

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Missouri Synod

You're invited!

Installation of Reverend Aaron D. Uphoff

at

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watseka, IL



Rev. Uphoff with his wife Allison son Nathan, & daughter Ruth

Sunday, September 27, 2020 | 3:00 PM CDT

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Pastor Aaron D. Uphoff grew up on a farm outside of Beason, IL (near Lincoln). After high school he served in the Illinois Army National Guard while attending Western Illinois University, graduating in 2008. During college he joined the Lutheran Church after becoming involved with the Lutheran campus ministry. He went to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, graduating in 2014. His wife, Allison, is from Marquette, MI. They have been blessed with one son, Nathan, and a daughter, Ruth.

**Join us as we laud and magnify the glorious name of our Lord
God at the installation of Pastor Uphoff to our congregation!**

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT (08/28/2020)

- On July 21st, Calvary's Voters Assembly elected **Rev. Aaron Uphoff**—pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Randolph, NJ—to the Office of Pastor and extended him a Divine Call.
- On August 23rd, Pastor Uphoff announced his **acceptance** of our call to be our pastor. (letter of acceptance printed below)

Monday, August 24th, 2020


Attn: Call Committee Chairman, Kerry Bell
Calvary Lutheran Church
120 East Hickory St.
Watseka, IL 60970

Dear Members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

After much deliberation and prayer, I have decided to accept the Divine Call to serve as your pastor. I thank you for your prayers over the last several weeks and ask that you would continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as we conclude our time in Randolph and prepare to move to Watseka. Also, please keep Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in your prayers as they prepare for the process of Calling a new pastor.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and serving as your pastor!

In Christ,



Rev. Aaron Uphoff, Pastor
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Randolph, New Jersey

- The Uphoff's will be moving in around Sept 21-23. They will be here worshiping as part of the congregation on Sept 26th & 27th.

Installation Service Information:

- **Pastor Uphoff will be installed on the afternoon of Sunday, September 27th at 3 PM.**
An outdoor reception (*weather permitting*) is being planned following the installation service.
The reception will be catered.
- **Pastor Uphoff's first services in the pulpit will be October 3rd and 4th.**
- Please pray for Pastor Uphoff and family as they prepare to move to Illinois. *Please also keep Good Shepherd in Randolph, NJ in prayer as they begin their own vacancy and calling process.*

90 Years of Calvary Pastorate

Calvary celebrated its 90th anniversary of its founding on August 25, 2020. Below is a compendium of our church's 90 years of pastorate, written by Murray Schaumburg, taken from accounts and documents left by Rev. B.F. Prange.

September 1929: The Northern Illinois District sent Missionary-at-Large Rev. Horace Harman to the "unorganized little flock" in Watseka. The flock worshiped in the Judge Raymond-owned frame building on North Street.

January 1930: Rev. Daniel Hennig of Mokena, IL was a Missionary-at-Large and was assigned to Watseka. Pastor Hennig, his wife, and two children moved to Watseka on January 28, 1930, residing at 227 E. Hickory St. Rev. Horace Hartman (Elmwood Park, IL) became pastor of our congregation.

August 25, 1930: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Congregation was formally organized according to the original constitution. Basic and foremost statements in the constitution making Calvary a truly and soundly Confessional Lutheran Church were adopted on August, 1930.

May 8, 1931: Pastor Hennig announced that Calvary was to have its own pastor. The congregation followed the suggestion of the Mission Board and called a graduate of Concordia-St. Louis to the pastorate.

August 23, 1931: Rev. H.A. Dick was installed as the first resident pastor of Calvary. Pastor Dick accepted a call in January 1935.

February 1935: Rev. W.W. Winter of Chebanse, IL began serving the congregation as vacancy pastor until April 6, 1935.

April 7, 1935: Rev. B.F. Prange was formally installed as pastor of Calvary and Our Savior-Milford. Pastor Prange served Our Savior until August 1, 1942. Pastor Prange retired as Calvary's pastor on August 29, 1971.

September 1941 to July 1942: Candidate William Timm assisted Pastor Prange.

September 5, 1971: Rev. J. Robert Cunningham was formally installed as pastor. Pastor Cunningham accepted a call on November 26, 1972.

December 1972 to February 1973: Pastor Prange served as vacancy pastor.

March 1973 to September 15, 1973: Pastor Meier of St. Paul's-Woodworth served as vacancy pastor.

September 16, 1973: Rev. Leon E. Hauser was formally installed as pastor. Pastor Hauser accepted a call on January 9, 1983.

February 1983 to September 17, 1983: Rev. Clarence Helmich of St. Paul's-Woodworth served as vacancy pastor.

September 18, 1983: Rev. Dean L. Bottjen was formally installed as pastor. Pastor Bottjen retired on July 17, 2005, the 30th anniversary of his ordination.

July 18, 2005 to April 29, 2006: Rev. Carl Janssen, a son of our congregation, served as vacancy pastor. Pastor Janssen continued to assist Pastor Love.

April 30, 2006: Rev. Donald G. Love was formally installed as pastor. Pastor Love accepted a call on September 23, 2018.

October 2018 to June 30, 2019: Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner served as vacancy pastor.

July 2019 to September 26, 2020: Rev. Alex McNally, pastor of Faith Lutheran AALC in Watseka has assisted Calvary with worship services and confirmation classes.

September 27, 2020: Rev. Aaron Uphoff will be formally installed as the seventh called pastor of Calvary.

September Birthdays!

Melva Davis (84!)	09/01
Owen Swartz	09/01
Jacob Wessels	09/02
Deanna Martin	09/04
Beth Schaumburg	09/04
April Whittington	09/04
Sally Allhands	09/04
Brian Floriant	09/04
Tina Douglas	09/07
Jim Williams	09/08
Tyler Allhands	09/08
Kyli Rabe	09/08
Lela Hofer (97!)	09/09
Henrietta Lynch (98!)	09/09
Rick Elliott	09/11
Kolby Lefave	09/11
Coy Hamilton	09/11
Jeffrey Bell	09/12
Ruth Bannister	09/12
Tonya Smith	09/12
Tonya Gaffield	09/13
Kay Skates (80!)	09/13
Myka Eckert	09/13
Donald West	09/16
Michelle Atwood (40!)	09/16
Brayden Shephard (10!)	09/16
Madelyn Pfingsten	09/18
Aaron Inman	09/18
Isaac Anthony	09/18
Bev Chase (70!)	09/19
Mark Kollmann (60!)	09/21
Becca Wright	09/22
Judah Williams	09/23
Katelyn Gaffield	09/24
Shirley Biernat	09/24
Roland Kuhlman (81!)	09/25
Mike Wright	09/27
Ralph Wilkening (88!)	09/27
Jim Kramer	09/27
Nancy Elliott	09/28
Mike Townsend (85!)	09/28
Lukas Lefave	09/28
Betty Regnier	09/29
Dalton Day	09/30
Shelby Jean Townsend (83!)	09/30

September Anniversaries!

Jim & Catherine Williams	09/04/1976
Ryan & Abby Swartz	09/07/2002
James & Connie Bruns (40 years!)	09/13/1980
Jeremy & Tina Douglas	09/20/1992
Tia & Josh Hoy	09/21/2002
Ed & Mary Lou Varner (53 years!)	09/23/1967
Tyler & Michelle Atwood	09/25/1999
Tim & Nancy Wessels	09/26/1992
Tricia & Steven Shephard	09/26/2009
Amy & William Creek	09/29/2001

Slate of Church Officers for 2021

The Nominating Committee has compiled a slate of officers, listed below, to fill positions starting January 2021. Action will be taken at the Voters' Assembly on September 8, 2020.

Recording Sec'y	Diane Natschke
Financial Sec'y	Karen Rudd
Elder	James Bruns
Board of Evangelism	Peggy Lah
Board of Chr. Ed.	Tammy Orr
PreK Board	Laura Carlson
Board of Youth	Todd Kollman
Board of Prop.	Murray Schaumburg

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-IN'S

Pastor McNally is available to give the Lord's Supper to shut-in's in their homes. He can be reached 319-939-4240

Ladies Guild will meet Sept. 8 at 1:00 (not 12:30 as originally scheduled) for a short meeting in the south part of the basement. We will not be having our salad luncheon, but we will be discussing nominations for next year's officers up for election.

Please remember to notify the office if you or a loved one is sick or would like prayers. Thank you!!



Greetings,

Preschool News!

The hallways will soon be filled with noise again. The sound of singing and laughter from preschoolers, always brings a smile to my face! You will notice some changes in the preschool areas. Miss Tina's class will be in Mrs. Ahlden's regular classroom to have more square footage. Mrs.

Ahlden's classroom will temporarily be in the basement playroom, with her students using the downstairs bathrooms. By not allowing each class to share any spaces, it will lessen the exposure of germs for our students. Since we will spend a great deal of time cleaning, we ask that no one enter the preschool areas when school is not in session. Thank you for all of your continued support, love and prayers!

I'd like to give a shout out to our preschool board! We've had many, many decisions to make the last few months. It has been wonderful to brainstorm together, to come up with the best plans we can for our students and their families. To know that we have their full support, is a wonderful feeling! So thank you Haley, Connie, Shelby Jean, Trudy and Abby! Tina and I appreciate you!

Blessings,

Julie Ahlden

Limited access to Preschool areas of Church

With the school year coming quickly, our Preschool will be resuming soon on September 1st & 2nd. The pandemic has presented many new challenges for this fall. Children of one class/age group cannot share areas with children of the other. Consequently, Mrs. Ahlden's 4/5 year old classes will be moving downstairs and Miss Tina's classes will be changing rooms in the Preschool wing. Children will even be arriving at different doors and using different restrooms!

Signs are now posted in areas of the basement and Preschool wing. **We kindly request you limit your access to these areas so sanitation can be maintained – this is especially true of the play area and toys downstairs.**

Please also note that the women's restroom will be utilized during the school day by Mrs. Ahlden's classes.

COVID-19 Pandemic, Service Practices, and PPE

The Elders of Calvary Lutheran Church kindly ask our church members to wear of masks when in church or group meetings. Our goal is to try our best to protect those around us who are most vulnerable. We are happy to be back in church again and pray that we can continue to do so, even as disease crops up around us.

The Elders also have elected to revert back our service practices to those from earlier in June. Congregational singing will be kept to a minimum where possible. Normally sung portions of the liturgy will instead be spoken (Saturday) or sung by a cantor (most Sundays).



Prairieview Lutheran Homes

Carry Out Fall Fish Fry

Friday, September 11, 2020

Lunch 11a.m. – 2p.m. Supper 4 – 7 p.m.

Every effort is being made to still hold the fish fry in a safe manner.

They are also seeking volunteers to help.

Details are available in the church office.

Sunday School and CEC News

Sunday School/Rally Day and CEC will hopefully be starting in October. Since Pastor Uphoff and his family will be arriving late September, we are sure he will want to be included in the planning. Thank you for your patience and we let you know as soon as a date is set. Just a reminder to anyone who is working with our youth to please take the on line training and turn in your certificate to Ben.

ATTENTION: Sunday School, C.E.C. , and VBS Teachers

And ALL volunteers working with children under the age of 18

You must complete the DCFS approved training on child abuse prevention and reporting. The online class takes about 45- 60 minutes and must be completed on an individual basis. The website for the Mandated Reporter training: is: <https://mr.dcfstraining.org/>
