

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Pastor Ken's Pondering

"Then God said "let the land produce vegetation, seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." Genesis 1:11



"I tell you the truth, unless a seed falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." John 12:24

I caught this photo outside our church today - I had to stand there long enough for the wind on this Wednesday to leave it still for a moment! The trees are now starting to come to life, following some of the early flowers from a few weeks ago. It's amazing how fast those bare limbs will fill up and fill out. In the Bible, when God speaks, something happens - things come to life.

Jesus says death precedes life - he was talking about his own suffering however, but again, in the Bible when God (in Jesus) speaks the thing spoken comes about. We've been in a sort of dormancy of late - many of us feeling quite

Worship Resources

You can easily access our Home Worship Resources which includes the worship materials of an audio file of the service, the sermon and an order of worship that outlines the service. Click below.

[Worship Resources](#)

Faith Formation

Read what's happening in Faith Formation Ministry. Click below.

[Faith Formation Updates](#)



NEW! Weekly Podcast

Have you checked out the new podcast that focuses on the Scripture readings for the upcoming weekend service?

lifeless - put upon by staying home or at best gracing a supermarket or drive-through window before high-tailing it home. I've spoken from this forum about how this time has afforded us the chance to let some things lie dormant a bit - ease off the schedules and dwell in the Lord or with family a bit more, and blessing can certainly come from that.

My thoughts today are

Click [HERE](#) to read the remainder of Pastor Ken's Pondering this week.

Check it out below!

PODCAST



The scammers are at it again.

You may have recently received an email from Pastor Ken asking you for help with an errand or project. You will **never** get an email request from Pastor Ken, or any member of the church staff, ultimately asking for the purchase of gift cards.

If you don't see that the email is from "pastorken@calvarylc.com", it isn't from Pastor Ken. Whenever you may doubt the validity of any email you receive from Pastor or the church staff, please feel free to call the church office to verify.



Virtual Youth Connections!

During this time of the "Safe at Home" directive, Ben Sayas is intently watching the computer screen where Miss Angie conducts a virtual Sunday School class for our preschool and elementary students.

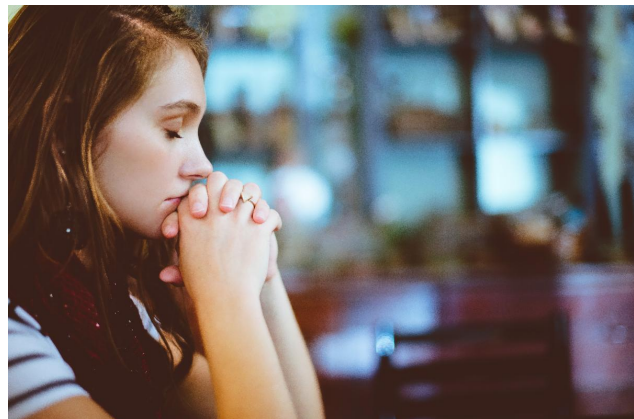
It's about our family

Prayer Requests

Sympathy and God's peace to: Scott and Lisa Grossman on the passing of Lisa's father Robert on April 30.

New prayer requests: Shirl Gordon, friend of Cindy Rooks and Betty Meyer, mother of Brad Meyer.

Please continue to pray for all our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, first responders and those who are working on the front lines during the COVID19 pandemic.



Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Alecia Huettl, Jeanette Ketelsen; Keith Pierce; Pat Treutelaar; Janet Zastrow; John Ebert (brother of Jonni Roush); David Voight (friend of Jonni

Roush); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); Milo (nephew of Lynnae and Caleb Douglas); Marcia and Jerry Borgie (friends of Grace Gunnlaugsson); Lynn Schoenfeld (friend of Lydia Trudell); and Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly).

Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice serving in the U.S. Army); all military chaplains; and all veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

For All Men and Women Serving: Police Officers, Firefighters and First Responders.

Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere bringing the gospel to the ends of the Earth.

If you have any new prayer requests, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com.

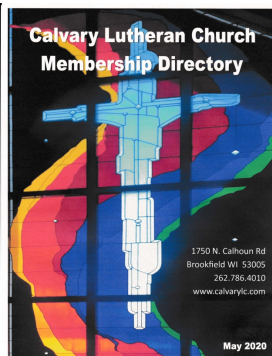
Happy Birthday!

RoJean Holler, 5/1
Beverly Lawson, 5/2
Ava Morris, 5/2
Don Heyen, 5/3
John Kalupa, 5/3
Piper Nowicki, 5/3
Al Rodriguez, 5/3
Jean Holman, 5/4
Steve Lennartz, 5/4
Norene Giuliani, 5/5
John Lau, 5/5
Sam Sayas, 5/5
Larry Vasatko, 5/7

Happy Anniversary!

Dean and Diane Schmelzer, 5/2 (39 years)
Larry and Bonnie Vasatko, 5/3 (51 years)
Kevin and Cathy Wahlgren, 5/9 (33 years)

Church Directory Updates



We are in the process of updating the Membership Directory. If you have a new photo that you would like included in the latest version, or if there are any changes to your address, phone or email, please let us know.

If you have any questions about your current information in the Directory, the church office is open from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The office phone number is (262) 786-4010.

Please email any changes or new photos by Friday, May 8th to Sue Rowe at communications@calvarylc.com.

Stephen Ministers are here for you!

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this important ministry, please contact Scott or Peggy Langelin at 262.853.0018.



Mission & Outreach



April's Mission of the Month is **COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL**

For more than 65 years Compassion has worked to release children from poverty in Jesus' name and has trusted the ability of our church partners to create environments of unparalleled stability where children can experience God's love and acceptance in tangible ways. Compassion is, and has always been, Christ-centered, church-based and child-focused. That is simply who they are. And they commit to remaining so.

Because that is what God intends for them to be.

[Click here to learn about Compassion International's Programs](#)



Compassion also commits to continue:

- developing children individually and holistically: mind, body and spirit
- prioritizing the safety and protection of the children in our programs
- educating you about the complex issues of poverty and the effects of poverty on children
- the highest standards of financial integrity and accountability, including only using money for the purpose for which it was raised, regularly performing program audits to ensure our programs are well managed and funds are properly disbursed and applied, and balancing low administrative and fundraising costs with high-quality programs
- linking each child to only one sponsor at a time
- giving every child in our program a chance to learn about Jesus, respond to the gospel, and develop a lifelong relationship with God

NALC Disaster Response Collection



The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until noon. The door closest to the office will be open

In **April and May** we are collecting for the NALC Disaster Response. All materials that are collected during this drive will be distributed to victims of hurricanes, tornados and other natural disasters in the United States. We hope to have a trailer come through in June to collect the items for the warehouse.

There is a special need at this time for backpacks for school kids. There are empty backpacks at church waiting to be filled. Also, if you have a clean used backpack in good condition, it could be used as well. Along with the backpacks there is a need for calculators for high school students (any kind of hand-held calculator). There is a basket in the Narthex to collect those separately.

School Kit Components:

- Four (4) notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper)
- One (1) pair of blunt scissors

during those hours.

Please check in with the office staff so we know you are in the building.

- One (1) ruler
- One (1) pencil sharpener
- Six (6) new pencils
- One (1) eraser
- Twelve (12) sheets of construction paper, assorted colors
- One (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One (1) cloth bag or backpack (*empty backpacks are in the Narthex*)

NALC Disaster Relief is our May Mission of the Month. Look for more opportunities in next week's CONNECTIONS to support NALC's community outreach efforts in the United States.

A Few Reminders ...

Many members of Calvary Lutheran Church choose to give electronically.



Why do they do this? For several reasons:

1. Convenient — don't need to remember to write a check. Can be established for recurring contributions. And, you can designate for general giving, Mission of the Month, etc.
2. Safe — today's systems require secure systems. Calvary utilizes the services of VANCO, a highly rated payment processing company focused on non-profits.
3. Can use Credit Cards as a payment option.
4. Green — less paper utilization, no checks & no envelopes needed.
5. Easy to do — see the two methods below.

Method One — for payment from your checking or savings account.

Complete a Simply Giving document and include a voided check or savings deposit slip. The document can be obtained from the table in the Narthex or by calling the office. Once established, changes are easily made by calling Cindy Rooks in the office.

Method Two — for payment by credit card, checking or savings.

You can access the Calvary Lutheran Church VANCO website through this [ONLINE GIVING LINK](#) or via the online giving link at the bottom of the church's website (www.calvarylc.com). Once on the VANCO site, you'll need to create an account and complete the information requested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Rooks at 262.786.4010 or via email to finance@calvarylc.com.

[Online Giving Link](#)

Stay Connected Via Conference Call

Did you know that you can still have your Bible Study, Small Group session, Book Club or Committee meeting remotely? Calvary has an account with a group conference call company that will allow you to conduct a phone conference call with many individuals. It's easy and free! It is not a video conference service; but simply a conference call

where all parties are connected via phone.



We have one conference access number; however, it can only be accessed by one group at a time. If you'd like to use this service, please contact the office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com, and let us know the date and time of your call. (Please note that at this time the conference number is currently booked on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for office staff meetings.)

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