

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Calvary Lutheran Church E-newsletter May 14, 2020



## Pastor Ken's Pondering

*"But in your hearts set apart Christ Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. " 1 Peter 3:15*

I let the shades up on my office window today. I'm not sure if I put them down when the "stay at home order" was imposed to keep people from seeing me occasionally in my office. I want to abide by the precautions set forth but today, I've decided, I also want - and need - to let the sun in. I need to let my thoughts escape the room where I spend a good part of my days - I need to "daydream" a bit too, and think of our world on the mend, think of our planet catching up to this awful virus, but I most of all needed to do something to say "I'm filled with hope."

In the book of 1 Peter, the writer expresses the way people suffering harm for their faith are to respond. I know the analogy is not quite the same for what we're enduring - we're exposed to a general danger, an indiscriminate danger that affects all people no matter their age, gender, religion, ethnicity, but since these words above about hope are written with suffering in the background, I think we can apply them to our current crisis of confidence.

Many Christians want to share their faith - I do, and I don't always live up to the "always be prepared to give a reason" part of this passage. I'm not always adequately .....

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

## 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



## Weekly Podcast

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

## It's about our family

### Prayer Requests

**New prayer requests:** Mary, (friend of Jane Taufner)

**Ongoing short-term prayer requests:** Betty Meyer (mother of Brad Meyer); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); Jeanette Ketelsen; Pat Treutelaar; Janet Zastrow; John Ebert (brother of Jonni Roush); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); Marcia and Jerry Borgie (friends of Grace Gunnlaugsson); Lynn Schoenfeld (friend of Lydia Trudell); and Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly).

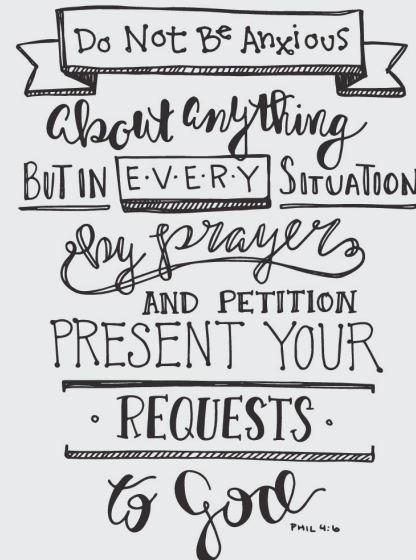
**Serving in the Military:** Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice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

**For our students of all ages, teachers and parents** with the current online school programs. There is stress, discouragement and lack of involvement. Pray that they can all persevere for another four weeks to completion. Also prayers for those who hoped to celebrate graduations and find it has to be done in a new way.

**For All Men and Women Serving:** Police Officers, Firefighters, Health Care workers 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](mailto:office@calvarylc.com).



**Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who teach Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education or Bible Study.**

**We are so blessed to have you as part of our Calvary family!**

Margaux Baumgarten  
Chester Elliot  
Grace Gunnlaugsson  
Wayne Johnson  
Kyle Jones  
Lauren Jones  
Sue Meyer  
Leah Morris  
Ken Nelson

Karen Pierce  
Cindy Rooks  
Angie Schatz



## Happy Birthday!

Jeanette Kalupa, 5/14  
Emma Schlieve, 5/18  
Kurt Duch, 5/21  
Doug Ranger, 5/22  
Donna Ziegler, 5/22  
Janet Zastrow, 5/23

## Happy Anniversary!

Scott and Lisa Grossman, 5/14 (43 years)  
Bill and Betty Clayton, 5/15 (55 years)  
Jeff and Melissa Griesse, 5/16 (16 years)  
Bill and Shirley Jordan, 5/21 (65 years)  
Bruce and Ruth Steffens, 5/21 (54 years)

## Worship Services to Resume!

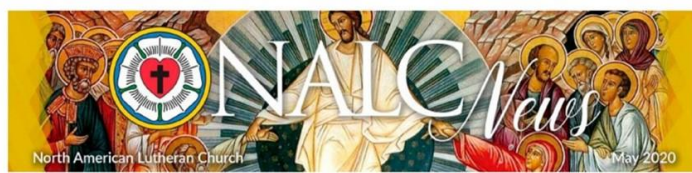


We are planning to resume worship services on May 30-31, pending any changes from the Governor.

Three services will be offered to ensure a safe environment with sufficient social distancing:

**Saturday at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

More information will be forthcoming in future CONNECTIONS.



Do you want to learn more about the NALC? The latest newsletter can be accessed by clicking the photo above.

In this issue:

- Message from Bishop Dan Selbo
- Update on NALC Missions Work
- Devotional from Rev. Dr. Cathi Braasch (former interim pastor at Calvary)
- And much more ....



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 doubt the validity of any email from Pastor or staff, please feel free to call the church office to verify.

## Mission & Outreach



As you know, Calvary Lutheran Church is a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church. The **NALC Disaster Response Fund** provides resources for natural disaster victims in the United States.

When a disaster occurs (such as the hurricanes of Texas and Florida, flooding in Nebraska and South Dakota, and most recently the tornadoes in Tennessee) the funds are used to:

- alleviate human suffering;
- provide transitional assistance; and
- enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

In addition to funds the NALC Disaster Response team collects and distributes items that can be given out to disaster victims.

In the fall of 2018, a semi truck stopped at Calvary and we were able to send relief items to hurricane victims at that time.

In June of 2020, another pick-up trailer is coming through Wisconsin, and Calvary will be a collection site. The items will be delivered to the national warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio and



## DISASTER RESPONSE

Listen to an audio announcement

We are collecting new or clean used blankets, quilts or bedding of any kind, sleeping bags, health kits, new or used adult and children's Bibles and school backpacks (see description below of items needed for school backpack kits). There are collection tubs set out in the Narthex for these items. Click the button below for a printable list of items being collected.

These items and your financial contributions are most appreciated by those who suffer loss of housing as a result of natural disasters across the United States. Thank you for your generous response to all these efforts which help to alleviate suffering in Jesus' name.



## NALC Disaster Response Collections

The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.  
The door closest to the office will be open during those hours.  
Please check in with the office staff so we know you are in the building.

To see a printable list of items being collected, click [HERE](#).

**ONE** cloth bag or backpack  
**FOUR** notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper  
**ONE** blunt scissors  
**ONE** ruler  
**ONE** pencil sharpener  
**SIX** new pencils  
**ONE** eraser,  
**PLUS:** -----  
**TWELVE** sheets assorted construction paper &  
**ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons for elementary  
**OR ONE** Calculator for high school (**LABEL Handle**)



**SCHOOL KIT**

### SCHOOL KITS



**ANY Size** Quilt or Blanket including fabric printed with religious, patriotic, & military symbols.



**QUILTS & BLANKETS**

### QUILTS/BLANKETS

**HEALTHCARE KIT**

**ONE** bath towel  
**ONE** wash cloth  
**TWO** bars of soap, in original wrapping  
**ONE** toothbrush  
**ONE** pack of dental floss  
**ONE** tube of toothpaste (two if sample size)  
**ONE** comb  
**ONE** deodorant



### HEALTH CARE KITS



## Work Clothing Collection

Our friends at **BASICS of Milwaukee** have partnered with Employ Milwaukee, an organization that is dedicated to connecting Milwaukee area job seekers with education, training, and resources to obtain employment in high demand industry sectors while supporting regional economic growth by working closely with businesses to prepare an educated and skilled workforce.

Calvary is collecting men's and women's clothing that could be worn to a job interview or for work. These could be dressier clothes or casual clothes, as not everyone works in a professional setting.

If you've cleaned out your closets during the many hours we've spent at home the last couple months, and would like to donate clothing for this cause, please drop off your donated items in the collection tub in the Narthex. We will collect through the month of May.

## A Few Reminders ...

### Our 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,



## 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](http://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](mailto:finance@calvarylc.com).

[Online Giving Link](#)

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