

CALVARY COURIER

Library News!

April 2023

BOOKS ADDED TO OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

CHRISTIAN LIVING / BIOGRAPHY:

Hope In Times Of Fear by Timothy Keller
Now I Am Known by Peter Mutabazi
All My Knotted-Up Life by Beth Moore

FICTION:

Unknown Threat by Lynn Blackburn
Edge of Dusk by Colleen Coble
Carved In Stone by Elizabeth Camden

JUVENILE:

The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls Series
by MJ Thomas
Riverbend Friends Series
from Focus On The Family

CHILDREN:

I'm So Glad You Were Born by Ainsley Earhardt
Sam And the Sticky Situation By Ginger Hubbard
and Al Roland
Henry's Big Mistake by Lauren Whitman

DVDs:

Lifemark by Kendrick Brothers

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the library committee members who helped create and offer the reading program and the assistants who faithfully helped each Sunday morning! Your efforts and time were much appreciated!

Our library committee members are:

Cora Bierma	Leanne Jansen
Erika Sytsma	Krista Van Gelder
Pam Gallaher	Arvin Kelderman
Wilma Van Kooten	

"SNOW IN LOVE WITH BOOKS!"

January 15 – February 19, 2023

Thank you to all the adults and children who signed up for our library reading program. The participants logged the books read and prizes were given at the end of the program. Children read over 200 books and adults read over 34 books. Great job readers!



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Calvary CRC Council Highlights

THANKS!

Council President, Joe Hoksbergen, opened the March meeting by reading from “What does the Bible say about Discernment?” by Sinclair Ferguson. We should not be judgmental, but discern right from wrong. We gave thanks for Ron & Linda Wichhart’s serving on more than 70 projects with World Renew over the past 30 years. We prayed for healing from Ron Wichhart’s stroke. We are thankful that Leesa Jansen and Steve Van Wyk were able to return home and prayed for continued healing. And we prayed for a smooth transition back to Pella from the Netherlands for Steven & Chelsea Nugteren.

Pastor Brad was thankful that he is able to lead funerals for several unchurched veterans this winter and able to reach out to their families. He reported that he met with local farmers about the national farm bill for information. The Rehobeth visit went very well. The group completed all the tasks on their list and asked for more. We also discussed how the new Iowa education vouchers may change our local Christian Education funding needs and the potential Christian school growth.

Pastor Sheldon reported that he missed his goal for visits and contacts in February due to illness and travel. He vowed to catch up. With his part time status he was asked how he handles it. He said when he reaches 25 hours then he is done for the week.

Pastor Nate was ill and did not attend.

Pastor Brad, Roger Van Hal, and Aaron Sandbulte attended the Classis meeting in February. Pastor Brad and Ivan Mulder were approved to be delegates to Synod with Aaron Sandbulte as an alternate deacon delegate.

Admin recommended to the Council to change the annual office bearer terms from January 1 – December 31 to June 1 – May 31. The fiscal calendar for finances would stay at January 1 – December 31. The intent was to ease the turnover of Council and Committee members to the summer months instead of December. A lengthy discussion followed. This would require two congregational meetings per year—one for selection of office bearers in May and one for budgets in November. Several churches in the area have done this. It has been observed at one of these churches that attendance at the budget approval congregational meeting was very low compared to the office bearer approval meeting. It was also argued that the summer months are vacation and travel time for many families and so it is just as busy as December. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

Admin is considering a service project for a Council retreat. One suggestion was to go to Lampi-er’s Landing to help the residents there. However, after some investigation, we found out we would not be welcome. So instead we are looking at a service project at Lakeview. Joel Brummel was contacted for input.

Admin is continuing work on updating the Handbook and Directory. Both will have new Table of Contents with links to the pages. It is hoped to have the Directory ready to put on-line in Breeze by mid-May. It will also have new sections for committee chairperson responsibilities and church communications.

Admin approved a change in office hours at Joy’s request to spend more time at home with the kids over the summer months. Tues-Wed: 8am -2pm. Thurs: 8am – 4pm from Memorial Day to Mid-August (approximately 10 weeks). This would be a reduction of 4 hours per week with a corresponding reduction in pay.

Pastor Brad will announce from the pulpit March 26 about what to do in case of a tornado watch or warning. There will be a fire drill April 30.




Committee minutes for Admin, Building and Grounds, Multi Media, Fellowship, Missions and Evangelism were reviewed and approved.

Financial reports and balances were approved. The Deacons reported that our commitment of paying 66% of our Ministry Shares in 2022 was met and exceeded by \$1455. The church campus property insurance coverage has been reviewed was recommended that the replacement benefit should be higher. Also they are looking into increasing our umbrella coverage from \$1 mill to \$2 mill.

Jesse Roose closed the meeting with prayer.
Bill Strong, Council Clerk

**Dear Calvary Family,
Our hearts are overflowing
with appreciation for the out-
pouring of love and support
you have given us after Lois’s
knee replacement sur-
gery. The cards, visits, deli-
cious meals, and, most of all,
prayers have seen us through
the time of healing and re-
hab. Calvary is truly our lov-
ing, caring church family of
believers. Gratefully,
Bob and Lois Van Houwelingen**

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 David Verschuure*
2 Tricia De Haan Darlene Klein*	3 Jenna Vande Zande Jeanne De Jong* Tanya Roose	4 	5 Lee Zondervan	6 Logan Kelderman	7	8
9	10 Kimmy Marsh	11	12 Ryer Vande Zande	13 Jemma Schutte	14 Marj Sikma*	15 Clair Van Wyngarden
16	17 Dan Jungling Dorothy Van Kooten* Marilyn Veenstra*	18 Wavern De Vries Ed Vande Pol*	19 Eden Verhoef	20 Brenda Van Hal	21 Nicole Eekhof Rhett De Vries Remington De Vries	22 Grace Van Kooten*
23 Jill De Vries	24 Jonathan Dockter Stacy Schutte	25 Bryan Bandstra Paul Monsma	26 Donna Gosselink*	27	28 Amy Van Wyk	29 
30 Howard Vroom						