

# CALVARY COURIER

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## The Young At Heart Group Enjoys a Day Trip

It was a beautiful day for the Young At Heart Group and their friends to go on a day trip excursion to Lucas County, Iowa. Our first stop was in Chariton at the Piper's Old Fashioned Grocery Store. Their specialty is Piper's Candy, and they demonstrated to us how they make the confection variety. Yum, yum, that was something we didn't want to pass up. Also, at Chariton, we took a tour of part of the Hy-Vee Distribution Center. We drove past the Truck Department, which employees 251 truck drivers and the Fuel Island Facility, which is large enough to park 156 tractors. Inside we had a tour of BananaLand where bananas are carefully ripened in one of the twenty-seven ripening rooms through the controlled use of ethylene gas, a natural product of the fruit. The humidity and temperature are constantly monitored to ensure the Hy-Vee stores receive the bananas at the proper stage of the five-day ripening process. We also saw the Produce Department, which is kept at a constant temperature of fifty degrees. The Chariton Distribution Center has a total of 203,110 square feet devoted to the Produce Warehouse. Here they store 4,200 different items. We gained a new appreciation for the grocery business.

We then drove to Humeston, Iowa. After arriving at Humeston, we broke up into two groups. One group went to eat lunch at the Grass Roots Café, while the other group went shopping at Snyder's. The Grass Roots Café is a small Café and is an excellent place to eat. Some folks even went back for some very delicious desserts. Snyder's is the "mini-Walmart" of Humeston. It has something for everyone, including clothing, accessories, gifts, collectibles and so much more. It certainly is a fun place to shop.

On our way back home, we stopped at Schmucker's Bulk Foods and Discount Grocery. It is located on Hwy 14 and is a fun Amish stop. We all enjoyed doing some more shopping for more candy and grocery items. It is a great place to go for fresh peaches when they are in season.

We had a wonderful time visiting our neighbors located south of us, and the fellowship was best of all.

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Thank YOU!

Thank you for all your prayers and visits this past year as Donald fought cancer. We really appreciated everyone that drove him to Des Moines for radiation last fall. Thanks also for the cards, food, visits, flowers, and memorial after he passed. It carried us through a difficult time. Thank you Pastor Sheldon, Pastor Brad, and the elders for your visits, prayers, and special messages at the funeral. Everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

The family of Don Van Wyk





The Missions Committee supported Dan Jungling on a mission trip to Liberia with the Dordt University football team earlier this spring. Here is an update on his trip.

# Thank You!



Thank you for supporting me with prayer and helping fund my trip to Liberia, Africa!

- I learned the importance of respecting the Liberian culture and learning from their people. We were taught to not try to change their ways to our ways.
- I learned that the US needs African missionaries way more than Africa needs American missionaries.

- I enjoyed playing with the kids at the orphanage. They dominated us in soccer!
- I was challenged to be consistently uncomfortable, bold in asking questions and fearless in sharing the love of Christ.
- I worked at a church. We dug trenches for footings (by hand) and mixed concrete (by hand) and poured concrete (by hand).



*The thing that impacted me the most was seeing the JOY of the LORD in the Liberian Christians despite not having any material possessions. The people of Liberia have something that we don't.*

Our team worked with One Body One Hope <https://onebodyonehope.org>. Our group was made up of Dordt football players, coaches and coaches' families.

Read more on our trip blog: <https://dordtliberiatrip.blogspot.com>

(Written by my brother, Levi)





## THE YOUNG AT HEART GROUP BRINGS EASTER JOY TO THE COTTAGES

On Friday, March 22, 2024, the Young At Heart group brought a little bit of Easter joy to The Cottages in an Easter Sing-a-Long Program. They first presented the program to the residents at the Overijssel and Utrecht Cottages and then went to the Vermeer Gathering Room for the residents of the other cottages. The program was led by Lois Van Houwelingen and our pianist was Geneva Van Zanten. The program emphasized the seven words of the cross, and they sang Easter songs for each of the words with the residents.

**FORGIVENESS** – Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” – song: *The Old Rugged Cross*.

**PARDON** – Jesus pardoned one of the criminals and said, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” – song: *There is a Fountain Fill with Blood*.

**LOVE** – “When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved, He said to her, ‘Mother, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’” – song: *Near the Cross*.

**LONELINESS** – “Jesus cried out, ‘My God, my God, why have our forsaken me?’” – song: *At the Cross*.

**HUMAN NEED** – Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” – song: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*.

**TRIUMPH** – Jesus said, “It is finished.” – song: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

**REUNION** – Jesus said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” – song: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*.

We ended the program celebrating Christ’s resurrection and by singing, *Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today*. We also sang, *And Can It Be?* to remind us to focus on what Jesus did for each of us.

After the programs we served homemade cookies to the residents. Both the residents and the Young At Heart Group were blessed by participating.



## Welcome to Calvary Church, Barb Jochems



I grew up on a farm near Edgerton, Minnesota with my parents and 4 siblings. After two years at Dordt College (now University) I worked in the Edgerton Bank for four years, then seven years in the Advancement Office of Dordt College (now University) in Sioux Center, Iowa. I met my husband, Jim Jochems, through a mutual friend from the Peoria, Iowa CRC. We were married in October 1987 and lived on an acreage between Peoria and Sully. We were blessed with two daughters, Rachel and Valerie. The years the girls attended Peoria Christian School were busy with their activities and my volunteer work with the School Circle fund-raising group, and the Peoria CRC. Jim worked at Vermeer Sales and Service as Service Manager. Jim passed away June of 2006 after an aortic dissection. The girls and I moved into Pella in 2008. Rachel lives in Pella and Valerie is married and lives in Lantana, Florida. After moving to Pella, I worked a variety of part-time jobs, then 10 years of full time as a cook at Hilltop North, The Cottages, and Fairhaven East. I retired in January of 2022. I enjoy sewing, quilting and crafting, flower gardening, reading, and traveling to visit family. Calvary Church extends a warm welcome to you, Barb. (Submitted by Barb Jochems)

# May 2024

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

## Calvary Graduates



Peter Bierma

Peter is the son of Pastor Brad & Kristin Bierma. Peter is graduating 8th grad from Pella Christian Grade School and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall.



Kyrie Constantine Hurst  
(Goodyk)

Kyrie is the daughter of Joe and Diane Goodyk and is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Middle School. She will be attending to Pella High School in the fall.



Blake Gallaher

Blake is the son of Nate & Pam Gallaher. Blake is graduating 8th grad from Pella Christian Grade School and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall.



Leah Hoksbergen

Leah is the daughter of Joe & Katie Hoksbergen. Leah is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian. Leah will attend Pella Christian High in the fall



Abrianna Mass

Abrianna is the daughter of Cory & Kristen Mass and is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Middle School. She will be attending to Pella High School in the fall.



Paloma Thays Melo Rodriguez

Paloma is the daughter of Jose Melo & Esmirna Rodriguez. Paloma is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall



Reagan Rus

Reagan is the daughter of Nathan & Jana. Regan is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall



Zac Sytsma

Zac is the is the son of Dan & Deanne Sytsma. Andrew is graduation from Pella Christian Grade School. Zac will attend Pella Christian High in the fall.



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Gavin Ulferts

Gavin is the son of Kipp & Teresa Ulferts. Gavin is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian. Gavin will attend Pella Christian High in the fall.



Wayne Vande Zande

Wayne is the son of Angela & Eric Vande Zande. Wayne is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall.



Sullivan Vande Voort

Sullivan is the son of Shane & Megan Vande Voort. Sullivan is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall.



Brayden Wehrle

Brayden is the son of Jason & Melissa Wehrle. Brayden will be graduating from 8th grade from Lynnville-Sully Community School. He will be attending Lynnville-Sully High School in the fall.



Toby Wood

Toby is the son of Andy & Dawn Wood. Toby is graduating from 8th grade at Pella Christian and will be attending Pella Christian High in the fall.



Noah Nunnikhoven

Noah is the son of Lance & Leanne Nunnikhoven. Noah is graduating from Pella Christian High School and will be attending Taylor University in the fall and focus on Pre-Med studies



Dani Roose

Dani is the daughter of Lee & Tracey Roose. Dani is graduating from Pella Christian High School. She plans to attend Dordt University in the fall, majoring in social work.



Andrew Sytsma

Andrew is the son of Dan & Deanne Sytsma. Andrew is graduation from Pella Christian High School. In the fall he will be attending DMACC for IT.



Daniel Jungling

Dan is graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Dordt University. He plans to work as a Department Manager Intern at Pella Corporation in Sioux Center this summer and is enrolled in graduate classes for the fall to pursue an MBA.