

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor:

On a recent Sunday, as a part of Calvary's anniversary celebration, we held a "Throwback Sunday," in which we invited people to come to church dressed in a style reminiscent of an era in the last 100 years. I was impressed with the people who "dressed up." One person wore her mother's wedding dress from 98 years ago. We had a hippie sitting in one of the front pews. There was a guy wearing pants from the 70's (hoping they would split when he sat down). There were dresses and suits from a number of "ages past." It was a truly impressive array of attire.

As I surveyed the congregation that morning though, I thought of a more interesting challenge. I wondered what this group might have looked like if we had asked them to dress up in a style that would be popular sometime in the *next* 100 years. That is, in a sense, what one our members challenged us to think about as a part of this anniversary celebration. It is fun to look back and remember who we were, but it is maybe more important for us to look forward and consider who God's wants us to be in the future.

We know who we were in the past. On November 3 we will celebrate that great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us. We will acknowledge those whose courage and faith started a Sunday School here 100 years ago. We will rejoice for the saints who built the basement church and those who raised up a sanctuary on top of that basement. We will remember those who passed their faith on to us and shared the faith with the community and with the world. We thank God for all those people of our past.

But, on the eve of our anniversary celebration it is good for us to also consider what God wants us to look like for the next 100 years. Who will be filling our pew? What will we be doing to spread the Word in Moline and throughout the world? Who will be the people that God is calling us to serve and how will we be doing it?

As our celebration of the past 100 years reaches its zenith on November 3 it is important that we not let that be an ending, but rather a beginning. May our anniversary celebration be the launching pad (I thought a space reference was appropriate here) into our future as the people of God as Calvary Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS - November 3rd**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 2nd.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:



- 4 – Barb Geerts
- 11 – Allen Noftsker
- 12 – Viola Marie Bowser-Smith
- 13 – Paul Levesque
- 14 – Kay Chase, Sandy Strosahl
- 20 – Sharon Hough, Ann Lundstrom, Warren Wren
- 21 – Rudy Ohrn
- 24 – Annette Menke, Karyn Hurst
- 26 – Andrew McClanahan
- 27 – Richard Strosahl

Happy Anniversary to:



- 1 – Teri & Dave Griebel (1974)
- 4 – Michael & Kelly Chase (2006)
- 10 – Dick & Connie Jensen
- 15 – Barb & Joe Geerts (1980)

LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, November 19 at 11:00 am



The Committee is planning a **traditional Thanksgiving Dinner** to be served in the Upper Room. Please put this on your calendar and invite a friend or two to join us. Program will be announced.

SAVE THE DATE

100th Anniversary Celebration
will be November 3rd, 2019.

We hope you have been in contact with past Calvary members and have invited them to this event.

Worship will be held at 10:30 am with Bishop Clements as our guest preacher. After worship, our catered banquet will be held downstairs in Erlander Hall.

OPEN HOUSE – Sat. November 2nd

There will be a 100th Anniversary Open House on November 2nd from 2-4 pm. We will be showing some videos from past Anniversary events and some past Sunday School programs. Photo albums are located in the old youth room downstairs. This event will be open to the public and refreshments will be served.

A graphic for In Christian Sympathy featuring two lit candles, flowers, and the text "In Christian Sympathy".

We offer our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of John Henriksen. John passed away on October 19th. Funeral services were held at Van Hoe Funeral Home on Friday, October 25. May you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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

☀ To the Calvary Congregation, Thank you for the boxes of cereals, detergents, paper products and canned goods donated to us. May God continue to Bless you.

---Clients & Staff, Winnie's Place

☀ Marilyn and team Calvary Crusaders – Thank you so much for joining us again this year in the fight against cancer in our Quad City Community. I appreciate all you do for our Relay for Life Event, and all of your hard work and participation in the year leading up to it. Looking forward to next year already.

---Miranda Dresing and Stacey Dutton
American Cancer Society



WELCA NEWS:

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend

- ❖ **Deborah Circle** – Meets Tuesday, November 5 – at 9:00 am in the Upper Room. Bring a breakfast item to share – coffee, tea and juice will be furnished. November is Thankoffering Month. Bring your “thankoffering” offering to our Circle meeting or give them to our treasurer, Connie Langston.

BIG THANK YOU!

A Big Thank You to all the workers who helped on our Fall Work Day. Some worked during the week to help get the Sanctuary cleaned and the outside work done. There is always something to be done. Watch for some cleaning days scheduled for this winter.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For **December** is no later than November 7 for distribution on November 21. Please have your articles to me on time. You may email or put your articles in my box.



Happy Hookers – will meet at 9:30 on November 27. There is always something to do for all abilities. We will be wrapping Christmas gifts for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. And...there is more – join us for fellowship and refreshments!

USHER'S NEEDED

As of November, there are two openings on Usher Teams. If you like to volunteer or would like to serve on two teams, let me know. The rotation for the Ushers is usually about once a month depending on the number of Sundays.



RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recycling Collection Baskets in the hallway.

We can take:

- ❖ Old Phones
- ❖ Pop Can Tabs,
- ❖ Cancelled Stamps,
- ❖ Ink Cartridges,
- ❖ Glasses
- ❖ Box Tops for Education (please check dates)

Reminder – we cannot take the following:

- ❖ No Pill Containers
- ❖ No Campbell Soup Labels (campaign stopped)
- ❖ No Milk/Bottle Caps

RELAY FOR LIFE – 2019 WRAP-UP REPORT

The Calvary Crusaders Relay Team had a very successful year supporting the 2019 ACS Relay for Life held on Saturday, Sept. 21. Because of rain/wind/cold (miserable) weather, the event was held at the Bettendorf Middle School gym.

Sale of quilt raffle tickets netted a profit of \$199 toward relay. The quilt was won by Linda Preilly of Bettendorf.

We served Culver's Custard purchased from their E. Moline store and baked goods furnished by the relay team.

All proceeds from sales totaled \$416.05. After totaling all our fund raising and donations for the year, our Calvary Crusaders contributions totalled \$3,634.05 to the Quad Cities Relay for Life.

Thank you to all Calvary members for your great support through the year, to Culver's for their sponsorship, and to Laureate Beta Psi who sponsored the quilt. Also, to our benefactors a huge thank you...you know who you are!!!!





ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIA

Deadline: December 10

**Now
\$10.00**

**Make checks payable to:
Calvary Lutheran Church**

Please complete the appropriate information:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by _____



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**








Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.





KEY









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ACTS 14:17, NIV

Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV

2020 - SERVING OUR SAVIOR

As Christians we are called to serve our Lord as disciples. Paul tells us that there are a variety of gifts and numerous ways to serve. No one person has the gifts to serve in every way, but each of us can serve in some significant way. Below is a list of seven faith practices that strengthen our lives as disciples. Within each of those practices are ways that individuals can help themselves and others grow in faith through serving the body of Christ at Calvary.

Please consider the ways that you would be willing to serve our Savior and help grow disciples in our community (check the appropriate lines). If you have other ideas on ways to serve, or specific times you are not available to help, please list them on the back. These forms may be returned in the offering at worship or delivered to the church office. If you have questions about any item, please speak with the pastor.

WORSHIP

- Sing with the choir (regularly or on special occasions)
- Provide special music (vocal or instrumental)
- Usher
- Read lessons at worship
- Communion Assistant
- Assisting Minister
- Altar Guild (help prepare the church for Sunday worship)
- Provide audio-visual support on Sundays

PRAY

- Pray daily for those on the prayer list
- Be a part of a prayer circle

GIVE

- Give generous and regular offerings in thanksgiving to God
- Offering counter
- Help with a Stewardship program
- Volunteer office help
- Help with property maintenance and/or repair
- Serve on the church council

INVITE

- Welcome visitors
- Be a Back door Greeter
- Be a Narthex Greeter
- Invite a friend to worship

STUDY

- Participate in a Bible Study
- Lead a Bible study

ENCOURAGE

- Visit hospitalized or homebound members and friends
- Help with publicity and/or photography

SERVE

- Provide food for funeral lunches
- Help at funeral lunches
- Donate food to local food pantries
- Participate in the CROP Walk
- Be a part of the Service Committee
- Help with service projects (Habitat for Humanity, deliver donations to food pantries, help with *Feed the Hungry* meal site, etc.)

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Growth in Giving Gift Chart

This chart is prepared for you to use as you prayerfully consider your financial gift to Calvary Lutheran Church in 2020. Please remember that we give first as an expression of joy and thanksgiving for God's abundant grace in Christ. A second reason we give is that our ministries at Calvary might remain strong and bold in the proclamation of God's life giving grace in Christ.

Completed commitment forms can be placed in the offering plate or submitted to the office.

Present Giving Per Week *Growing 10 Percent* *Growing 15 Percent* *Growing 20 Percent*

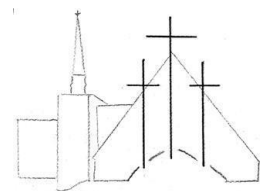
\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.15	\$1.20
\$5.00	\$5.50	\$5.75	\$6.00
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\$15.00	\$16.50	\$17.25	\$18.00
\$20.00	\$22.00	\$23.00	\$24.00
\$25.00	\$27.50	\$28.75	\$30.00
\$30.00	\$33.00	\$34.50	\$36.00
\$35.00	\$38.50	\$40.25	\$42.00
\$40.00	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$48.00
\$45.00	\$49.50	\$51.75	\$54.00
\$50.00	\$55.00	\$57.50	\$60.00
\$60.00	\$66.00	\$69.00	\$72.00
\$70.00	\$77.00	\$80.50	\$84.00
\$80.00	\$88.00	\$92.00	\$96.00
\$90.00	\$99.00	\$103.50	\$108.00
\$100.00	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$120.00
\$120.00	\$132.00	\$138.00	\$144.00
\$140.00	\$154.00	\$161.00	\$168.00
\$150.00	\$165.00	\$172.50	\$180.00
\$200.00	\$220.00	\$230.00	\$240.00

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MY PROMISES TO GOD FOR 2020

Name _____

In response to God's blessings to me/us, I/we pledge to God for the mission and ministry of God's church through Calvary Lutheran Church:



\$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one) for Current and Benevolence expenses.

I/we also commit \$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one) toward the Building Fund.

I/we understand that unforeseen circumstances may affect my ability to honor this pledge.

___ I would like to make this promise in the form of an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) so that I can support the church regularly even when I am not able to be there. (Information will be provided to you regarding this program if needed.)

Sincerely,
Your Stewardship Team