

# CALVARY COURIER

August 2023

## Council Highlights, July 2023

Council President, Joe Hoksbergen, opened the July Council meeting by reading from The Gospel Coalition website by Erik Raymond about intentional and purposeful evangelism. We need to use our time wisely here on Earth bringing the gospel to unbelievers by building relationships.

Pastor Brad has gone to the Cadet International Camporee in Ontario. He will also be taking a one week sabbatical to Ecuador for a ministry partnership with the Multiplication Network the week of Oct 12.

The new 2023 Directory is ready for Council review. It contains new sections with a table of contents and an introduction, purpose, and responsibility of each committee along with names of members and the chair. The Directory will be reformatted to 8-1/2" x 11" paper size and renamed the 2023 Membership Guide.

The 2023 Handbook is also ready for Council review. It has been updated with active headings and a table of contents has been added to make it easier to find specific duties.

The Council is planning a service retreat for Saturday, August 5, at Joshua Christian Academy. Details have not been finalized, yet. Due to scheduling difficulties a retreat at Lake View Camp was dropped.

The next Classis meeting will be held at Trinity CRC in St Louis, MO, September 15-16. Pastor Brad, Ivan Mulder, and Aaron Sandbulte plan to attend.

The congregation is encouraged to submit nominations for new elders and deacons for 2024. You will be receiving nomination forms with a list of members not eligible. Four new elders are needed for 3 year terms and one for a 2 year term to replace Orville Bultsma. Three deacons are retiring.

All families with children who attend or want to attend Christian schools are requested to fill out a short survey in order to assist the Christian Education Fund committee determine how to distribute funding. Calvary's Christian Education Fund remains fully committed to making Christian School tuition affordable to Calvary parents through tuition assistance and educational loans. With the advent of the new Education Savings Account legislation passed by the State of Iowa this year, the committee has been developing a path forward to integrate this new funding stream into our annual distribution plan. To formulate this year's distribution recommendation to the Council, parents will be contacted by their shepherd team so the ESA status of their children enrolled in Pella Christian Schools can be determined. Please return the survey to your District Elder or Deacon no later than September 1 to be considered in this fall's disbursement plan.

Ivan Mulder closed the meeting with prayer.

- Bill Strong, Council Clerk

## THANKS!

**Thank you to the many people who helped Orville Bultsma on his cancer journey the last four months. Thank you to those who prayed for him and us, who encouraged him spiritually, who visited him, who brought food, stayed with him at nights, provided rides to radiation treatments, who mowed and looked after his yard, who cut down trees, and in other ways ministered to him. Thank you to The Comfort House for making him smile and for your wonderful care for him. Thank you to Garden Chapel Funeral Home, and to all those who took part in his Celebration of Life service in any way, and to those family and friends who traveled to attend the service. To those who donated to his memorial, thank you. Everyone's care and concern are so much appreciated and will be remembered for a long time. He is now free from the trials of life, forever rejoicing with his Lord.**

**Jim & Christy Van Zee  
Neil & Rebecca Mills**

## CHICAGO WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TRIP



This year's Calvary Youth Group trip to CWSCS in Chicago was a memorable one! Along with the regularly scheduled work, sight-seeing, and fun, we also overcame an unexpected challenge of a broken down van stuck at the downtown beach. Thankfully, we had the best host team we could ever ask for in Mary and Jerry Post. They were quick to help and went above and beyond helping us get everyone back to the school safely and the van fixed quickly. We are SO appreciative of their help and their servant hearts.

But more than a van break down, what I hope our students remember is the amazing work that God is doing at the school we stayed at in Chicago's west side. From the amazing staff, to the church volunteers, and community leaders – we were so blessed to be a part of all that is happening on the corner of Roosevelt and Pulaski.

We ask that you continue to pray for the people of that community as they seek to care for one another and bring the love, hope, and life of the gospel to their community. Pray for Mary and Jerry Post. Pastor Wolf and Pastor Eric. Pray for the admin and teachers, the children, and families of CWSCS. We know you already are, but thank you for continuing to do so!

As always, thank you for praying and supporting the youth ministry here at Calvary CRC which allows us to do these kinds of trips!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pam Gallaher	2 Bev Rozendaal	3 Leann Nunnikhoven	4 Brayden Vink	5 LeNora Van Weelden*
6 	7 Aubrey Blom	8	9 Katy Roose	10	11	12 Amy Herdegen Elva Vos* Matt Disselkoen
13 Leland Van Kooten	14 Sarah Dockter Cathy Vroom	15 Lea Huisman	16 Casey Van Weelden* Becky Disselkoen	17	18 Carter De Haan Kristen Mass	19 
20	21 Cass Rozendaal Owen Verhoef	22 Jamin Schutte	23 	24 Alva De Boef Colt Kelderman	25 Kevin Herdegen	26 Jett Kelderman Nelson Roozeboom* Dawn Wood
27 Rob Bandstra Mary Bruxvoort* Lillian Nikkel* Lucas Disselkoen	28	29 Phyllis Lanser Gene Roose*	30 Lucille Van Wyk	31 Megan Vande Voort Andy Wood		