

# CALVARY COURIER

May 2023

The Young At Heart Group was delighted to have the First Church Theater Troop back with us again this year. On February 21, 2023, we welcomed about twenty ladies from the Deborah Circle from First Church in Pella. Each February they present a play to various places in Pella from their recent Bible study. This year they presented the play, "Joseph and the Women Who Influenced His Life." The play is written and the costumes are designed by their leader, Mary Borg. Mary (Vermeer) Borg is a former member of Calvary Church. The ladies did a marvelous job in presenting the true story of Joseph in, at times, a rather comical way. We appreciated all the "stuffed" animals that suddenly appeared throughout the play. The colorful costuming and created sets made the events in Joseph's life come alive for us.



One of the highlights of the afternoon was to welcome back Mary, Andrea, and Ann Ver Meer. They are daughters of deceased Calvary members Harold & Jennie Ver Meer. All the girls grew up at Calvary Church, and as we toured the building many fond memories flooded their minds. They could even remember what church pew they always sat in



and other people who sat by them. At our fellowship time the ladies were able to visit and become reacquainted with other Calvary members. We all had a delightful time fellowshiping with one another.

## THANKS!

**Dear Calvary Family,  
Our hearts are overflowing with appreciation for the outpouring of love and support you have given us after Lois's knee replacement surgery. The cards, visits, delicious meals, and, most of all, prayers have seen us through the time of healing and rehab. Calvary is truly our loving, caring church family of believers. Gratefully,  
Bob and Lois Van Houwelingen**

**Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards & phone calls while I was hospitalized and recuperating from my stroke and to God's son for healing.**

**Ron Wichhart**

**Praise the Lord—treatments are finished and all is well. We thank Pastors Brad and Sheldon for their visits and calss. We also thank Elder Roger Van Hal and deacon Kristi Roose for their calls. I thank all for the prayers, calls, cards, hugs, and words of encouragement. They have truly carried us through the past four months and made me stronger and able to face this diagnosis. Calvary is truly a church that cares. God Bless each of you.**

**Diane & Adrian Vos**

## Young At Heart – Pella Police Presentation



Their passions were very evident as Senior Officer Boertje and Captain Haase from the Pella Police Department gave a presentation to the Young At Heart group from Calvary Church. Senior Officer Boertje spoke to us about the training of K9 Officer Ellie and how she is used by the police department. K9 Officer Ellie is trained in searching for four different types of drugs. She mainly uses her skills in vehicle checks where the officers think drugs are hidden. K9 Officer Ellie is also a tracking dog. Each person carries a particular scent. When K9 Ellie is told what door a person went out of, this amazing dog can find that scent and is able to track that person to where they might be found. If some evidence is found along the way, K9 Officer Ellie will lie down with the evidence between her paws. It was amazing to see the interaction between Senior Officer Boertje and his K9 partner as she searched for the drugs hidden in the room and as she followed the commands of her trainer. K9 Ellie's reward is not food but a special toy ball that she loves to play with.

Captain Haase shared his excitement after graduating from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. "It was a privilege to be nominated for this opportunity," Haase explained. "It was a joy to share this experience with many people from the U.S. along with several other countries." While he was there, about every hot topic in law enforcement was discussed, including an emphasis on the wellness and vitality of the officers. One of the classes Captain Haase attended concentrated on self-care for yourself and the other officers in your agency, anything from mental health, physical fitness, and dealing with the trauma that officers see on a regular basis. Those who attended the academy also visited the Holocausts Museum, the African-American Museum and the Native American Museum. They also went on a tour of the U.S. Capitol and were able to go into the House Chambers. In Philadelphia, they visited Constitutional Hall, where they viewed the Declaration of Independence and the Liberty Bell.

Pella is indeed a privileged community to have all our talented police officers, especially since they are so passionate about their work and the community in which they work.

## Calvary welcomes Martie De Boef



Calvary Church welcomes back Martie De Boef. Martie attended Calvary Church with her parents, Bill and Martha De Boef (now deceased), before she moved to Newton, Iowa in 2007.

Martie is the 10<sup>th</sup> of 12 children born to Bill and Martha. She is a sister to Marv De Boef and an aunt to Tricia De Haan, both who attend Calvary Church. Martie grew up in the Leighton and Pella areas. She attended the Pella Christian Schools and the Bethel CRC in Oskaloosa before moving to Pella with her parents. Martie moved to The Overijssel Cottage, room #02, in February of 2023. Martie likes her new home. She enjoys coloring, playing Bingo and doing crafts with the other residents of the cottage.

# 2023 Graduates



Eden Jane Verhoef

Eden is the oldest child of Joel and Katie Verhoef and is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian. She will be returning to Pella Christian High School in the fall.



Drew Van Wyngarden

Drew is the son of Kyle & Allison Van Wyngarden. Drew is graduating 8th grade from Pella Christian Grade School and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall.



Jett Owen Kelderman

Jett is the oldest son of Randy & Holli Kelderman and is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian. Jett will attend PCHS in the fall



Briar Gritters

Briar is the son of Michelle & Joel Gritters. Briar is graduating from Jefferson and will be attending Pella High in the fall.



Katy Roose

Katy is the daughter of Scott & Kristi Roose. Katy is graduating from Pella Christian High School. Katy plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa in the fall majoring in Recreational Therapy and Non-profit Leadership.



Bridget Vande Zande

Bridget is the daughter of Eric & Ang Vande Zande. Bridget is graduating from Pella Christian High School. Bridget plans to attend Dordt University in the fall.



Brayden Vink will be graduating from William Penn University in a few weeks. He will graduate with a double major in Business Management and Accounting and a minor in Economics.



# May 2023

| Sunday             | Monday   | Tuesday       | Wednesday   | Thursday                             | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--------------------|--|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|                    | 1  | 2             | 3   | 4                                    | 5  | 6   |
| Kyle Van Wyngarden | Sher Fulker<br>Joe Hoksbergen<br>Isaac Ulferts |               | Linda De Groot  | Pete Verhey                          | Jenna Hoksbergen<br>Jacob Kelderman  | Sandy Veenstra  |
| 7                  | 8  | 9             | 10  | 11                                   | 12   | 13  |
|                    |  |               | Isaiah Goodyk<br>Arvin Kelderman<br>Bill Strong<br>Erika Sytsma | Willa Branderhorst*<br>David Van Hal | Kathryn Andringa<br>Jim B. Van Zee   | Ryan Kelderman<br>Meredeth Van Wyk<br>Madison Van Zee           |
| 14                 | 15   | 16            | 17  | 18                                   | 19   | 20  |
| Olivia Van Beek    | Betty Vande Pol*<br>Toby Wood                  | Janis Van Wyk | Tami Pommer<br>Brielle Dockter                                  | Linda Roose<br>Diane Goodyk          |  | Kyrie Goodyk<br>Jeff Poortinga<br>Kinzley Marsh<br>Waylon Marsh |
| 21                 | 22   | 23            | 24  | 25                                   | 26   | 27  |
|                    |  | Terry Van Zee | Abby TeGrotenhuis<br>Elijah Hoksbergen                          | Norma Nibbelink*<br>Darla Van Kooten | Emma Huisman<br>Brenda Nugteren<br>Keith Roozeboom<br>Sullivan Vande Voort | Betty Van Genderen*<br>Cory Mass                                |
| 28                 | 29   | 30            | 31  |                                      |  |   |
| Marv De Boef       | Isabella Goodyk<br>Keegan Oppewall             |               |   |                                      |  |   |