

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor,

As I write this, I have just returned from I don't remember exactly when or where, but the first time I saw, *You Can't Take It with You*, was a stage production. I have since seen the 1938 film version (starring Jimmy Stewart, Jean Arthur and Lionel Barrymore) a couple times. It is one of my favorite stories.

The basic plot of the story involves the romance between Tony Kirby, the son of a wealthy Wall Street banker, and Alice Sycamore, a young woman who is a part of a very eccentric household. For instance, Alice's grandfather enjoys going to graduation ceremonies to listen to the commencement address, whether or not he knows any of the graduates. Alice's sister, Essie, fashions herself as a ballerina, even though she is a terrible dancer. And the list of characters in the house goes on.

The character that most got my attention, though, was Alice's mother, Penny. Penny sees herself as a writer of adventure plays, plays that will never be performed. But she doesn't care. She is doing what she loves.

However, it is the reason that Penny writes plays that most fascinates me. It seems that one day, by mistake, a typewriter was delivered to their house. So, not wanting to let this unexpected gift go unused, to sit and gather dust, Penny decided to write plays.

It is the idea of not wasting a gift, even an unexpected one, that so intrigues me. It is, in fact, what I believe is at the heart of Christian stewardship.

God has granted each of us (and all of us) with a myriad of gifts. God has gifted us as individuals with our time and all of our resources. Likewise, as a congregation, God has gifted us with our members, with our building, with our money. And like Penny in *You Can't Take It with You*, God expects us to use these gifts. The gifts we have from God are not to be simply set aside to look at, or stuck in a closet to gather dust. Rather these gifts are all tools for us to use for the mission of sharing the gospel in word and deed.

So, I invite you to consider the gifts that may have been delivered to your door. What are the talents that God has shared with you? What are the resources with which you have been blessed? What are the riches with which God has gifted you? And then pray about how God may be calling on you to use them. Don't let them just gather dust, but share them for the mission of the gospel, that all may know God's love.

In Christ,
Pastor Knowles



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Christina Brasmer
- 2 – Fran Freeze
- 4 – Dave Griebel
- 5 – Debbie Faith
- 7 – Linda Nelson
- 11 – Mark Jackson

- 12 – Lennon Miller
- 17 – Gary Gross
- 19 – Mary Knowles
- 20 – Randy Bowser
- 27 – Christine Mellgren

Happy Anniversary to:

- 14 – Kirk & Renee Ketelsen (1991)
- 17 – Paul & Dawn Levesque (1988)



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

❖ **From Teri Griebel - Thank you to the Calvary Vision Team** for preparing the simple meal served at the joint congressional meeting with St. James held on Wednesday, August 20th. Thanks also to Pastor Knowles for leading the group discussions on what makes both of our churches unique, yet also showing us ways to come together more. For those who missed this meeting, it was very informative

❖ **from LOMC** – Thank you for donating \$240.00 to LOOMC’s ministry of helping guests of all ages connect with God and each other. Your gift makes all the difference in helping LOMC thrive.



WELCA LADIES LUNCHEON – SEPTEMBER 3 AT PAGALO’S in MILAN

Wednesday, September 3 – 11:30 am - All Ladies of Calvary are invited to join with the ladies of St. James for lunch at 11:30 am on Wednesday, September 3. Calvary has reserved large tables in the back room at Pagalo’s, 119 1st Ave W, Milan. We will be ordering from the menu.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 16



Please have your articles to me no later than September 16. You may email them, place them in my box or call the church office. The newsletter will be in your box Sunday, September 28.

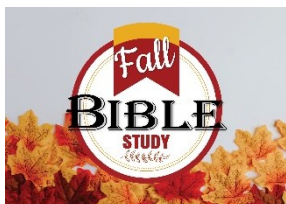
PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation from September 5 through September 11.



CCC – CALVARY CARE CREW SEPTEMBER 17

Wednesday September 17. Calvary Caretaker Crew (CCC) will meet at 9:00 to do some light cleaning at church-inside and outside. We will work for about an hour and then enjoy some fellowship and snacks. Any questions contact Pam Gross 309-738-2385.



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 15

Bible Study will resume at Calvary on September 15 (10 am) and at St. James on September 16 (6:30 pm). We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Anyone is welcome to join either study. If I know ahead of time that someone would like, I will make the study available on Zoom.

--- DONUT ALERT --- DONUT ALERT ---



WELCA has been generously providing coffee and donuts during our fellowship before and after worship. We were recently informed of a cost increase. Each donate is now \$1.50 and donut holes are 50¢. Our current box will run \$26 each week. Lately, the free will donations have been falling short of our expenses. Please remember to “fill the basket” the next time you come into the Upper Room for coffee and donuts. Thank you.

HABITAT LUNCH WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



On Wednesday, September 10

Calvary volunteers will be providing lunch for the Habitat for Humanity volunteers. We'll have the address later.

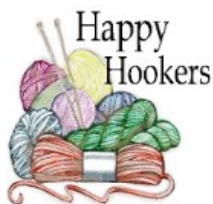
Meanwhile, we need volunteers for the food and serving. There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. For more information, please see Pam Gross.

CAFÉ ON VINE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 13

R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 10



Café on Vine is hosting an Appreciation Luncheon for Volunteers and Major Donors on Saturday, September 13 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. The meal is sponsored by Café on Vine. Program begins at 12:30 pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Café on Vine. To (563) 324-4472 by Wednesday, September 10th. Information has been posted on the bulletin board.



HAPPY HOOKERS – SEPTEMBER 24

Happy Hookers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Come and join us for laughter, food and great fellowship.

WELCA CONVENTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025



The 36th Annual WELCA convention will be held on Saturday, September 20 at First Lutheran Church – 226 S. 3rd Street, Rockford, IL. Coffee and Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The theme for this years event is :Rescue, Redeem, Restor.” Kkeynote Speaker is Heidi Provo, Anti-Human Trafficking Case Manager and Certified Peer Recovery Specialist for Remedies Renewing Lives I-Rise Program. A block of rooms has been reserved at Hilton Garden Inn, 7675 Walton St. Rockford. If you would like to attend, please see Teri in the office for the registration. For more information, please look at the bulletin board outside the Upper Room.

TRIVIA NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 12 AT CULEMANS MEMORIAL HALL SPONSORED BY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – MOLINE



**TO FUND – DIAPER
DEPOT MINISTRY**

First Baptist Church of Moline is sponsoring a Trivia Night to help fund their Diaper Depot Ministry. We help families with one week of diapers each month to get through to their next paycheck.

The Trivia Night will be held Friday, September 12th at Culemans Memorial Hall, 1400 16th Ave, Moline, IL. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the games begin at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 a person or \$80 for a table. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase. Space is limited.

Contact FBC Moline at church.office@fbc-moline.org or 309.762.4581 to reserve your table today.

Let us not
become weary in
doing good, for at
the proper time we
will reap a harvest
if we do not
give up.

Galatians 6:9, NIV

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 SEPTEMBER.

Judi Ingerson and Linda Grace

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. SEPT.

Sept. 7 – Joe Geerts (L & CA);
Terry Langston (CA)
Sept. 14 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
Connie Langston (CA)
Sept. 21 – Jacki Dooley (L);
Bruce & Val Daniel (CA)
Sept. 28– Deb Faith (L & CA)
Sandy Ohrn (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for SEPT.

Sept. 7 – Terry Langston
Sept. 14 – Barb Geerts
Sept. 21 – Linda Chase
Sept. 28– Pam Gross

COUNTERS for SEPT.

Sept. 7 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
Sept. 14 – Barb Geerts & Teri Griebel
Sept. 21 – Deb Faith & Paul Levesque
Sept. 28– Gary Gross & Terry Langston

USHERS/GREETERS for SEPT.

Sept. 7 – Bruce & Val Daniel
Sept. 14 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
Sept. 21 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross
Sept. 28 – Kirk Ketelsen

ALTAR GUILD for OCTOBER.

Judi Ingerson and Linda Grace

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. OCT.

Oct. 5 – Gary Gross (L & CA);
Joe Geerts (CA)
Oct. 12 – Gordon Nelson (L);
Val & Bruce Daniel (CA)
Oct. 19 – Paul Levesque (L);
Dawn Levesque (CA)
Oct. 26– Sandy Ohrn (L & CA)
Sheila Doering (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for SEPT.

Oct. 5 – Jacki Dooley
Oct. 12 – Gary Gross
Oct. 19 – Dawn Levesque
Oct. 26– Vicki McAlister

COUNTERS for SEPT.

Oct. 5 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
Oct. 12 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
Oct. 19 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
Oct. 26– Pam Gary Gross & Terry Langston

USHERS/GREETERS for SEPT.

Oct. 5 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
Oct. 12 – Vicki McAlister & Volunteer
Oct. 19 – Bruce & Val Daniel
Oct. 26– Greg Johnson & Linda Chase

