

CALVARY COURIER

April 2024

The Calvary Memorial Fund



The Calvary Memorial Fund Committee would like to acknowledge the gifts received in 2023 in memory of Calvary's loved ones. The following gifts have been received: Robert Gosselink, Calvary Memorial Garden; Lois Galema, World Renew; Grace Van Kooten, Missions – Crystal Van Kooten; Marilyn Van Wyk, Calvary Memorial Garden; Carol Beyer, Calvary Memorial Garden; Orville Bultsma, Video Ministry; Bob Van Houwelingen, Video Ministry; Willis Van Wyk, Calvary Memorial Garden; Jeanne De Jong, New Life Prison Church; and Margaret Van De Kieft, Memorial Garden. \$2640.00 has been donated to the Memorial Fund in 2023. Please continue to pray for the families of these loved ones who have gone to glory.

The Calvary Memorial Fund was formed in 1995, for the purpose of giving members, friends, and family an opportunity to give a memorial gift to special causes for Calvary Church in memory of their loved ones. Since its beginning, the Calvary Memorial Fund has received \$110,772.91 in memory of Calvary's loved ones.

Memorial gifts can be given at any time of the year. They may be given in memory of those loved ones who have died recently or in the past. The currently approved projects for the memorial fund are: Missions, Building and Building Expansion, Building Remodeling and Furnishings, Church Library, Church Music Department, Church Kitchen, Church Vehicle, Video Ministry, and Calvary Memorial Garden. The Memorial Team is thankful for the many gifts that we have received in memory of Calvary's family members and friends. If you have questions regarding the Calvary Memorial Fund, please contact Christy Van Zee, Aaron Sandbulte, Ricki Lanser or John Hogan.

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Cornie Van Hal would like to thank the congregation for the cards he received for his 90th birthday.

Calvary Congregation, We want to say thank you for sending us to help students in the colleges in Iowa know the love and grace of Jesus Christ. It is a great joy and privilege to serve students and live out the call we believe Christ has on our lives. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your generous financial support. We are so grateful.

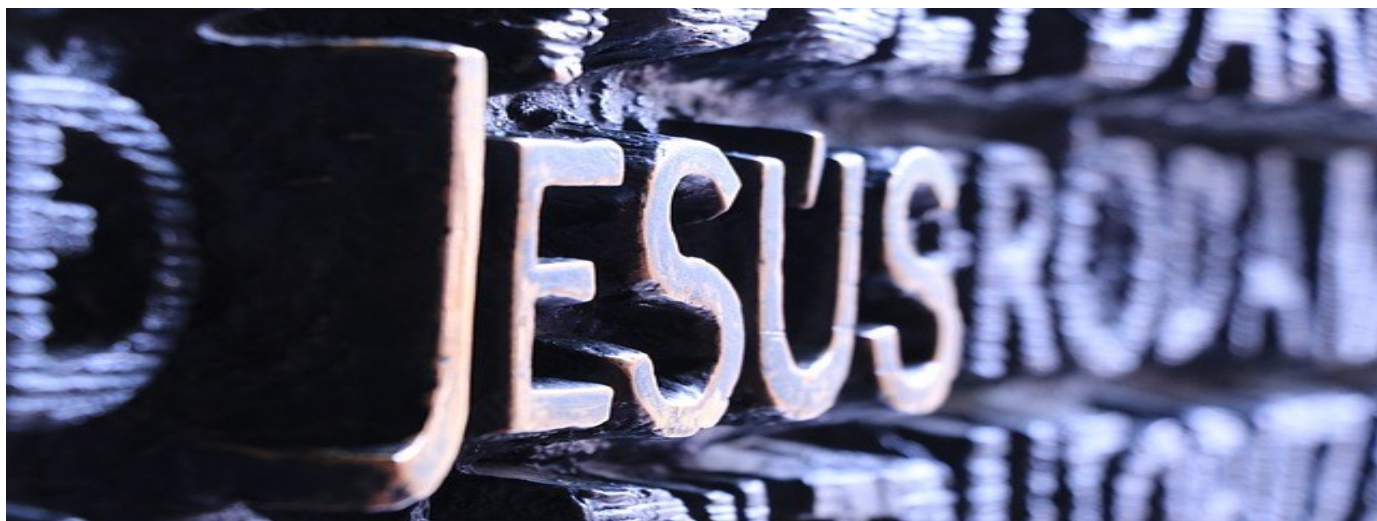
God's Peace, Joel & Rachel Watters

Congregation of Calvary CRC, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you so very much for your generous gifts you recently gave to Rehoboth Christian School!!! Your gifts make such a positive difference in the lives of our students. We give God all the praise and glory for who He is and all He does. We thank Him for blessing Rehoboth now in our 120th school year. Thank you for being such a big part of the Rehoboth ministry and keep us in your prayers. Blessings, Dave Sytsma

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, food, flowers, gifts, etc., during this difficult health season. Most of all, praise God for grace, mercy, peace, and hope for the continuing healing process over the next several weeks.

Margaret Duren

Calvary CRC Council Highlights



March 18, 2024

Council President, Mike Jansen, opened the March meeting reading about the marks of good leaders. “Leaders must first do what they call others to do. A leader does not hang back waiting to see what others are doing and then follow them. A leader is out front, demonstrating how to live and act. A leader who follows Christ leads by example.” We then prayed around the room for Joe Hoksbergen’s father with kidney stones, for the pending birth of David and Haley Van Hal’s twin babies, for healing for Margaret Duren, and for Marilyn Sterk in prison. We also prayed for peace for Don Van Wyk and comfort for Lucille as Don nears the end of his life.

The Council expresses its thankfulness to God for Bennett Klingenberg’s baptism, the attendance of extended family, and his grandfather leading the service. We are thankful for all the committee work being done and the great participation of members at the Pinewood Derby. We are thankful for the many members who visit the sick and shut-ins. And we are thankful for the Van Zee’s for organizing the Young at Heart activities.

Pastor Brad reported that he has enjoyed mentoring Brandon Mick, Rose Admiraal, and Dave Gritters for service. He also pointed out the many new members and visitors worshipping with us and encourages us to greet them. Police Officer, Hunter Boertje, has been attending, too. When he is in uniform he is on-duty. Thank you to the city for allowing him to attend.

Pastor Nate reported on the good turnout of women for the IF Gathering. He plans to attend the D6 training for youth pastors in Orlando and take a family vacation there afterwards.

Pastor Sheldon continues to lead Mission Circle and Thursday Night Alive. He is enjoying his work.

The Admin Council is looking into arranging a Council retreat centered on Crucial Conversations. We all need help for how to handle difficult conversations.

The Council agreed to change the locations of the Sunday morning greeters. The elders will now greet at the main entrance, the deacon greeters by the east door of the Narthex, and the congregant greeters at the NW door by the kitchen. We felt this would be better for more consistent coverage.

The Program, Music and Worship Committee has recommended to the Council to replace the Gray Psalter Hymnals with the newer red Lift Up Your Hearts hymnals next year. The gray hymnals are more than 40 years old and several of the forms and confessions in the back are out of date. They also recommend purchasing the ability to project the music on the video screens.

The Shepherd meeting times has been changed to 7 PM for the Shepherding District Elder, Deacon and Care Teams. We welcome Lee and Nancy Veldhuizen as Care members to District 7.

Calvary Welcomes Nathan Johannes

Nathan Johannes was born on October 8, 1993, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. His parents are Kent and Lavonne Johannes. He grew up in Cedar, Iowa until he was six years old. At that time his parents felt a calling as missionary church-builders with CBM (Continental Baptist Missions) to build churches. While working in missions, his mom homeschooled Nathan and his younger brother. His dad was a lead church-builder on multiple job sites. He built churches in Rockford, Illinois, and Iowa churches in Sioux City, Prairie City, Brayton and Williamsburg. After finishing the church building in Williamsburg, his parents felt it was time to leave CBM, and they bought a parcel of land from Nathan's grandparents in the country between Eddyville and Blakesburg. After moving there, Nathan and his younger brother went to the public school at Eddyville-Blakesburg School District. Nathan was in the 8th grade at the time. He graduated from Eddyville-Blakesburg High School in 2012. He then went to college at the Faith Baptist Bible College where he graduated with a two-year Bible degree.



Nathan then worked in Ankeny, Iowa but never crossed paths with Katelyn Roose who lived five blocks away. Later, Katelyn and Nathan were introduced to each other by a mutual friend and were married in December of 2022. Since working in Ankeny, Nathan has graduated from Indian Hills Community College, and he is now in school once more with the University of North Dakota, getting his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. As you can tell, Nathan doesn't have much spare time, but when he does, he enjoys hanging out with his friends and family and playing games on his computer.

A Experience in Abaco, with Many Hands for Haiti



In January I and 15 others went to Abaco a small island in the Bahamas. As we flew above the green trees and blue waters..unlike the 12 inches of snow we had in Iowa. I realized what a great God of diversity we have. The camp we stayed at was beautiful and relaxing.

While I was there, I sorted books for local schools whose libraries were destroyed during hurricane Dorian and helped with cleaning the camp.



My most moving moments were when we distributed food to 5 families whose homes were destroyed by the hurricane over 3 years ago. The people had so little, but were so happy and grateful.

I loved visiting the church in Abaco, called the Kirk of the Pines, where we played games with the congregants, shared a meal, and worshiped with them. I felt the unity of all of all God's people.

Wherever you go God is in every nation ready to listen to us praise and worship Him. Thank you to Calvary for their love and support of missions.

- Sheila De Haan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 David Verschuure*	2 Tricia De Haan Darlene Klein*	3 Jenna Vande Zande Tanya Roose	4	5 Lee Zondervan	6
7	8	9 	10 Kimmy Marsh Ryan Van Kooten	11	12 Ryer Vande Zande	13 Jemma Schutte Martie De Boef
14 Marj Sikma*	15 Clair Van Wyngarden Aaron Sanders	16	17 Dan Jungling Dorothy Van Kooten* Marilyn Veenstra*	18 Wavern De Vries Ed Vande Pol*	19 Eden Verhoef	20 Brenda Van Hal
21 Rhett De Vries Remington De Vries	22	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	