

# The Calvary Courier

Calvary CRC  
Pella, Iowa

**SEEK. GROW. SERVE in Christ**

June 2015

**Note:** The deadline for the May Courier is **noon on Thursday, June 25**. Items can be dropped off in the church office, or by e-mail at [secretary@calvary-crc.org](mailto:secretary@calvary-crc.org). Thanks, Heidi Vande Kamp, **628-4552**. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail send a message to [secretary@calvary-crc.org](mailto:secretary@calvary-crc.org) or visit our website at [www.calvarypella.org](http://www.calvarypella.org). Office hours: Tues. Wed. and Fri. 8:30-noon, Thurs. 8:30-3:30.

## WORDS OF THANKS:

*I want to express my thanks to the congregation for the cards, prayers and expressions of concern during my stay at the hospital. Also for the visits of Pastor Brad, elders Adrian and David and deacon Matt. Above all we thank God for His healing mercies.*  
~ Guy Jansen

*Thank you so much dear Calvary friends for all expressions of concern following Don's heart surgery and also in the loss of our brother-in-law Frank Gritters and Don's sister Nancy Gritters. Although we have experienced difficulties and sadness in the past few weeks, we have been lifted up through your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. It is truly a joy and blessing to belong to a caring family of God.*  
~ Don & Linda Rus

*A sincere thanks to the Calvary CRC family for the outpouring of love and sympathy expressed to us in the loss of Case VDH. Your generosity in providing food for our large family through the Care Coordinators, meals, visits, cards, facebook, memorial gifts, and above all your hugs and prayers. Thanks extends to Pastor Brad and Pastor Sheldon for their visits and wonderful service. We miss our husband, dad, grandpa, grandpa great, and brother-in-law, but know that he is now with our Lord and Savior and someday we will join him. "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed for His compassions (mercy) never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 ~ The family of Case Vander Hart and Martena De Groot*

*Words cannot begin to adequately express our heartfelt thanks for the many ways the family of Calvary Church showed love and concern to us following Frank's unexpected death. We so appreciated the cards, the food, the memorials, the visits and the many sincere prayers offered on our behalf. Frank dearly loved, valued, and enjoyed the family of Calvary Church. Thank you for showing us Christ's love.*  
~ Revena Gritters and family

## COFFEE SERVERS FOR JUNE:

A schedule of Sunday morning coffee servers is located on the kitchen south wall. If you exchange with someone, please update this schedule accordingly. Servers, please arrive approx. 25 minutes before the service to prepare coffee time. Instructions are located on the south wall. Thank you for your service.

**June 7:** Bruce & Lisa Groenendyk, Gerald & Marilyn Harms, Kevin & Amy Herdegen

**June 14:** Paul & Karla Hofman, Fran & Sheila De Haan, Steve & Sheri Holwerda

**June 21:** Gerry & Marilyn Harms, Arvin & Judy Kelderman, Ryan & Michelle Kelderman

**June 28:** John & Jana Magnussen, Randy & Brenda Nugteren, Steve & Breanne Patel

## USHERS FOR JUNE:

10:00 a.m. Service: John Van Gorp: Head Usher, Dave Van Maanen, Joel Van Maanen, Casey Van Weelden

6:00 p.m. Service: Arvin Van Hal: Head Usher, Harris Van Kooten, Doug Van Wyk

## GREETERS FOR JUNE:

### June 7

**AM** – Dan & Deanne Sytsma (E. Narthex)  
Steve & Sue Theune (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Gary & Corinne Verhoef (Narthex Roving Greeter)

**PM** – Larry & Mary Van Arendonk (E. Narthex),  
Margaret Van De Kieft & Lenora Van Norden  
(Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),  
Matt & Katie Miller (Narthex Roving Greeter)

### June 14

**AM** – Alex & Allie Thomas (E. Narthex)  
Kipp & Teresa Ulferts (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Steve & Marla Vermeer (Narthex Roving Greeter)

**PM** – Ed & Betty Vande Pol (E. Narthex),  
Dick Vander Laan (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Tim Schut (Narthex Roving Greeter)

### June 21

**AM** – Eric & Angela Vande Zande (E. Narthex)  
Galyn & Lori Vande Zande (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Jerry & Deb Bandstra (Narthex Roving Greeter)

**PM** – Cornelia Vander Wilt (E. Narthex),  
Evan & Krista Van Gelder (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Kyle & Allison Van Wyngarden (Narthex Roving Greeter)

### June 28

**AM** – John & Barb Van Gorp (E. Narthex)  
Arvin & Brenda Van Hal (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Kevin & Kim Bolt (Narthex Roving Greeter)

**PM** – Jake & Bernice Van Gorp (E. Narthex),  
Cornie & Marinella Van Hal (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),

Kevin & Amy Herdegen (Narthex Roving Greeter)

## LIBRARY FOR JUNE:

### June 7:

**AM** – Lillian Nikkel, Wilma Van Kooten

**PM** – Bernice Van Gorp

### June 14:

**AM** – Ruth Huyser, Lori Vande Zande

**PM** – Krista Van Gelder

### June 21:

**AM** – Lanai Van Hal, Karla Hofman

**PM** – Judy Oppewall

### June 28:

**AM** – Linda Rus, Twyla Van Wyk

**PM** – Wilma Van Kooten

## BROADCASTS FOR JUNE:

**KRLS** 92.1 FM 6:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Calvary CRC Worship Service.

### PELLA CABLE CHANNEL PTV12

Monday 7:00 p.m. – Calvary's Morning Service

Friday 7:00 p.m. – Calvary's Evening Service

**GROUNDWORK:** You can listen to Groundwork anytime on your computer at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com), or on KBOE 740 AM on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

- **June 7: WEALTH, PATIENCE AND SUFFERING:** Together we'll study James 5 to discover the implications of James' closing warning about wealth, patience and suffering for how we live out our faith today.
- **June 14: CHRIST CAME TO SAVE SINNERS:** Is it ever possible to sin more than Christ can redeem? In 1 Timothy 1 the Apostle Paul makes a powerful statement so all faithful believers can clearly identify the truth about Christ's salvation.
- **June 21: A NOBLE TASK:** In 1 Timothy 3 Paul affirms that serving the Lord is a noble and admirable task. But are you willing to live a life worthy of that noble task? We will discuss this second trustworthy saying from Paul to help us evaluate our own life aspirations.
- **June 28: THE VALUE OF GODLINESS:** Think about what you find valuable in your life. Then join us as we study 1 Timothy 4 to find out why Paul says: "Well that's good...but godliness is better."

**CROSSROAD CONNECTION:** Tune in at [www.cbi.tv](http://www.cbi.tv).

- **Week of June 7: THE WAR ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Human trafficking may be an issue overseas, but does it happen here in West Michigan? Hear startling statistics from Becky McDonald, founder and president of Women at Risk, International, as she shares how WAR, Int'l creates circles of protection for vulnerable women around the world.
- **Week of June 14: MAINTAINING THE HEART OF A MINISTRY:** This week, Dee Obrecht, the new executive director of Criminal Justice Chaplaincy, discusses how she is building on the foundation established by the ministry's founder, Jim Vander Schaaf, in order to help returning citizens reconstruct their lives.
- **Week of June 21: EMPOWERING RETURNING CITIZENS WITH HELP AND HOPE:** Is a successful reentry to society

dependent on landing a job? Finding a house? Joining a church? While all of these are key factors, Pastor Jim Bright, executive director of Living Water Prison Ministry Network, explains why hope is the most foundational element for reentry success.

- **Week of June 28: REMEMBERING CRIME VICTIMS:** This week, Jon Wilmot, director of the Restorative Justice Coalition, explains how a purely punitive response to crime can sideline the people most desperate for healing: the crime victims themselves.

**WELCOME CENTER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:**

<b>June 7:</b>	
10:00 a.m. Service	Cornie Vander Wilt
6:00 p.m. Service	Dave Gritters
<b>June 14:</b>	
10:00 a.m. Service	Diane Vos
6:00 p.m. Service	Geneva Jansen
<b>June 21:</b>	
10:00 a.m. Service	Steve Veenstra
6:00 p.m. Service	Lee Zondervan
<b>June 28:</b>	
10:00 a.m. Service	Betty Bruxvoort
6:00 p.m. Service	Dorothy Van Kooten

**OFFERINGS FOR JUNE:**

- June 7:**  
**AM – Chicago Westside School:** Your gift will be used to create a scholarship for a student at Westside Christian School in Chicago. Westside Christian serves families who desire a Christian education for their children.  
**PM – Lake View Camp:** A non-profit Christian camping ministry based in Pella. Summer camps have been held since 2002 for a variety of ages. Their mission is to provide a broken world with environments where lives encounter God’s love.
- June 14:**  
**AM – Calvary Education Fund:** The purpose of the Calvary CRC Education Fund is to provide an opportunity for the Calvary congregation to assist parents with the financial costs of providing a Christ-centered education for their children.  
**PM – Doug Higby:** Doug & Priscilla work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They make Germany their home base while Doug serves as the International Coordinator for Language Technology Use and Priscilla serves at Black Forest Academy.

- June 21:**  
**AM – Bethany Van Kooten:** Bethany is serving abroad learning the Chinese language and teaching the English language. She hopes, through her work, to form relationships with those around her and let them know of the love the Father has for them.  
**PM – Justin Van Zee:** Justin serves with Christian Reformed World Missions as he works for New Life Fellowship of Phnom Penh Thmey in Cambodia.
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**PM – Mike Ribbens:** Mike & Megan and their three children serve as missionaries in South Africa through Christian Reformed World Missions. They work to bring transformation and reconciliation through the following initiatives: Leadership Development through the Timothy Leadership Training Institute, Advocacy for Children, Church Planting, Farming in Faith, and Theological Educational Development.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

- **Martha De Boef:** Fair Haven East Rm. 209, 607 E. Third Street, Pella
- **Bertha Brouwer:** The Cottages, Friesland Apt. 18, 1742 Main St., Pella, 620-4758 or 780-9543
- **Norma Nibbelink:** 906 Hazel St. Apt. 109, Pella
- **Jodi Hessing:** 910 Boston Way, Apt. 4, Coralville, IA 52241
- **Dan & Tricia Nikkel:** 522 SE Lawrence Dr., Ankeny, IA 50021
- **Louise Nikkel:** Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehab Center, Rm 300, 2401 Crestview Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

**THE DEACON’S GRATEFULLY REPORT** the following gifts and offerings for the month of April:

Benevolence	\$531.15
Calvary Education Fund	\$1,995.62
Bible League International	\$832.00
Dordt Debt Reduction Drive	\$323.00
Crystal Van Kooten	\$1,391.51
Newton Prison Church	\$414.10
COC	\$257.00

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY COUNCIL MEETING:**

- Dave Gritters read from Proverbs 3:1-12 and opened with prayer.
- The membership papers for Chad & Sarah Johnson and their baptized children Collin and Tessa were transferred to Third Reformed Church in Pella.
- Jim Van Zee requested that Council members check with the Chairperson/Secretary of the respective committees that they are on so that we can obtain the digital records of the committee minutes.
- Jim Van Zee reported on the progress with the new building addition. More than 795 manhours have been volunteered by Calvary members. A total of \$1,085,300 in cash and pledges have been donated to this project and there has been \$534,235 in expenses incurred up to this point.
- Pastor Brad reported on the many visits to members he was able to make during the week that he didn't preach.
- Pastor Sheldon reported on his meeting regarding the Regional Pastor duty that he has taken on.
- Pastor Todd reported on the upcoming professions of faith of Jason Holwerda and Annaliese Admiraal. He has had meetings with Youth Group leaders putting together a calendar for the upcoming year. He is also planning for Vacation Bible School and a Youth Group trip to Chicago in June.
- Highlights of the last Consistory meeting and Deacons meeting were reviewed.

**THE DEACONS** report envelope donations received versus budget through the month of April:

Fund	Budget YTD	Actuals Amount Received	Over/(Short)
General	\$152,555.00	\$153,874.24	\$1319.24
Mission	\$ 86,803.33	\$ 61,687.00	(\$25,116.33)

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TOTAL OUTDOORSMEN** are hosting our annual Fishing Day on June 6. We will be meeting at Red Rock Access 31, just west of Roberts Creek at 7:00 am. It should be a great day of fun, fishing and fellowship. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 in the shelter house by Access 31. Boats are welcome and we encourage everyone to bring a youth or someone who needs to know the Lord. We hope to see you there.

**M.O.S.T. (MOMS OF SPECIAL TREASURES)**

Moms, if you have a child with special needs of any kind, we invite you to join our support group. Whether your child is still an infant or well into adulthood, we know you deal with some unique parenting challenges. MOST meets the 3rd Monday evening of each month at the Sanctuary ministry center (717 Main St.—not the store). Our next meeting will be Monday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Bev Roozeboom for more information at 641-780-1076 or [bevroozeboom@gmail.com](mailto:bevroozeboom@gmail.com).

**GATEWAY TO HOPE GARDEN TOUR:** The fifth annual Gateway to Hope Garden Tour is coming June 19-21. Donations to the tour will fund programs for Nicaraguan children and youth. More details available at [www.friendsofchinandega.wordpress.com](http://www.friendsofchinandega.wordpress.com)

**RESERVE** the evening of June 21 for an evening of musical talent, worship of our Lord, and the opportunity to contribute to Bibles for South America, sponsored by the Bible League. The musical program is planned for Sunday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. at Peoria Christian Reformed Church.

**NEEDED:** The summer sports seasons are here and the PCHS Eagle Boosters are in need of hamburger and pies to serve at their concession stand. If you are willing to donate please contact Barb Gosselink at [blggosselink@gmail.com](mailto:blggosselink@gmail.com) or text 641-780-0379.

**INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING** in a slow-pitch summer softball league? The South Central Iowa Church Slow Pitch Softball League is looking to add teams to the league. The season will start approximately the end of June up to Labor Day. Games are played one night a week at the Sully Ball Park. If you are interested in putting a team together for your church please contact Kevin Van Maanen (780-3863 or e-mail [kmvm25@gmail.com](mailto:kmvm25@gmail.com)) by June 5.

**RESERVE SATURDAY, JULY 11** for the Sully Christian School 4 person Best Shot Golf Tournament to be held at the Diamond Trail Golf Course in Lynnville. Shotgun starts at 8:00 a.m. Registration is \$65 per person if you sign up before July 1, and \$70 per person if you register after July 1. Your registration fee includes golf, cart rental, 1 Mulligan, Putting Contest and lunch. Please contact Brent & Beth Vander Molen to register your team at 641-594-4335 or [threeps2@netins.net](mailto:threeps2@netins.net). Get your team together and come out and support Sully Christian!