

CALVARY

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From the Pastor:

Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes
He'll show it to you.

Have you ever stood in the family
With the Lord there in your midst?
Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Then I say you've seen,
Jesus, my Lord.

The words above are the refrain and one of the verses from the song, *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?*, by John Fischer. I remember singing this song in my high school church youth group back in the 70's. Now we sang a lot of songs in the youth group, most of which I have long since forgotten. But this one has always stuck with me.

In large part I remember this song because of its theology (although I would not have called it "theology" back then). The message of the song is to notice that Jesus is around us in the world. He is there in plain view in the sunset, clouds and ocean waves.

However, it is the verse I cited above that seemed to have the most profound impact on me. Have you seen Jesus in the face of the brothers and sisters around you? Jesus is there, in plain view, in the people around us.

I was reminded of this song through a gospel passage chosen for a funeral for which I recently presided. The deceased, who chose the passages he wanted read at his funeral, asked to have Matthew 25:31-40 read. That passage, which is likely familiar to you, concludes:

⁷Then the righteous will answer him,
'Lord, when was it that we saw you

hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Jesus makes it very clear when and where we can see him. He is here in plain view in the faces of our brothers and sisters, especially as they are in need.

As I look around our communities, our state, our nation and our world these days I wonder how many really believe that Jesus is there in the faces of "each other?" When I hear about horrible acts of violence like blowing up mosques and churches, or read about someone planning to shoot people at Columbine High School, or listen to stories of cyber-bullying, or read newspaper accounts of innocent children being murdered in drive-by shootings, or read the posts of Facebook "friends" spitting mean comments about people whose opinions differ from their own even though they purport to be Christian, I wonder if we really believe Jesus is anywhere near.

I wonder how different we might act if we took the time to see the face of Jesus in each other? Would we really say some of the things we say or do some of the things we do? How different would the world be if we were to take a look and see that Jesus *is* here in plain view in "the least of these who are members of [Jesus'] family?"

In Christ,
Pastor Knowles

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 2 – Kirk Ketelsen
- 4 – Arlene Cooke
- 6 – Teri Griebel
- 9 – Ardeth Lindell, David Peterson
- 23 – Dereck Chase
- 27 – Patricia Cornelius
- 28 – LaVerne Knipe



Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Robert & Beth Fuller (2005)
– Robert & Linda Miner (1963)
- 11 – Gene & Betsy Untiedt (1952)
- 24 – Gary & Pam Gross (1980)
- 25 – Jerry & Pat Cornelius (1968)
– Bruce & Val Daniel (1974)
- 28 – Randy & Ann Bowser (1973)
– Dale & Joan Winter (1955)



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

✚ Dear Friends, Thank you for making my birthday so special with all the good wishes you sent me.

---- Sincerely, Gisele Richardson

✚ I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and for thinking of me. I am trying to come to church as I am able, as I miss my church family.

----Sincerely, Kay Chase

✚ We would like to thank everyone who attended our Palm Sunday brunch this morning, sponsored by Relay for Life.

----The Relay for Life Team

✚ **The 100th Anniversary committee** would like to thank everyone who came on April 11, 12 and 13 to have their photos taken. **We would also** like to thank everyone who came to church on April 14 and stayed for the Congregational photo. Remember, the directory will not be published until fall, as this will also be our 100th Anniversary booklet.

✚ Calvary Lutheran, The jars of Peanut Butter arrived at the perfect time. Thank you....

---- In Appreciation, Youth-Hope Food Pantry

✚ Dear People of Calvary Lutheran Church, The board, staff and volunteers at Churches United of the Quad City Area gratefully acknowledge and accept your \$432.59 contribution to our mission and ministries.

----Best regards, Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes, Exe. Dir.

✚ Thank You! We appreciate your generous gift to impact at-risk youth. This school year hundreds of kids and teens have participated in our centers and clubs. We have experienced an increase of both kids and teens. Thank you for partnering with us to help make all of our outreach available to low-income youth as we help them believe in all their potential!

----Mark Drake, Executive Director of YouthHope

✚ Dear partners in ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline, We gratefully acknowledge and say thank you for congregation's 2019 Mission Support intent of \$20,220. Thank you for all you do as a congregation and for your partnership in the ministry we share together as a church.

---- Walking Together in Ministry,
Rev. Gary Erickson, Assistant to the Bishop



LUNCH BUNCH RESUMES May 21st at 11:00 am

Come join us for a good time in the Upper Room for lunch and invite your friends, too! Please let us know if you need transportation by calling the church office – we'll come and get you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

for **MAY** is no later than **May 9** for distribution on May 23. Please have your articles to me on time. You may email or put your articles in my box.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If you or a member of your family will be graduating this spring, please let us know. We would like to acknowledge them for all their hard work in achieving their goals. Please be sure to include relevant information (name, degree/certificate, future plans). You may put the information in the offering plate, send an email secretary@calvarymoline.org, or call the church office (309-762-5423).



WELCA - All Calvary women are invited.



✿ **Deborah Circle** – May 7 at 9:00 am in the Upper Room. Hostess will be Charlene Lundstrom

✿ **HAPPY HOOKERS** - will meet on May 29 at 9:30 am in Erlander Hall. Activities include quilting, crocheting, knitting and handicrafts. (bring a treat to share at “coffee time.”)

****The WELCA West Conference Assembly **** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 4** at Calvary Lutheran Church. Registration is at 9:00 am – Brunch – 9:30 am with Program at 10:00 am – “New Life for Women – the Farm” with Pastor Jackie Green as our speaker. She will also bring women from the residential program to share their stories. **The in-kind offering will be for items that they need. A list is posted on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway.** St. James is helping with refreshments and First Lutheran, Moline is helping with ushering. Make your reservations with Sue Knipe or the Church Office by Tuesday, April 30th.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Calvary and St. James will be serving as host congregations for the 2019 Synod Assembly at Augustana on June 14-15. Volunteers are needed to help with registration on Friday morning, drive golf cart shuttles throughout the assembly, assist in the display area and serve as ushers for the Saturday afternoon worship service. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the upper room for specific times.

2019 Shoe Drive - Romania



Thanks to everyone who donated in the past for the kids in Romania. Last year, we collected underwear and volleyballs. This year we will be collecting shoes. Our shoe drive will be from now through July 21st.

We will be collecting:

- 1) new shoes for kids aged 3 to 14 years old, and
- 2) money to go towards shipping costs.

More information and updates will be provided in upcoming newsletters and Sunday bulletins. I have seen the expressions on their faces as they receive new shoes. They truly appreciate these gifts. Thanks again. Greg Johnson



RELAY FOR LIFE

“LET YOUR STAR LIGHT THE WAY”

Sales of this Isabel Bloom sculpture will continue with orders going in monthly until supply is depleted. Their cost is \$21.00 with \$5.00 benefiting our Calvary Crusaders team. See the sign-up sheet in the upstairs hallway to order.

RELAY FOR LIFE – Quilt Raffle –

The members of Laureate Beta Psi are providing a quilt to be raffled which will be displayed occasionally in the Narthex during the next few months.



Raffle tickets are \$5.00 and will be available from Marilyn Gross.



Calvary Work Day

Mark Your Calendars! There will be a work day on Saturday, May 18th starting at 9 am till noon. Plan on both clean-up and some indoor cleaning not covered by cleaning service.



Church Women United May Friendship Day May 3, 2019

On Friday, May 3rd, First Lutheran Church, Moline, will be hosting Church Women United May Friendship Day, Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. with program to follow.

100th Anniversary Information:

For May 2019 – we will be collecting **100 boxes** of Pancake/Muffin Mix.



**Church Women United
GARDEN SALE
May 13 thru May 19 at
HY-VEE**

This Year, you can shop at Silvis Hy-Vee or both locations of Hy-Vee in Moline (Ave of the Cities or 7th Street). Good on all purchases in the outdoor garden center (plants, flowers, mulch, shrubs, trees, lawn ornaments, etc.) 10% of your purchase benefits: Christian Friendliness, WINNIES Place, Local Food Pantries and Women's Prison Ministries. **NOTE:** A flyer will be **REQUIRED** with purchase. Flyers will be available at the church on the bulletin board; or, you may **ASK** for one at the outdoor checkout counter **before** making your purchases.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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. If you still have contact with past Calvary members please invite them to this event.

**Prior to the big celebration,
several more events have been
planned:**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, August 17th – 4 to 6 pm

We will be holding the Ice Cream Social outside under a tent. There will be plenty of Whitey's Ice Cream, cakes and pies, along with games and entertainment, with a free-will offering, which will go towards our Love Gift.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 15th at 10:30 am

Our church picnic with service before will be held on Rock Island Arsenal. You will need your ID at the Moline Gate and it will be the first picnic area on the left (where it was held before). More information will be upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

THROWBACK SUNDAY

Sunday, October 20th at 10:30 am

Everyone is encouraged to dress in any decade period costume from 1919 to present day on that Sunday. The committee picked a fall date as the earlier decades were usually long dresses/skirts and long sleeve blouses and October would be much cooler.

**100th Anniversary -
FAMILY MEMORY BOARD**

The 100th Anniversary committee would like to display memory boards created by our church families, showing their own personal Calvary memories.

These boards could include photo, bulletins, or other items. Boards can be picked up in the Narthex for your use and you have all summer to create them. We will display them in the fall and for our Anniversary Celebration on November 3, 2019.

LOVE-GIFT

The 100th Anniversary Committee decided that money raised at an event would go to a mission church in Genoa, IL. **However, this is NOT the First...** In 1961 according to the February newsletter, A "Dime Card" was enclosed with a slot for currency or a check, for larger gifts over and above the daily *love-gift*. Our Board of Administration wants to forward your *love-gift* for the missions and benevolences of the Church every month.

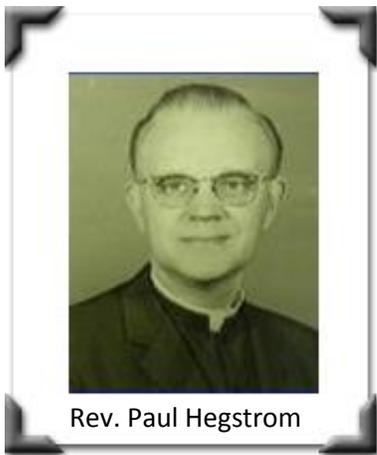
Almost 60 years later, Calvary is offering a love-gift to fund a mission church. What Love IS This..

Calvary History, 1960-69 Decade 5

The Married Couples got “hitched” again, the church ladies whipped up a cookbook as a successful fundraiser, and Calvary Lutheran Church held its very first Yard Sale, netting \$315 and creating a tradition that would continue for decades.

It was the era of the 1960’s, which began with a pastoral vacancy and ended with a momentous 50th Anniversary Celebration for the congregation.

Perhaps most notably, this period was marked by an historic merger that created the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). In 1960, four Lutheran church bodies agreed to come together to work more effectively in service to God: The Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church (to which Calvary belonged); the American Evangelical Lutheran Church; the United Lutheran Church in America; and the Suomi (Finnish) Lutheran Church. It would take two years to fully implement the changes, including establishing a church hierarchy, ratifying new church constitutions prepared for congregations, and developing new LCA educational materials for Sunday Schools. At its inception, the LCA was the largest Lutheran church body in the U.S. With the merger, Calvary became part of the newly created Illinois Synod (Rock Island-Galesburg District) of the LCA. And the Calvary Board of Administration, our church’s governing entity, would thereafter be known as the Calvary Church Council.



Rev. Paul Hegstrom

It was the Rev. Paul L. Hegstrom who would lead the church into this new era. He joined Calvary in August of 1960, and in his very first annual report to the congregation, chose to focus on the need for greater support for the Synod and its various missions. Truth be told, Calvary did not have a

good track record when it came to paying its fair share to fund the work of the greater Church and its outreach. The Rev. Hegstrom found that both embarrassing and troubling, especially since Calvary’s members were very mission-minded in the early years. He blamed this lack of support on two factors: the church’s considerable debt load and the “low level of giving” among some parishioners. “‘Token giving’ of quarters and half-dollars to the

Lord’s work, will never make us a great church in the sight of either God or men,” Hegstrom wrote. “Eleven cents per member per week was all we could scrape together for missions and benevolences in 1961,” he stated, adding that the members should be giving three times that amount in order to meet the suggested benevolence figure.

Apparently little had improved by the following year, as Hegstrom hit on this again in his 1962 annual report (and each subsequent year during his short tenure): “The day is long since past, when Calvary was a little mission, which had to ask for help,” he wrote. “We are now a congregation of such size and stability, that there can be no excuse for defaulting on our rightful obligations for the Lord’s work, in our own country and overseas.”

Things started to turn around a bit by 1964, as the congregation made a concerted effort to retire its debt. After owing \$9,000 just a few years earlier, Calvary was able to eliminate its debt on the parsonage, according to Hegstrom’s report. And the church made its largest ever contribution to mission work—some \$5,000, but still considerably short of the goal.

In addition to his strong rhetoric on tithing, Hegstrom also had a few things to say about those who “steal sheep” from mainline congregations to start other ministries. In the October 1964 newsletter, Hegstrom wrote: “... infiltrators or spies from such groups will join a church for a few years to make friends whom they then try to take with them into their cult!” He goes on to say: “Sheep-stealing and cattle-rustling were considered a serious offense, worthy of death, in the Old West. How much more serious is it not, when someone plays with immortal souls, and tries to get them to renounce the confirmation vows made before the Altar of God?”

But not all was gloom and doom in that day. For instance, the decade saw several improvements to the church property. The annex, which had housed Sunday School classes, was removed in 1962 (its condition had been deteriorating and it was no longer deemed safe). The church accommodated the students in the main structure by dividing the Sunday School by age, with some groups meeting at 9:30 and others at 10:45 (they later changed it to 9:30 Sunday School only, with a 10:45 service). With the annex gone, the congregation set about beautifying the grounds on the south side of the church. Members put in a new parking area, fencing, sidewalks and a garden. The following year, two additional lots to the south were purchased for more

parking. "Art glass" windows were also added to the sanctuary, primarily through memorial gifts.

In 1965, a record flood hit the Quad-City area. One Calvary family displaced by the Mississippi's



Picture shows Campbells Island (lower left) and Watertown during 1965 flood. The small white specks are roof tops.

raging waters accepted the Church Council's invitation to stay at the church as long as needed. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Walker and their three children, whose house on Campbell's Island suffered flood damage that May, took the room off the kitchen as their temporary home. In addition, it was reported that many young people of the church helped with sandbagging efforts along the river.

Participation in church organizations during the 1960s remained strong. When the Calvary Lutheran Church Women were accepted into membership in the LCA's Lutheran Church Women, there were 120 members participating in seven established "units." To raise money, the Church Women created and sold 500 cookbooks in 1965, and set a goal of getting a new piano with King Korn stamps. (Grocery stores and other businesses would give away these "trading stamps" with each sale, and consumers then glued them into special books and redeemed the stamps for everything from sporting goods to furniture.) It was music to their ears when the Calvary ladies were able to reach their goal in just three months (no mention of how many books it took).

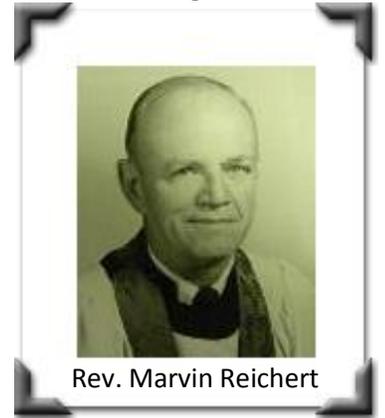
The church's Boy Scout Troop #164 fledged its first two Eagle Scout Award winners in 1966, soon to be joined by four more. The Married Couples renewed their vows at a special ceremony, and held a "modern" square dance, a box social, and a program on Sleep Teaching," to name a few. And the Luther



Mrs. Gerald Hunt, son Ricky, Scoutmaster, Charles Warner and father

Leaguers danced at a Hootenanny, held "Kidnapping Breakfast," and set up their own coffee houses. They also formed the Luther League Choir, practicing before meetings.

Calvary would have the Rev. Hegstrom at the helm for only six years. In June of 1966 he accepted a call to Chicago, and that September, the Rev. Marvin C. Reichert became pastor. The Reichert's moved into a parsonage at 2709 16th Ave., Moline, that was remodeled during the vacancy at a cost of over \$8,000. At that point, Calvary's membership stood at 747, with average attendance around 282.



Rev. Marvin Reichert

A good sermonizer, Reichert would, unfortunately, be plagued by health problems during his tenure here. In his 1968 report, he expressed "deep appreciation" for the kindnesses and prayers offered to him while he was hospitalized and recuperating from surgery. He thanked Pastor Bohman, who had served the congregation in his absence, and shared his regret that for "the first time in 30 years" he had missed Easter services.

Reichert kept his annual reports short, focusing primarily on the wonderful way the congregation had embraced him and his family. But in newsletters (his section was dubbed "Parson to Person"), he would touch on the need to attend worship faithfully and give generously to the church. The March 15, 1966 "Messenger" states: "Even above our concern for the precarious financial condition of the church, is our concern for members who perpetually starve their souls, and rob the church of their fellowship, by their absence (which is also indicated by the blank spaces in the Financial Secretary's records). Come and worship with us regularly! The CH-RCH needs 'U' and you need the church."

Calvary still carried a debt of around \$23,000 when it concluded its fifth decade. But there were plenty of reasons to celebrate the congregation's 50 years in mission in the Highland area, and the church members went all out.

Reichert was optimistic that Calvary would continue in service to God's people for many years to come. In his 1969 report, he wrote: "As we begin the second half of our first century let us evidence the same spirit of confidence and an increased zeal for the work to which our Blessed Lord and Savior has called us."

Various Tidbits from the Newsletters of the 60's

From June 1961

Our best wishes follow Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlson, as they on July 1 take over the operation of Flowerland on 23rd Avenue, which they recently purchased. In addition to providing floral arrangements for weddings, funerals, banquets, etc., house plants and cut flowers for every occasion, ceramic and metal flower holders, they will have a complete line of greeting cards.

From October 1961

The softball team finished the season with 3rd place in tournament play and 5th place in league play. Total record: won 6 and lost 7. Co-managers Warren Strandlund and Dale Winter and the entire team wish to thank everyone who attended the games and especially the ALCW, who sewed the letters on our team shirts, and the Churchmen, who sponsored the team.

From March 1963.....

“Amazing” is the only word for it! We refer to the fine cooperation shown the first two days of this week. A simple announcement by the pastor brought a horde of people to the chancel on Sunday after the services; they removed the sacred vessels from the altar, as well as the paraments from the lectern, altar and pulpit, the altar rail and the altar itself, in preparation for this week's big painting job. It was all done so quietly and with such dispatch, that we stood with mouth agape at this practical demonstration of “togetherness” in action.

The second evidence of cooperation involved the members of the Church Council and their families, who willingly gave up other plans for Sunday afternoon, thus enabling almost all members of the board to attend a very special meeting of about 300 Church Councilmen in Galesburg.

On Monday, the scaffolding was erected, as a prelude to the week-long painting task. A “bee-hive of activity” would be an apt description of the chancel area by 7 o'clock on Monday evening. At least three men were on each of four staging levels, painting, so it was possible to apply two coats over an extensive area that night. On Tuesday evening there was again a large group of men on hand to continue the painting project.

From March 1964....

About \$60 is needed for each window in the nave, those in the balcony will cost a bit more, but the windows in the narthex will be considerably less. A new design has been created by our artist, David Lund, using smaller panes of glass, eliminating symbols, and utilizing a more pleasing combination of colors than those tried experimentally on the east side of the church. (The final cost was \$65/window)

From October 20, 1965....

Mrs. Norman Mudd, a new neighbor, who communed with us on World Communion Sunday, was last week blessed with twins; she is a member of First Lutheran Church in Rock Island.

From January 12, 1966....

The ladies of our church, decided to something about meeting the need for at least one good piano. They discovered that it would take less than 300 King Korn Stamp books to get a new Kimball piano, and they said “WE WILL DO IT!” Someone from the LCW will be in the narthex, on Sunday mornings between the services, to receive your contributions of filled King Korn books, for the new piano at church.

From February 15, 1966....

YOU Don't have to be a member of Calvary's Lutheran Church Women, to contribute toward the new church piano. We know that many men, who trade at Tom Kongerslev's Standard Station, would have some King Korn stamps in the glove compartment of their cars. Bring them to the lady in the Narthex next Sunday, who will welcome your contribution for the cause. Keep the stamps and filled books coming!

From May 3, 1966....

The New Piano has been ordered and should be delivered within a couple of week. A few more filled King Korn stamp books are still needed to complete the “payment”.

Calvary church Ladies must have LOVED King Korn Stamps, as you will see from the next snippet from 1967....

From the Annual Report of 1967....

Our projects for the coming year are to buy choir robes for the Senior Choir and collect King Korn stamps for chairs for the pastor's study. A box has been placed in the narthex of the church where you may leave the stamp books and donations for choir robes can be given to the pastor, any officer of the LCW, or left at the church office. (There is no further mention whether he ladies met their goal for chairs but can only assume they did.)

From September 1968....

YOU THINK YOU GOT TROUBLES.

How Would You Like to Have GOD's Problems?

1. Severe shortage of help.
2. High rate of absenteeism.
3. Poorly trained workers.
4. Failure of workers to report for instruction and schooling.
5. Failure of workers to follow the instruction and advice they receive.
6. Many who could do better are indifferent and refuse to do so.
7. Poor company loyalty. When someone knocks the company few will defend it. Some of the workers spend part of their time promoting the competitor's products.
8. Refusal on the part of many of the workers to talk to the owner unless they want something, and after he gives it to them, they don't even say thanks.
9. Many feel they are entitled to all the fringe benefits even though they seldom report for work.
10. The entire community wants to get in on the retirement plan even though many have contributed little or nothing to it.

To top it all off, you couldn't work for a nicer person and business is going to the devil.

From November 1969... 50th Anniversary

The Luther League hosted the 50th Anniversary Open House on November 23. The girls backed cookies to serve for refreshments.

The Church Board met on November 11, 1969 at the church. Dr. Richard Gilson reported for the Anniversary committee that all plans are nearly completed, and passed out anniversary booklets to members. (Cost \$1.00 each.) Mrs. Larry Ruud reported she has approx. 191 reservations for the banquet.



Think Back to help us Plan Ahead!

“As part of the Anniversary Celebration, if you have a favorite hymn, we are asking you to List Your Hymn as a way for us to continue celebrating our 100th Anniversary.

We are going to try and incorporate as many as we can throughout the summer and at other events we have planned.

What are your favorite hymns? Please list the title of the hymn (s), the hymn number, if known, on the bottom of this sheet and place it in the offering plate.

The 100th Anniversary thanks you in advance for your contributions!

My Favorite Hymns – you may use the backside, if needed

Name: _____

Hymn Title: _____

Hymn # if known: _____