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Coal Valley, Illinois

"Building Community Throughout Our Village."

Trunk 'r Treat Event Was Huge Success

The annual "Trunk R' Treat" Halloween event sponsored by Blackhawk Bank and Trust was held in the Coal Valley Municipal Park on Tuesday, October 21st.

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations for their participation and donations:

Coal Valley Police Department, Coal Valley Fire Department, Coal Valley Township, G&L Auto, The Rock, First Presbyterian Church, 7-Eleven, Shell, Subway, Coal Valley Lions Club, Country Style Ice Cream, New Hope Baptist Church, Happy Joe's/Rudy's Tacos, Argo Management, Valley Hair, Jeep Jammers, The Kids Corner, St. Maria Goretti, Twisted Leather Dance, Purple Violet

Shop, Rock Valley Physical Therapy, Git-N-Go, Realtor Jeff Norton, Bi-State Barricade, Bicentennial School, Blackhawk Area Special Education/Denise Durbin, Gwen & Ruben Escajeda, Coal Valley Chiropractic, Rock Island County Teen Federation 4-H, Party Designs by Calesia, and Robert R. Jones Library.

Special thanks to Deb Till, Blackhawk Bank and Trust Coal Valley Branch Manager and to Blackhawk Bank and Trust for their donations and sponsoring

this event.

Photos below were contributed by The Village of Coal Valley, Deb Till of Blackhawk Bank and Trust- Coal Valley and Coal Valley resident, Dale Seaholm.



CV Kids Turn Out For Trunk 'r Treat



Annual Trunk 'r Treat Brings Candy



CodeRED Emergency Notification System Is Working In the Village of Coal Valley

The Village of Coal Valley is participating in CodeRED®. CodeRED is an emergency notification system to help keep you and your family safe in the event of an emergency.

Alerts are sent from your local public safety agency by mobile app, SMS text, email and more.



If you are a resident of the Village of Coal Valley, visit the website at <https://coalvalleyil.org> or go directly to <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/coal-valley-il-alerts> to register to receive emergency alerts. Residents and visitors can also download the CodeRED app to receive alerts directly to their Smartphone.

The system delivers emergency messages to your landline as well as to your registered mobile device, text and email. The

CodeRED Weather Warning system is an opt-in service that automatically notifies those enrolled of tornado, flash flood, and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).

A "call area" will be marked, identifying street addresses. Telephone numbers will be matched up electronically to these addresses through the use of Geographical Information Systems. A pre-recorded message will be sent out via the telephone with information about the incident and instructions for action to be taken. The message will play when answered by a live person or an answering machine. The system makes three attempts to connect to each number. If you choose to opt in for text messages and/or email alerts, those will also be sent utilizing a similar process.



Register for CodeRED

Did you know it's free to register for CodeRED? It's an important and easy step to help ensure your family is informed and prepared for any emergencies in your area. If your contact information is not in the database — or is outdated — you will not receive alerts.

Follow these steps to register for CodeRED:

Visit the website:
www.coalvalleyil.org

From the main homepage, click on the CodeRED logo

Enter all required fields as indicated by the asterisks

Download the CodeRED mobile app on the App Store or Google Play

When will you receive alerts?

CodeRED will only be used for emergency situations to keep you informed. These are just a few examples of the types of alerts you might receive.

Wildfire

Flood

Boil Advisory

Criminal Activity

Missing Person/Children

Evacuation

What you need to know

- Alerts are location based, and alert only residents in the affected area.
- You may select the types of alerts you wish to receive, from general (community information) to emergency alerts.
- CodeRED app for your mobile device is available for download from the App Store or Google Play.

Download the app today!

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Hi, there, Boys and Girls

I'M COMING TO

THE ROCK

Reception Facility
302 1st Street, Coal Valley

Saturday, December 20th
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Time for mom & dad to get pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus !





Hometown Coal Valley

by Drue Mielke

Being Grateful and Thankful

November holds two important holidays in which we should stop, reflect, remember, and be thankful.

Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, as a country, we set aside a day to honor and remember the brave men and women who served our country to preserve our freedom. We thank all veterans for serving our nation and for the sacrifices they have made.

Thank you for defending our lives and our liberty!

Thanksgiving

As a nation, we trace our Thanksgiving holiday back to the Pilgrims who initially settled in the Netherlands. There they found that they could worship without government interference. But overtime in the Netherlands, the Pilgrims again were seeking a new religious home.

Coming to North America on the Mayflower was a treacherous voyage with strong storms in the Atlantic. The winter of 1620-1621 was extremely brutal.

Those who made it through were met with two friendly American Indians who greeted the Pilgrims and made peace. The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn and capture eels for food. At harvest time in 1621, the Pilgrims gave thanks to God and celebrated with a three-day feast with the American Indians.

It is from this peaceful beginning that we draw from for our Thanksgiving today, a celebration of freedom in the New World that people from around the world will seek, the “huddled masses yearning to breathe free” will find a home as Americans.

Being thankful can be a private affair. There can be personal things that come to mind for which we are thankful. Perhaps it is a bountiful harvest for our farmers. Perhaps it is being thankful for having friends and family that we cherish in our lives. We can be thankful for the strength in our community where organizations and churches can be a lifeline to those in need. This month, I am again providing a list from Colona Methodist Church listing those groups and organizations in our area that support our greater community.

Being thankful isn't always easy. Sometimes it's easier to focus on the negative things that are occurring that distress us due to a psychological phenomenon called “negativity bias” where the human brain is hard-wired to prioritize negative information over positive.

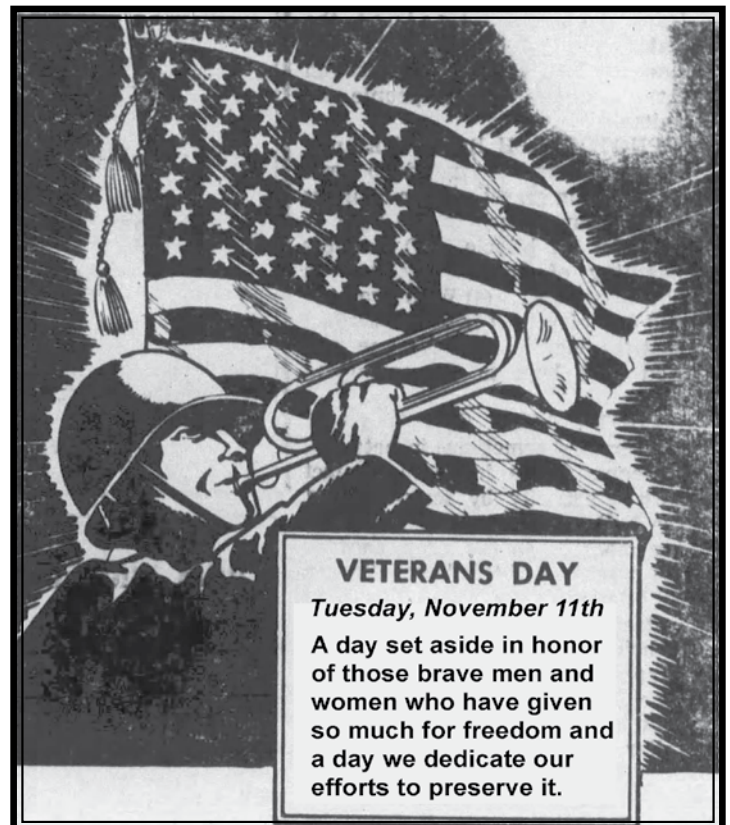
So it's not just a sign of our times. Times haven't changed. *Below is a snippet from a newspaper editorial from 1949...*

Happy Thanksgiving

BEING thankful is a wonderful state of mind to be in only it isn't always easy. Thanksgiving Day calls attention to reasons why this state of mind should be present or, at least, in the state of cultivation but it still finds a great many individuals more resentful than grateful, more distressed by the inconveniences of life than happy about the manifold blessings.

Even more than 75 years ago, distress and resentment clouded being thankful for just being alive and the many good things we still have in our lives- if we only look for them.

*This Thanksgiving,
let's focus on the good that we have
in our lives, the good people around us,
and the blessings
in our community and country-
and be Thankful!*



Robert R. Jones Library Events

NOVEMBER

Toddler Program	Monday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Grade School Program	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Middle/High School Program	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Adult Program	Thursday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
All Ages - Family Program	Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	Saturday	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 4:30 PM: Tales Untold: Teen Writing Series	28  6:00 PM: Write Your Legacy	29 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 2:30 PM: Craft + Color 6:00 PM: Walking Book Club	30 9:00 AM: Read + Roam: Walking Book Club 11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time 3:00 PM: Kids Creative Studio	31 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 	1 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday 
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10 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 	11 Closed in observance of Veterans Day 	12 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 3:30 PM: Art + Audio Club	13 11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time 3:15 PM: Eagle Eye Readers Book Club 6:00 PM: TeenTober Red Carpet Event at the Putnam Museum 	14 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 3:00 PM: Pokémon Club 	15 10:30 AM: Sensory Saturday 
17 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 	18  6:00 PM: Valley Readers Book Club	19 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 2:00 PM: Board + Beyond: Games Club 2:30 PM: Craft + Color 3:30 PM: Art + Audio Club	20 11:00 AM: Toddler Tales Story Time 2:45 PM: Puzzlers 3:15 PM: Read to a Dog 4:00 PM: Pizza + Pages Teen Book Club 	21 10:00 AM: Manipulation Stations 3:00 PM: Lego Club Free Build 	22 11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour 
24 10:00 AM: Knit + Crochet Club of C.V. 11:00 AM: Music + Movement 	25  2:00 PM: Center Stage with Santa: A Musical Meet & Greet 6:00 PM: Write Your Legacy	26 11:00 AM: Wee Littles Art Start 	27  Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day	28  Closed for Autumn Holiday	29 11:00 AM: Tots Together Social Hour 

900 1st Street, Coal Valley, Illinois | 309-799-3047 | www.robertrjoneslibrary.org



BURNING

BURNING LEAVES AND OTHER LANDSCAPE WASTE

It shall be lawful to burn dry leaves and/or other dry landscape waste, such as grass, tree limbs, shrub trimmings and other materials accumulated as a result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees, in the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Following the foregoing designated burning times, fires resulting from burning leaves and other landscape waste shall be completely extinguished and shall not be allowed to continue to smolder beyond the designated burning time.

ATTENDANCE

Burning of leaves and other landscape waste shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is completely extinguished



DEPOSITING AND BURNING LEAVES, OTHER LANDSCAPE WASTE, AND REFUSE ON VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAYS, STREETS, AND SIDEWALKS

It shall be unlawful to deposit and/or burn leaves, landscape waste, or refuse on any Village Right-of-Ways, concrete or asphalt surfaced streets or sidewalks in the Village (See also Section 26, Chapter 1 Streets, Division 1 Streets, Title IX, STREETS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY).

LOCATION

Burning of leaves and other landscape waste shall take place only on the premises from which such leaves and other landscape waste was derived.

BURNING REFUSE

It shall be unlawful at any time to burn rubbish or trash, including but not limited to waste paper products and garbage, or waste material from construction, demolition or renovation of buildings.

DISPOSAL

It shall be unlawful at any time to dispose any leaf/yard material into any creek, stream, ravine or street.

PARKING PROHIBITED DURING SNOW REMOVAL

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a vehicle to remain on any Village Street, Avenue, alley, cul de sac or village parking lot within the Village following a

snowfall occurrence of two inches or more:

Whenever the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police, perceives an emergency to exist in the Village; or in any section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other natural phenomena which create hazardous conditions or impede the free movement of fire, police, health, emergency or other vehicular traffic or otherwise endanger the safety and welfare of the public, the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police may declare an emergency to exist. Primary notification will be made by sending Notification of Snow Emergency to the local media with a request to broadcast the emergency.

Any agent or employee of the village designated to enforce the parking ordinances of the city is hereby authorized to cause any motor vehicle parked in violation of this section to be towed from any street, alley, cul-de-sac, or village parking lot. In such a case, the owner of the vehicle may be assessed the cost of towing and any storage charges in relation thereto, subject to the owner's right of appeal to the Village Administrator, Village President, or Chief of Police.



This ordinance applies to all Village streets and roads, there will be no signs posted about moving vehicles when we have a snow fall of 2 or more inches.

Village reminds parking rules during snow emergencies

The Village of Coal Valley wishes to remind residents of the importance removing snow from sidewalks and proper snow removal from driveways and other areas.

SNOW REMOVAL

All abutting property owners shall be responsible

To remove within a reasonable time from the portion of any public sidewalk abutting said property all snow and ice.

To refrain from putting, pushing, blowing or otherwise depositing any snow removed from a public sidewalk of private property upon any improved public roadway.

For purposes of this Section, "reasonable time" shall mean that snow removal shall be within twenty-four (24) hours after cessation of a snowfall, or, if a snowfall ceases in the nighttime hours, within twenty-four (24) hours after sunrise.

PENALTY.

Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be in accordance with Title I Division V Chapter 1 Section 3 of the Code of Ordinance for the Village of Coal Valley for each offense.

ROCK ISLAND & HENRY COUNTIES

A resource guide to community services for families and individuals.

Prepared by:



Colona United Methodist Church
1709 Cleveland Road, Colona, IL
www.colonaumc.org
Updated 11/1/2023



Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Facebook Live: ColonaUmc

E-mail: colonaumc2@mchsi.com

Ph: 309-792-1661

FOOD PANTRIES IN THE QUAD CITIES

Colona Township Food Pantry
617 8th Street
Colona, IL
309-428-1349

Christ United Methodist Church
3801 7th Street
East Moline, IL
309-755-2508

Church of Peace United
1114 12th Street
Rock Island, IL
309-788-6357

Churches United
To learn of a pantry in your neighborhood
563-332-5002

Geneseo Food Pantry
217 N. Russell
Geneseo, IL
309-944-3165

Orion Area Food Pantry
1202 4th Street
309-234-5209

River Bend Foodbank
4010 Kimmel Drive
Davenport, IA
563-345-6490
North Park M: 9-1; W: 2-6:30 p.m.
South Park T: 2-6:30 p.m.; Thu: 9-1:00 p.m.

River City Church
2305 7th Avenue
Moline, IL
309-764-5685

St. John's Lutheran Church
1450 30th Avenue
East Moline, IL
563-332-5002

Youth Hope
3928 12th Ave., Moline
Monday & Friday: 9-12 noon

HOT MEALS

Christian Care
2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island 309-786-5734
6:30 - 7 am, 12 - 12:30 pm, 6:30 - 7 pm
No lunch Sat & Sun

Rock Island Township
2827 7th Avenue, Rock Island 309-788-3417
Evening Meal Mon-Fri 5:15 pm

Two Rivers Methodist Church
1820 5th Avenue, Rock Island 309-788-9384
Lunch Saturdays at 12 noon

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Greater Metropolitan Area Housing Authority
Rock Island County
325 2nd Avenue
Silvis, IL
309-755-4527

Henry County Housing Authority
125 N. Chestnut Street
Kewanee, IL
309-852-2801

Moline Housing Authority
4141 11th Avenue A
Moline, IL
309-764-1819

Project NOW – Outreach Offices:

418 19 th Street, Rock Island	309-793-6391
711 4 th Ave., Moline	309-764-8092
207 W. 2 nd St., Kewanee	309-852-4565
605 ½ SW 3 rd St., Aledo	309-582-2644

Rock Island County Housing Authority
227 21st Street
Rock Island, IL
309-788-0825

PAY AS YOU CAN

Nest Café
1524 4th Ave
Rock Island, IL
Tues – Sat, 11 am – 2 pm, Thurs, 5 – 8 pm
309-206-4012

SHELTERS

Bethany for Children & Families
1830 6th Ave., Moline 309-797-7700
2195 E. 53rd St., Davenport 563-324-969
101 S. Chestnut St., Kewanee 309-797-7700

Christian Care
Shelter for Men
2209 3rd Avenue
Rock Island, IL
309-786-5734 or 309-788-2273
Showers for any - Mon – Fri 9 – 11 AM

Domestic Violence Shelter Family Resources
309-797-1777

FREEDOM HOUSE

800-474-6031 (24 Hour crisis line)
P.O. Box 866; 440 Elm Place
Kewanee, IL 61443, Princeton, IL 61356
Phone: 309-852-4008; Phone: 815-872-0087

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Ph: 309-792-1661

Shelters (cont'd)

Humility of Mary Shelter Services
(Single Men & Women)
1016 W. 5th Street
Davenport, IA
563-322-8065

Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.
1016 West 5th Street
Davenport, IA 563-326-8065

Project Now Homeless Outreach Office
711-4th Avenue
Moline, IL 309-764-8092

Project Now Homeless Outreach Office
207 W. 2nd Street
Kewanee, IL 309-852-4565

QC Bi-State Coordinated Entry
563-324-4808

Salvation Army Family Services
(Single Women & Families)
100 Kirkwood Blvd.
Davenport, IA 563-324-4808

Winnie's Place
Shelter for women and children
309-757-0757

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities
4703 44th St, Ste. 3, Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 788-9581

Henry County Family Community Resource
Center (Public Aid)
125 W. South Street, Suite 14
Kewanee, IL 61443
Phone: 309-852-5627

Project NOW – Outreach Offices:

418 19th Street, Rock Island 309-793-6391
711 4th Ave., Moline 309-764-8092
207 W. 2nd St., Kewanee 309-852-4565
605 ½ SW 3rd St., Aledo 309-582-2644

Salvation Army
2200 5th Avenue, Moline
309-764-6996

CRISIS SUPPORT

Alcoholics Anonymous – 24-hr. Hotline
309-764-1016

American Red Cross – 24 hr. Hotline
309-743-2166

Center for Youth & Family Solutions
309-232-6600

Child Abuse Council
309-736-7170

Child Abuse Hotline-Reporting
800-252-2873

Child Support Recovery Unit
309-788-0138

Family Community Resource Center (IDHS)
309-794-9530

Family Resources
309-797-1777

DCFS
309-794-3500

National Runaway Safe Line
800-786-2929

Pregnancy Resources
309-797-3636

Salvation Army Quad Cities
309-764-6996

Suicide Crisis Line – Robert Young
309-799-2999/3000

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-272-8255

RI County Council on Addiction (RICCA)
1607 John Deere Road
East Moline, IL 61244
309-792-0292

Thanksgiving



Illinois Extension

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Choosing Your Turkey: A Guide to Buying the Perfect Bird

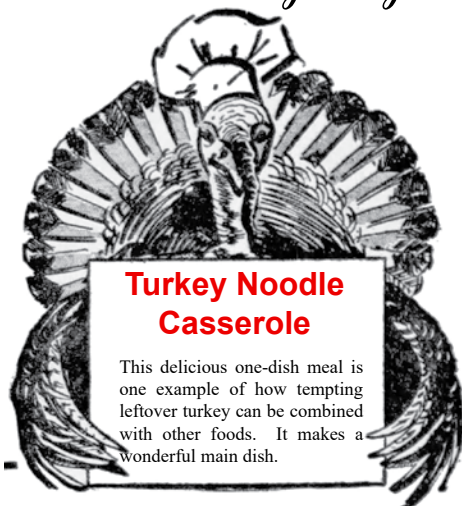
Are you hosting Thanksgiving or in charge of bringing the turkey? When preparing for a holiday meal, choosing the right turkey is essential. Here's a quick guide to help you decide on size, type, and storage.

- **How Much to Buy** Plan for about one pound of turkey per person, or 1.5 pounds if you want ample leftovers or expect hearty appetites. For mixed gatherings of adults and children, one pound per person usually balances out. If your turkey is pre-stuffed, plan for 1.5 pounds per person. For bone-in turkey breasts, half a pound per person is enough.
- **Fresh vs. Frozen** Frozen turkeys can be stored for months, so you can purchase one well in advance. Fresh turkeys, however, should only be bought 1–2 days before cooking. If needed, fresh turkeys can also be frozen for up to 12 months.
- **Check labels** USDA Grade A symbol indicates the highest quality. Pre-basted turkeys contain added broth or spices for flavor, while un-basted turkeys have no added ingredients.
- **Hen or Tom Turkey?** Hens are generally under 16 pounds and often have more edible meat than larger toms, which are over 16 pounds. However, tenderness depends on the bird's age, not gender.
- **Wild and Smoked Turkeys** Wild turkeys are leaner due to their active lifestyles and are best cooked using moist heat to avoid dryness. Smoked turkeys are fully cooked and only need reheating unless stated otherwise on the label. They can be refrigerated for up to a week, but once opened, use them within three to four days.



For more tips and recipes, visit Illinois Extension's Turkey website at extension.illinois.edu/turkey

A Thanksgiving Leftover Recipe *by Drue Mielke*



Turkey Noodle Casserole

This delicious one-dish meal is one example of how tempting leftover turkey can be combined with other foods. It makes a wonderful main dish.

- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
 - 2 cans (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 can green peas
 - 2 cups turkey
 - 18 ounce bags egg noodles (11/2 bags dry noodles, then cooked and drained)
 - 2 tablespoons plain dry bread crumbs
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil or butter
 - Pre-heat oven to 375°F.
 - Boil egg noodles until soft but do not overcook.
 - Heat soup, milk, peas, turkey in a pan. When heated, pour into large mixing bowl
 - Blend in cooked egg noodles and pour into well-greased casserole dish (or casserole dishes depending on size used) When blending, do not break the noodles.
 - Stir breadcrumbs and butter/oil in a small, separate bowl.
 - Bake the turkey mixture at 375°F for 25 minutes or until hot and bubbling. Sprinkle with the bread crumb mixture.
 - Bake for 5 more minutes or until the bread crumb mixture is golden brown.
- Serves 6-8



The Coal Valley Village Hall will be closed November 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Village News

is a resident driven, community publication published on the first of each month. Residents are encouraged to contribute. Deadline for submission is the last week of each month. Please submit articles for publication to [DrueMielke](mailto:DrueMielke@coalvalleyil.org), editor and publisher to cvnews@coalvalleyil.org. Please feel free to call my cell at (309) 235-7493 or text for quick response.

COAL VALLEY CHURCH EVENTS

Trinity Lutheran Church

2815 W. 3rd Street, Coal Valley

Phone: (309) 799-5650

Email: trinity.cv.welcome@gmail.com and
trinityCV1@gmail.com

Website: <https://trinitylutherancv.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TLC.CV.IL>

Pastor: Rev. David C. Anderson

Worship Schedule:

Saturdays: 4:30pm
Fellowship Hall)

Sundays: 9:00am
Sanctuary & Parking Lot),
Social time with snacks
follows worship.

Sunday morning worship
will be broadcast to the
parking lot. If you plan to attend from your car, please park
in the front row and tune your radio to 100.3FM. (Please
keep in mind that handicapped spots are reserved for those
with that need). Ushers will be on hand to guide you and
answer any questions.)

Sunday Morning Bible Class begins around 10:15am.

**Thanksgiving Worship Service will be
Wednesday, November 26th at 4:00pm.**

New Hope Baptist Church

706 1st Street, Coal Valley

309) 373-3559

website: <https://www.newhopecv.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newhopecoalvalley>

Pastor Interim: Jerry Higdon

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Bible Study for all ages in the Lower Level – 9:30 AM to
10:20 AM

Worship Together & on Facebook Live – 10:30 AM to
11:30 AM

Men's Discipleship Breakfast- 2nd Saturday of every
month (November 8th) – 8:00 am

Women's Ministry – November 9 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm,
Lower Level – Topic: "Serving Others"

Women's Bible Verse Study - Wednesdays through
December 10th – 10:30 am – Noon

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Wednesdays – 6:30 pm –
7:15 pm.

Men's Prayer - Wednesdays – 8:00 am



Saint Maria Goretti Church – St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish



220 E. 22nd Avenue / P.O. Box 159, Coal Valley

Phone: (309) 799-3414 (Office)

Email: StMariaGorettiParishCV@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.smgcv.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coalvalleysmg>

Pastor: Father Anthony (Tony) Ego,
309-799-3414 OR 309-581-2923 and Press 1.

On Monday, September 29, 2025 St. Maria Goretti Church
became a merged parish with the name St. Gabriel the
Archangel. It consists of one parish with two church locations;
Mary Our Lady of Peace Orion and St. Maria Goretti Coal
Valley site.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays:

4:00 Mass – Coal Valley

5:30 Mass – Orion

Sundays:

8:30 am Mass – Orion

10:00 am Mass – Coal Valley

Tuesdays: 8:00 am Mass – Orion

Wednesdays: 9:00 am Mass – Coal Valley

Thursdays: 8:00am Mass – Orion

Fridays: 9:00 am Mass – Coal Valley

**Reconciliation, Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 PM, or by
appointment.**

The Women's Cursillo is November 13-16 (Thursday
–Sunday) The weekend is held at Christ the King, Moline, in
the Believers Together Center. For more information, please
contact Denise Maynard at 309-236-7558.

Senior and Retiree Luncheon - Senior and Retiree
Luncheon will be on November 20th, Menu includes 'Roast
Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls
and Cheesecake. Please sign up today! Cost is \$10 at the
door. Cash is preferred. Hors D'oeuvres at 11:30, lunch
served at 12:00 noon.



COAL VALLEY CHURCH EVENTS

First United Presbyterian Church

2431 1st Street, Coal Valley
799-3511

secretary@cvpres.com

website: <http://cvpres.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cvpres22>

Pastor Dr. Andrew McDonald

Worship Schedule:

Sundays: 10:30 am

November 16 - Harvest Dinner- The Annual Harvest Dinner is November 16th, immediately following the 10:30 am Worship service. There is a sign-up sheet for what attendees can bring.

November 17th-23rd - "Operation Christmas Child" November 17th-23rd. The drop off date will be November 23rd. It's time to get our shoeboxes ready for Operation Christmas Child.

December 14 - Children's Christmas Pageant

December 16 - Hope Circle Christmas Lunch 12pm at Lavender Crest, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service- 8:00 pm

The Coal Valley Presbyterian Church is the home of the Coal Valley Food Pantry. The food pantry's goal is to serve the community of Coal Valley by providing food to those families who may be living without enough. The food pantry is a joint effort between several churches in the community. The hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.



CV Memorial Park Committee Plans Designer Purse Fund Raiser

Coal Valley Veterans Memorial Park Committee is planning another exciting Designer Purse Bingo Event on Saturday, November 15th at The Rock, 302 1st Street, Coal Valley. Doors open at 3:00pm and bingo begins at 4:00pm

There will be several high dollar designer purses as well as cash awards available for lucky winners. There will be food and drink available. Participants are encouraged to get a group together for the exciting event.

The Coal Valley Veterans Memorial Park Committee is a 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to establishing a Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Coal Valley. This project aims to honor and commemorate the service and sacrifice of veterans in the community.

The Committee's mission is to design and build a permanent memorial specifically designed to honor all military veterans who served in the United States Military. This includes all individuals serving any period of service in the Armed Forces in which they are currently serving or have been honorably separated from active or inactive service dating back to the American Revolutionary War.

Their goal is to promote patriotism and to provide respect and recognition to all the men and women who have served, fought and in some cases gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this great nation, and to engage the public in the preservation of our country's history.

Registration can be done online at <https://form.jotform.com/252895180813160>. Their website is <https://www.cvvmp.org> and their email is cvvetmempark@gmail.com.



St. Maria Goretti Church Becomes Merged Parish

BY DRUE MIELKE

On Monday, September 29, 2025 St. Maria Goretti Church, Coal Valley, became a merged parish with the name St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish. The new parish consists as one parish with two church locations; Mary Our Lady of Peace in Orion and St. Maria Goretti Coal Valley site in downtown Coal Valley at 220 E. 22nd Avenue.



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
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ST. MARIA GORETTI IN COAL VALLEY

May 18, 2024

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, we recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church. This gift of the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out upon the Church and upon us. I chose Pentecost intentionally as the day when we reach an important milestone in our two-year Growing Disciples planning process with the announcement about our parishes and churches. Thank you for your participation, your feedback, and your advice which have helped me make the decisions that are announced today.

I spent time in further prayer, study and discernment over the recommendations that were made to me by the extensive process of consultation which occurred. I have reached the following decision regarding Mary, Our Lady of Peace and St. Maria Goretti.

Mary, Our Lady of Peace in Orion and St. Maria Goretti in Coal Valley will be merged into one new parish with a primary worship site at Mary, Our Lady of Peace in Orion.

Fr. Anthony Ego will remain your pastor.

The implementation phase will begin in all parishes on July 1, 2024. The process of implementing this change is expected to be completed over the next 12 months. In order to adapt to this merger of parishes, it will be necessary to determine the new Mass schedule. I ask you to work with your pastor to maintain a schedule of three weekend Masses between the two churches of the parish.

I am asking every parish to engage in a process of renewal. Every parish is asked to evaluate its schedule of Masses, its programs of pastoral care and evangelization. I challenge every parish to be more intense in cultivating disciples. More information about this call to become a more vibrant parish will be released in the coming months.

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I ask for your continued prayers and continued cooperation as we work together to strengthen and renew our Diocese in this new apostolic age. Know that I pray for you daily. May the Holy Spirit bless all our efforts to Grow Disciples.

Venerable Archbishop Sheen - pray for us!

Peace and Prayers,

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

St. Maria Goretti's pastor, Fr. Anthony Ego explains "We are one parish with two church locations,". Fr. Ego is pastor at both the Coal Valley and Orion churches.

The Diocese of Peoria restructured 156 parishes to be merged to 75, which included the Coal Valley church. According to Bishop Louis Tylka, the reduction in parishes is due in large part to a declining number of priests. The Diocese currently has 145 active priests, 11 fewer than the number of total parishes in the Diocese. Bishop Tylka said that 70% of current priests are over the age of 50. The Diocese projects to have 100 priests remaining by 2034.

The clergy shortage is being felt across many Christian churches. First Presbyterian Church, 2431 1st Street, Coal Valley, shares its pastor, Pastor Dr. Andrew McDonald, with Buelah Presbyterian in rural Orion, just a few miles south of Coal Valley on Oak Glen Road at 9221 148th Ave., Orion.

Although not due to a clergy shortage, New Hope Baptist Church, 706 1st Street, Coal Valley, has an interim pastor- Pastor Jerry Higdon. Their previous pastor, Pastor Jon Sedgwick, accepted a new calling in Missouri on October 13th of this year. Pastor Sedgwick served as the pastor at New Hope since January 2017.

New Hope's interim pastor, Pastor Jerry Higdon has been serving the Quad Cities as a Pastor since 2004. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Ministry Leadership. Pastor Higdon earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix and an undergraduate degree from Western Illinois University and Black Hawk College.

Pastor Higdon retired from John Deere and the Military before he stepped into full-time ministry. He has served at New Hope in Coal Valley, First Congregation (SBC) in Kewanee, and First Baptist in Orion. Pastor Higdon and his wife Amy live in Coal Valley.

Perhaps scripture adds light to the issues created in this current clergy shortage. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher" (Romans. 10:14-15). "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Matthew. 9:37-38).



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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Trinity Lutheran Church Coal Valley.

Wednesday, November 26,

at 4:00 p.m.

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