

Calvary Courier

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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*

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Chelsea Levesque
4 – John Mudd
7 – Gordon Nelson
14 – Rev. Don Knowles
16 – Ann Donahue
18 – Brianna Griebel
20 – Sandy Ohrn
21 – Pam Ohrn, Carl Lundstrom
23 – Brent Behrens

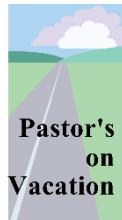
CALVARY'S PRAYER LIST

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

Dave Menke battling cancer. Roger Thorsvold, Arla Olson, Cindy Pham, Kevin Freeze, Bret & Megan Daniels and family, Jane, Margo's friend, Allen & Joyce Faust, Amy Ritchie, Kenalene Forbeck, Kelly Strand, Bernie and Audrey Laabs, Amy, Pete Lingris & family, Bev & Ken Oller, Karen Moore, Gerda Schmeltzer, Dorothy Hultgren, Randy Kirkwood.

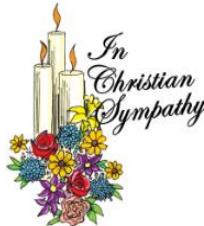
OPEN HOUSE COMMUNION

Pastor will hold "Open House" communion at Calvary on **Christmas Eve** from 2:00 – 3:00 and at St. James on **Christmas Day** from 10:30 – 11:30 am.



PASTOR VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation from December 28 through January 2, 2021. There will be NO Parking lot service or video worship on January 2nd. Please go to salemomoline.org or tlcmoline.org to find a worship service.



We offer our sympathies and prayers Peter Doering and, family on the passing of his father, Peter on November 26. We also offer our sympathies and prayers Karla Kirkwood-Johnson and family on the passing of her mother, Marynell Kirkwood on November 26. May you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE and PARKING LOT SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE service will be held in the Parking Lot. I am at 4:30 pm. Since lighting candles would be difficult, please bring a flashlight. The service will also be online with Special music.

Parking lot services will continue weather permitting



*Christmas Eve
SERVICE*



The **ANNUAL REPORT** information is due in the church office by Sunday, **January 1, 2021**. The reports will be available on **January 10th**.

Please email your reports to secretary@calvarymoline.org. For those needing to mail in your reports, please send them to my home - Teri Griebel – 2220 3rd Street, East Moline, IL 61244.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on **January 24, 2021** with a time to be determined. More information will be mailed out on how Calvary will proceed.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **February Newsletter** will be out on **Wednesday, January 20**. All articles for the newsletter should be emailed/mailed to the church office no later **Tuesday, January 19**.



During the month of December, we received the following word of thanks....

🔔 The family of Marynell Kirkwood wishes to thank the people of Calvary for your calls, cards, memorials, and prayers during the past few weeks. Mon/Marynell will surely be missed.

----God Bless you all.

Karla Kirkwood-Johnson & Greg Johnson

🔔 Thank you Dear friends for the lovely handmade gifts and the visits of Calvary Carolers, making my Christmas so very special.! Joyeux Noel

----Best Wishes, Gisele Richardson

🔔 Thank you to the Happy Hookers for my Christmas surprise. It is much appreciated. And a special thank you to Marilyn Mudd for bringing me yarn all year.

---- Chris Rogerwall

🔔 Thank you so much for the quilt and shawl. Very thoughtful of you. We'll put them to good use. We never get many handmade things. I'm usually doing the handiwork. Thanks again.

----Bless All of You, Beverly & Ken Oller

🔔 We have been so thankful for the many supporters who have helped preserve, keep and grow LOMC. Your gift of \$213.33 is a blessing to us as we continue to welcome households to LOMC for a space to play and pray. Our hands are tied in what we can provide due to COVID-19, but your gift frees us to continue to serve joyfully. Thank you so very much!

----Robert Gieraltowski, Executive Director

🔔 Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$677.50. Your donation is so important to struggling families in the quad Cities. This year, we have connected with students through sidewalk hangouts, porch visits, small groups, and most recently, individualized e-learning support. We have served hundreds of families through our Food Pantry, and delivered food and activity packs to over 200 students. Thank you for investing in the lives of hurting people in the Quad Cities. The needs are great but you are making a difference through YouthHope!

---- Thank You! Mark Drake, Exe. Dir.



Happy Hookers, thank you so much for making blankets for our residents! This time of year they especially like an extra layer to help keep them warm and it makes them happy knowing others are thinking of them. Merry Christmas

---- Heartland Activities & Residents
Betsy Vanausdelt, Assoc. Dir.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your recent donations. On 11/26/2020 we received \$677.50 and on 12/9/2020 we received 30 neck scarves. Because of your contribution, we will be able to better serve the least, the last, and the lost in the Quad Cities. Thank you for your support to help us care for the vulnerable community in the midst of challenging times.

---- Franklin D. Roe Jr., Exe. Dir. Christian Care



We have also received Christmas cards wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and hoping everyone is well from:

Joan Winters, Norm & Judy Carbiener, Beverly & Ken Oller and YouthHope.

FOOD PANTRY/POINSETTIAS

This year because Calvary is still closed, we decided to give our Poinsettia money to the Food Pantry at YouthHope in Moline. The following is a list of people who donated to this worthy cause:

In Memory of: Dale Armstrong, Lloyd, Marie, Dale, Lloyd, Jr. & Clark Lawson

Given by: Joyce Armstrong & Family

In Memory of: Loved Ones

Given by: Teri & Dave Griebel

In Memory of: Donald W. Harmening

Given by: Dorothy J. Harmening

In Memory of: My Husband, William Hurst and son Todd Hurst

Given by: Karyn Hurst

In Memory of: Ernest & Lorena Johnson and family members

Given by: Vicki McAlister



Thank You from Happy Hookers:

I think every day we hear – Spread the Love. We the Happy Hookers certainly did this for Calvary.

150 lap robes were delivered to five nursing homes; 80 baby sets were delivered to Pregnancy Center and Bethany Home. Christian Care received 20 neck scarves, 8 pairs of socks, 10 hats or caps. Moline Police who give to the homeless received 10 pairs of socks, 3 blankets, 20 neck scarves and 9 caps. Veterans received 10 blankets, 6 pairs of socks, 8 caps and scarves.

Whew I am tired just reporting this! We also packed 8 gift bags for our shut-ins.

Thank you all who made this Spreading the Love possible. We also have 4 gals sewing masks – Hundreds of them. Thanks to those who dropped off blankets, socks and caps.

Love & Hugs from Marilyn Mudd

WELCA NEWS:



There are still plenty of cookbooks for sale. Original price \$10. Now only 2 dollars.

The ladies will meet **Wednesday January 6th** at 11:30am. Bring your own lunch. We will continue with the project to help the school children. Call Sue Knipe for details. 309 738 0415.

NEEDED CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS



Some of us have terms expiring in January, and 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 762-5423 or

Greg Johnson at 796-0858. Thanks for your consideration. Greg Johnson, Calvary church council president.



Calvary Lutheran Church Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, **January 19** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot at First Baptist Church with the **MVRBC Donor Bus**.

Masks and Appointments are Required. To schedule, please contact Ted Jackson at (309) 762-0170 or online at www.bloodcenter.org.



Currently Calvary provides a subscription to *Living Lutheran* magazine formally *The Lutheran* for every household in our congregation that would like to receive the magazine. This year the cost for the congregational plan is **\$8.95** per household per year. (An individual subscription is \$19.95/year.) If you are not receiving *Living Lutheran* and would like to, please contact the church office. Also, if you would no longer like to receive the magazine, let us know and we will remove your name from the subscription list. To help offset our cost of the subscription, please use Other on your offering envelope with Living Lutheran and Amount. Any help you can provide toward your subscription to *Living Lutheran* would be greatly appreciated.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Choice Dollars... Thrivent members have an option to contribute their Choice Dollars to any non-profit organization. If you have not allocated your funds for 2020 you have until the end of March to do so.

