

CALVARY COURIER

May 2021

Council News

Continuing with the theme of the Fruit of the Spirit, Council President Steve Ver Meer led a devotional time on the topic of patience from a TODAY booklet, highlighting 1 Corinthians 3:4-8 and Ephesians 4:2-3. Important reminders included: Love is patience with people. Christian love is patient because it is realistic. The Bible affirms what we already know; that there is something wrong with all of us; all of us fall short of what we want to be. We need God's grace to be patient with others. And we can be patient, because God is patient with us.

The Quarterly exercise of Mutual Censure was observed by reviewing the following questions:

How are we doing?

What are we doing that we should continue doing?

What are we not doing that we might consider doing?

What are we doing that we should decrease, or stop?

Pastor Brad led a discussion on Healthy Church questions centering around Authentic Spirituality. The questions are listed here for you to do your own personal reflections:

Are we aware of our inclination to be conformed to the world?

Does the congregation depend on the presence of the Holy Spirit?

In every area of life does our church enable and encourage us to know God and follow him?

Do we practice the spiritual disciplines in our daily lives (i.e., prayer, Bible study, service, and worship participation)?

"Growing Young" is a term that has been referred to in past publications. The Council wants the congregation to understand what is meant by the term. The purpose of the initiative is to create a church community that thrives. It's not just about young people, but all generations of the church coming together to focus on teaching, mentoring, and raising up the next generation in faith and church community. As a congregation we want to foster warm peer and inter-generational friendships, enable our church community to neighbor well locally and globally, and understand the perspective of the next generation. All this can happen by finding ways throughout our church culture to create opportunities to hear each other's struggles or doubts, share each other's burdens, and ultimately lift one another up in prayer and support. That's what a church family does!

Jason Clendenen submitted a letter of resignation as Elder as he and family have been called to serve the people of Ecuador, moving early June. Kevin Vos, a nominee for Elder last year has agreed to continue Jason's term through 2022. Installation is planned for May 2.

Nathan Groenendyk's request for his membership to be transferred to the Phoenix, AZ Christian Reformed Church was approved.

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Words of Thanks

We would like to thank Calvary, the Building and Grounds Committee, and all of the volunteers who were willing to use their gifts to transform our home over the last months. We so appreciate all the hard work that went into removing the wallpaper and painting, laying the flooring, and cleaning and organizing! Pastor Sheldon and Ramona

Thank you for the birthday cards and sympathy expressions for when both my sister passed and our nephew passed.

- Betty & Marv Bruxvoort

Joel & Rachel Watters

We first want to say thank you to all of those who reached out and have been praying for us. It was such an incredible encouragement as we navigated a number of challenging things including having to move on short notice. In the midst of these situations we have seen God's goodness and faithfulness yet again and are praising him for this provision and His presence.

When we were given a 30 day notice to move on December 17th, there were 3, yes 3, housing options with 3 or more bedrooms in our whole community of 50,000+ people. We went and looked at all three and found one to be absolutely perfect. It had just been put on the market and previously was a small private school. It has a huge backyard with a playhouse, swings and even a small basketball court! Indoors has plenty of space for our family of 6 and is only about 5 minutes from the city center. We are amazed that such a perfect place was available at the exact right time for our family. The house unfortunately was unfurnished, unlike the house we had been living in, which meant purchasing many of the necessary things for a home. There has been overwhelming support from many of you as we absorb these additional costs. We have nothing but gratitude to the Lord the ways he has provided for us.

As we reflect on these 3 1/2 years overseas, there have been many significant challenges where we wonder, how is this going to turn out? The one constant we have found is God's faithfulness and these difficult experiences, have given us a deeper hope and trust in our Lord and Savior. Each step of this journey we better understand the encouragement from James, chapter 1, "Consider it pure joy, brothers and sisters, when you face trials of many kinds."

Again, we are so grateful for having such a great community surrounding us and supporting. Thank you for being a part of our lives, Joel, Rachel, Lucy, Charles, Annie Pearl and Elsie

Justin Van Zee

Pray: Pray for people who may be discerning a call to long-term cross-cultural mission.

In Faithwalking, we are tackling some good but heavy topics--shame and authenticity. Pray for healing and courage for these young leaders.

While Covid cases remain low here, news on vaccine availability is also sparse. Pray that Cambodia would be able to secure vaccines and properly administrate this process.

Thanks! I give thanks for the ways that God led me to Cambodia and continues to lead my life.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, 2020 was my best support raising year ever. Raising financial support was my biggest resistance to this work, but God continues to amaze me.

Give thanks that four of my housemates now have their high school diplomas and can continue on to university soon. Pray for them in this time of transition too.

I was able to join an online retreat with my Resonate colleagues in January and also spend some time in personal retreat as well. I'm grateful for this space to breathe and pray.

New Calvary Picture Directory

A strong community of faith depends on members being able to call each other by name. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now outdated and it is time for a new one.

Dates for photos are now available: JUNE 17, 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2021

Please make an appointment to have your picture taken. The primary sign-up method is on line, at the following link: <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=763&typld=63449&step=2>



- Fellowship Committee members are available to assist you with signing up for an appointment on Sundays, May 16 and 23 after the a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall, or call the church office, at 641-628-4552.
- Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost.
- All individuals age 18 and over will be photographed individually, which may be used with your permission to enhance our church Breeze directory.
- You will have a professional photography session, schedule a ZOOM meeting to see your proofs on computer and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends. Assistance with a ZOOM photo viewing appointment can be provided if needed.
- Covid precautions for your photo session will be in place.

We want everyone to have a new picture taken so that our new directory will be complete.
IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

Resonate's Global Mission Summit



The Glocal Mission Summit is an *interactive* virtual conference **designed to break you out of that Zoom fatigue**. It's a gathering where you will engage in conversations around mission, collaborate with others to reimagine what mission and discipleship can look like in our COVID reality, and network with lay leaders, students, scholars, pastors, and others who are exploring how churches can reignite a passion for mission. Register at:

<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal-mission-summit/registration>

4 BLOCKS over 3 DAYS

Jerusalem WALK Sent as Jesus to be an incarnational presence in our neighborhoods <i>90 minutes</i>	Judea ASK Engaging with the questions and challenges in our broader contexts <i>90 minutes</i>	Samaria LISTEN Learning to listen and grow alongside people different than ourselves <i>120 minutes</i>	Ends of the Earth REIMAGINE Returning to our daily life & work with new eyes/hearts, sent by the Spirit to witness "glocally" <i>90 minutes</i>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 	3 Linda De Groot	4 Pete Verhey	5 Jenna Hoksbergen Jacob Keiderman Harris Van Kooten*	6 Sandy Veenstra	7 Kyle Van Wyngarden	8 Sher Fulker Joe Hoksbergen Isaac Ulferts
9	10 Isaiah Goodyk Arvin Keiderman Bill Strong Erika Sytsma	11 Willa Branderhorst David Van Hal	12 Kathryn Andringa Cody Roose Jim B. Van Zee	13 Ryan Kelderman Meredeth Van Wyk Madison Van Zee	14 Olivia Van Beek	15 Betty Vande Pol* Toby Wood
16 Kennedy Steinkamp Janis Van Wyk	17 Tami Pommer Brielle Dockter	18 Linda Roose Trey Steinkamp Kaylee Bultsma Diane Goodyk	19 Emma Huisman Brenda Nugteren Keith Roozeboom Sullivan Vande Voort	20 Kyrie Goodyk Jeff Poortinga	21 John De Vries* Cheryl Roose	22 
23 Terry Van Zee	24 Abby TeGrotenhuis Elijah Hoksbergen	25 Norma Nibelink* Darla Van Kooten Courtney Veenstra Josh Wetter	26 Emma Huisman Brenda Nugteren Keith Roozeboom Sullivan Vande Voort	27 Rory Thomas Betty Van Genderen* Cory Mass	28 Marv De Boef	29 Isabella Goodyk Keegan Oppewall
30 Jared Van Wyk Isandriz Del Jesus Melenciano	31					