

CALVARY COURIER

February 2021

Council News

New council members were welcomed. Council members were urged to be familiar with the agenda prior to the meeting and to come prepared. Romans 12 was the topic for devotions. The passage was read and commentary summarizing sections of the passage included reminders to live in harmony and peace with each other and to demonstrate love and respect for members of the congregation. As professing Christians we are to do all the good we can, one to another, and for the common benefit.

Comments regarding Sunday morning in-person worship service guidelines were solicited. Considerable positive feedback has been received from members regarding the current evening service format. The consensus was to maintain the current service formatting for the time being.

The pastors reported on their previous month's contacts and activities. Healthy Church questions were introduced and will be a topic for each subsequent Council meeting this year. The first health area questions were as follows:

- a. Is the Bible the foundation of our teaching and preaching?
- b. Are we applying God's Word in every area of life?
- c. Do we proclaim and teach the Bible in a clear, theologically sound and practical way that reflects the Reformed Confessions?
- d. Do we preach the gospel/good news of Christ to a lost and broken world?

The Council and congregation gratefully acknowledges that Pastor Nate Klingenberg has received his Green Card from the Immigration Department.

The confession of Addie Bierma was received with gratitude to God for evidence of his grace at work in this young lady.

Classis Central Plains February meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 20 at Crossroads Church in West Des Moines. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are required for those who attend. Delegates are Elder Galyn Vande Zande, Deacon Amy Bandstra, Alternate for either: Evan Van Gelder, Pastor Brad Bierma.

The Council is grateful for the continued faithful giving of the congregation. It was reported that Calvary Church does not meet the necessary criterion to apply for a second round of Payroll Protection Program (PPP).

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Words of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to Calvary for your loving support, compassion, and concern shown to our family before and after Jeanette's death.. A special thank you to pastors Brad and Sheldon, and elder Gayln for your calls and visits.

Roger Jansen
Mike, Leasa and family

Thank you for the cards & phone calls when my brother passed away. We truly appreciate the concern shown to us during this difficult time.

John, Millie & Kristen Burghorn

Chicago Westside

Here is an excerpt from Chicago Westside's News about kids at their school:

Middle schoolers are looking to reduce their carbon footprint on Earth by eating more plants and less meat. We love all living things on Earth, and we're experimenting with ways to be more responsible with God's creation. Less meat means less greenhouse gases which are responsible for warming the Earth. Students were given the challenge to create a plant-based meal or dish and many of them submitted creative, award-winning selections. Here are a few of Mrs. Trout's favorites - she's hoping to be invited over to dinner for some of these creations.



Spinach Romaine Kale Apple
Craisins Goat Cheese Salad
by PJ



Eggplant spaghetti
by Makayla



Pecan tacos
by Donavyn

COC



Christian Opportunity Center (COC) is a public benefit corporation that supports more than 250 people with disabilities. COC prides itself on its caring and quality staff and its responsiveness to the needs and wants of people with disabilities. For more than 50 years, COC has been working to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Deb Monisma	2 Dave Van Maanen	3 	4 Pat Ribbens Hayden Te Grotenhuis	5	6 Vernon Van Zanten* Elma Beyer* Andrea Vander Ark
7 Lisa Groenendyk Wayne Vande Zande	8 Sue Robinson	9 Leanne Jansen	10	11 	12 Briar Gritters	13 Josie Te Grotenhuis
14 Kevin Bolt	15 Jan Jungling Grace Van Ryswyk* Ruby Rus	16 Michelle Gritters	17 Joel Verhoef	18	19 Andrew De Haan Wii Stallinga*	20 
21 Audrey Veldhouse*	22 Gary Beyer	23 Mike Jansen Sheri Plate	24 Carol Ribbens Edwin Roose Sharon Roose Addison Van Weelden Curtis Vink Lincoln Pommer	25 Matt Miller	26 Taylor Brunsting Cobie Spoelstra* Gwendolyn Benbo	27
28 Joel Gritters Pastor Sheldon						