

# *Calvary Courier*

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### **From the Pastor,**

I share the following stories without further comment in order to allow you to draw your own conclusions and/or meanings. I find them to be very relevant to our times. The stories are taken from the book, *Stories for the Journey*, by William R. White.

### **The Lion and the Boar**

*(adapted from a fable by Aesop)*

One hot day in the middle of the summer a lion and a boar went to a spring to drink. "Step aside," the boar said. "I was here first."

"I showed you where to find the spring," the lion replied angrily. "I will be the first to drink."

Quickly the disagreement escalated from a verbal confrontation and they began to attack each other with great ferocity. A few minutes later, stopping to catch their breath, they both saw some vultures seated on a rock above, waiting for one of them to be killed. The sight so sobered them that they quickly made peace saying, "If we continue to fight the only winner will be the vultures."

### **The Magic Ring**

*(adapted from a tale attributed to Moses Mendelssohn)*

A woman once asked the Teacher, "Which is the true religion?" The Teacher replied: "Once there was a magic ring which gave its bearer the gifts of grace, kindness and generosity. When the owner of the ring was on his deathbed, each of his three sons came separately and asked him for the ring. The old man promised the ring to each of them.

"He then sent for the finest jeweler in the land, and paid him to make two rings identical to the original. The jeweler did so, and before he died, the father gave each son a ring without telling him about the other two.

"Inevitably, the three sons discovered that each one had a ring, and they appeared before a local judge to ask his help in deciding who had the magic ring. The judge examined the rings and found them to be all alike. He then said, 'Why must anyone decide now? We shall know who has the magic ring when we observe the direction your life takes.'

"Each of the brothers then acted as if he had the magic ring by being kind, honest and thoughtful."

"Now, the Teacher concluded, "religions are like the three brothers in the story. The moment their members cease striving for justice and love we will know that their religion is not the one God gave the world."

Peace,

*Pastor Knowles*



**Happy Birthday to:**

- 2 – Bryce Chase
- 8 – Addi Miller
- 10 – Valorie Daniel
- 11 – Marilyn Mudd
- 12 – Haley Mudd
- 15 – Sheila Doering
- 22 – Gerda Schmeltzer

- 24 – Debra McClanahan
- 25 – Tyler De’Shawn Bowser-Smith
- 29 – Jan Jackson
- 30 – Tyler Lee Miller
- 31 – Linda Miner

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- 9 – Connie & Terry Langston (1997)
- 14 – LaVerne & Sue Knipe (1976)
- 16 – Allen & Judy Noftsker (1998)
- 20 – Greg & Karla Kirkwood- Johnson (1977)
- 27 – Rev. Don & Mary Knowles (1983)
- 29 – Rick & Pam Ohrn (1981)

**CALVARY’S PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Teri Griebel, Juanita Sullivan (Café on Vine), Roger Thorsvold, John McAlister and family, Gisele Richardson, Cindy Pham.

**CALVARY CARETAKER CREW (CCC)  
August 16**

The Calvary Caretaker Crew will meet Wednesday, August 16, at 9:00 a.m. We hope to do some outdoor work if the weather cooperates but of course we still have our inside jobs to do. All are welcome to come and work for an hour or so and then enjoy some food and fellowship. Many hands make for light work.

**Electronic Donations:** It is now possible to make contributions to Calvary through our website, [www.calvarymoline.org](http://www.calvarymoline.org).

Simply go the homepage and click on the “Donate” link.



We have received the following words of thanks recently...

❖ **From Churches United:** Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Churches United. [Your donation to Moline Care Link] enables us to keep helping those in need for rent and utility assistance for this area...

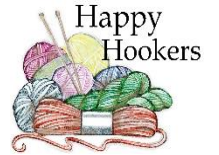
**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Pastor and Mary Knowles will be observing their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 27 with an open house at LOMC. Everyone is invited to come and help them celebrate. See the full invitation on the back page. Pastor Quentin Fleming will be leading worship on that Sunday while Pastor Knowles is away.



**HAPPY HOOKERS – August 30**

The Happy Hookers will be meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at 9:30 a.m. Along the great fellowship and delicious snacks the group continues to create quilts and lap robes and other items for people in need throughout the community. Everyone is welcome.



**WELCA**

WELCA will resume in September. The date for the meeting is to be determined as the regular meeting day falls on Labor Day.



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Calvary will be serving a meal for the Habitat builders on Wednesday, August 30th. If you are interested in cooking, baking and, or serving, please see Ruth or Renee. More details to follow.

**DID YOU KNOW:** In 2022 Lutheran Disaster Response was at work in 42 countries around the world and 26 states and territories in the US and Caribbean, responding to hurricanes, tornadoes, conflict and migration, the Russian-Ukraine war and more. Last year Calvary donated over \$700 to the ministries of LDR.

**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**Deadline:  
Wednesday, August 16**

All articles should be emailed to Pastor Knowles or dropped off in the office by **Wednesday, August 16**.



**KNIT-A-BIT**

Knit-a-bit will resume in September.



**WELCOME TO ERIC SWANBERG.** Eric is rejoining our congregation. He was a member when his

father, Pr. Ken Swanberg, served Calvary.

**ST. JAMES ANNUAL CORN ROAST** will be held on Sunday, August 20. Watch the bulletin for more information.



## Volunteer Schedule

Please review the schedule. Please note there are now two communion assistants listed for each Sunday. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement and let the office know.

### **ALTAR GUILD for August** Charlene Lundstrom & Marilyn Mudd

#### **LECTORS for AUGUST**

August 6 – Gary Gross  
August 13 – Val Daniel  
August 20 – Barb Geerts  
August 27 – Volunteer Needed

#### **COMMUNION ASST. for AUGUST**

August 6 – Gary Gross & Sandy Ohrn  
August 13 – Val & Bruce Daniel  
August 20 – Renee Ketelsen & Connie Langston  
August 27 – Volunteers Needed

#### **BACK DOOR GREETERS for AUGUST**

August 6 – Vicki McAlister  
August 13 – Linda Chase  
August 20 – Joe Geerts  
August 27 – Volunteer Needed

#### **COUNTERS for AUGUST**

August 6 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase  
August 13 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister  
August 20 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts  
August 27 – Deb Faith & Connie Langston

#### **USHERS/GREETERS for AUGUST**

August 6 – David Peterson & Terry Langston  
August 13 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs  
August 20 – Bruce & Val Daniel  
August 27 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

On the 27th day of August in the year 1983,  
officiated by Swanson, Srock and Lay, Pastors  
three,  
in a wonderful and beautiful ceremony,  
Don & Mary entered into Holy Matrimony.

While the wedding was truly grand,  
the reception was a bit more bland,  
as the planned outdoor party was torn  
asunder  
by flashes of lightning and peals of thunder.

Now, with four decades that have passed,  
we'd like a second try, at long last,  
to finally have our joyous celebration  
in the original intended outdoor location.

As 40 years ago we began this quest  
with loving friends and family as our guests,  
so now your presence we would love to see  
as we celebrate at last at LOMC.

**\*We met at LOMC as summer staff, and it has held a special place in our hearts ever since.**

It's an open house, not a formal ball,  
in the air-conditioned Ragnar Moline Dining  
Hall.

So come when you're able,  
we'll save you a table.

We'll be there from 1 p.m. to 4  
with food and (non-alcoholic) drink galore.  
So please come and join this jubilee  
as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

Please, we need no gifts or other stuff!  
Just seeing you is more than enough.  
However, if a gift you feel is needed,  
A donation to LOMC\* would be greatly  
appreciated!

If this weak attempt at rhyme has left you  
befuddled,  
Please see below where the details are listed  
unmuddled.



### Open House in Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Don & Mary Knowles

For donation opportunities, please see [www.LOMC.org](http://www.LOMC.org).

For questions, please email us at [donalddk30@gmail.com](mailto:donalddk30@gmail.com) or [maryknowles899@gmail.com](mailto:maryknowles899@gmail.com).

Please RSVP for our planning purposes only. We understand that your plans can change,  
and you may or may not be able to come regardless how you may have responded.

Our official Anniversary website is <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/knowlesanniversary>.  
You can RSVP there or just send us email.