

CALVARY COURIER

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Devotions: Council president Eric Vande Zande opened the meeting with devotions from *The Good News We Almost Forgot* by Kevin DeYoung, reflecting on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1 and the comfort of belonging to Christ.

Prayer: The Council gave thanks that Randy could rejoin us after his illness. Prayers were offered for the Young Adult Ministry Care Team, for Ivan Mulder's Disaster Relief Services trip, for Fran De Haan's February trip to Haiti, for the soon-to-be-formed pastor search team, and for healing for Olivia Van Beek following her broken ankle.

Sharing and Appreciation: Council expressed gratitude for the Mandate/Vision Team and for the congregation's thoughtful input. The recent sermons introducing the mandate have been well received. Appreciation was also shared for the young people joining the Missions Committee and for the many volunteers—especially youth—who serve in worship each week. Council noted the growing trust within and among ministry teams.

Pastoral Updates: Pastor Roger reported on his work and asked Council to review the priorities of his Specialized Transition Minister role so he can focus his remaining time well. Pastor Nate's report highlighted his monthly activities and noted the first meeting of the Young Adult Ministry Care Team on January 26. Pastor Sheldon reported on his visits and his participation in three December funerals.

Classis Delegates: Elder Eric Vande Zande and Deacon Cindy Gritters will attend Classis at Connect Church on February 28.

Vision Team: The Vision team reported on the status of their work. Documentation has been produced that describes the vision and mandate. If Council approves their final version, a presentation to the congregation will follow shortly.

Administrative Council: Shepherd assignments for staff were finalized, Elder/Deacon/Care Shepherd districts were updated to include new Council members, committee assignments were made, and schedules for prayer and property monitoring were published.

Sanctuary Maintenance: Council approved Building and Grounds' recommendation to refresh the sanctuary. The project includes repainting (same color), new carpet, new pew seat pads, refinished pew tops, and added padded backs. The work will take about three weeks, during which worship will be held in the PCHS auditorium. The team was encouraged to look for a time with minimal impact to Sunday School. Once more specifics are worked out on schedule and logistics more details will be presented in front of the congregation.

Pastor Search Committee: Council reviewed potential candidates and approved a motion authorizing the Administrative Council to form the initial list and add names if any nominees decline.

Prayer & Praise Email: Council approved a weekly Prayer & Praise email. Christy Van Zee will begin this effort, with an emphasis on timely communication and sensitivity to those who prefer not to have information shared.

Planning Center Scheduling: Council discussed scheduling more volunteer roles through Planning Center, including Fellowship Coffee servers and before-service greeters. More greeters are needed, and this role may be opened to members beyond the current Council greeters. A suggestion was made to place a list of members in the Fellowship Hall and allow individuals to cross out their names if they prefer not to be greeters.

Correspondence: The Deacons received notice from Resonate Global Mission that their budget has been reduced by four million dollars, and they are seeking additional funds outside the regular budget process.

Closing: Elder Jerry Bandstra closed the meeting with prayer.

725 Ministries

On Tuesday, January 13 the Young At Heart Group was blessed to hear the testimony of Kristi Pinegar as she answered the burden God has placed on her heart to form 725 Ministries. 725 Ministries was formed in 2012 and was founded as a formal 501(c)(3) ministry in 2014. Kristi, along with Tricia Van Zee, form relationships with higher-risk children, teenagers, young adults and their families who are navigating the storms of life.



Kristi and Tricia are available 24/7/52 but do this work specifically on Tuesday and Thursdays by serving after school snacks to about 45 to 60 kids at the Reserves apartment complex. They also serve meals to those who need them. Through the love of Kristi and Tricia, the kids are helped to defeat isolation, celebrate milestones, and navigate the storms that they find themselves in. While we can't out-run our storms, we can navigate through them. *"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock"* Matthew 7:25.

The Young At Heart group was pleased to hear that the Calvary Evangelism Committee supports 725 Ministries in a big way. In January, they provided 30 pounds of browned hamburger for the ministry to use in various ways. Other ways of supporting 725 Ministries are financially and through your prayers. The 725 Ministries office is in the back half of Tulip City Agency at 916 Washington Street. For more information you can contact Kristi at 641-780-7868 or 725ministries@gmail.com







The Calvary Memorial Fund

The Calvary Memorial Fund Committee would like to acknowledge the gifts received in 2025 in memory of Calvary's loved ones. The following gifts have been received: Cornie Van Hal, June Slagter, Vernon Van Zanten, and LeNora Van Weelden, Video Ministry; Terry Van Zee, Lucy Stravers, Grace Van Ryswyk, and anonymous, Church Music Ministry; Pastor Tom Dykstra, Jonathan De Nooy, and James B. Van Zee, Calvary Memorial Garden; Betty Bruxvoort, Elva Vos, and Vernon Van Zanten, Church Van Ministry; Bill Nikkel for the Church Library Ministry and the Church Nursery Ministry; Betty Bruxvoort and Nelson Roozeboom, Cary Christian Center; Audrey Veldhouse for Roseland Christian Ministries; and Paul Vos for missionaries Joel and Jeannie Huyser. \$6,141.56 has been donated to the Memorial Fund in 2025. 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 \$131,354.49 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, Becky Disselkoen, Ricki Lanser or Lee Veldhuizen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Dave Van Maanen	3 	4 Pat Ribbens	5 Luella Bandstra-Johnson *	6 Andrea Vander Ark	7 Lisa Groenendyk Wayne Vande Zande
8 Sue Robinson	9 Leanne Jansen	10	11 Zach Marsh	12 Briar Gritters	13 Peggy De Nooy Bianca Kanis	14 Kevin Bolt Seraphina Dafflitto
15 Jan Jungling Ruby Rus	16 Michelle Gritters	17 Joel Verhoef	18	19 Andrew De Haan Wil Stallinga *	20	21
22	23 Mike Jansen Sheri Plate	24 Carol Ribbens Edwin Roose * Sharon Roose Curtis Vink Lincoln Pommer	25 	26 Monte Vander Ark Bethany Holesinger	27 	28 Joel Gritters Pastor Sheldon