

# *Calvary Courier*

*January 2024*

A Publication of Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois

**From the Pastor,**



*May the joy of the season and blessing of the Christ Child be  
with you throughout the coming year.*

*In Christ,  
Pastor & Mary Knowles*



## Happy Birthday to:

- 4 – John Mudd
- 7 – Gordon Nelson,  
Sandy Fleming
- 14 – Rev. Don Knowles
- 16 – Ann Donahue
- 20 – Sandy Ohrn
- 21 – Pam Ohrn, Carl Lundstrom



### Holiday Office Schedule

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.

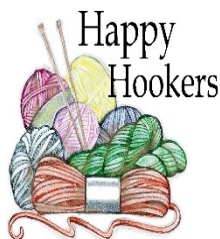
## CHURCH OFFICE.

### CALVARY CARETAKER CREW –

Calvary Caretaker Crew will meet at 9:00 on Jan 17. We will work indoors doing some repairs and cleaning in the Sunday School area. Treats provided. Come and join in for some light work and great fellowship.

### 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 – weather permitting



### Thank You

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



**From Teri Griebel & Renee Ketelsen:** We would like to thank everyone who sang on December 17. Your dedication to the rehearsals showed on Sunday. We will once again come together to Praise God sometime in February to sing for Easter on March 31.



**From Congregation:** A Big Thank You to LeRoy and Fran Freeze for picking up the donuts each week..



**From WELCA:** A Big Thank You to Sue Knipe for taking the Calvary WELCA cookbooks to her vender fairs.



**From Ruth Laabs:** Thank you to all of the Calvary members who went above and beyond in providing gifts to 10 children who are clients of LSSI. The total amount of cash donations to LSSI was \$380.00.



**From LOMC:** Thank you for your donation to LOMC for \$225.00.



**From Churches United -** Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministers of churches United. We have received your \$156.25 donation for Moline Care Link. This enables us to keep helping those in need for rent and utility assistance for this area.



**From Bethany -** Thank you for making and delivering four bags of blankets and baby sets to Bethany for Children & Families. Bethany appreciates donations of goods as we provide ever-changing and necessary services to assist and uplift vulnerable children and families in the Quad Cities area.



**From Christian Care –** We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your recent donation of \$100 for gift cards and an additional \$200 on December 7. Your gifts allow us to continue to serve the needs of men, women and children. The impact you are making will be felt throughout the community as we continue to work with our partners to address homelessness and food insecurity.



### 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.

Removal of  
the Greens



### .UNDECK THE HALLS...

We will take down the Christmas decorations after service on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please stay and help out. Many hands make light work.



At 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church

January 18, 2024

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please call Ted Jackson at 309-230-6156.

### FEBRUARY Newsletter Deadline - Tuesday, January 16



All articles for the February newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, January 16**. The February Newsletter will be mailed or placed in your mailboxes on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### NEED CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS OF CALVARY



As 2023 draws to a close, 2024 begins a new year at Calvary, we have council members with terms expiring in January. 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

### FROM THE PARISH NURSE



Matter of balance tip: to prevent falling when its icy remember to walk like a penguin: feet slightly turned out, knees a little bent and arms straight pointing out from the body (make a triangle with your head the point of the triangle and your arms the other 2 points). Then walk like a penguin, small shuffle steps. Check the soles of your boots and shoes to be sure the tread isn't worn smooth.

Remember to go to the emergency room if you have chest pain, change in level of consciousness, excessive bleeding from a wound, mouth or rectum or excruciating constant pain. It's best to see your health care provider or go to one of the walk-in clinics for other problems. You will wait hours in the emergency room if it's not a life-threatening problem. If you have an orthopedic emergency ORA has walk in hours 8-5pm Mon-Fri, no referral or appointment needed, you only need to call 911 or drive to the hospital if you have an open fracture.

### UNITY POINT HEALTH

UnityPoint Health – Trinity is in need of volunteers (aged 14-years on up) that have a passion for helping others. We could really use help with things, such as: serving as a befriender, answering phones, stuffing envelopes, transporting patients in wheelchairs, delivering supplies to units, helping in our Gift Shops, creating floral arrangements, pricing merchandise, providing wayfinding instructions to visitors, or entering data. Some of these tasks can be done on an individual basis or with a friend.

Time commitment is very minimal; shifts are typically: 8 am-noon, noon-4pm, or 4-7 pm. We have volunteers that come in once/week, while others volunteer 2-3 shifts/week. It's really up to the volunteer. We are very flexible.

Please see the bulletin board in the hallway for more information, or you may visit online at [www.unitypoint.org/join-our-team/volunteers](http://www.unitypoint.org/join-our-team/volunteers).





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

### **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 & CA);  
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

### **USHERS/GREETERS for JANUARY**

- Jan. 7 – Kirk Ketelsen
- Jan. 14 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
- Jan. 21 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs
- Jan. 28 – Bruce & Val Daniel

### **ALTAR GUILD for FEBRUARY**

Renee Ketelsen and Candice Tennison

### **LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 4 – Barb Geerts (L);  
Joe Geerts & Terry Langston (CA)
- Feb. 11 – Sandy Ohrn (L & CA);  
Renee Ketelsen (CA)
- Feb. 18 – Ruth Laabs (L & CA);  
Connie Langston (CA)
- Feb. 25 – Deb Faith (L & CA);  
Val Daniel (CA)

### **BACK DOOR GREETERS for FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 4 – Deb Faith
- Feb. 11 – Renee Ketelsen
- Feb. 18 – Joe Geerts
- Feb. 25 – Sandy Ohrn

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## ***Growth in Giving Gift Chart***

This chart is prepared for you to use as you prayerfully consider your financial gift to Calvary Lutheran Church in 2024. Please remember that we give first as an expression of joy and thanksgiving for God’s abundant grace in Christ. A second reason we give is that our ministries at Calvary might remain strong and bold in the proclamation of God’s life giving grace in Christ.

Completed commitment forms can be placed in the offering plate or submitted to the office.

**Present Giving Per Week    Growing 10 Percent    Growing 15 Percent    Growing 20 Percent**

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| \$1.00   |          |          | \$1.20   |
| \$5.00   | \$1.10   | \$1.15   | \$6.00   |
| \$10.00  | \$5.50   | \$5.75   | \$12.00  |
| \$15.00  | \$11.00  | \$11.50  | \$18.00  |
| \$20.00  | \$16.50  | \$17.25  | \$24.00  |
| \$25.00  | \$22.00  | \$23.00  | \$30.00  |
| \$30.00  | \$27.50  | \$28.75  | \$36.00  |
| \$35.00  | \$33.00  | \$34.50  | \$42.00  |
| \$40.00  | \$38.50  | \$40.25  | \$48.00  |
| \$45.00  | \$44.00  | \$46.00  | \$54.00  |
| \$50.00  | \$49.50  | \$51.75  | \$60.00  |
| \$60.00  | \$55.00  | \$57.50  | \$72.00  |
| \$70.00  | \$66.00  | \$69.00  | \$84.00  |
| \$80.00  | \$77.00  | \$80.50  | \$96.00  |
| \$90.00  | \$88.00  | \$92.00  | \$108.00 |
| \$100.00 | \$99.00  | \$103.50 | \$120.00 |
| \$120.00 | \$110.00 | \$115.00 | \$144.00 |
| \$140.00 | \$132.00 | \$138.00 | \$168.00 |
| \$150.00 | \$154.00 | \$161.00 | \$180.00 |
| \$200.00 | \$165.00 | \$172.50 | \$240.00 |
|          | \$220.00 | \$230.00 |          |

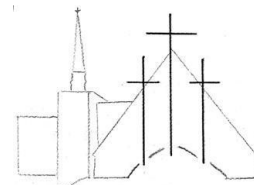
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### **MY PROMISES TO GOD FOR 2024**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

In response to God’s blessings to me/us, I/we pledge to God for the mission and ministry of God’s church through Calvary Lutheran Church:

**\$\_\_\_\_\_ per week/month/year (circle one) for Current and Benevolence expenses.**



I/we also commit \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week/month/year (circle one) toward the Building Fund.

I/we understand that unforeseen circumstances may affect my ability to honor this pledge.

\_\_\_ I would like to make this promise in the form of an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) so that I can support the church regularly even when I am not able to be there. (Information will be provided to you regarding this program if needed.)

Sincerely,  
Your Stewardship Team

# January 2024

| December '23 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February '24 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |              |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 11           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 18           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 24           | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |    |
| 31           |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday                          | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--------|----------|
| 31   | 1<br> | 2                                | 3<br><b>NO WELCA Meeting</b>   | 4  | 5      | 6        |
| 7<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Worship   | 8<br>10:00 am Bible Study  | 9<br>1:00 pm Church Council      | 10   | 11   | 12     | 13       |
| 14<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Worship  | 15<br>10:00 am Bible Study   | 16<br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> | 17   | 18<br><b>ANNUAL REPORTS READY FOR PICK-UP</b><br>7:00 pm Quad City Coin Club - Erlander Hall | 19     | 20       |
| 21<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Worship  | 22<br>10:00 am Bible Study   | 23                               | 24   | 25<br><b>NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</b>  | 26     | 27       |
| 28<br>9:15 am Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Worship<br><b>11:45 am Annual Meeting Downstairs - Erlander Hall</b> | 29<br>10:00 am Bible Study   | 30                               | 31<br>9:30 am Happy Hookers<br>6:30 pm Quad City Coin Club - Officer Mtg | 1  | 2      | 3        |
|  |  | Notes                            |  |  |        |          |



