

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

It's July and I'm excited.

I'm excited not because I'm looking forward to hanging out at the pool (I sunburn way too easily) or because I like yard work (I wish the lawn would mow itself). I'm not excited because we have any special trips planned (probably not till September) and certainly not because the Cubs will be worth watching. No, none of that.

Instead, I'm excited because the Hallmark Channel is airing a series of new Christmas movies! It's their "Christmas in July" movie specials.

I know that may seem a little crazy. I already overdose on Hallmark Christmas movies from the end of October through the end of the year. But I just love Christmas movies. So, I will do my best to see them all.

And really, maybe interjecting a little Christmas into the middle of the year isn't such a bad thing.

Now I'm not necessarily talking about experiencing the warm, fuzzy Christmas spirit – although I think that is a good thing. Rather, I think it is good to be reminded in the middle of the year (and really anytime) what Christmas is about.

For Christians, the celebration of Christmas is the observance of God coming into our lives. It is the celebration of "Emmanuel," God with us. The story of the nativity is the story of God choosing to come to us, to walk with us, to live and die with us. It is a (Hallmark-like?) love story...the greatest love story.

And so, as we move into the dog-days of summer, I think it is a good thing to be reminded of Christmas. It is good to be reminded that God, through the Child of Bethlehem, has promised to come to us and be with us always – not just in the days leading up to December 25.

So I remind you, as I settle in to watch my Hallmark "Christmas in July" movies, that the message of Christmas is indeed a year-round message. Know that God is "Emmanuel," with us not only in December, but in July and every day of our lives.

In the Name of the Babe of Bethlehem,

Pastor Knowles



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – LeRoy Freeze
- 7 – Terry Langston
- 12 – Tim Miller
- 15 – Tim L. Miller
- 16 – Mary Ann Behrens
- 18 – Steve Miller
- 23 – Roger Thorsvold

- 24 – Dean Chase
- 27 – Jeremiah Griebel
- 31 – Dianna Kitchen

Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Gordon & Linda Nelson (1970)
- 14 – LeRoy & Fran Freeze (1956)

CALVARY’S PRAYER LIST

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

Dave Menke battling cancer. Steve and Debbie Faith, Jackie Dooley, Bev Boyle, 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

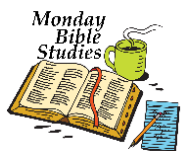


**July Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, July 14**

All articles for the July newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, July 19** The July Newsletter will be mailed or placed in your mailboxes on Thursday, July 28.

**KNIT – A – BIT –
ALL ITEMS DUE – JULY 10**

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 10 so they can be taken to Geneseo for shipment.



BIBLE STUDY

We concluded our study of Revelation yesterday. We are taking a short hiatus from the Monday morning study. We will resume Bible study after Labor Day. The specific date is TBD.



We offer our sympathies and prayers to family and friends of D’Ann DeLapp. She passed away on July 7th. A memorial service will be held on July 23 in Joliet. May you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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



Thank you to everyone who sent cards and words of encouragement during my hip replacement.

---- God Bless, Jackie Dooley

FAITHFUL FLEXORS

**OFF - July through August 4th
Resume on August 8th**

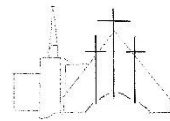


Faithful Flexors will not meet the month of July and the first week in August. Flexors will resume on August 8th.

CALVARY CARETAKER CREW – July 20

CCC will meet July 20 at 9:00 for their monthly work morning. All are invited to come and do some light cleaning around the church and/or yard work. After working an hour or so, we will enjoy some conversation and snacks. Please join us.

Can you help?



Our 3 crosses at the front of the church need some work. We need someone with an electric sander to sand the rust spots before we can paint them with Rust-Oleum paint. Please contact Pam Gross 309-738-2385 if you can help.

HAPPY HOOKERS – July 27

We will be meeting on Wednesday, July 27. We have lots of projects we are working on; besides great fellowship and delicious snacks. Come Join Us.





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

HUMOR

- My daughter-in-law, Alli was speaking with her daughter, Eileen (age 11) about growing up and how you get so many new responsibilities and more stress. Eileen then says, "well weren't you alive during the Great Depression? So I'm sure your childhood was hard back then." Alli was shocked and laughing. I can't believe she thinks I'm that old. After a quick math lesson, she finally figured out I'm 43. Not in my 90's.

Love my granddaughter – Teri

- The best way to get your husband to do something is to suggest he's too old to do it.
- A teacher gave her grade-school students a pop quiz. She asked one boy, "tell me what you know about George Washing. Was he a soldier or a sailor?"
"He was a soldier," the boy replied.
"And why do you think that?"
"Because I saw a picture of him crossing the Delaware," he said confidently, "and anybody who would stand up in a rowboat sure isn't any sailor."
- A husband asked his wife, "Why do you cry and sniffle at a movie over the imaginary woes of people you've never met?"
"for the same reason," she replied, "that you yell and scream when a man you've never met slides into second base."





Volunteer Schedule

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

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for JULY

July 3 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA)
 July 10 – Paul Levesque (L & CA)
 July 17 – Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (L)
 & Dawn Levesque (CA)
 July 24 – Judy Noftsker (L & CA)
 July 31 – Val Daniel (L) – **OUTDOOR SERVICE**

BACK DOOR GREETERS for JULY

July 5 – Ann Lundstrom
 July 12 – Gary Gross
 July 19 – Renee Ketelsen
 July 24 – Pam Gross
July 26 – OUTDOOR SERVICE

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

USHERS/GREETERS for JULY

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

LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. for AUGUST

Aug. 7 – Joe Geerts (L & CA)
 Aug. 14 – Ruth Laabs (L & CA)
 Aug. 21 – Barb Geerts (L) & Bruce Daniel (CA)
 Aug. 28 – Gary Gross (L) – **OUTDOOR SERVICE**

BACK DOOR GREETERS for J AUGUST

Aug. 7 – Linda Chase
 Aug. 14 – Barb Geerts
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Nuptial Humor

When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word *message* started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."