

CALVARY COURIER

August 2026

Council Highlights

Devotions: Council president Eric Vande Zande opened the meeting with devotions from The Good News We Almost Forgot by Kevin DeYoung, reflecting on God's justice, our disobedience and the justification that Christ provides.

Prayer: The council prayed for the families of Marilyn Vos and Duane Van Maanen following their recent deaths. Gratitude was expressed for two grandchildren born in Dan and Andi Van Kooten's family. And gratitude for sustaining Pastor Nate and Caitlyn in their busy summer of travel.

Sharing and Appreciation: The Council expressed gratitude for the search team and for Pastor Roger's faithful service here, the Council also expressed deep thanks for the Spirit's work in the lives of young people making profession of faith. The Serve Trip and the Chicago trip were both impressive and encouraging. We're thankful for the rejuvenation of the sanctuary, and we appreciate the Prayer and Praise email which is a valuable and encouraging communication tool.

Pastor Roger noted the visits he made. He recently enjoyed a week off and is looking forward to the upcoming service with Connect Church. The Council expressed appreciation for his acceptance of the contract extension.

Pastor Nate noted his activities in the last few months which involved wrapping up Youth Group meetings in May, participating in Vacation Bible School, the SERVE trip to Ft Collins, CO., The Chicago trip and a profession of faith class. There are potentially 7 young people making professions of faith in August. He noted that the Young Adult ministry is developing and he has been involved in social events with that group.

Pastor Sheldon noted that his activity has picked up in recent weeks with funerals and visits to members.

Mutual Censure: During a time of mutual censure the Council discussed ways in which the work of the Council could be improved as well as ways in which things have gone well.

Hosting SERVE: The Council supported and approved a commitment to hosting SERVE in 2027-2030. This opportunity offers a transformative impact on the church, the community, and the young people and adults who participate, reinforcing the mission of living out our faith "Every day, Everywhere," including seeing Pella itself as a mission field. With a three-year commitment and costs covered by Therefore Go, SERVE will require adjustments to the youth group schedule and possibly the Chicago trip, along with meaningful participation from the congregation through both a core team and a larger support team. Providing valuable work sites and strong worship experiences will be essential, and Pella's role as a new SERVE location offers advantages such as reduced travel time for many groups. We will be under the guidance of SERVE director Amanda Roozeboom, who walks alongside hosts throughout the process.

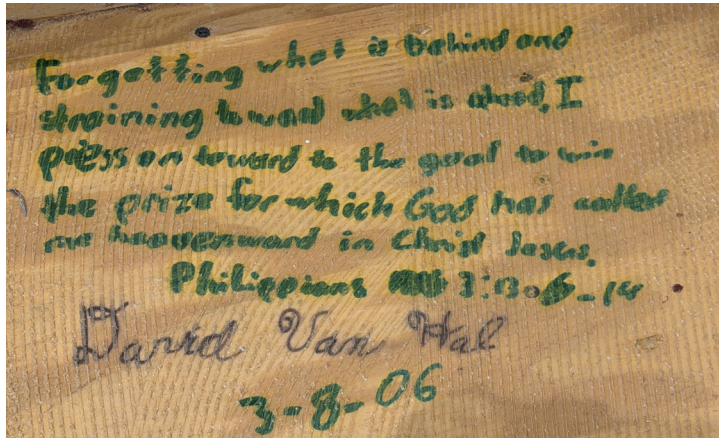
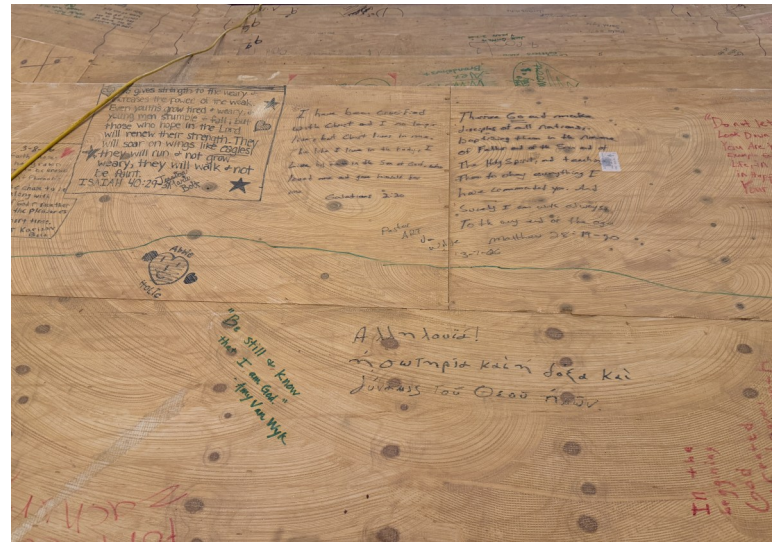
Classis: Delegates were chosen for the Classis meeting in September.

Scholarship Request: A request for tuition assistance was received from Ryan Bouwkamp. The Council supported the concept and referred the matter to the Deacons to work out the details.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pam Gallaher
2 Bev Rozendaal*	3 Liam Johannes	4	5	6 Jessica Allen	7 Aubrey Blom	8 
9	10 Leann Nunnikhoven Tyler Daffitto	11	12 Amy Herdegen Matt Disselkoen	13 Leland Van Kooten	14 Sarah Dockter Cathy Vroom Oliver Klingenberg	15 Lea Huisman
16 Casey Van Weelden* Becky Disselkoen	17 	18 Carter De Haan Kristen Mass	19 	20 Gabrielle Clendenen	21 Cass Rozendaal* Owen Verhoeef	22 Jamin Schutte Luther St Clair
23 Nyah Melo Rodriguez	24 Alva De Boef* Colt Kelderman	25 Kevin Herdegen	26 Jett Kelderman Dawn Wood	27 Rob Bandstra Marv Brukvoort* Lilian Nikkel* Lucas Disselkoen	28	29 Phylis Lanser
30 Lucille Van Wyk*	31 Andy Wood			