

CALVARY COURIER

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Children's Worship

Since 1992, **Children's Worship at Calvary** has offered a unique sacred space for our 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. Each Sunday, we gather in our dedicated worship center to connect with God through a service specifically designed for their developmental level. By following a structured order of worship, we provide an experience that goes beyond a typical nursery or school setting, inviting our youngest members into a genuine life of faith.

This is our order of worship:

1. Approach
Build the Circle
Child of the Day
Offering: "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"
2. Greeting
"We have come here today,
to be with God.
To work with the stories of God,
To praise God, and to pray."
Before Easter we say: "The Lord be with
you and also with you."
After Easter we say: "Christ is risen, the
Lord is risen indeed."
3. Songs of Praise
4. God's Word
Prayer: "Be Still and Know"
Story
5. Response or Feast
6. Closing Circle
Light the Christ candle
Read the Bible
Prayer requests and Prayer
7. Shalom
"God Bless You"



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World Renew DRS –Ivan Mulder

Calvary Courier:

I had the privilege of serving with World Renew Disaster Recovery Services, January 9-23, doing Unmet Needs Assessments. There was a team of nine. We were put up in a motel in Dunnellon, FL. The walk-in centers were in five different towns: Suwanee, Cross City, Cedar Key, Chiefland, and Yankeetown, in the Marion, Dixie, and Levy Tri-County area. The towns were 30 to 45 miles from the motel so travel time extended our work days. We put 1,600 miles on the rental car.

This disaster recovery service was mainly a follow up to hurricanes Milton and Helene that devastated large areas of Florida, September 2024. The Tri-County Long-term Recovery Group was responsible for promoting the dates and times we would be at walk-in centers. Our team met with individuals and families who came to the centers to describe deficiencies remaining in their houses, such as the number of walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, appliances, fixtures that still need repair or replacing. Most had already done significant work to their homes, but ran out of money to complete. The surveys we completed were given to the local long-term recovery group which assigns case workers, as well as attempts to secure funding for DRS workers to come later to complete the renovations. The communities along the Gulf require homes to be elevated as much as 16 feet, which is an expensive process. While some of our surveys included that detail in the "wish list," DRS does not provide assistance for that.

Added pleasures were worshipping at a Baptist and Methodist church, observing manatees at the Crystal River reserve, seeing a close-up of the Gulf, driving along miles of tree-lined forests, observing logging and lumber milling, visiting with two couples who are wintering in Florida, and working with servant-hearted team members. I would like to do another unmet needs assessment, the Lord willing.

You are encouraged to check out opportunities with World Renew Disaster Recovery Services. You can receive regular email updates describing needs and locations. The Calvary Missions Committee will also provide a \$500 stipend if you so desire.
Ivan Mulder



YouTube & Spotify

We believe that the impact of a Sunday morning doesn't have to end when you leave the sanctuary. We are thrilled to announce two new channels for our ministry:

The first is the Calvary Pella YouTube channel with the videos of our worship services. You can find us at this web address: <https://www.youtube.com/@calvaryPELLAIOWA>

The second is our Podcast on Spotify: Calvary Church: Inspiring Sermons for Today's Journey. You can find us by searching for Calvary Church in Pella, Iowa. Hit the follow button to stay up to date. Whether you're commuting, exercising, or finding a quiet moment at home, you can now take our weekly sermons with you. It's more than just a recording; it's an opportunity to revisit a message that moved you or catch up on a service you might have missed. Let's walk this journey together, one message at a time. Blessings, The Multi-media Ministries Team



YOUTUBE
CHANNEL



PODCAST
ON SPOTIFY

The First Fifteen Years of Pella

The Young At Heart group had an enjoyable afternoon on Tuesday, February 10, as they once again hosted the Deborah Circle from First Church of Pella. The Deborah Circle is a Bible Study group of older ladies who perform reader's theater plays in February of each year to different local groups. In the past at Calvary Church, they have done two other plays about the history of Pella and plays about biblical characters they have studied throughout the year.

This year the reader's theater group performed the play, "The First Fifteen Years of Pella". During the five-scene play we learned many interesting things about Pella's history. We did not only learn how to dress a chicken, but we also learned how to butcher a chicken. We learned that it is very important to pull the intestines of the chicken out without breaking them.

In scene four we heard how appreciative Dirkie, Scholte's maid (played by Christy Van Zee), was for the Scholtes bringing her along to America with them. Maria Scholte was very sad when Dirkie told them that she was getting married and was going to leave them and their lovely house. Maria just didn't know who would fix her hair, lay out her clothes, and fasten her buttons when Dirkie wasn't there. Even though Dirkie was getting married, Maria thought she should be able to stay and work for them because they did give her Sunday mornings and Christmas Day off as long as she had the meals prepared for them. Thanks to Koelman, their gardener (played by Jim Van Zee), Maria became a little happier when she was told that the willows made an arch over the path in her garden and the grapes were starting to ripen, so they would soon be making wine. Koelman also had another surprise. He had built a croquet court in the garden for the guests at Maria's garden parties.

Did you know that the First Reformed Church of Pella was formed because the consistory of the Scholte church got upset with Dominie Scholte? The president of the consistory called a special meeting when Dominie Peter Scholte was out of town. They were getting tired of Dominie Scholte being out of town for political reasons, more than he was preaching. Some decided to break away from Scholte Church and formed the First Reformed Church.

It was an afternoon of laughter, chuckles, delicious snacks and good fellowship.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Laurie Goodyk	Aaron Sandbulte	Sarah Jansen Lilburn Jansen* Adrian Vos Esmirna Rodriguez	Randy Nugteren Cynthia Van Wyk Lee Veldhuizen*	Connie Roozeboom		Kipp Ulferts
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Laurie Goodyk	Aaron Sandbulte		Randy Nugteren Cynthia Van Wyk Lee Veldhuizen*	Alexis Daffitto Lee Roose		Leasa Jansen Levi Vermeer
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 Chloe Huisman	Ivan Mulder* Darcy Horstman		Joyce Nikkel* Steve Ver Meer	Drew Van Wyngarden Cornie Ribbens Katelyn Van Hal Adalyn Van Hal	Esther Van Weelden* Rachel Jochems	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Zach De Vries Fran Poortinga*	Jerry Bandstra Sadie Holesinger		Jeremiah Schutte Mya Huisman	Emma Van Wyngarden Bev Van Zee
29	30	31				
	Paul Hofman Annebelle Clendenen					