



Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor,

Over the last few years I have developed some back issues. It is nothing serious, really more of an annoyance than anything else. My doctor referred me to physical therapy which relatively quickly resolved the problem.

Of course, with the pain in my back gone, I soon stopped doing the prescribed exercises. And I went the better part of a year without pain.

Then, slowly, I began to notice some of the stiffness returning. Of course, that stiffness gradually became more of a sharp pain when I stood up. After a while I found that I had to stand slowly, make sure my feet were under me and stable, before I started to walk, slightly hunched over. I finally admitted that my back really hurt. In fact, I was close to where I was before I started physical therapy.

So I found the printouts of the exercises prescribed for me by my therapist and started doing the exercises again. And guess what? The pain in my back is going away! It turns out that if I had continued to regularly practice my exercises, I could have avoided the back pain altogether.

I suspect that the same thing could be said about our faith. It is easy, I think, to let the practices of our faith (worship, prayer, Bible reading, almsgiving, loving and forgiving) slide when things are going well. But the time always comes when life throws us a curve and we find that it is difficult to worship or pray or give or forgive. It would have been much easier had we continued to practice our faith all along.

I know that for most people reading this letter, I'm "preaching to the choir." Many of you are faithful Christian practitioners. But, in the chance that this letter falls into the hands of someone who has drifted away from practicing your faith, I encourage you take up the exercise again. It may just make some difficult time in the future a little easier. Or maybe it will help you avoid the pain altogether.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET IN JUNE!



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Brad Gross
- 7 – Nathan Faith
- 8 – Wyatt Bunch
- 9 – Jerry Cornelius
- 17 – Aaron Ohrn
- 18 – Olivia Bunch
- 21 – Heather Kitchen
- 23 – Connie Dugden

Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Mark & Marena Jackson (1994)
- 8 – Dean & Linda Chase (1996)
- 11 – Richard & Sandy Strosahl (1966)
- 18 – Pastor Quentin & Sandy Fleming (1966)
- 15 – Ted & Jan Jackson (1957)



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The following is a list of graduates and their plans for the future:

- ★ **Texas Mudd**, grandson of Marilyn Mudd and son of Matt & Sherry Mudd graduated from Port Byron High School.
- ★ **Hailey Mudd**, granddaughter of Marilyn Mudd and daughter of John & Charlotte Mudd graduated from Davenport High School. She planning on attending cosmetology school in the fall.

WELCA – JUNE 5



On **June 5** at 11:30 a.m., we will meet at Montana Jacks in Moline. Reservations appreciated but not required.

HAPPY HOOKERS June 26 and July 31



We will be meeting on Wednesday, June 26 and July 31. We have great fellowship and delicious snacks

HABITAT LUNCH – JUNE 5

June 5th Habitat for Humanity. Need 4 volunteers and gifts of \$5. to purchase pizzas. Pop and/or lemonade would also be appreciated. **Please save the following dates – August 7 and September 11.**



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

- ❖ **from Marilyn Mudd:** Thank you, Ann Donahue, for your donations of several baby blankets to the Happy Hookers. Sure, they will bring comfort and smiles to many babies and moms. Also thank you to all who find treasures of yarn and material to keep our projects moving.
- ❖ **from Teri Griebel:** Thank you to everyone for cards, gifts and good wishes for my birthday. It made my day. God Bless you all.
- ❖ **from Gary Gross:** Thank you to Tony VanDame for helping with changing light bulbs in the Sanctuary. Thanks
- ❖ **from YouthHope:** We are so grateful for you and your support for the kids and teens at YouthHope! Thank you for partnering to provide a safe place, mentors and positive role models who faithfully encourage, equip and empower kids and teens to be all God has called them to be.

CALVARY CARETAKER CREW (CCC)

June 19

CCC will meet June 19 at 9:00. We will work doing some light cleaning in side and weather permitting work outside. Please come and join us for an hour of work and followed by some fellowship. We will not meet in July

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the dedication and the longer rehearsals to sing with the combined choir on May 26. You were GREAT!

WEDDING RECEPTION JUNE 8 at NOON



You are invited to a Wedding Reception on June 8th at Noon in Erlander Hall Christiana Ekstrom married John Brasmer on January 8, 2024 due to health issues. Christina has sung in our mini choir for Easter and Christmas. Some of you received an invite in your mail boxes, please RSVP to 563-370-5325. If you could help the day of the reception, please let her know.



FAITHFUL FLEXORS WILL NOT MEET IN JUNE

Faithful Flexors We will not meet: June 3rd thru July 10. Classes will start on Thursday, July 11th.

MOWING HELP

Looking for HELP with mowing church lawns. Contact Gary Gross or Joe Geerts about scheduling and access to mowers. Thanks, Gary Gross



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – LeRoy Freeze
- 7 – Terry Langston
- 12 – Tim Miller
- 15 – Tim L. Miller
- 16 – Mary Ann Behrens
- 18 – Steve Miller
- 23 – Roger Thorsvold
- 24 – Dean Chase
- 27 – Jeremiah Griebel
- 31 – Dianna Kitchen



Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Gordon & Linda Nelson (1970)
- 14 – LeRoy & Fran Freeze (1956)



AUGUST DEADLINE July 16

Please have your articles to me no later than July 16th. You may email them, place them in my box or call the church office.

KNIT-A-BIT –

June 25 and July 30

We will be meeting on June 25 and July 30th.



CAFÉ ON VINE SERVING ON July 27



❖ Thank you to all who helped with Cafe on Vine. We serve July 27 so watch for the sign-up sheet that month in the narthex. We will definitely need workers. **Please save November 9 as the last date we serve in 2024.**

COLLECTING PET FOOD JULY and AUGUST



**PET FOOD
COLLECTION**

We will be collecting pet food for our 4-legged friends to donate to QCAWC in Milan. They currently could use both Purina Cat Chow and Purina Dog Chow. We will have a plastic tub set up in the narthex.



2024 Boot Drive for Kids in Romania and Guatemala

Our campaign for kids' boots runs through June 16th. Our donations go toward buying boots like the ones in the narthex, which will go to kids in Romania and Guatemala. The boots will be shipped automatically; we do not have to go out and buy boots.

Each donation of \$15.00 buys a pair of kids rain boots. Please place your donations of check or cash into a boot, or into the offering plate. (Checks can be made out to 'ACF' or 'Calvary')

See Greg Johnson with any questions. Thank you so much!



