

CALVARY COURIER

December 2024

2024 Congregational Meeting Highlights

Council President Mike Jansen welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. He read Matt 20:20-28 and devotions for Servant Leadership from A Healthy Church. He then offered a prayer for the meeting.

The roll call of members was 94 attendees.

A prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance in selection of Elders and Deacons was offered by Pastor Sheldon.

The Affirmation ballots for the elder and deacon nominees were collected. There were 6 absentee ballots approved by motion.

While the affirmation ballots were counted, Randy Nugteren gave a report on THRIVE Essentials. There was a workshop on October 19 at Calvary for the Council and anyone else who wanted to attend led by Elaine May. Approximately 50 people attended. She outlined how our focus should be on one of four areas: mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership. The congregation is encouraged to complete a survey from THRIVE when it becomes available.

Shawn DeVries gave an explanation of how the deacons disburse the offerings they receive. Calvary keeps 3 separate bank accounts: General fund (which includes Missions), Christian Education Fund, and Benevolence Fund. Cash and checks in the offering plate go to the cause designated for that service. Any checks that are greater than \$50 go to the As Needed budget unless the memo line on the check designate it goes elsewhere. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. If cash is placed in an envelope, the donor must sign the envelope to receive credit. On-line giving is available by signing up through Breeze. Payment can be made by credit card or directly from the bank. Credit cards do charge 3% to handle the transactions. Gifts to the Christian Schools are given directly to the school and do not flow through Calvary bank accounts

Appreciation gifts were presented to the Staff by their shepherds.

The Elders retiring are Joe Hoksbergen, Roger Van Hal, and Steve Theune. The three new elders selected are Rob Van Beek, Paul Hofman, and Eric Vande Zande.

The Deacons retiring are Barb Van Gorp, Dan Sytsma, Derek Vander Ark, and Jesse Roose. Levi Ver Meer has resigned and plans to move to Des Moines sometime next year. Five new Deacons selected are Cindy Van Weelden, Randy Kelderman, Joseph Goodyk, David Van Hal, and Cindy Gritters. Joseph Goodyk was selected for a 2 year term to complete Levi Ver Meer's term.

The Church budget for 2024 was presented by Treasurer, Eric Van Wyngarden. Each section of the budget was explained and time was given for questions. Pastor Brad answered questions on the new Lift Up Your Hearts hymnal and supplement in the budget. Missions Committee is prioritizing local and individual missionaries over organizations. After discussion the entire budget was approved by a voice vote.

Pastor Brad closed the meeting with prayer and Pastor Nate led the singing of the Doxology.

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Thank You, Calvary Veterans

The Calvary Young At Heart group honored the Calvary military veterans with a special coffee time on Thursday, November 14, 2024. The veterans in attendance and the wives of veterans who have passed were recognized and thanked for their service to the United States. After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Brad spoke to us about his experience when he served in the United States Marines. His goal in joining the Marines was to be a fire fighter and then move to Alaska. Instead, he was assigned to be an air traffic controller. He told us about the military responsibilities that he, at a very young age of eighteen and nineteen, was given. He also shared with us one near-miss experience, as an air traffic controller, when a Harrier AV-8 and a helicopter, which was making an emergency landing, were trying to land in the same spot at the same time. Moreover, the pilot in the Harrier was not responding to Brad's three commands. Pastor Brad is very grateful for the time he has served as a Marine. We are very grateful for the service of all the veterans and those who continue to serve in the U.S. Military. We ended the afternoon with coffee time and a time of fellowship.




Thank You Calvary



Dear friends at Calvary CRC, Thank you for joining together to share the transformative love of Jesus around the world! Your church's generosity echoes across 44 countries, equipping your missionaries and ministry leaders to walk alongside new believers and people who are seeking the love of Christ. Through your prayer, care, and gifts, you are helping shine the light of Christ to the ends of the earth. We couldn't do it without you! Your congregation's support through Resonate equips your missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and ministry leaders to introduce the gospel to new communities and form deep, lasting connections with the people they serve. You play a crucial role in making these ministries possible both at home in your neighborhood and overseas. Mission work unites us—and your belief in God's purpose for the entire Christian Reformed Church is a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we work as the body of Christ. Thank you for partnering together to join God on mission. During all seasons—and especially during a season of giving—I hope you know how grateful Resonate is for your church's unwavering support! In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Judy Kelderman Linda Wichhart	2	3 Rick Blom	4 Karl Ribbens	5 Danielle Roose	6	7
8 Brayden Wehrle Landon Nunnikhoven	9 Ramona Starkenburg Marla Ver Meer	10 	11 Kim Bolt Edgar Gritters* Katie Verhoef	12 Diane Vos	13 Marinella Van Hal* Ben Disselkoe	14 Gerrit Vande Zande
15 Janet Jansen* Brad Nikkel	16 Roger Van Hal Phil Goodyk	17 Beth Van Maanen	18 Fran De Haan Linda Rus* Caitlin Klingenberg	19 Damaso Urena	20 Laverne Roose*	21 
22 Evelyn Rozendaal* Evie Mick	23 Ron Fulker	24 Mary Pommer	25 	26 Bruce Groenendyk	27	28 Marsha Wetter
29 Ron Wichhart*	30	31 Malachi Van Beek Barb Jochems Jason Clendenen				