



Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

The shopping cart is empty.

I'm referring to the cart in the narthex at Calvary. Now that shouldn't come as any surprise, I know. After all, as a group we haven't been in the building for over two months. So, those who regularly bring in non-perishable grocery items to put in the shopping cart for donation to local food pantries have not been able to do it.

Unfortunately, just because we have been staying at home in order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 doesn't mean that the need for food at our local pantries has diminished. In fact, the opposite is likely the case. As the economy has shut down there is greater food insecurity in our community. Many are faced with deciding between paying rent or filling a prescription or buying food. No one should have to make that choice.

Likewise, just because we have been staying at home doesn't mean we stop being the church, being God's hands at work in the world. It does mean that we need to find new and creative ways to be those hands.

One opportunity is to still collect food for a local food pantry. Calvary will provide that opportunity with a drive-up food collection (see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter for the details).

But let's not stop there. What are the other needs we see around us? How else are our neighbors being effected by the pandemic? And what can we do about it?

- Do you know someone who may be lonely? Give them a call or send a letter, and certainly pray for them.
- Do you know someone who needs medicine to be picked up but is afraid to leave the house? Let us know and we'll arrange for someone to get it for them?
- Do you know someone who is struggling financially? Let me know and I'll try to find some way to help.

There are certainly people around us who need help. Let's figure out ways to be God's loving hand in their lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Knowles

P.S. I have been posting a weekly worship video on Calvary's Facebook page. If you would like to receive a weekly link to the video send your email address to me (pastor@calvarymoline.org). I may also be able to send the video to your smart phone via text message. If you want to try that, let me know your cell phone number.



As the church office is still closed, all articles for the July newsletter should be emailed/mailed to the church office no later June 23. The newsletter will go out on June 24.

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries



Calvary Congregation

The council has been discussing ideas about how we could help our community during this pandemic, and one idea is to do food pantry donations, possibly monthly. With the church building closed on Sundays, when we would normally bring in food donations, we are going to have limited drop-off times at Calvary. Volunteers will be at Calvary to help unload the food items from your vehicles, and then the food would be taken to a local food pantry.

The first drop-off times will be: Friday June 5th 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturday June 6th 9:00 – 11:00 am. Food could also be dropped off at other times if anyone happens to be at the church, or with an appointment.

If you are willing to help at one of the drop-off times, or if you want to drop off food at a different time, or if you want to have your food items picked up from your home, please contact Greg Johnson at 796-0858 or the church office at 762-5423 (and leave a message).

Thank you, and God Bless. Calvary Council

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Brad Gross
- 2 – Kathryn Beardsley
- 4 – Vinh Pham
- 7 – Nathan Faith
- 8 – Wyatt Bunch
- 9 – David McClanahan, Jerry Cornelius
- 14 – Jenna Ketelsen
- 17 – Jim Johansen, Aaron Ohrn
- 18 – Olivia Bunch
- 21 – Heather Kitchen
- 23 – Connie Duden

Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Mark & Marena Jackson (1994)
- 6 – Rudy & Sandy Ohrn (1959)
 - Vinh & Cindy Pham (1976)
- 8 – Dean & Linda Chase (1996)
- 11 – Richard & Sandy Strosahl (1966)
- 15 – Ted & Jan Jackson (1957)



Thank you to all who prepared food or baked cookies and helped serve at Cafe on Vine on Saturday May 16th. Cafe on Vine is covering food for those placed in motels from group shelters as well as their usual group that comes for meals. It is wonderful that so many are willing to say yes when called to help.

-----Thanks from the Service Committee.



2020 Shoe Drive - Romania

Thanks to everyone who donated in the past for the kids in Romania. This year we will again be collecting shoes. Our shoe drive will be from now through July 26th.

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



Calvary Congregation

It has been a long time since we were together at a worship service. It has been difficult with Illinois' stay at home order, but it has been for the best. Meanwhile at Calvary, the offerings are getting counted, the bills are getting paid, the monthly newsletter is getting created, and the grass is getting mowed. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been helping.

The council has met and has started talking about how to re-open Calvary for Sunday services. We want to be ready. We have guidelines from the Synod to follow that will be a huge help. It all depends, of course, on when our Governor will allow churches to open. Meanwhile, we thank Pastor Knowles for providing Sunday services via Facebook.

We look forward to the time when we can worship together with Pastor in our sanctuary.

With God's blessings, Calvary Council

May 11, 2020

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Dear friends of Calvary Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your gift of fruit cups, breakfast bars and juice boxes to assist Café On Vine. Please know it was used to support the work of the Café On Vine, which did not provide any goods or services to you in exchange for your contribution. We are grateful for your generous support as we partner to feed the hungry of our community.

As we continue to deal with the spread of the coronavirus-borne disease COVID-19 in our community, Café On Vine continues to feed the hungry. Since March 16, we have offered "to go" meals and continue with our policy of a closed dining hall. We anticipate our "to go" meal process to continue into the summer. We are serving an average of 250-300 guests daily with our "to go" meal process. Your support is greatly appreciated in our efforts! O

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our guests who visit Café On Vine. On behalf of our Board and all at Café On Vine, thank you for being a part of fighting hunger in our community. **Please stay safe out there!**

Blessings always,



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Building community one meal at a time