

CALVARY COURIER

December 2023

Missions Update

Each year the Missions Committee at Calvary works with the deacons to help meet the needs of people in our community, nearby communities, nationally, and around the world. We support missionaries and mission organizations through the missions budget and work to keep those people and organizations in front of you through their newsletters and visits in person. We also sponsor various drives for physical items local organizations may need. Then, we sponsor some of you who go on mission trips and represent Calvary in far away places.

Rehoboth group:

Bierma family

Hoksbergen family

Herdegen family

Dockter family

Martinez family

Sytsma family

Fran De Haan - Many Hands

Pete & Carol Verhey - Many Hands

Maddy Van Zee Marsh & Brynn Roozeboom - Winterim to Guatemala in January, 2024

Ivan Mulder - DRS trip in Florida

Sheila De Haan - \$200 for upcoming Many Hands trip in January, 2024. \$200 will come from 2024 budget to equal \$400

Finally, if the need arises, we use the "open" line in the budget to help organizations even further. This year the Missions Committee used this "open" line to do the following:

Purchase \$1,000.00 of school supplies for Rehoboth Christian School.

Purchase \$60.00 worth of fruit cups for the local Backpack Buddies program.



We express to the Calvary church family our sincere gratitude for the many ways you have ministered to us during and after Bob's journey to heaven. The cards, memorial gifts, food, expressions of sympathy and prayers were so much appreciated. Many thanks to Pastor Sheldon and Pastor Brad for their visits to Bob, your prayers for him, and for conducting his funeral service. God has released Bob from the afflictions of Alzheimer's Disease, and he is now forever with the Lord. The family of Bob Van Houwelingen

**The Klingenbergs wish to express their deep gratitude to everyone at Calvary who has loved on us through this season of life. To those who gave gifts of books, brought meals, gas cards, prayers, and words of encouragement Thank You. We very much appreciate Calvary.
Pastor Nate, Caitlin,
& Bennett**

Honoring Our Veterans

The Young At Heart group took the time to honor Calvary Church's veterans at an afternoon coffeetime on November 7. Our speaker, Mr. Rob Bandstra, the Marion County Veteran's Service Officer, began the afternoon by reminding us of the pledge our veterans take when they enter the military. He also reminded us of the sacrifices they make, not only physically and mentally, but some even sacrifice their lives.

Rob also gave us so much information as he shared his responsibilities as Marion County Veteran's Service Officer. Rob explained that his office is about the only office at the Marion County Courthouse where a person(s) can enter without needing an appointment. He said his office is right next to the candy dish, which is his responsibility to keep full. Rob is a veteran himself. He said it was his dad who was also a veteran who got him interested in the Air Force.

We thank the following veterans from Calvary for their service:

Rob Bandstra – Air Force
Pastor Brad Bierma – Marine Corp
Millie Burghorn – Navy
Ernie De Jong – Army
Gerry Harms – Navy
Arvin Kelderman – Iowa National Guard
William Nikkel – Army
Jeff Robinson – Army National Guard
Edwin Roose – Army Reserves
Gene Roose – Army National Guard
Laverne Roose – Iowa Air National Guard
Nelson Roozeboom – Infantry – Heavy Mortar
Cass Rozendaal – Iowa Air National Guard
Wilmar Stallinga – Air Force
Harold Sikma – Navy
Gerrit Steenhoek – Iowa National Guard & U.S. Army
Nick Theune – Iowa National Guard & U.S. Army
Jacob Van Gorp – Army
Cornie Van Hal – Army
David Van Hal - Army

Harold Van Wyk – Iowa Air National Guard
Lee Velhuizen – Iowa Air National Guard
Howard Vroom – Army

As Rob said, not only do the veterans themselves make great sacrifices, but their families do also. Following are the wives of Calvary's deceased veterans:

Joey Bandstra
Millie Burghorn
Martena De Groot
Goldie Dingeman
Donna Gosselink
Norma Nibbelink
Sue Robinson
Linda Rus
Wilma Ryken
June Slagter
Marilyn Sterk
Lucy Stravers
Lois Van Houwelingen
Wilma Van Kooten
Dorothy Van Kooten
Marie Van Maanen
Grace Van Ryswyk
LeNora Van Weelden
Bernice Vermeer

Young At Heart Group Enjoys the Fall Colors

It was a beautiful fall morning on October 17, 2023, when some members of Calvary's Young At Heart Group and some friends boarded the large green Browne Voyage bus. Our destination was Eastern Iowa and the Mississippi River. Our first stop was the Herbert Hoover Museum in West Branch, Iowa. At the museum, we had a guided tour of the Quaker Church, which Herbert attended, as well as his boyhood home, the blacksmith shop, and the one-room schoolhouse.

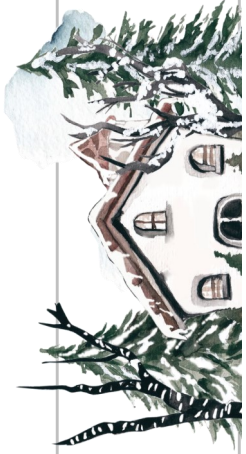
After arriving in Moline, Illinois, we toured the Deere-Wiman House and the Butterworth Center. Both historical homes once belonged to John Deere's descendants but are now used for year-round educational and cultural events. Both homes were built in 1872, and they still have the original architecture and furnishings.

After our overnight stay in Moline, we visited the John Deere Pavilion where we could see some of the oldest and newest John Deere equipment. On display was an early combine that in one day could harvest 30 acres of corn. Next to it was a large combine that can harvest 30 acres of corn in one hour. It was fascinating to be able to learn about the history of John Deere.

Later that morning we boarded The Celebration Belle River Boat for our scenic trip down the Mississippi River to Muscatine, Iowa. After enjoying a very delicious dinner, we were able to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river and riverboat. Although we were hoping for more color in the trees, we were still able to enjoy the fall colors that were there.

After disembarking the boat, we enjoyed the fall colors on our way home from Muscatine, Iowa. The fall colors were almost prettier at home than in Eastern Iowa. We enjoyed a lot of fun and laughter as we fellowshipped together.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Judy Kelderman Linda Wichhart	2
Rick Blom	Bob Hugen* Karl Ribbens	Danielle Roose		7	Brayden Wehrle Landon Nunnikhoven	9
	Kim Bolt Edgar Gritters* Katie Verhoef	Diane Vos	Marinella Van Hal* Ben Disselkoen	14	Janet Jansen* Brad Nikkel	16
Beth Van Maanen	Fran De Haan Linda Rus* Caitlin Klingenberg	Damaso Urena	Laverne Roose		Evelyn Rozendaal*	23
Mary Pommer		Bruce Groenendyk	Verlan Nikkel	28	Ron Wichhart*	30
Malachi Van Beek						