

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

As I write this letter, I am also considering what I want to say in Sunday's sermon. As always, I am impressed by Paul's words in Romans 12 from the second reading for Sunday:

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

I have always loved the idea that we are all members of the one body of Christ. I think there are three key concepts that we need to understand in this image.

First is the idea that each and every one of us are a part of the body of Christ. We are together in the work of the body and that means each of us is important and valued.

Second, as with a human body, each member fulfills a different function. Each of us has been given unique gifts by the spirit

to help the body fulfill its purpose. At the same time, that also

means that no one member is the whole body. We are all just a part of the body and need the rest of the members to complete the whole.

And, finally, is the recognition that there is just one body – and that is the body of our Lord.

It is this final point that I'm not sure I have always fully appreciated. When I have thought, taught and preached about the body of Christ, I think my perception of that

body has been too small. I have typically considered the body being a congregation or group of people. But in reality, the body of Christ is not just one entity, but all those entities together. The body of Christ is made up of individuals and congregations and denominations and whatever other group may exist. We are, all together, the one body of Christ.

I think it will be important as we move into the future to keep this perspective of the body of Christ in mind. No one person or congregation or synod or denomination is the complete body of Christ. Rather each of those entities is a member of the body. Each brings to the body its own gifts of the Spirit. Each is important and valued. And it is only when each member (be it an individual or a congregation or whatever) works with all the other members, that the mission of the body of Christ can truly be fulfilled.

In Christ,
Pastor Knowles



Happy Birthday to:

- 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)

WELCA LADIES LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 2

AT PAGALO'S in MILAN



Wednesday, September 2 – 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 2. Calvary has reserved large tables in the back room at Pagalo's, 119 1st Ave W, Milan. We will be ordering from the menu.



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 14

Bible Study will resume at Calvary on September 14 (10 am) and at St. James on September 16 (6:30 pm)

CCC – CALVARY CARE CREW SEPTEMBER 16

Wednesday September 16. 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.



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

❖ **From Bruce & Val Daniel:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the pet food drive. QCAWC always appreciates any donations.

❖ **From Bishop Stacie Fidler:** On behalf of myself and everyone at the Northern Illinois Synod, thank you for your generous gift of \$7,945.00. We are deeply grateful for the ways you choose to share your gifts in support of the church and for the trust you place in our shared ministry. (the letter is posted on the bulletin board)

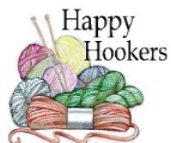
❖ **from LOMC** – Thank you for donating \$240.00 to LOOMC's ministry of helping guests of all ages connect with God and each other. Your gift makes all the difference in helping LOMC thrive.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

On September 20 at 10:30 Calvary will welcome St. James to worship with them. This was a recommendation of the Vision Team to have more joint services together.



HAPPY HOOKERS – SEPTEMBER 30



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





OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 15

Please have your articles to me no later than September 15. You may email them, place them in my box or call the church office. The newsletter will be in your box Sunday, September 27.

HABITAT LUNCH NOW – OCTOBER 21

Habitat Lunch has been rescheduled to October 21, 2016 with the location to be determined at a later time.



ST. JAMES
Rummage and Bake Sale:
September 18 -- 9 am – 5 pm
September 19 – 9 am – noon
Noon- 2pm – half-price

Need items and help!

Donated items and volunteers are needed for our September 18-19 Rummage and Bake Sale. Your help would be appreciated beforehand in setting up Fellowship Hall, preparing items for display, and baking goods.

During the event, cashiers and other helpers are needed, both for the Rummage and Bake Sale. Afterward, cleanup help is needed.

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex and on the tables just inside both entrances. *Calvary, you're most welcome to help!*

Questions? Contact Leslie Cox at 309-269-3163. Thank you!



Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

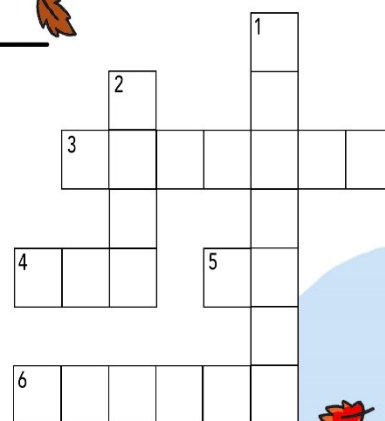
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

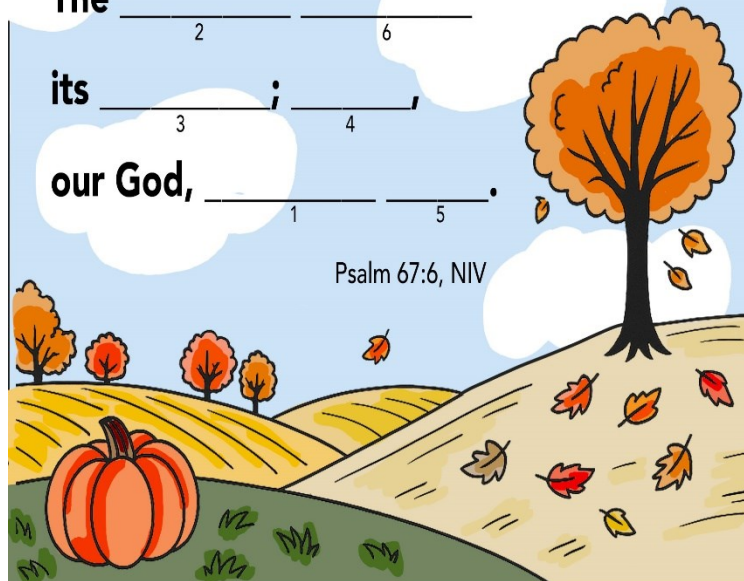
DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____
its _____;
our God, _____.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



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.

Barb Geerts Connie Langston

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for SEPT.

Sept. 6 – Bruce Daniel (L & CA);
Sandy Ohrn (CA)
Sept. 13 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);
Deb Faith (CA)
Sept. 20 – Jacki Dooley (L);
Connie & Terry Langston (CA)
Sept. 27 – Paul Levesque (L & CA)
Dawn Levesque (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for SEPT.

Sept. 6 – Barb Geerts
Sept. 13 – Jacki Dooley
Sept. 20 – Terry Langston
Sept. 27 – Dawn Levesque

COUNTERS for SEPT.

Sept. 6 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
Sept. 13 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
Sept. 20 – Charlene Lundstrom &
Vicki McAlister
Sept. 27 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts

USHERS/GREETERS for SEPT.

Sept. 6 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chhase
Sept. 13 – Bruce & Val Daniel
Sept. 20 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross
Sept. 27 – Kirk Ketelsen

ALTAR GUILD for OCTOBER.

Val and Bruce Daniel

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for OCT.

Oct. 4 – Val Daniel (L & CA);
Sandy Ohrn (CA)
Oct. 11 – Joe Geerts (L & CA);
Gary Gross (CA)
Oct. 18 – SERVICE AT ST. JAMES
Oct. 25 – Judi Ingerson (L);
Sandy Ohrn & Sheila Doering (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for OCT.

Oct. 4 – Linda Chase
Oct. 11 – Deb Faith
Oct. 18 – SERVICE AT ST. JAMES
Oct. 25 – Sandy Ohrn

COUNTERS for OCT.

Oct. 4 – Deb Faith & Teri Griebel
Oct. 11 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston
Oct. 18 – SERVICE AT ST. JAMES
Oct. 25 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase

USHERS/GREETERS for OCT.

Oct. 4 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
Oct. 11 – Vicki McAlister
Oct. 18 – SERVICE AT ST. JAMES
Oct. 25 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase