

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor,

So, you're not sure about the Book of Revelation. Your impression is that it is a frightening book along the lines of a Stephen King novel. And maybe the parts you have heard or read about just seem to be a series of cryptic images that would take a genius to figure out, much like the movie/novel *The DaVinci Code*. So why bother studying it?

But, maybe it's not as frightening as you may think. Nor is it as unfamiliar.

Do these hymn verses sound familiar?

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
(ELW 413)

This hymn, written by Reginald Heber, is a paraphrase of Revelation 4:8-10. In the book, as in our hymnal, it is a song of praise to God.

Or perhaps you've heard this hymn:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the
Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible
swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory!
Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching
on. (ELW 890)

This hymn, by Julia Ward Howe, was inspired by Revelation 14:19-20 and reflects the passage's vision of judgement and the call to remain committed to God as we await God's justice.

In fact, the Book of Revelation is addressed to the Christian church at the time of John of Patmos (around 100 AD) as he encouraged the people of God to remain faithful to God during times of stress (and sometimes times of affluence). He used vivid images to help communicate his message, word pictures so striking they are hard to forget. Most of all, though, the Book of Revelation is a book of hope – hope in the love, justice and mercy of God.

Want to learn more? Then join us as we study the Book of Revelation on Monday mornings, beginning September 13. We will meet in person in the Upper Room at Calvary. Or, you can participate virtually via Zoom. You will find the Zoom link on the calendar on the Calvary or St. James website. (If you have questions about logging on to Zoom, please let me know.)

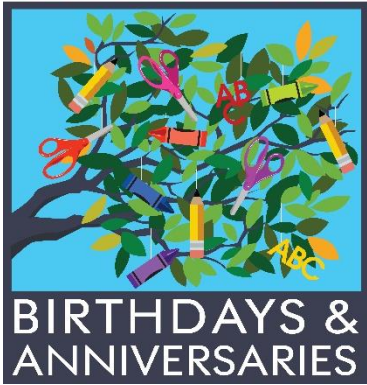
In Christ,
Pastor Knowles

BIBLE STUDY – September 13

On Monday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m., Pastor Knowles will begin a study of the Book of Revelation.

People can participate in the study either in person (in the Upper Room at Calvary) or online (via Zoom). There will be a link to the Zoom meeting on Calvary's Google calendar, which can be accessed through Calvary's website (www.calvarymoline.org). If you have any difficulty connecting to the Zoom link, please call Pastor Knowles (815) 866-9595. The study will continue on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. until we have completed the book.

SEPTEMBER Happy Birthday to:



- 2 – Fran Freeze
- 4 – Dave Griebel
- 5 – Debbie Faith
- 7 – Linda Nelson
- 8 – Ruth Laabs
- 11 – Mark Jackson
- 12 – Lennon Miller
- 17 – Gary Gross
- 19 – Mary Knowles
- 20 – Randy Bowser

- 27 – Christine Mellgren
- 28 – Dave Menke

Happy Anniversary to:

- 14 – Steve & Debbie Faith (1974)
 - Kirk & Renee Ketelsen (1991)
- 17 – Paul & Dawn Levesque (1988)
- 20 – Kurt & Lisa Dicks (1986)
- 25 – Dave & Annette Menke (1960)

CALVARY'S PRAYER LIST

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

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



KNIT-A-BIT Wednesday, September 8

Knit-a-Bit will meet at 5:30 pm in the Upper Room as a get-together to see what everyone has been doing over the last year.


OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The **October** Newsletter will be out on **Wednesday, September 22**. All articles for the newsletter should be emailed to the church office no later than **Thursday, September 16**.


If you did not receive your **September newsletter** in the mail, please check your box at church. If you wish to continue to receive yours in the mail – you will need to contact the church office either by email at secretary@calvarymoline.org or call the church office at (309) 762-5423.




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

 Thank you to everyone for the Birthday cards, Get Well cards and well wishes. It was so great to receive mail while I was at Overlook.


---- Blessings, Betty Clark

 Thank you for the card. I am grateful that you decided to take the time to write it and to recognize me at church. Thank you for the money you gave me. I put it in my savings account to help later down the road.

---- Brianna Griebel

 Thanks so much for your donation to Youth Hope Food Pantry. We sincerely appreciate the contribution.

----God Bless! Youth Hope Staff

 Thank you for your support of the mission and ministries of Churches United. Your \$152.08 donation helps us keep the doors open at Winnie's Place, as well as keep the shelves of our 25 food pantries filled and food on the tables at our 2 free hot meal sites.

----Blessings, Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes, Exec. Dir.
Betsy Vanausdein, Assoc. Dir.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, September 18 Memorial Service for Kay Chase

A memorial service for Kay Chase will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 11 am at Calvary with a luncheon following the service. Kay passed away on September 1, 2020 due to complications from Covid19.

Friday, October 22 Memorial Service for Lorraine Beckingham

A memorial service for Lorraine Beckingham will be held on Friday, October 22. Time to be announced. Please watch your newsletter and bulletin for more information as it becomes available.

CHOIR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in being a part of the choir on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. This will be an organizational meeting. New members are welcomed and past members are encouraged to continue. This is a dedicated fun group who are committed to serving the Lord through music. Remember those who sing pray twice. I hope to see you there. ---- Linda Johansen, choir director



The Upper Room is now open for Coffee and Donuts before and after church. Last week we had a pretty good turnout for the first time since March of 2020.

Summer is a time to relax and enjoy the weather – though the HIGH temps and humidity make you want to stay in and enjoy the cool temps of air conditioning. Well, on Sunday mornings you can also enjoy the cool temps of air conditioning plus enjoy the company of others. After spending a year inside – getting out and conversing with friends is a great way to spend a Sunday morning. Hope to see you in the near future.

Volunteers Needed

Currently there are two (2) openings left for September – **September 5 and 12** as a Lector and Communion Assistant for Sunday morning worship. If you would like to volunteer for either of these two (2) Sundays please let Teri know by notifying the church office either by calling the church office at (309) 762-5423 or by email at secretary@calvarymoline.org.

For **September 5 – OPEN**
September 12 – OPEN

September 19 – Valorie Daniel
September 26 – Renee Ketelsen

To everyone who has responded during the last several months, Thank You.

For Counters, I have included both September and October. If you are unable to count, please find replacement and let Teri know in the church office.

COUNTER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
September 12 – Debbie Faith & Teri Griebel
September 19 – Gary Gross & Steve Faith
September 26 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston

OCTOBER COUNTER SCHEDULE

October 3 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
October 10 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
October 17 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
October 24 – Debbie Faith & Teri Griebel
October 31 – Gary Gross & Steve Faith

Relay for Life Fund-Raising Activities

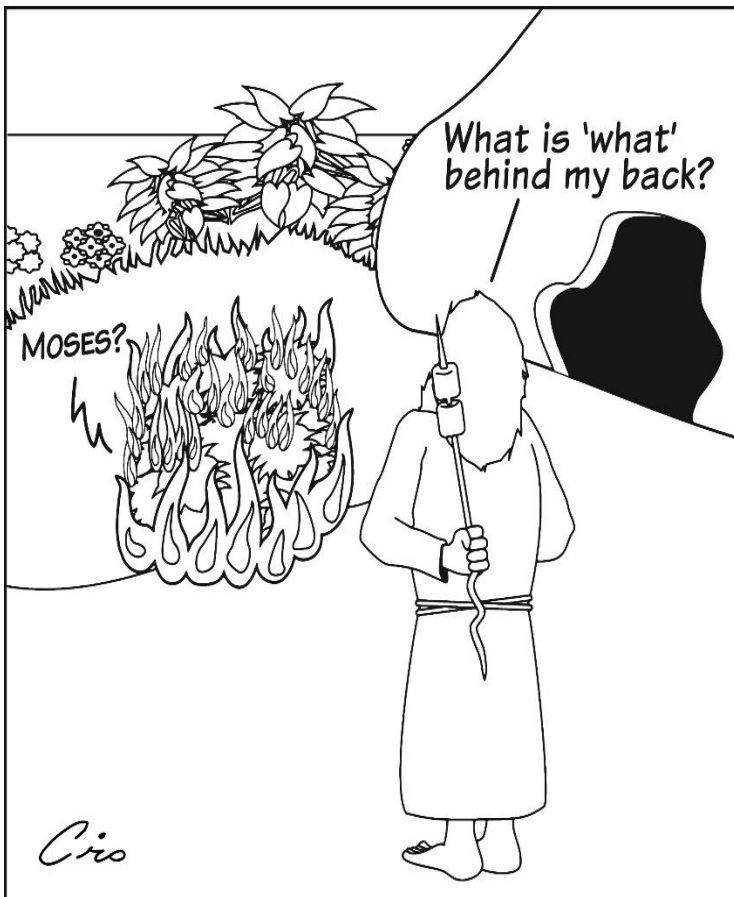
CALVARY CRUSADERS:

- **CULVER'S "SHARE NIGHT"** – Silvis – Tuesday, September 7th from 5-8 pm. A “share” night to benefit Relay for Life will be hosted by the Calvary Crusaders team. Come out to support us, either by drive-thru or inside dining. Pass the word around to your friends and family for a “night out of the kitchen.”
- **RELAY FOR LIFE - LUMINARIA NIGHT** – Saturday, September 18, at Modern Woodmen Ball Park. The River Bandits will host our Luminaria Night, “Striking out Cancer.” Gates open at 5:45 pm. and game begins at 6:30 pm. At the 7th inning, there will be raffle drawings, and lighted luminaria display. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/ym2zsp42>.
- **ISABEL BLOOM SCULPTURE** - Designed exclusively for Relay for Life, the “Flower of Hope” candle holder can be ordered by signing your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Upper Room. The cost is \$22.00 and can be paid to any relay team member for credit in their fundraising activity. Orders go in at the 1st of every month.
- **PURCHASE OF LUMINARIA** – You may purchase a luminaria in honor or memory of a loved one who has been touched by cancer. Forms are on the tables in the Narthex and money and forms can be returned to relay team members or the church office no later than Sept. 10th. Luminaria can also be purchased on our [website team page, www.relayforlife/quadcities/calvarycrusaders](http://www.relayforlife/quadcities/calvarycrusaders). Donations to the team can also be made on the above website.



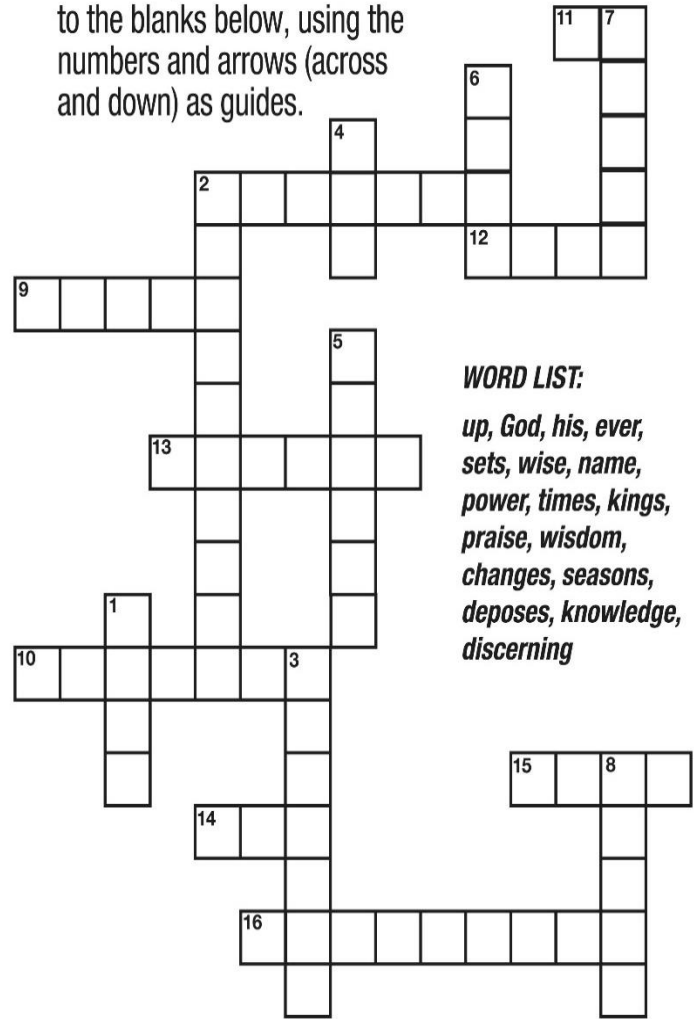
HUMOR

- What do you call birds that stick together? Velcrows!
- What do you get when you feed the birds? Fat Birds.
- What do you call a sick bird from Mars? An ill Eagle alien.
- I like bird jokes. They are very uplifting.
- The bird war is over. They signed a peace tweety.
- They say that a Pastor's wife is always his number one assistant. An example of this came one Sunday afternoon after the Pastor had finished his sermon. He went on a walk with his wife and she asked him how he thought the church service went. The Pastor shrugged and said, "The worship was excellent, and I think the prayers went quite well, but," he continued, "I just don't think the sermon ever got off the ground." The wife looked over at him, and before she could stop herself, she said, Well, it sure did taxi long enough!"



Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



WORD LIST:
up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning

“ _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____. He _____
 and _____ ; he _____ and _____
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____.” DANIEL 2:20-21

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21

