

Calvary Courier

January 2026

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,
14 – Rev. Don Knowles
16 – Ann Donahue
20 – Sandy Ohrn
21 – Pam Ohrn,
Carl Lundstrom



OFFICE HOURS

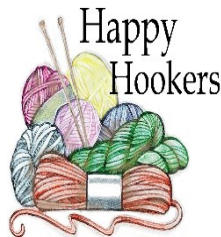
For December 22 and 23 – call to see if the office is open.

OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 THROUGH JANUARY 3

The church office will be closed on December 24 through January 2 as Pastor Knowles and Teri Griebel will be on vacation. **On Monday, January 5** the office will reopen with both Pastor Knowles and Teri in the office. Pastor Knowles can be reached on his cell phone (815) 866-9595.

HAPPY HOOKERS NO DECEMBER MEETING

Happy Hookers will meet on January 29 at 9:30 a.m. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



Don't Forget!



ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE MONDAY, JANUARY 5

This year the Annual Report deadline is Monday, January 5. **ALL REPORTS** should be in the office or emailed to the church office by the deadline. The reports should be out by Sunday, January 18 or before. **ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 after worship.**



We offer our sympathies and prayers to Pastor Don & Mary Knowles and family on the passing of Pastor's brother, Bill Knowles. May you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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



From Marilyn Gross and The Gross family - Thank you - to our caring Calvary congregation for all the cards, memorials, thoughts and prayers at the passing of my husband and our father, John (Jack) Gross. Also, thanks to all who donated and served the food at the luncheon following the service. Everything was much appreciated.



From LOMC: Thank you for your generous support of LOMC's ministry of helping guests of all ages connect with God and each other. Your gift of \$240 all the difference in helping LOMC thrive.



From Friendship Manor – Thank you SO very much for the lovely blankets! We sure appreciate them, and our residents LOVE them!



From Café On Vine – Thank you for the gift of \$587.05 dated December 5, 2025, to assist Café On Vine. On behalf of our Board and the team, thank you for being an incredible part of fighting hunger in our community.

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSTITUTION STATEMENT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 – AFTER WORSHIP

On Sunday, January 11, following worship there will be another opportunity for Calvary members, who were unable to attend in November, to discuss the *Statement of Declaration Regarding Rostered Ministry and Same Sex Relationships at Calvary*. This statement was adopted by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2010. The council believes that the congregation should review this statement and either reaffirm or rescind it at the annual meeting in January 2026. This is a discussion only meeting and no official action will be taken. Copies of the statement are available on the table in the narthex.

Removal of
the Greens



ON JANUARY 4 – WE WILL UNDECK THE HALLS...

We will take down the Christmas decorations after the worship service on January 4th. Please stay and help out. Many hands make light work.

FEBRUARY Newsletter

Deadline – Tuesday, January 13

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

All articles for the February newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, January 13**. The February Newsletter will be mailed or placed in your mailboxes for Sunday, January 25.



JOINT BLOOD DRIVE - JANUARY 15, 2026 FROM 3:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Joint blood drive hosted at First Baptist church. Sign up with Pam Gross or go to Impact Life website and select Jan. 15 to donate and find First Baptist church to sign up for a time slot. Call Pam, 309-738-2385 if you have questions.

FLEXORS BEGIN JANUARY 19



Looking forward to January? We will begin on Monday, January 19. What a better time to take care of your bodies and do a little flexing to keep you moving! Motion is Lotion!

JANUARY 21

CCC – CALVARY CARE CREW will meet at 9:00 am to do some cleaning followed by food and fellowship. All are invited to join in. Questions contact Pam or Gary Gross.



NEED CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS OF CALVARY

As 2024 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

LSSI CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Because of your generosity, between St. James and Calvary, we collected gifts for 16 children. The total amount of cash donations between the two churches was \$985.00. Thank you, Teri Griebel and Charlene Lundstrom.



NEW ADDRESSES

Several of our members have moved.

Sue & Laverne Knipe
Palmer Hills - #334,
2617 Maple Crest Rd,
Bettendorf, IA 52722-7804

Betty Clark
New Perspective - #216
1900 10th Street
Silvis, IL 61265

BLESS US
in this new year, Lord.



My future is in
**YOUR
HANDS.**
PSALM 31:15, NLT



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 JANUARY

Renee Ketelsen & Candice Tennison

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for JANUARY

Jan. 4 – Gary Gross (L & CA); Terry Langston (CA)
Jan. 11 – Joe Geerts (L & CA); Bruce Daniel (CA)
Jan. 18 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA); Val Daniel (CA)
Jan. 25 – Paul Levesque (L & CA);
Dawn Levesque (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for JANUARY

Jan. 4 – Joe Geerts
Jan. 11 – Jacki Dooley
Jan. 18 – Vicki McAlister
Jan. 25 – Dawn Levesque

COUNTERS for JANUARY

Jan. 4 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
Jan. 11 – Barb Geerts & Teri Griebel
Jan. 18 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
Jan. 25 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister

USHERS/GREETERS for JANUARY

Jan. 4 – Vicki McAlister & Volunteer
Jan. 11 – Bruce & Val Daniel
Jan. 18 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
Jan. 25 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross

ALTAR GUILD for FEBRUARY

Renee Ketelsen & Candice Tennison

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 – Barb Geerts (L);
Connie & Terry Langston (CA)
Feb/ 8 – Deb Faith (L & CA); Renee Ketelsen (CA)
Feb. 15 – Judi Ingerson (L);
Joe Geerts & Gary Gross (CA)
Feb. 22 – Sandy Ohrn (L & CA);
Sheila Doering (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 – Pam Gross
Feb/ 8 – Terry Langston
Feb. 15 – Sandy Ohrn
Feb. 22 – Deb Faith

COUNTERS for FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston
Feb/ 8 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
Feb. 15 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
Feb. 22 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister

USHERS/GREETERS for FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 – Kirk Ketelsen
Feb/ 8 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
Feb. 15 – Vicki McAlister
Feb. 22 – Bruce & Val Daniel

Happy New Year!