

CALVARY COURIER

January 2021

Council News

The Healthy Church topic of *Children & Youth* Ministry was the focus of the Council devotions. Scripture from Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 and Mark 10:13-16 instructs us to teach the commandments to our children, at home and at church, and live by the guidelines in His Word. May we be a church that prepares our youth for service in God's world and impresses upon them that God loves us and forgives our sins.

The Council members beginning terms of service in 2021 attended the Council meeting, and the respective Elder and Deacon meetings.

Council Officers were elected for 2021: Council President – Steve Ver Meer, Council Vice President/Consistory President – Joel Verhoef, Council Clerk – Ivan Mulder, Consistory Clerk/Recorder – Evan Van Gelder, Assistant Treasurer – Nathan Dockter, Chair of Deacons – Josh Blom. Kami Roozeboom transitions from Assistant Treasurer to Treasurer.

Installation of new Council members will take place during the January 3, 2021 a.m. worship service.

Church committees who need new members to replace current members completing service terms are requested to provide the names of nominees

to the Admin Council.

The Building & Grounds proposal for updates and improvements to the flooring and restroom in Pastor Sheldon's home was approved, with funds on hand from Capital Improvements.

Following discussion in Council and Consistory about the current state of Covid-19 in our area, we will continue Sunday morning and evening worship arrangements as they are currently.

The Elders joyfully report the Confession of faith by Addie Bierma. She is welcomed to the table of the Lord to participate in the Lord's Supper.

The request for membership transfer of the Lucas Laverman family to 1st Reformed Church Pella, IA was granted. We wish them God's grace in their new church home.

The membership transfer request of Beverly Nugteren to Calvary from Leighton, IA CRC was approved. We welcome Beverly to our fellowship.

We are grateful for the Council members who have used their gifts for service on Council, and are completing their term in 2020: Deacons Shawn De Vries, Matt Disselkoen and Josh Pommer; and Elders Verland Engle, Paul Hofman, Ron Fulker, Rod Jansen, Nathan Rus and John Van Gorp.

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Words of Thanks

Thank you for the bag of goodies you gave us it was very much appreciated.
-Harris & Grace Van Kooten

We are deeply grateful for the many prayers, meals, cards, and other expressions of concern shown to us over the last several weeks. Brenda's kneecap is healing and she is regaining her strength after Covid. Randy is also slowly regaining his strength. While the progress is slower than we desire, God is restoring our strength. We definitely experienced the love and care of God's people.

- Randy and Brenda Nugteren

Thanks so very much Calvary friends for the expressions of caring shown to me after my mini stroke. It's a blessing to know that Calvary Cares.

Martena De Groot

We are grateful for the supportive words and acts of kindness shown to us in many ways the past year. Blessings to all in 2021.

The Keldermans

Thank you Calvary church for you words of sympathy, and prayers in the passing of Don's Mom.

-Don & Karen Branderhorst

Aeropagus



Aeropagus is a ministry of the CRCNA, and brings a distinctly Reformed perspective to everything it does. We care deeply about Iowa State university and want to see it flourish. We care about creation and our community. And we care about connecting people to the local church and participating in that covenant community.

Excerpt from Aeropagus' Blog:

First Chronicles extends an invitation to our churches to reflect on our past and see the places where God has been at work through the good, the bad, and the ugly moments in our history; reassure us that he is with us in these difficult days; and to consider how we can renew our faith for the days ahead, whatever they may bring, and however we will be called to witness to his gospel in our world. So in this season of Advent—a season of reflection and hope—consider reading I Chronicles, asking yourself these questions:

- What does this text reveal to me about our God?
- How does this text remind me of God's past and present faithfulness, goodness, and grace?
- How am I reassured by this text, and what am I being called to be and do in light of it?

Rehoboth



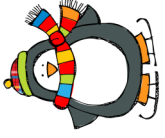



Praise God for contributions that have allowed us to purchase additional Chromebooks, reusable meal containers, hotspots for 25 families, safety barriers for our bus drivers and office staff, online program subscriptions, band instrument covers.

-Praise God for a new fleet of buses!

Pray that the remaining money needed to complete the campaign will come in soon.

- Praise God for the firewood ministry which is providing students the opportunity to serve and for the elderly to have heat during the winter months
- Pray for wisdom for staff as they deal with many students who are struggling academically and emotionally.
- Pray for the staff as they too are finding this year very challenging.
- Pray that Rehoboth Christian School will truly be used to transform the lives of the students and that the staff will continuously be transformed to be more and more like Jesus.
- Pray for those whose lives have been devastated by loss.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | |  | Ricki Lanser Bridget Vande Zande Max Sagredo-Martinez | Dave Gritters Joseph Goodyk Brighton Mass |
| Steve Veenstra | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | Cindy Gritters | Maria Bandstra Lainy Verhoef | Cora Bierma Calise Gritters Kensington Miller |  | Allison Van Wyngarden |
| Shawn De Vries Mary Van Maanen | 10 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | Kelly Oppewall Steve Van Weelden Jeff Wetter | Laurel Roozeboom Cornie Van Hal* | Joe Oppewall David Roose Don Van Wyk Del Zuidema |  | Jocelyn Gritters Florence Sandbulte | Sue Theune Evan Van Gelder Paul Vos* |
| Wilma Van Kooten* | 17 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | Margaret Duren | Duane Van Maanen* | | Randy Kelderman Tracey Roose | Regina Gritters* | |
| Paul Boer Dan Sytsma | 24 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| |  | Tim Schut | Pastor Brad Bierma Robin Vink Jason Jr. Clendenen | Marilyn Vos* | Bev De Vries Kandace Hofman | Effie Groenendyk* Jalayna Schutte |
| Harold Van Wyk | 31 | | | | | |