

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.



Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

The prayer above is attributed to St. Francis (d. 1226), whom the church commemorates on October 4. Francis, at least for me, is mostly known for his spirit of gratitude for all creation. (Which is why, as in the graphic above, he is usually depicted with representatives of wildlife.) He also was the founder of the Franciscan monks. He took his vow of poverty very seriously and took on the task of preaching, “using words if necessary.”

But what most got me thinking about Francis of Assisi right now, was his prayer. What a difference in the world we could make if we sincerely prayed, as Francis did, to be instruments of peace in our divided world. To be the presence of God in the world that helped to sow love, pardon, union, faith, hope, light and joy could be world changing. To be focused on consoling, understanding and loving others could make a radical difference in the lives of people around us.

My prayer for you in the days and months and years ahead, is that you consider sincerely praying these words of St. Francis and endeavoring to be instruments of peace.

In Christ,
Pastor Knowles



FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

LOMC is having their Fall Festival. There will be plenty of things to do. See the flyer on the bulletin board.



Happy Birthday to:

1 – Brett Daniel
 3 – Dylan James Gross,
 6 – Ivy Miller
 8 – Mike Mudd, Matt Mudd
 14 – Connie Langston
 22 – Matthew Geerts
 25 – Bruce Daniel

Happy Anniversary to:

15 – Tim & Margo Miller (1977)
 27 – Peter & Sheila Doering (1973)
 28 – Roger & Karen Thorsvold (1967)
 30 – Steve & Kimmi Miller (2010)

WELCA - Wednesday, October 7

WELCA will meet Wednesday, October 7 at 11:00 in the Upper Room. Bring a food item to share. Friends welcome. Volunteers for devotions welcome.



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE OCTOBER 13

Please have your articles to me no later than October 13. You may email them, place them in my box or call the church office. The newsletter will be in your box Sunday, October 25.

CCC – CALVARY CARE CREW OCTOBER 21

CCC (Calvary Caretaker Crew) will meet on Wednesday Oct 21 at 9:00. This group does the cleaning that our service doesn't cover as well as outdoor work and maintenance around the church. Everyone is welcome to join. We work for about an hour and then enjoy some food and fellowship.



HAPPY HOOKERS – OCTOBER 28

The Happy Hookers will be meeting on Wednesday, October 28 at 9:30 a.m. Along the great fellowship and delicious snacks. The group continues to create quilts and lap robes and other items for people in need throughout the community. Everyone is welcome



We offer our sympathies and prayers to the friends of Tim Swanberg, son of former pastor Ken Swanberg. He passed away on September 13. Funeral services were held in Sycamore, IL on Friday, September 18.. May you find refuge and comfort in our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

❖ **From LOMC** –Thank you for your generous support of LOMC. In the amount of \$240.00. Your gifts make it possible for us to welcome people of all ages to be formed in faith, spirituality, community, and leadership – things our world is yearning for. Truly, we could not do this work without you. To keep programs accessible and affordable, we rely on generous donor support for nearly 50% of our budget.

❖ **from Quad City Animal Welfare** – We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous donation of pet food. Your contribution will directly benefit our shelter animals. Thank you for supporting QCAWC and helping us continue our lifesaving work.

HABITAT LUNCH OCTOBER 21

Habitat Lunch will be served on October 21 with the location to be determined at a later time. Please watch the announcements for more information



HABITAT LUNCH

MOLINE MEMORY CAFÉ Moline Public Library

Sponsored by Western IL Area Agency on Aging

Beginning October 8 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. -- The Moline Memory Café offers a relaxing comfortable environment for adults living with cognitive changes and their caregivers. We will meet on the Second Thursday of each month. There is no registration required – snacks and drinks will be provided. See the bulletin for more information



MERRY CHRISTMAS

I know – I know – *IT'S NOT Christmas – YET!*

Granted we have a couple months to go, but look how fast September flew by. I don't know about y'all but it seems as if each year gets a little faster.

As we have for the last several years, we are once again working with LSSI Moline Foster program to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care.

If you would like to help with this Service project, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. In place of a gift, you may donate monetarily and LSSI will do the shopping for you.

Once we know how many would like to purchase gifts, we will forward the count to LSSI. They will put together a suggested list of children - listing their age, gender and items that the children would like or need and send to Calvary. I will forward the list to St. James. Most items listed are valued at \$25 or less. If you would like more information, please see Teri Griebel or Charlene Lundstrom.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

CAFÉ ON VINE NOVEMBER 9

Looking ahead. We serve Café on Vine on November 9. A sign-up chart will go up in the narthex later this month, so watch for that. We will be looking for food and workers for this project.



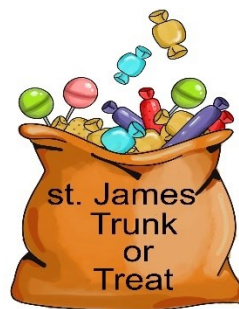
UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

December 13 – Pastor's Retirement/Christmas Luncheon. Everyone is invited.

December 20 – Calvary's church service will be at **8:30 a.m.** Pastor will be at St. James at 10:30 a.m. so they may celebrate Pastor's retirement.

December 27 – Pastor's last Sunday to preach.



ST. JAMES TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
From 2 – 4 pm

Trunk or Treat October 25th -If you have a trunk – come! You can come in costume and decorate your car. We will provide the candy and trinkets for you or you may bring your own.

OUR SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

If you will be out of town during the months of **November, December or January**, please let the office know.

We have lost a couple ushers going into 2027. We are also looking for Back Door greeters. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Teri in the office. Thank you.



YOUTH HOPE FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Calvary is once again collecting food for the Youth Hope Thanksgiving Baskets. The starred items are ones they are most in need of as September 23. We would like all items brought to church no later than November 15th.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Boxed Stuffing
Vegetable Oil
Cornbread/Biscuit Mix
Boxed Potatoes (Mashed or Au Gratin)
Cake/Brownie/Cookie Mix
Canned Green Beans or
Canned Corn
Canned Pumpkin
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Gravy Pouch or Jars

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 OCTOBER.

Val & Bruce Daniel

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for OCTOBER

Oct. 4 – Val Daniel (L & CA);
Bruce Daniel (CA)
Oct. 11 – Deb Faith (L & CA);
Gary Gross (CA)
Oct. 18 – **SERVICE AT ST. JAMES**
Oct. 28– Judi Ingerson (L)
Sandy Ohrn & Sheila Doering (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for OCTOBER

Oct. 4 – Linda Chase
Oct. 11 – Deb Faith
Oct. 18 – **SERVICE AT ST. JAMES**
Oct. 28– Sandy Ohrn

COUNTERS for OCTOBER

Oct. 4 – Deb Faith & Teri Griebel
Oct. 11 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston
Oct. 18 – **SERVICE AT ST. JAMES**
Oct. 28– Pam Gross & Linda Chase

REVISED - USHERS/GREETERS for OCTOBER

Oct. 4 – Terry Langsotn
Oct. 11 – Vicki McAlister
Oct. 18 – **SERVICE AT ST. JAMES**
Oct. 28– Greg Johnson & Linda Chase

ALTAR GUILD for NOVEMBER.

Renee Ketelsen & Sandy Ohrn

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 – Linda Chase (L);
Val & Bruce Daniel (CA)
Nov. 8– Barb Geerts (L);
Sandy Ohrn & Renee Ketelsen (CA)
Nov. 15 – Deb Faith (L & CA);
Val Daniel (CA)
Nov. 22– Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (L)
Connie Langston & Deb Faith (CA)
NOV. 29 – Gary Gross (L & CA);
Joe Geerts (CA)

BACK DOOR GREETERS for NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 – Barb Geerts
Nov 8 – Vicki McAlister
Nov. 15 – Deb Faith
Nov. 22– Terry Langston
Nov. 29 – Joe Geerts

COUNTERS for NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAister
Nov 8 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
Nov. 15 – Deb Faith & Teri Griebel
Nov. 22– Gary Gross & Terry Langsotn
Nov. 29 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston

USHERS/GREETERS for NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross
Nov 8 – Kirk Ketelsen
Nov. 15 – Terry Langsotn
Nov. 22– Vicki McAlister
Nov. 29 – Val & Bruce Daniel

