

Calvary Courier

December 2019

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From the Pastor,

I offer for you this month the following Vietnamese folktale that I found in the book *Stories for the Journey* by William R. White.

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A woman called her cook aside early one morning and said, "Tonight, when my beloved visits, I want you to cook the food that has the most pleasant taste in the whole world."

The cook quickly went to the market where he made his purchase. That night, after serving many appetizers, he announced, "The main dish tonight is tongue of pig."

The woman was most surprised at the cook's choice and asked, "Why have you determined this to be the most pleasant taste in the world?"

"When people love each other," the cook replied, "their tongues say pleasant and loving things to each other. So is the tongue not the pleasant thing in the world?"

"You are not only a fine cook," the woman said, "you are also a philosopher."

The next day the woman again approached the cook, "Last night my beloved and I found your choice most interesting. This evening we would like to prepare the most unpleasant thing in the whole world."

Once again the cook made his way to the market to make a purchase. That evening he again served a variety of small dishes before announcing, "The main course this evening is tongue of pig." When both the woman and her beloved expressed surprise at the choice the cook explained, "When people hate each other their tongues say the most unpleasant things to each other. Is the tongue not the most unpleasant thing in the whole world?"

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Perhaps in a world where people now seem comfortable to say the most unpleasant things about others, this story can encourage us to use our tongues to speak only of love, mercy and forgiveness.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



On **Christmas Eve**, let us join together and celebrate the birth of Jesus by attending Calvary's Sunset service at 4:00 p.m. or St. James Evening service at 7:00 p.m.



The **ANNUAL REPORT** information is due in the church office by Sunday, **December 27.**

The **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held in Erlander Hall after worship on **January 26**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to:

- 5 – Andrew Levesque, Mary Green
- 9 – Dawn Levesque
- 10 – Charlene Lundstrom
- 13 – Karen Thorsvold
- 23 – Ian Mudd
- 25 – Sidney Mudd
- 28 – Bryan Behrens
- 30 – Joan Winter

Happy Anniversary to:



- 7 – Megan & Michael Necessary (2009)



During the month of November we received the following word of thanks....

Dear Pastor & Congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church, The board, staff and volunteers at Churches United of the Quad City Area gratefully acknowledge and accept your most generous gift to our Christ-centered mission and ministries. This contribution of \$300 to our general fund helps us keep the doors open at Winnie's Place, the only emergency shelter for homeless women and children in the Illinois Quad Cities, food on the shelves of our 25 neighborhood food pantries and on plates at our 3 free hot meal sites.

---Blessings, Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes, Exe. Dir.

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

OFFICE CLOSED

from Dec. 24 – Jan.3, 2020

Both Pastor Knowles and Teri Griebel will be off through the holidays from Dec. 25 through Jan. 3, 2020. The office will re-open on January 5th.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

COME JOIN US on Sunday, December 1 after worship. We will **DECK THE HALLS**, the sanctuary, the Upper Room and Erlander Hall for the Christmas Season. More people will make the task go faster.

DECEMBER 10

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The **JANUARY** newsletter will be ready for distribution on December 19. **Please** have your articles to me as soon as you can, as this will be a short month. You may email or put your articles in my box. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please either call the church office (309-762-5423) or email: secretary@calvarymoline.org with your address.

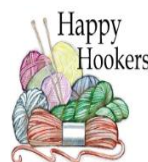
USHER NEEDED

As of the end of November, there is still one opening left to be filled. If you would like to volunteer or serve on two teams, let me know. Currently, Allen Noftsker is serving on two teams. The rotation for the Ushers is usually about once a month depending on the number of Sundays.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

You can bring Christmas cards for regular attending members and put them in their mailbox. Please mail cards to shut-ins and those who go out of town for the winter or do not attend regularly, so they don't sit in their mailboxes all year. Please put your return address on the envelope.



HAPPY HOOKERS–NO SCHEDULED MEETING

Happy Hookers – no official meeting though Marilyn will be contacting people to help package items for the carolers to deliver. Stay home and eat cookies – see you in January!



Christmas Cards to Shut-ins

*If you are sending Christmas Cards,
please keep our shut-ins in mind:*

AT HOME

Lorraine Beckingham 155 N Eagle Street #103 Oshkosh, WI 54902	Bob & Beth Fuller 1515 10 th Street Silvis, IL 61282
Kathryn Beardsley Colona House – Apt 907 54 41 st Ave East Moline, IL 61244	Dorothy Hultgren Overlook Village #309 941 6 th Street Dr. Moline, IL 61265
Gisele Richardson Paulson Manor - #141 2424 41 st St Moline, IL 61265	Marynell Kirkwood Friendship Manor 1209 21 st Ave Rock Island, IL 61201
Gerda Scheltzer - # 203 The Fountains 3752 Thunder Ridge Rd Bettendorf, IA 52722	Kay Chase 2204 46 th Street Moline, IL 61265
JoAnn Sullivan c/o Mike Sullivan 445 Sparks Ave Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494	Gene & Betsy Untiedt 3728 13 th Ave Moline, IL 61265

NURSING FACILITY

Ardeth Lindell Elaine Newberg #3107/2 HOPE CREEK 4343 Kennedy Dr. East Moline, IL 61244	Rosalie Mellgren HILLCREST HOME 14688 Illinois 82E Geneseo, IL 61254
Roy Woitte APERION CARE MOLINE 430 30 th Ave East Moline, IL 61244	

Reminder – November Newsletter...

In the November newsletter, a Serving our Savior sheet was included as well as a Giving Promise sheet for 2020. Please pray about what God is asking you to do for supporting Calvary with your Time, Talents, and Possessions. I once heard a minister ask the following of his congregation. “If everyone in this congregation served and gave as you do could this church grow, stay the same, or die out?” It really made me think.

UP COMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Advent Lessons and Carols

First Sunday of Advent – December 1 at 4:00 pm

Join with All Saints Episcopal Church and St. James on December 1 at 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with Lessons and Carols.

WELCA – ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED



DEBORAH CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Montana Jack's Restaurant, Moline. Make a call to the church office if you would like a ride. The circle will be collecting donations for the “brown bag” project for Christian Care Center – canned food, staples (non-food: laundry, cleaning and paper products.) Items can be brought to church at any time and placed in the room downstairs to the right of the kitchen

Christmas Caroling

All are **welcome** to come caroling on December 8 at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at church.



CHOIR CANTATA – DEC. 15

Christmas Cantata Service On Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. worship service, Calvary Choir will present a Christmas Cantata “A World of Christmas” a choral work by Joseph M. Martin incorporating carols and Christmas traditions from around the world. Please invite your family and friends.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK – DEC. 15

EVERYONE IS INVITED to the All Church Christmas Potluck after the Choir Cantata Service, on Sunday, December 15th in Erlander Hall.



WELCA is providing Ham and Turkey, plus table service and beverages. We are asking everyone else to bring either a salad, vegetables or a side dish.

Those who are able are also asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to share for dessert and later distribution to shut-ins.



LUNCH BUNCH Tuesday,

December 17 at 11:00 am in the Upper Room. A delicious meal will be served by our committee and Christmas festivities will be enjoyed! Please invite your friends and neighbors too - call the church office if you need a ride.



**CAFÉ ON VINE
December 14**

We are serving at Café on Vine on December 14 and need volunteers to help. If you are available, please

see Ruth Laabs-Wilcox or Pam Gross.



**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 _____

**THANK YOU from the
100th Anniversary Committee**

We would like to Thank everyone for making our 100th Anniversary a Celebration to Remember.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our 100 food items each month in celebration of our 100th Anniversary. YouthHope Food Pantry has been overwhelmed by our generosity each month.

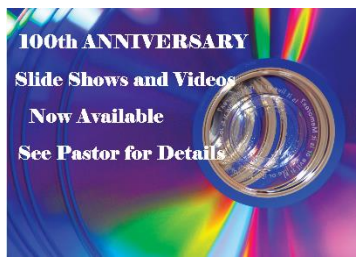
We would also like to Thank everyone for making our 100th Anniversary a Celebration to Remember.

As a church, we thank the following committee members for their hard work and dedication: Debbie & Steve Faith and Pam Gross, co-chairs; Mary Ann Behrens, Barb Geerts, Teri Griebel, Greg Johnson, Pastor Don, Connie Langston, Paul Levesque, Charlene Lundstorm, and Linda Nelson.

For those who organized or helped with the following activities: 100 food items each month & delivery of those items, Trivia Night, Church Anniversary/Directory, showing of slides & videos, Memorial Plaque, Ice Cream Social, Church Picnic, Throwback Sunday and last the Anniversary Banquet. We couldn't have done it without you.

May we continually move forward as we do God's Work with Our Hands.

100th Anniversary videos - slide show – etc.



Pastor has uploaded the Anniversary Video to the website. If you would like to have copy of this video or of the other shows, please see Pastor Knowles.



RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recycling Collection Baskets in the hallway.



Service project for December

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We are asking families to do a Reverse Advent Calendar food donation. Please take a box and put the item from the list into the box each day. On Christmas Eve, bring the box to church and place by the tree. We will take the boxes to Christian Care Center. If you cannot participate, you could make a donation earmarked for the Advent food drive. It costs about \$25.00 to complete a box. The list is on Page 6 -

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

100 Items of Caring

Various individuals have asked if we had made our monthly food donations in honor of our 100th Anniversary. The following is a list of those items and the final tally:

NOVEMBER – Boxed Stuffing Mix – 100

DECEMBER – Instant Potatoes – 83

JANUARY – Soups – 123

FEBRUARY – Cake/Brownie Mix - 86

MARCH – Peanut Butter - 100

APRIL – Salad Dressing - 88

MAY – Pancake Mix - 83

JUNE – Canned Tuna/Chicken - 106

JULY – Skillet Meal Helpers - 71

AUGUST – Cereal - 90

SEPTEMBER – Canned Spaghetti Sauce - 101

OCTOBER – Boxed Pasta - 95

We have received many complimentary responses on this 100 Food Items of Caring. Bishop Clemments and Pastor Mike Clark both thought this was great way to celebrate our Anniversary and to help others in need.

SERVANTS TO SERVE

Schedule for Christmas Eve



Please look over the December Servants Calendar. If you are unable to serve, please let the office as soon as possible.

JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 2019

Ushers, Assistant Ministers and others - If you know that you will be gone, especially during the month of January or February please let me know.

Thank You. Teri, Adm. Assistant



Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box for a food Pantry.

On Christmas Eve bring the box to Church.

- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – jar of peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 – boxed potatoes
- December 5 – boxed macaroni & cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 – jar of apple sauce
- December 11 – canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 – cranberry sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – box of crackers
- December 15 – package of rice
- December 16 – package of oatmeal
- December 17 – package of pasta
- December 18 – spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21 – canned corn
- December 22 – canned mixed vegetables
- December 23 – canned carrots
- December 24 – canned green beans