church office at (309) 762-5423.

Don't Forget! ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28



ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

Tuesday, JANUARY 2

This year the Annual Report deadline is January 2. All reports should be in the office or emailed to the church office by the deadline.

The reports should be out by Sunday, January 21 or before.





During the month of November, we have received the following words of thanks....



I wish to say thank you to all the people who helped with the demolition of the old garage. Rick & Pam Ohrn, Tony VanDamme, Greg Johnson, Joe Geerts, Rick's friend, Bill and the WELCA group for inviting us to share their lunch on our first day of demolition.

---- In Christ's service, Gary Gross



I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Shoe Box Christmas gifts. This year we were able to make 29 complete boxes. Deb Faith delivered the boxes to Calvary Church of the Quad Cities.

----Sue Knipe, WELCA



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS - NOVEMBER 26

We will Deck the Halls, the Sanctuary and the Upper Room after church on November 26.

ALTAR GUILD – DECEMBER 4

ALTAR GUILD MEETING will be held on Monday, December 4 at 11:15 a.m. after bible study in the Upper Room.



**WELCA Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 6 at 11:30 am**



All women are invited to attend our WELCA Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6 at Montana Jacks in Moline. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We will also have a small gift exchange. You may bring something from home or you may buy from Dollar Tree. Reservations are not required. If you do decide to go at the last minute, please call Sue Knipe at (309) 738-0415.

NOTE: THE CALVARY CARETAKER CREW will not meet in December. We will meet on Wednesday, January 17.

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
Gifts due by December 3**



If you are buying Christmas gifts for LSSI – the gifts are to be at church no later than December 3. Please be sure and put your child's number on the gifts and **DO NOT** wrap. Also, if anyone has extra wrapping paper that you would like to donate to LSSI, please bring to church and place with the gifts received.

**CAROLING MEETING
DECEMBER 10**



On **December 10**, we will meet before church and decide what day that week we will go caroling, as we can look at the weather for that week.

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Wednesday, December 13**

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is **December 13** for distribution on December 21. Please have your articles to me as soon as you can, as this will be a short month. You may email or put your articles in my box. **Thanks, Teri**

**CALVARY MINI CHOIR
DECEMBER 17**

CALVARY MINI CHOIR will sing during Offertory on December 17. This small group has been meeting after our worship service for over a month. It has been a pleasure working with each of you.

----Teri Griebel and Renee Ketelsen



**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 17 at NOON
Reservations Due December 12**

Plans are in the works to have a Christmas Luncheon on December 17 at noon in Erlander Hall. We are taking reservations. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex or you may call the church office. Reservations are due by Tuesday, December 12. We will need a count for ordering food. Free will donation accepted to help cover the cost of the food. WELCA ladies are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies.

Thank You to everyone who contributed to the Youth Hope Food basket drive for families. A total of 191 items were collected and delivered on November 15. We collected:

- 17 cans of Cranberry Sauce
- 19 cans of Canned Pumpkin
- 26 cans of Canned Corn
- 29 cans of Green Beans
- 24 boxes of Stuffing and Gravy
- 20 cans of Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- 18 boxes of Cake/Brownie/Cookie Mix
- 14 containers of Vegetable Oil

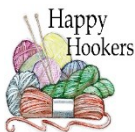
KNIT - A - BIT – No December 26 Meeting



Knit A Bit will not meet December 26. If you have items finished, please bring them to church.

**HAPPY HOOKERS
NO DECEMBER MEETING**

Happy Hookers will not meet in December. Stay home where it is warm and enjoy your Christmas cookies. See you in January.



USHER and COUNTER LISTS

The Usher and Counter lists for 2023 will be in your boxes by Sunday, December 10.

Also, if you would like to volunteer as Back Door greeter, Lector, Communion Assistant, Usher, Counter or as a Sub, please let me know. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered this past year. Teri

MEMBERS OF CALVARY



We have council members with terms expiring in January, and we are looking for volunteers from the congregation to join the council. If you are interested, or have any questions about how the council operates, please contact Pastor at (309) 762-5423

**SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 17, 2024
To See the Matinee Performance
Of The Basement Ladies**

We have made reservations at Circa 21 to see the Basement Ladies on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. More information will be in future newsletters and Sunday announcements.



**Order your
Poinsettia**

Deadline: December 6

Now \$10.00

**Make checks payable to:
Calvary Lutheran Church**

Please complete the appropriate information:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by _____





Please read over carefully the two-month schedules. Please note there are now two communion assistants listed for each Sunday, beginning with December. If you are unable to full-fill your commitment, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office.

ALTAR GUILD for DECEMBER

Sandy Ohrn, Pam Ohrn & Sheila Doering

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASSTANTS

For DECEMBER

December 3 – Val (L & CA); Bruce Daniel (CA)

December 10 – Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (L)
Joe Geerts & Gary Gross (CA)

December 17 – Sandy Ohrn (L & CA);
Sheila Doering (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

Sandy Ohrn & Terry Langston (CA)

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 & Connie Langston

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

ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY

Renee Ketelsen and Candice Tennison

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. FOR
JANUARY**

Jan.. 7 – Joe Geerts (L & CA); Bruce Daniel (CA)

Jan. 14 – Margo Miller (L & CA); Sheila Doering (CA)

Jan. 21 – Gary Gross (L & CA); Terry Langston (CA)

Jan. 28 – Paul Levesque (L); Dawn Levesque (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Jan.. 7 – Gary Gross

Jan. 14 – Renee Ketelsen

Jan. 21 – Barb Geerts

Jan. 28 – Vicki McAlister

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Jan.. 7 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston

Jan. 14 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston

Jan. 21 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase

Jan. 28 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister

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Jan.. 7 – Kirk Ketelsen

Jan. 14 – David Peterson & Terry Langston

Jan. 21 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs

Jan. 28 – Bruce & Val Daniel

December 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Decorate church for Christmas after worship/choir rehearsal	27 9:00 am Flexible Flexors	28 1:00 pm Knit-A-Bit	29 9:30 am Happy Hookers	30 9:00 am Flexible Flexors	1	2
3 1st Sunday in Advent LSSI Gifts due to Church 9:15 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Worship	4 9:00 am Flexible Flexors 10:00 am Bible Study 11:15 am Altar Guild Mtg	5	6 Poinsettia Order Deadline 11:30 am WELCA LUNCH at Montana Jacks	7 9:00 am Flexible Flexors	8	9
10 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:15 am Coffee Hour CAROLING MEETING 10:30 am Worship	11 9:00 am Flexible Flexors 10:00 am Bible Study	Reservations due 12 for Christmas Lunch on Dec. 17 1:00 pm Church Council	13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	14 9:00 am Flexible Flexors	15	16
17 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:15 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Worship NOON - WELCA LUNCHEON	18 9:00 am Office Open 9:00 am Flexible Flexors 10:00 am Bible Study	19 9:00 am Office Open	20 NO CALVARY CARETAKER CREW 9:00 am Office Open	21 NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED 9:00 am Office Open 9:00 am Flexible Flexors 7:00 pm Quad City Coin Club - Erlander Hall	22	23
OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK - PASTOR AND TERI ON VACATION DEC. 26 THROUGH JAN. 2, 2023						
24 4th Sunday in Advent 10:30 am Worship with Baptism CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - St. James, Rock Island	25 	26 OFFICE CLOSED NO KNIT-A-ABIT	27 OFFICE CLOSED NO HAPPY HOOKERS 6:30 pm Quad City Coin Club - Officer Meeting	28 OFFICE CLOSED NO FLEXIBLE FLEXORS	29	30
31 Lessons & Carols 10:30 am Worship	1 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO OFFICE JANUARY 2	Notes: Poinsettia Orders are due in the office by December 6 th. December 17 - CHOIR SINGS; WELCA LUNCHEON - Watch the Announcements for more information <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Teri will be in the office on Monday, December 18 through Thursday, December 21</div> December 24 - 4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service at Calvary, Moline December 24 - 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service at St. James, Rock Island ** Please Note - Pastor may be reached on his cell.**				

