

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor,

Periodically I get questions from members about parts of our liturgy or things related to the church calendar. I thought that this month I would address a couple of those issues.

First, I was asked recently about why we continue to have the Easter banner up even though Easter Sunday was several weeks ago. The simple answer is that it has to do with the importance of the resurrection in the life of the church.

The longer answer (preachers are rarely accused of saying something in a few words when a longer explanation is possible) requires that we back up to Lent. Lent, of course, is the penitential season that prepares us for the gift of Easter. It is 40 days long. (Not counting Sundays. I can explain that to you later if you want.)

So, if the time of preparation is 40 days, then the celebration itself should be longer. Hence, our Easter celebration is not just a day, or a week, but a “week of weeks.” In other words, to properly celebrate Jesus resurrection, our festival lasts for seven weeks. During the seven Sundays of Easter, then, we continue to light the Christ candle and leave up our Easter decorations.

Easter ends, then, on the fiftieth day, or Pentecost. (Note that “pente” is a Greek word related to the word “five” as in pentagon.) On Pentecost we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church to continue the work of resurrected and ascended Christ.

So, there’s the long answer to a short question.

Second, I want to briefly touch on the Kyrie that is a part of our weekly worship. Simply, *kyrie* is a Greek word that is translated as “Lord.” When we sing the “Kyrie” we use the words *kyrie eleison*, which means “Lord, have mercy.” So in our current liturgy, when we sing *kyrie eleison*, we are praying that the Lord would have mercy on our world, the church, the hungry and poor, our friends and family, and on our daily lives. I believe that is such a beautiful and appropriate prayer that we offer every week.

If you have other questions about the liturgy or the church year or other things “churchy,” please don’t hesitate to ask. You are likely not the only person wondering such things.

Peace, *Pastor Knowles*

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WORSHIP – SUNDAY, JUNE 8 AT 10:00 A.M. AUGUSTANA CENTENNIAL HALL

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, all eight congregations will gather together for worship in Augustana’s Centennial Hall, at 10:00 am. There will be NO SERVICE at Calvary or St. James on June 8.

If you would like to sing in the joint choir – rehearsal will begin at 9:00 a.m. prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Knowles does have the music available.

Please plan to join this celebration of the Holy Spirit blowing into our lives in a new way. Afterward, there will be a coffee hour.



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)
- 18 – Pastor Quentin & Sandy Fleming (1966)



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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

- ★ **Christian Griebel**, grandson of Teri Griebel, will graduate on May 25 from Pleasant Valley High School.
- ★ **Tyler Miller**, grandson of Margo & Tim Miller will graduate from Moline High School. He will attend Black Hawk College in the fall.
- ★ **Beth Lipka**, daughter of Pam & Gary Gross, will get her Master from Concordia University, Seword, NE.

WELCA NEWS...

Our WELCA Lunch – Wednesday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Deerfield’s Family Restaurant in Silvis Ladies of the church are welcome to attend. This is our last meeting until we meet in September.



At our May meeting WELCA decided to purchase 6 water filter buckets from the garage sale proceeds.



Quad City Music Guild – JUNE 12 FOR “JOSEPH” Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

St. James & Calvary will be attending the magnificent production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat” on June 12 at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested should contact Rhea Frank-Cottingham for more information. 309-781-8546. Tickets are adults \$16, children \$11. Make your check to St. James, memo “Joseph”. [Directions](#) - Park at South Park between JC Penney and Dick’s Sporting Goods and ride the bus.



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

❖ **Teri Griebel** - Thank you for the birthday wishes and cards.

May God bless each of you.

❖ **from YouthHope** – Thank you for your generous support of YouthHope in the amount of \$205. Because of your partnership, we are able to passionately and persistently pursue at-risk kids and teens through authentic relationships, all with the purpose of leading them to Jesus.

MARK YOU CALENDARS! CAFÉ ON VINE – June 21



There is a sign-up sheet for workers for Cafe on Vine in the narthex. A Thrivent Action team will provide all the food - we just need preparers and servers for June 20 & 21.

HAPPY HOOKERS – June 25 and July 30

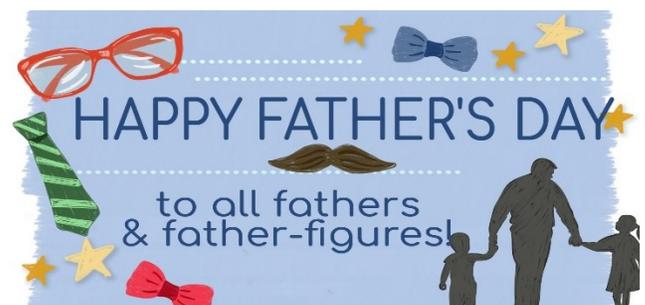
Happy Hookers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25 and on July 30. Come and join us for laughter, food and great fellowship.



SAVE THE DATE!!! SUNDAY, JUNE 29



On Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. there will be an outdoor service and picnic at the Sunset Park Pavilion, 18th and 31st Avenue in Rock Island. Meat and drinks will be provided. Congregation members are asked to bring a favorite side dish and/or handheld dessert (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) to share. A free will offering will be collected. There will be a sign-up sheet for attendance (adults & children including grandchildren) and one for volunteer help on the table in the Narthex.





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)



Marilyn Mudd – is currently in Room 124 at Silver Cross Friendship Manor receiving rehab. She would welcome visits, calls and cards. Her address is Silver Cross, 1209 21st Avenue, Rock Island IL 61201.



VACATION

Pastor Knowles will be on vacation beginning July 9 through July 22.

AUGUST DEADLINE - July 15

Please have your articles to me no later than July 15th. You may email them, place them in my box or call the church office.



BLOOD DRIVE at CALVARY JULY 15



BLOOD DRIVE Calvary will be holding a blood drive at Calvary on July 15 from 3pm to 6pm. Please watch the announcements for more information and to sign-up. The organizer for this event is Pam Gross.

HABITAT LUNCH - JULY 16

We will be serving at Habitat Lunch on July 16. Please watch the announcements for more information. The organizer for this event is Renee Ketelsen



FAITHFUL FLEXORS WILL NOT MEET BEGINNING JUNE 10

We will not meet: beginning June 10 thru July 3. Classes will resume on Tuesday, July 8th.

MOWING HELP

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



MEETING WITH THE CONGREGATION ON AUGUST 3 - FOLLOWING WORSHIP

As most of you are aware there have been ongoing discussions between St. James and Calvary (via the “Vision Team”) and among the eight ELCA congregations in Rock Island and Moline. At it’s last meeting, the Vision Team recommended that Calvary and St. James invite their members to participate in an informal discussion about the issues facing our congregations in the near future. This is an opportunity for members to learn about what challenges are likely ahead for us and to share ideas about what potential solutions might be. The initial meetings will be held separately at St. James and Calvary with a joint meeting to held later. The Calvary Council has scheduled a meeting for Calvary members to take place following worship on August 3. Please plan to join in this important conversation.



2025 Water Filter Drive for Families in Romania and Guatemala

June 8th is the last day of collecting donations for these filters. \$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. 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.

We will provide the total of donations in the next newsletter. For those of you who have already donated, thank you! Greg Johnson



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 JUNE

June 1 – Sandy Ohrn & Pam Ohrn;
June 15 – Val Daniel June 22 – Connie Langston

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. JUNE

June 1 – Deb Faith (L & CA);
 Connie Langston (CA)
June 8 – SERVICE AT CENTENNIAL HALL
June 15 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
 Val Daniel (CA)
June 22– Val Daniel (L & CA)
 Bruce Daniel (CA)
June 29 - OUTDOOR SERVICE

BACK DOOR GREETERS for JUNE

June 1 – Linda Chase
June 8 – SERVICE AT CENTENNIAL HALL
June 15 – Barb Geerts
June 22– Pam Grpss
June 29 - OUTDOOR SERVICE

COUNTERS for JUNE

June 1 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
June 8 – SERVICE AT CENTENNIAL HALL
June 15 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
June 22– Deb Faith & Teri Griebel
June 29 - OUTDOOR SERVICE

USHERS/GREETERS for JUNE

June 1 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
June 8 – SERVICE AT CENTENNIAL HALL
June 15 – Bruce & Val Daniel
June 22– Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
June 29 - OUTDOOR SERVICE

ALTAR GUILD for JULY

Pam Ohrn and Sandy Ohrn

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. JULY

July 6 – Jacki Dooley (L);
 Connie & Terry Langston (CA)
July 13 – Gary Gross (L & CA);
 Bruce Daniel (CA)
July 20 – Judi Ingerson (L);
 Renee Ketelsen & Deb Faith (CA)
July 27– Sandy Ohrn (L & CA)
 Val Daniel (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for JULY

July 6 – Deb Faith
July 13 – Vicki McAlister
July 20 – Gary Gross
July 27– Linda Chase

COUNTERS for JULY

July 6 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston
July 13 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
July 20 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
July 27– Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister

USHERS/GREETERS for JULY

July 6 – Kirk Ketelsen
July 13 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
July 20 – Vicki McAlister & Volunteer
July 27– Bruce & Val Daniel