

CALVARY COURIER

September 2025

Laundromat Evangelism



Over the past 5 years, the Evangelism Team has visited the Laundromat in Pella on the last Monday of the months of January-February-March. Our primary purpose is to help people and share the love of Christ with our neighbors. We help them by providing coins and laundry soap to cover their laundry expenses. We also use this opportunity to share the Gospel, listen to them and pray with them as they share life's challenges.

Historically, Calvary has offered this service the last Monday evening of January, February, and March from 6PM–8PM. This year the Evangelism Committee has elected to add the last Monday evening in September and October.

Many who have been blessed by this service ask “Why are you doing this?” or “You’re from what church?” We have a wonderful opportunity right then to share Christ’s love with our neighbors! A couple of members from Calvary arrive at the laundromat with rolls of quarters, laundry soap, fresh cookies, bottled water and their Bible. They arrive with prayer and are ready to share the Good News with the people present in the laundromat that evening.

If this is something that tugs at your heart and you’d like to help or participate, please contact any member of the Evangelism Committee. Also be looking for an opportunity to donate quarters for this Laundromat Evangelism opportunity in the near future.

Evangelism Members: Kevin Vos: chair, Beth Van Maanen, Cindy Gritters: Deacon rep, Leanne Jansen, Greg & Darcy Horstman, Rob Van Beek: Elder rep, Barb Van Gorp: secretary

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THANK YOU!

Thank you so much Calvary Church for all of the prayers offered up for my husband Jonathan as well as for me. We both felt the concern and love. Thanks to Pastor Sheldon and Dan Van Kooten for the prayer and visits. Everyone that visited the Comfort House to keep me company blessings to you. Peggy De Nooy

Congratulations to Sarah Huff and Gregory Jansen



Congratulations to Sarah Dawn Huff and Gregory Alan Jansen who were united in marriage at Calvary Christian Reformed Church on May 17, 2025. Sarah's parents are Rick and Barbara Huff. Sarah grew up in Monroe, Iowa and graduated from Prairie City-Monroe High School. Gregory's parents are Rodney and Leanne Jansen, who are members of Calvary Church. Gregory grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Pella Christian High School.

Sarah and Gregory met through Facebook dating. They had their first face to face meeting at Perkins Restaurant where they enjoyed each other's company, and the rest is history. Their wedding was a beautiful time of celebration with family and friends. Their wedding colors were black and blue with white. Pink and silver were also their accent colors. Sarah and Gregory's wedding was the last wedding officiated by Pastor Brad Bierma before he left Calvary Church.

The couple enjoyed a beautiful honeymoon together as they traveled to Ohio, staying at Hocking Hills State Park. They enjoyed stops at Columbus, Ohio Zoo, and Mansfield, Ohio to see the Ohio State Reformatory. Their last stop was seeing the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky.

Sarah's hobbies include cross-stitching and listening to audio books. Greg enjoys going to sporting events and going golfing with his dad. Together they enjoy watching movies and spending time with family.

Greg and Sarah make their home in Urbandale, Iowa, along with their two cats, Charlie and Clover, who keep them on their toes. Sarah is a member of The Bridge, a reformed church in Johnston, Iowa, where Greg will join her in worship.

Calvary Church offers their congratulations to Mr. Mrs. Gregory Jansen.

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Thrive Faith Formation Tip

When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). How can you show love to God through loving your neighbors this week? Whether it be in helping someone in your building carry groceries, bringing flowers to someone on your street, or buying a special treat for someone in your broader community, find a way to extend an act of love to one of your neighbors. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Andrew Sytsma	2 Aldina Herdegen	3 Barb Van Gorp	4 Angela Vande Zande	5 Logan Gallcher Gerry Harms* Josh Pommer	6 Jim A. Van Zee
7 	8	9	10 Eric Vande Zande Katherine Mick	11 Amy Bandstra Krista Van Gelder Noah Nunnikhoven	12 	13 Tim Roose Emma Sanders
14 Gavin Ulferts Derek Vander Ark	15 Mary Elsloo*	16	17 	18 Geneva Jansen*	19 Brooks De Vries	20
21	22 Eric Van Wymbarden Geneva Van Zanten*	23	24 Teresa Ulferts Steve Theune	25 Jo-Ann Blom* Reagan Rus Bennett Klingenberg	26 Emily Dockter	27 Alex Sandbulte
28 Bernie Spoelstra* Lois Van Houweingen	29 	30 Elle Clendenen		