

# CALVARY COURIER

June 2023

## Council Highlights, May 2023

Council President, Joe Hoksbergen, opened the May Council meeting by reading from Philippians 1 and discussed “faithful maturity”. We should all love the church, pray for her, and have joy and confidence in Christ. He then prayed for the church, the Council meeting, healing for members in our congregation suffering from cancer, and for the John and Leann Hogan family in the death of Ruth Ozinga.

Pastor Brad met with the Sully CRC council about shepherding. He is thankful for all the contacts Calvary’s shepherding teams make. Pastor Brad and Ivan Mulder will be attending Synod in June. It will be a busy session this year with a very large agenda with 79 overture requests from different congregations. That is up from the typical 6-10 overtures.

Pastor Nate is winding down the education programs for the season and gearing up for the summer season programs. There will be a SERVE trip to Montana with 13 youths signed up to go. He is also working on a Chicago Westside Christian School trip this summer and continued assistance throughout the year. Five seniors from Calvary are graduating high school this year.

Orville Bultsma has had to resign as Elder and Consistory President due to his health and cancer treatments. Joe Hoksbergen has agreed to fill in as Consistory President until next January, as well as continuing as Council President. The Council agreed not to replace Orville as elder because he is an Admin elder without shepherding duties. Admin and Council will finish the year one elder short.

The Council approved a request from Building and Grounds to replace two church furnaces and ductwork for \$18,760. New parking lot lights are ready for installation. The new carpet planned for the Youth House will be deferred until next year. New keycards to enter the church on off-hours are available for pickup at the Welcome Center. The old keycards will become inactive later this month.

All scheduled audits of 2022 funds have been completed

Arvin Kelderman closed the meeting with prayer.

Bill Strong, Council Clerk

## THANKS!

**Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and gifts you have shared with us at the time of Larry’s passing. They were very much appreciated.**

**Judy Rozenboom & Family  
Lilburn & Geneva Jansen**

## Host Families Needed: International Student Request

One or two families that would be willing to host 2 girls are needed. Ideally, you would have one gal stay with you, with a spare bedroom that they could have on their own. We need people who could provide transportation to the airport, activities, school (there is also a bus that could pick them up daily), church, etc). There is a stipend for expenses of \$7000 for the 10 months. They come around August 15 and leave by May 31. I would love people that want to obey God's calling and you have the gift of hospitality or want to grow your gift.

Sophie is such a sweet girl. I think 'sweet' is the best adjective I would have to describe her. I would say she's strong in her faith and a really great friend. I don't know if she told you, but she was planning to spend this semester at a Christian school in Ohio with a couple of her friends from VAIS, but she didn't get the visa. I was able to see her rejoice with her friends while mourning her own personal loss, trusting the Lord when her plans weren't fulfilled - there's a lot of maturity there. I'd say she's very determined. She is really excited to go to school in the US and will work really hard to get here and do well. In some ways, she reminds me of Kitty Gu - very joyful, eager to be involved, and very studious.

Kristy Sun will be a freshman though she is 16. She had went to New Zealand and Denmark for 7th/8th grade. She came back home with COVID and then her mom passed away last year. She had applied to our school but her father wanted her to stay at home with him and her younger brother for a year. She enjoys math, biology, and chemistry and wants to be a surgeon. She would likely want to be involved in the musical in the Fall, bowling in the winter and tennis in the Spring. Kristy likes badminton, hiking, biking, drawing, oil painting. Her dad works in a train factory. She loves animals and wants a dog so much but her dad says they are too much work : )



"Out of sight, out of mind," unfortunately is true, even in the church that seeks to care for each of our members. Here's a reminder of some of our brothers and sisters who are not able to get out and about anymore, so they are out of sight, but hopefully, not out of mind.

- At the Cottages we have Wil Stallinga, Bernice Vermeer, Cobie Spoelstra, Elva Vos, Marie Van Maanen, Roger Jansen Vern and Geneva Van Zanten Elma Beyer and Marty DeBoef.

- At Fairhaven East we have Lucy Stravers, Ernie and Jeanne De Jong, and Wilma Ryken;

- Over at Independence Village we find Dorothy Van Kooten, Terry Van Zee, and Marilyn Veenstra.

- At Pella Manor are Harold and Marjorie Sikma, Bernie Spoelstra, Norie Van Weelden, Effie Groenendyk, Jeanette Jansen,

Willa Branderhorst, Joey Bandstra, and Lilburn and Geneva Jansen.

- Over in Oskaloosa, Cornie Van Hal is at Northern Mahaska Care Facility, and our oldest member, Margaret Vande Kieft, is at White Oak Estates.





- Joyce Nikkel resides at Westridge Care Facility in Knoxville, and Grace Van Ryswyk is at Millpond Senior Living in Ankeny.

We also have quite a few folks who still live in their own homes, but aren't able to get our very much. They include: Nelson Roozeboom, June Slagter, Marinella Van Hal, Betty Van Genderen, Paul Boer, Bill and Lil Nikkel, and Jake Van Gorp.,

My apologies if I have omitted anyone! Please reach out to any (or all) of these folks with a visit, card, or call, and let them know that they are still a part of our fellowship at Calvary.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	Dan Van Kooten	Nathan Dockter
4 Tracy Dikkel	5 	6 Seth Van Gelder	7 Anna Victoria Sagredo-Martinez	8 Mark Roozeboom Gerrit Steenhoek* Jennie Veenstra*	9 Noah Carley	10 Margaret VanDeKieft*
11 Annaliese Admiraal	12 Addie Bierma	13 Evy Verschuure*	14 Sarah Blom	15 	16 Spence Ver Meer	17 Holli Kelderman
18 Carol Verhey Kevin Vos Max Sagredo-Martinez	19 Kami Roozeboom	20	21 Jesse Roose	22 Josh Blom	23 Joshua Van Hal	24 Micah Hoksbergen
25	26 Bill Nikkel*	27 Joan Bandstra*	28 Verland Engle Carter Pommer Quinn Pommer	29 Rosetta Roose Henry Rus	30 Russ Van Wyk	