

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor:

Last summer one of our vacation trips involved renting a cabin on a lake near Hayward, WI. This trip was an experiment, in that Mary and I decided to include our children and 2½ year-old grandson – all together in the same cabin for a week. And, to my surprise, not only did we all survive, but it was a good experience.

Part of what helped me endure the relatively constant hubbub of five adults and one very active toddler in one place was the birds. The owner of the cabin had lined the railing of the deck, which overlooked the woods between the cabin and the lake, with birdfeeders. Mary and I spent a lot of time sitting quietly on the deck watching the constant arrival and departure of finches and sparrows and woodpeckers (along with a handful of small ground squirrels and chipmunks) at the various feeders. For us, it was tranquilly therapeutic. As I sat there, I felt a sense of peace and calm amidst a chaotic world.

We have since added several birdfeeders to our own yard. And I find myself, daily, spending time staring out the window at the finches and sparrows and woodpeckers (and a couple persistent squirrels) that make their way to the birdfeeders. And not surprisingly, as I take those momentary breaks from working at the computer or doing laundry or cooking or other household chores, that same sense of peace and calm settles over me.

I share this story with you not because it serves as an analogy for some deep theological or religious message. I share the story with you as a suggestion. Perhaps you may want to take up birdwatching (or something similar) as a way to take a moment or two away from the chaos that is so often a part of our daily lives to find a little serenity.

After all, Jesus invites us in Matthew 6 to,

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



Happy Birthday to:

2 – Kirk Ketelsen
 6 – Teri Griebel
 9 – David Peterson

18 – Candice Tennison
 23 – Dereck Chase
 27 – Patricia Cornelius
 28 – LaVerne Knipe

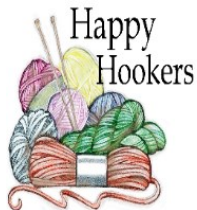
Happy Anniversary to:

4 – Robert & Linda Miner (1963)
 24 – Gary & Pam Gross (1980)
 25 – Jerry & Pat Cornelius (1968)
 – Bruce & Val Daniel (1974)
 28 – Randy & Ann Bowser (1973)

CHURCH WOMEN UNTIED – FRIDAY, MAY 2

May Friendship Day is May 2 at First Lutheran Church, Moline. Registration is \$5.00 and begins at 9 am, program/brunch begins at 9:30 am. Program is by Tabernacle Baptist. Reservations are not required. See bulletin board for more information

HAPPY HOOKERS – May 28



Happy Hookers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28. There is plenty of things to do without sewing a stitch. Come and join us for laughter, food and great fellowship.

WELCA NEWS...

Meeting – Wednesday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m.
 Please bring a snack to share.



We would like to thank all the ladies and their helpers for volunteering to prepare and serve lunch during Lent.

BASEMENT SALE – We collected a total of \$4,014.00. Thank you to everyone for helping make this year a success!



On Easter Sunday, we welcomed Everett Norman Mudd into God's family through baptism. Parents are Ian & Courtney Mudd. Everett is the great-grandson of Marilyn Mudd. May God continue to bless him through the years



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

from LOMC - Thank you for donating \$240 to LOMC's ministry of helping guests of all ages connect with God and each other. Your gift makes all the difference in helping LOMC thrive.

THNAK YOU FOR SINGING

Thank you to everyone who sang with the Mini choir for Easter. We may have been small but you sounded wonderful!



A Big Thank You goes to Mary Knowles for playing for us.

----- Thank you, Teri Griebel



JUNE/JULY COMBINED NEWSLETTER Deadline – Tuesday, May20

Please Note – this will be a combined newsletter for June/July. All articles should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, May 20**. The combined Newsletter will be mailed or placed in your mailboxes on Sunday, May 25.

CALVARY CARETAKER CREW – May 21

CCC will meet at 9:00 on Wednesday May 21. All are welcome to come and work around the church cleaning or doing yard work. We will have fellowship and treats following our work.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If you have a member of your family graduating this year, please email me or send me the information and I will highlight in the June/July newsletter.



REGARDING ELEVATOR

The council has put on hold the plan to replace our current elevator. At the annual meeting, the congregation approved spending up to about \$46,000 for the project based on a proposal from Nu-Trend. Unfortunately, at that time the council did not understand that the congregation would be responsible for preparing the current elevator shaft for the new lift. After consulting with Nu-Trend and contractors, it appears that the unanticipated preparation work would cost between \$60,000 to \$80,000. The council believes this additional cost makes the project untenable for Calvary at this time. The council will be exploring other options for accessibility in order to be prepared in the event the current elevator fails.

SAVE THE DATE!!! SUNDAY, JUNE 29

On Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. there will be an outdoor service at Sunset Park in Rock Island. This will be a combined worship service with St. James. Following worship, we will have a picnic lunch. Watch your announcements and the June/July newsletter for more information.



LSSI COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 from 3 – 6 p.m.

LSSI invites you, your congregations, and communities to join LSSI's Moline Children's Community Services Office Open House on Wednesday May 14 from 3-6pm. Our new home is located at 4646 38th Avenue, Moline.

For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Happy Mother's Day



2025 Water Filter Drive for Families in Romania and Guatemala

We will continue collecting donations through June 8th. \$30.00 buys a water filter & bucket, and a Bible for a family, but we will gladly accept donations of any amount. Please put your check or cash in your envelope with the words 'water filter' and then into the offering plate, or send it to Calvary.

And, you can get a picture of the family that receives the water filter you bought by writing your name and email address on the sheet by the display in the narthex.

For those of you who have already donated, thank you! Greg Johnson

REGARDING FUTURE OF THE EIGHT ELCA CHURCHES

A few months ago, Pastor shared with the members of St. James and Calvary that there have been ongoing conversations about the future of the eight ELCA congregations in Rock Island and Moline. Subsequently there have been two meetings with congregational leaders and interested members about what our future might look like. There is strong consensus that our current way of being the church, with each congregation existing independently, will not be sustainable. It is the same conclusion that Calvary and St. James reached 7 ½ years ago. From those conversations, there was an emphasis to begin to find ways for all eight congregations to strengthen our relationships. As a first step in that process, the pastors believe that the foundation of our life together in Christ should be celebrated in worship.

SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 8 AT 10:00 A.M.

AUGUSTANA CENTENNIAL HALL

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, all eight congregations will gather for worship in Augustana's Centennial Hall, set for 10:00 am. This will take the place of the Sunday worship services at all the participating congregations. Please plan to join this celebration of the Holy Spirit blowing into our lives in a new way.

Volunteer Schedule

Please read over carefully the two-month schedules. If you are unable to full-fill your commitment, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office

ALTAR GUILD for MAY

Judi Ingerson and Linda Grace

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. MAY

May 4 – Barb Geerts (L);
Deb Faith & Connie Langston (CA)
May 11 – Gordon Nelson (L);
Gary Gross & Terry Langston (CA)
May 18 – Val Daniel (L & CA);
Bruce Daniel (CA)
May 25 – Sandy Ohrn (L & CA);
Sheila Doering (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for MAY

May 4 – Vicki McAlister
May 11 – Joe Geerts
May 18 – Jacki Dooley
May 25 – Gary Gross

COUNTERS for MAY

May 4 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
May 11 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
May 18 – Deb Faith & Teri Griebel
May 25 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston

USHERS/GREETERS for MAY

May 4 – Bruce & Val Daniel
May 11 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
May 18 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross
May 25 – Kirk Ketelsen

**** PLEASE NOTE – JUNE 29 IS AN
OUTDOOR SERVICE AT SUNSET PARK
IN ROCK ISLAND. NO ASSISTANTS
NEEDED FROM CALVARY.**

ALTAR GUILD for JUNE

June 1 – Val Daniel; June 2 – Connie Langston
Volunteers for June 15, 22

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. JUNE

June 1 – Deb Faith (L & CA);
Connie Langston (CA)
June 8 – Joe Geerts (L & CA);
Terry Langston (CA)
June 15 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
Val Daniel (CA)
June 22– Val Daniel (L & CA)
Bruce Daniel (CA)

June 29 -OUTDOOR SERVICE- SEE BOX**

BACK DOOR GREETERS for JUNE

June 1 – Linda Chase
June 8 – Terry Langston
June 15 – Barb Geerts
June 22– Pam Grpss

June 29 -OUTDOOR SERVICE- SEE BOX**

COUNTERS for JUNE

June 1 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
June 8 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
June 15 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
June 22– Deb Faith & Teri Griebel

June 29 -OUTDOOR SERVICE- SEE BOX**

USHERS/GREETERS for JUNE

June 1 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
June 8 – Vicki McAlister & Volunteer
June 15 – Bruce & Val Daniel
June 22– Greg Johnson & Linda Chase

June 29 -OUTDOOR SERVICE- SEE BOX**