

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

As most of you are aware, Mary and I recently enjoyed a two-week vacation driving the Blue Ridge Parkway. This trip, in at least one significant way, was like no other vacation that I have ever taken – and that caused some anxiety for me.

On every other vacation we have taken I have planned ahead and reserved a place for us to stay every night of our trip, be it a friend's home, a hotel or a campground. This time I made a few reservations early in the trip (for nights 2, 3, 4 and 5 with a good idea where we would spend night 1). From that point on our decision was to “play it by ear.” We would see what the weather was like, how far we felt like driving, and what attractions might interest us before deciding where to spend the night. On a couple occasions we just stopped for the evening and walked up to the registration desk hoping they might have a room available. In a sense we went wherever the spirit moved us – and it was good. (Not once did we end up sleeping in the car!)

Going where the spirit leads....

That's been one of the recurring themes in the Book of Acts that we've been studying on Tuesday evenings. The first lesson from this past Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter) is a prime example.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. (Acts 16:9-10)

Paul had a plan. He was on his way through gentile territory to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then he had a vision. The Holy Spirit intervened and told him to go to Macedonia. And so Paul and his compatriots detoured to Macedonia and proclaimed the good news.

Not that I would advocate doing anything important without some plan, but I think it's also important to be willing to go where the Spirit moves us. It is important to take the time to listen to the voice of God, which can come to us in subtle, and sometimes not-so-subtle ways. It is important for us, as individuals and as congregations, to keep our minds and hearts open to the Spirit which can lead us to unexpected places to be the presence of God where it is needed.

And so I invite you to have a plan for what you can be and do in God's mission. But I also encourage you to be open to the calling of the Spirit and to go where the Spirit sends you.

In the Spirit of God,
Pastor Knowles



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Brad Gross
- 7 – Nathan Faith
- 8 – Wyatt Bunch
- 9 – David McClanahan,
Jerry Cornelius
- 14 – Jenna Ochoa
- 17 – Aaron Ohrn

- 18 – Olivia Bunch
- 21 – Heather Kitchen
- 23 – Connie Dudgen

Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Mark & Marena Jackson (1994)
- 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:

- ★ **Ian Mudd**, grandson, of Marilyn Mudd and son of Michael and Stephanie Mudd graduated from the University of Iowa on May 14th.
- ★ **Raegan Menke**, granddaughter of David and Annette Menke graduated on May 12 from the University of Iowa Pharmacy School.
- ★ **Sidney Mudd**, granddaughter, of Marilyn Mudd and son of Michael and Stephanie Mudd will graduate on May 29 from Pleasant Valley High School.
- ★ **Clayton Gerrans**, grandson of Karen and Roger Thorsvold and son of Rachel and Jon Gerrans, will graduate on June 16th from Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach, CA. In the fall, Clayton will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in engineering.

WELCA – June 7 at Noon

On June 7, WELCA will meet at Noon at Welcome Inn, 118 10th Ave W, Milan for lunch. The St. James ladies have been invited. Liz Ryan will tell us about the work of the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Come Join Us. Open to all ladies. Let's have a great turn out. Friends are welcome. We will have the back room.



During the month of May we have received the following words of thanks...

 Thank you for the birthday cards and notes. God Bless – Teri Griebel

 Thank you all so much for the generous donation of pants, shorts, shirts & boys underwear. These items will help our preschool friends. Your kindness means so much to us!

----Jefferson Preschool

 Thank you for being part of the YouthHope Family! Your gift of \$190 provides a safe and secure place for kids and teens to feel supported, experience friendship, and find hope in Christ! You are making a difference in the lives of kids and teens every day. We are so grateful for your partnership and prayers.

---- In appreciation, Hannah Carr, Dir. of Dev.



Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Churches United. We have received your \$153.00 donation for Moline Care Link. This enables us to keep helping those in need for rent and utility assistance for this area. We are seeing an increase in calls, so the need is still great for this ministry. Thank you for your most appreciated continued commitment to enrich the lives of those among us who are most in need.

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



Your gift of \$220 to LOMC shines as a measure of hope to all of us at LOMC. This donation helps LOMC in so many wonderful ways as we navigate ministry needs.

---- Blessings and peace, Robert Gieraltowski,
Executive Director



**July Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, June 14**

All articles for the June newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, June 14**. The June Newsletter will be mailed or placed in your mailboxes on Thursday, June 23.

HAPPY HOOKERS - June 29

We will be meeting on Wednesday, June 29. We have lots of projects we are working on; besides great fellowship and delicious snacks. Come Join Us.



WELCA NEWS



Thank you to everyone that helped donate to the schools. Both Roosevelt and Jefferson appreciated the donation.

WELCA made treat bags for residents of a nursing home for Mother's Day. I took them to River City Nursing Home (formerly Rosewood). These were appreciated as well. I also had junior masks that Logan School no longer needed and I was told they could use them.

Please see above article regarding our June 7 meeting at Welcome Inn in Milan at noon.

CALVARY CARETAKER CREW – June 22

Calvary Caretaker Crew will meet on June 22 at 9:00 to do some light cleaning of the church. Note that this is a week later than usual. All are invited to join in and help take care of the church inside and outside. Coffee, juice, and treats are provided. We will meet in the Upper Room this time to get organized and have our refreshments there.

KNIT – A – BIT – SUMMER BREAK

We are taking a break for the summer and hopefully will pick back up again in the fall. If you have items for Another Child Foundation, please bring them to church and place them in the marked box in the Narthex. All items need to be at church by July 10th.



FAITHFUL FLEXORS Continues to Meet

Faithful Flexors Faithful Flexors continues to meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00 am downstairs in Erlander Hall. Please wear comfortable clothing. If you would like more information, please see or call Sandy Ohrn at 309-373-8261



CALVARY'S PRAYER LIST

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

Dave Menke battling cancer. Steve and Debbie Faith, Jackie Dooley, Bob and Beth Fuller, LaVerne Knipe, Cindy Pham, Allen & Joyce Faust, Kenalene Forbeck, Pete and Sue Lingris & family, Bev & Ken Oller, Karen Moore, Gerda Schmeltzer, Dorothy Hultgren, Randy Kirkwood

SERVICE COMMITTEE



The service committee is in need of volunteers to help with the Cafe on Vine on June 18th. Please contact Ruth or Barb with offers to cook, put meals together and or serve on that day.

Also, **Help for Immigrants** need donations of New or gently used pots and pans and Household items. Please bring to church and place in the tub in the Narthex. Any questions, please call Ruth Laabs.



STEWARDSHIP

As we head into the summer months where many are traveling and having other events that take them away from worship on Sunday morning, please remember that the bills at church still continue on. You can always drop off your giving envelope when the church is open or drop it in the locked mailbox by the Southeast double doors. We don't want to fall behind on our obligations.



All seniors are eligible for 8 free test kits a month. Hy-Vee and Walgreens have them, all you need is your Medicare and insurance cards. Recently my husband had mild cold/allergy symptoms, I tested him, he was positive. He didn't need any treatment, we just self- isolated. I tested 4 times, always negative. It's nice to test before or after you go to an event or travel. I know none of us would want to unintentionally expose anyone. Please take advantage of this opportunity and give the kits away if you don't need them.

2022 AID DRIVE for KIDS in ROMANIA



We continue to collect shoes, underwear, diapers, and contributions toward shipping costs. Our drive runs through early July.

Please look at the corkboard in the Narthex with cards printed with the exact items needed, and take one card (or more) as a shopping list to a store, and bring the items back to Calvary. These items will begin their journey to Romania in July. The kids truly appreciate these gifts.

Thank you. Greg Johnson

**FROM THE SERVICE COMMITTEE -
ANOTHER CHILD FOUNDATION
DEADLINE is JULY 10th**

Another Child Foundation is looking for knitted or crocheted hats and scarves to be shipped overseas. Neutral colors if possible. As you finish them you can bring them to church and place them in the marked box in the Narthex. Deadline is July 10 so they can be taken to Geneseo for shipping out. Service Committee



Volunteer Schedule

Please read over carefully. I have started assigning Sundays for Lectors and Back Door Greeters. If you are unable to full-fill your commitment, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office.

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for JUNE

- June 5 – Val Daniel (L) & (CA)
- June 12 – Gary Gross (L) & (CA)
- June 19 – Joe Geerts (L) & Renee Ketelsen
- June 26 – Ruth Laabs (L) – OUTDOOR SERVICE**

BACK DOOR GREETERS for JUNE

- June 5 – Linda Chase
- June 12 – Vickie McAlister
- June 19 – Barb Geerts
- June 26 – OUTDOOR SERVICE**

COUNTERS for JUNE

- June 5 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
- June 12 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
- June 19 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vickie McAlister
- June 26 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts

COUNTERS for JULY

- July 3 – Teri Griebel & Volunteer for Deb Faith
- July 10 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston
- July 17 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston
- July 24 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
- July 31 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vickie McAlister

JUNE USHERS/GREETERS

- June 5 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross
- June 12 – Kirk Ketelsen & Allen Noftsker
- June 19 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
- June 26 – Vickie McAlister & Ruth Laabs

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- July 3 – Bruce & Val Daniel
- July 10 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
- July 17 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross
- July 24 – Kirk Ketelsen & Allen Noftsker
- July 31 – David Peterson & Terry Langston



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May 25, 2022

TO: All Rostered Ministers, Pastoral Leaders, and Congregation Members

Dear friends in Christ,

The Bishop Election/Transition Committee invites you to join in celebrating the leadership and ministry of Bishop Jeffrey and Paulette Clements who will retire Sept. 1, 2022.

A Banquet in their honor will be offered Saturday, July 30 at the Radisson Hotel, 200 S. Bell School Road, Rockford, with the following schedule:

- 5-6 p.m. Cocktail Hour, cash bar
- 6-7 p.m. Dinner – Choice of three entrees
- 7-8 p.m. Dessert & Program

Dinner tickets are \$40 per person. Please reserve your tickets by clicking this link, [Bishop Clements' Retirement Reception | Northern Illinois Synod \(nisynod.org\)](#) Early reservations are encouraged, as seating is limited. All registrations must be received by July 1, 2022.

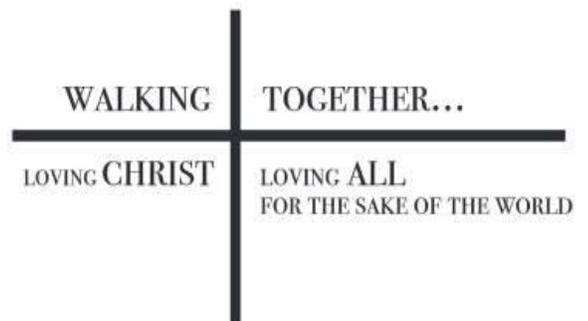
Those not attending the formal banquet are encouraged to send notes of appreciation to Bishop and Paulette at the following address, Northern Illinois Synod, 639 38th Street, Sorensen Hall 322, Rock Island, IL 61201, and all are invited to contribute a gift of any size in their honor towards Lutheran Disaster Response.

If you would like to record a short video greeting, which will be shown at the Bishop's retirement reception, please click on this link, <https://app.vouchfor.com/c/HO9bLqQMon> . We will use as many of the submitted videos as possible. These greetings may be individual greetings or congregational greetings. The video is limited to one minute. **The deadline for submitting your video is June 30. Please keep this as a secret. We are hoping to use these videos as a surprise for Bishop.**

Our sincere thanks to you, God's people of the Northern Illinois Synod, for your partnership in faith and friendship as we gather to honor and give thanks to God for Bishop and Paulette's ministry among us, asking the Lord's rich blessing for the days and years to come.

Northern Illinois Synod Bishop Election/Transition Committee,
Tammie Farley, Christina King, Nancy Lillevold, Jim Spring, Arlyn Tolzmann, Carla Vanatta, Minnette Willard, Janet Wold, and Julie Lewis (Staff Liaison)

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Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM
CAIN
ABEL
SETH
NOAH
HAM
SHEM
JAPHETH
ELKANAH
SAMUEL
AARON
NADAB
HUR
CALEB
ABRAHAM
ISHMAEL
ISAAC
ESAU
JACOB

REUBEN
DAN
ASHER
JUDAH
LEVI
GAD
NAPHTALI
SIMEON
ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN
BENJAMIN
JOSEPH
MANASSEH
EPHRAIM
SAUL
JONATHAN
DAVID
SOLOMON

M I A R R H P E C I T O A N C J
A B E L A H L G S M B I O A O
N I A C M R K A S R E S E L S
A D A V I D A D A M N H M E E
S O L O M O N H C G J M I B P
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U E H F O D J A C O B L U B
A L E V I N A D A B E E S K E
W R D I T T N A H T A N O J N

HUMOR

- The doctor asked why I returned her bill, unopened. She was the one who told me to avoid any upsets or stress.
- An American traveling in Germany didn't know the language and felt lost. While crossing a street, she sneezed, and the traffic officer said, "Gesundheit." The girl threw her arms around his neck and cried happily, "You speak English!"
- Everybody knows 40 is the new 30, but the police officer who gave me a speeding ticket couldn't be convinced.
- A local doctor called a plumber in the middle of the night because one of his toilets was blocked. He insisted it was urgent and needed to be attended to immediately. Upon arrival, the plumber lifted the toilet lid, threw in two aspirin and said, "If they're still there in the morning, give us another ring."
- A farmer put up a new building. "What are you going to use it for?" a neighbor asked. "Well," the farmer answered, "if I can rent it, it's a rustic cottage nestled beneath two tall pines. If I can't, it's a cow shed."
- A sergeant walked into the barracks and asked his men if any of them knew shorthand. Looking for easy work, several recruits raised their hands. "Great," the sergeant said. "They're shorthanded in the mess hall."
- My wife keeps telling me I'm the cheapest person she knows. I'm not buying it.
- I threw away my can opener. It was more of a can't opener.



Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.