

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor,

We are approaching a “new normal.” The CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health have revised their recommendations regarding public gatherings and mask wearing. It feels like there might actually be a light at the end of this Covid-19 tunnel. So, I would like to use this space this month to let you know about changes that are coming to our worship.

Beginning June 6, we will take some steps toward returning to our normal worship. The changes will include:

- Wearing a face mask will be optional.
- Singing hymns.
- Congregational responses in the liturgy, including saying the Lord’s Prayer.
- Additions to the liturgy like reciting the creed and singing the “Holy, Holy, Holy.”
- Coming forward to the altar to receive Holy Communion. (Individual communion kits will remain available for those who would prefer not to receive communion at the altar.)
- Printing a worship bulletin with the complete liturgy (that I will be asking worshippers to hold on to and bring back each week).

Other things will continue as we have been doing since March. For instance,

- The offering plate will be set in the back of the church instead of passing it during worship.
- Sharing the peace will be “non-contact.”

Also, we understand that not everyone is ready for these steps and may choose not to participate with us in-person. So, we will also continue to livestream the worship services on our Facebook page.

I also understand that it is now possible for me to visit patients in the hospital. So, if you or someone you know would like me to make a hospital call, please let

me know. The hospital does not always (rarely) call me. I will also be resuming home communions for those who are comfortable with a visitor coming into their homes.

I don’t think we are completely through with Covid-19, so it is important for us to remain cautious. But it is good to begin to return to some of our normal practices. Perhaps before too long this pandemic will be a thing of the past.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 1

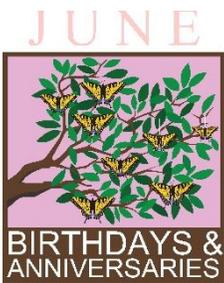
The church office will now be open starting June 1st. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **July** Newsletter will be out on **Wednesday, June 23**. All articles for the newsletter Should be emailed to the church office no later than **Tuesday, June 17**.

Currently I am sending out about 50 newsletters per month, mostly to those who do not have access to email or prefer to receive a hard copy. As the church is beginning to reopen in June, please let me know if you still wish to have the newsletter mailed or if I can begin to use your mailbox at church.



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Brad Gross
- 7 – Nathan Faith
- 8 – Wyatt Bunch
- 9 – David McClanahan,
Jerry Cornelius
- 14 – Jenna Ketelsen

- 17 – Aaron Ohrn
- 18 – Olivia Bunch
- 21 – Heather Kitchen
- 23 – Connie Dudgen

Happy Anniversary to:

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



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The following is a list of graduates and their plans for the future:

- ★ **Nolan Winter**, grandson, of Joan Winter and son of Mark Winter will graduate with a degree in Marketing from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA on May 14th. He will begin work the following week in New York City, New York.
- ★ **Andrew Levesque**, son of Dawn and Paul Levesque, will receive a Master of Science in Sports Administration from Eastern Illinois University in May.
- ★ **Derek DeCola**, grandson of Karen and Roger Thorsvold, will graduate from Ohio State University on May 9th; with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health with a specialization in Sociology and a minor in Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- ★ **Brianna Griebel**, daughter of Jeremiah and granddaughter of Teri Griebel, will graduate from United Township High School on June 5th. She plans to attend an art school in California through on-line classes for 1 year due to Covid restrictions.



During the month of April, we have received the following words of thanks....



Thank you to Pastor Knowles and members of Calvary for your prayers, phone calls, cards, and notes. They were very much appreciated. I have started walking and it feels great to be up and about.

---- Roger Thorsvold



Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement, cards and prayers following the passing of my brother, Don Schmidt. It was certainly a shock and he will be missed by his entire family. Having a very loving and supportive church family (his and ours) meant the world to us.

---- Thank you - Bruce and Valorie Daniel
and our entire family



As hard as these times are to experience, we know by grace through faith God's love is working throughout creation. We are so thankful to have your support of outdoor ministry in a time when help is never more needed. LOMC continues to be an outdoor sanctuary, community, creation and faith. We are blessed by your partnership. Thank you for your donation to LOMC for \$216 to our annual fund.

---- Robert Gieraltowski, Executive Director



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 CareLINK ministry. This contribution of \$152.08 to the Moline/East Moline Cluster of Churches helps us to serve families who are in need of assistance with either rent or utilities.

----Blessings, Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes, Exe. Dir.
Besty Vanausdein, Assoc. Dir.



Because of your gifts and prayers, hundreds of kids and teens will have great memories, experiences and life-changing opportunities at YouthHope! We are eagerly looking forward to our 2021 camp season.

----In appreciation, Mark Drake, Exc. Dir.



We the church extend our deepest Christian sympathy to:

- ✝ Dawn and Paul Levesque and family on the passing of Dawn's mother, Helen Manning on April 27th.
- ✝ Elaine Foster on the passing of her mother, Myrtle Danielson on May 20th.
- ✝ Ann Donahue on the passing of her brother, Chris Schnepfle on May 21st.

May each of you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.



A big thank you to those that helped out on the work day in April. Different chores were done inside the building and out. There is still a list by the kitchen of chores that could be done this spring if anyone wants to donate some time. Outside jobs are never finished during the summer months. Those that work to keep the grass mowed and trimmed deserve a big thanks. There is always weeding to be done, so if you could come up for an hour or two just pick an area and help out. Property Committee



HAPPY HOOKERS

June 30 at 9:30 am

Happy Hookers will begin meeting on Wednesday, June 30 at 9:30 am in Erlander Hall. Come and enjoy our social time with coffee and goodies. We ha

ve begun working on projects.

Note: There will be NO Bible Study that day!



CALVARY'S PRAYER LIST

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

LaVerne Knipe, Dave Menke battling cancer. Jeremiah Griebel, Jon and Cindy Pham, Kevin Freeze, Allen & Joyce Faust, Kenalene Forbeck, Kelly Strand, Bernie and Audrey Laabs, Pete Lingris & family, Bev & Ken Oller, Karen Moore, Gerda Schmeltzer, Dorothy Hultgren, Randy Kirkwood.



2021 School Supplies - For Aid to Kids in Romania

For the kids in Romania, we are collecting school supplies this year. Please take a look at the display in the Narthex. The cards show the exact school supplies needed, including donations needed for shipping costs. Please take one or more cards and use them as a shopping list at a store, and bring the items back to Calvary. Our drive will run through July 25th.

I have seen the expressions on their faces as they receive items sent from Calvary and other churches. They truly need and appreciate these gifts.

Thanks. Greg Johnson

WELCA - All Calvary women are invited.



- **Deborah Circle** – will meet Tuesday June 1 at 11:30 outside. Please your lunch and lawn chair as we sit outside and enjoy the weather, followed by fellowship and devotions.

COUNTER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

- June 6– Pam Gross and Linda Chase
- June 13 – Paul Levesque and Barb Geerts
- June 20 – Debbie Faith and Teri Griebel
- June 27 – Greg Johnson and Connie Langston

If you still have the schedule from last year, all I have done is change the dates. If not and you would like one, please let me know and I will email you a copy.

Relay for Life Fund-Raising Activities

CRAFT & VENDOR SALE -Sponsored by
 Bettendorf Presbyterian Church,
 1200 Middle Rd., Bettendorf.
 On **JUNE 26TH** from
 9 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Free Admission.
 Over 30 vendors and concessions.

CALVARY CRUSADERS:

- **ISABEL BLOOM** - A exclusive sculpture, "**Flower of Hope**" will be offered for sale by Relay for Life beginning in June. Information and a sign-up sheet
- **LUMINARIA** - Will be available for sale shortly. Look for information on the hallway bulletin board. The Relay for Life event is being planned for the evening of Sept.18 - location to be announced.
- **CIRCA 21** - Save the date - **August 8,2021** - Benefit for Relay for Life. The show is "Saturday Night Fever" will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Upper Room. The cost is \$22.00 and will be applied to fund-raising for Calvary team members.



- **What happens when you boil a funny bone?**
 It turns to laughing stock. That's humerus.
- **What kind of running means walking?**
 Running our of Gas.
- **What go up but doesn't move?**
 The temperature.
- **What do plumbers have when they fall asleep?** Pipe dreams.
- **Why couldn't the pirate sit down?**
 He had his booty stolen.
- **What did the triangle say to the circle?**
 You are pointless.
- **Where should you ever take a dog?**
 The flea market.
- **What did the judge say to the dentist?**
 Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?
- **Why did the bee go to the doctor?**
 Because she had hives.
- **What music does the Easter Bunny dance to?** Hip Hop.
- **What fastens 2 people together yet touches only one?** A Wedding ring.
- **What happened when the magician got mad?** He pulled his hare out.
- **At the end of your rope?**
 Tie a knot and hang on!
- **You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up.** When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it.
- After years of wanting to thoroughly clean the house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.
- I was visiting my grandchildren last week and I asked if I could use their newspaper. They told me it is the 21st century and they don't get a newspaper anymore. They said I could use their iPad, so I did...that fly never knew what hit him.