

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter May 28, 2020



Pastor Ken's Pondering

"Now there were staying in Jerusalem God fearing Jews from every nation under heaven." Acts 2:5

Pentecost has its origins in the Jewish faith as a spring harvest (first fruits) festival – known as the 'Feast of Weeks'. The feast also commemorates the giving of the Law (Ten Commandments) to Moses on Mount Sinai. To Christians it is a sort of "first fruits/harvest" festival too. According to Acts 2 the Apostles of Jesus witnessed a large gathering of converts to Christianity on the strength of Peter's Holy Spirit inspired preaching and the gift of tongues through the Holy Spirit. In a similar way to how Moses received the Law of God on Sinai, Peter and the Apostles received the Gospel (the good news about Jesus) on Pentecost.

'God fearing Jews from every nation in Jerusalem' at one time would be explained by the celebration of the Jewish harvest festival. It was an opportune time for people of faith to hear a message of faith, though quite unlike anything they'd heard before. Pentecost's "languages" or tongues, and the wide array of nations that visitors to Jerusalem represented, signify the world-wide mission of the Church. It foreshadowed the task of the church – to be Jesus witnesses "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) But the gospel would have to be brought to those nations – the nations would not always be brought to the church.

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!

The task of world-wide evangelization is ever before Christians. As each generation in our own culture, indeed even our own families, must be

PODCAST

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

Worship Services Resumed Safely Last Weekend

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	28
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	34
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	23

	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Pledged Offerings	\$ 16,477	\$171,809
Unpledged Offerings	\$ 2,675	\$ 12,658
MOM - NALC Disaster Relief	\$ 464	\$ 1,004

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING TO WORSHIP ...



Worship Options Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

We have taken many steps to ensure as safe of an environment as possible – but please use your own judgement in choosing to come. You must do what is most comfortable for you.

We will also continue to offer the weekend worship and podcast materials via email as we have done since March.

Important changes that have been implemented at worship:

- Face masks are strongly recommended. [We will have a limited supply on hand.](#)
- When you arrive at church, immediately proceed into the Sanctuary and do not congregate in the Narthex. *Please practice social distancing from the moment you are on the church property to the time you leave, which includes the*



- All servers will be wearing masks and will wash their hands in the Sacristy prior to serving communion. Pastor Ken will

parking lot.

- Social distancing has been established in the Sanctuary with assigned pews for each service, designated by colored tags (see photo). Please sit **only** in the pew with the tag designated for that service. If you are not sitting with your family, observe the 6' distance between you and someone next to you (approximately two arm lengths).
- All materials have been removed from the pews except bottles of hand sanitizer. We were not able to obtain sanitizer wipes; if that is your preference, please bring your own.
- All touch points such as pews and door handles will be wiped down after each service.
- We will have music, however there will be no singing. There will be no sharing of peace during the service. We will not be passing baskets for the Offering; however, a basket will be at the back of the church to place your offering, either when you enter or leave the Sanctuary.
- We will not be collecting the blue Attendance cards.
- Children will hear the Children's Message from their pews. We encourage families to sit closer to the front (in the appropriate pews) so they will be able to connect with the message.
- The nursery will be closed. If your child needs a break from worship, you may take him/her to the Narthex but observe social distancing if there are any other parents there with their child(ren).
- The Altar Guild followed strict sanitation practices when filling the cups. We will be using hosts instead of bread.

bless the elements, offering the "body of Christ" and "blood of Christ" only once to the congregation so there will be no speaking during the serving of communion.

- Communion will be done by station, releasing one side of the Sanctuary at a time (right center, left center, right wing, left wing). Ushers will be releasing each row to proceed to the altar down the center aisle. Please observe the 6' distancing while you walk down the aisles (unless you are with your immediate family).
- Communion will be "self serve" from the communion trays and the cups will be adequately spaced to ensure contact is not made with more than one cup. Please take the wine cup closest to you and avoid reaching across the tray. You will deposit the used cup into a basket.
- Following the Benediction, the congregation will be dismissed row by row, beginning in the back of the church, during the closing music. Please do not gather in the Narthex and leave the building immediately. Fellowship Hall will be closed.
- To avoid cross contamination, you will not be receiving a bulletin; nametags and all materials in the Narthex have been removed.
- The rest rooms will be sanitized between services and only the restrooms near the Narthex will be available.
- Doors to the Sanctuary will remain open during the service.
- Please do not congregate in the parking lot or Narthex before or after worship.



Serving at Worship

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lynnae Douglas

DEACONS:

- **Saturday:** Ed Ramthun
- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Mary Smith
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Glori Kurth

USHERS:

- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Rich and Tina Baumgartner
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Ed Ramthun and Jane Krause

THIS WEEKEND

May 30 & 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

You're invited to wear Red!

ALTAR GUILD:

- Jonni Roush

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Kyle Jones

POWERPOINT TECH:

- **Saturday:** Lydia Trudell
- **Sunday (8:30 am):** Sue Rowe
- **Sunday (10:00 am):** Sue Rowe

Holy Communion Extended to Members Who Choose to Remain at Home



We are delighted to be able to resume on-site worship and will continue to take all necessary

precautions to make sure our facilities and worship service are safe for our members who choose to attend. In the meantime, if you do not feel comfortable returning to worship and would like Holy Communion brought to you, several members of our Home Communion visitation team have expressed an eager willingness to bring consecrated elements to your home. Pastor Nelson would consecrate them at the weekend worship services, and a team member would arrange to bring them to you either on Sunday after worship on as early as possible in the week, as an extension of our on-site Eucharistic gathering. The team members would not ordinarily come inside to administer communion to you, so Pastor Nelson will compose a brief ritual for you to speak to yourself (and family members) in reception of the bread and juice under the blessing of Christ.

As our situation evolves, it may be that certain members of our visitation team would be comfortable coming in to share the meal with you, but in the beginning we ask that you simply allow them to deliver the elements to your door, greet you briefly (and genuinely, since your presence with us is missed) and

return the following week if you desire. The consecrated elements would be in individual sealed packets to prevent contamination and contain one wheat wafer and a cup of grape juice. They would be placed on the altar of our worship services to be including under the consecration rite of the weekend's services.

Please contact the church office at 262-786-4010 between 8:00 a.m. and noon (Monday-Friday) to request a visit, and indicate how many cups/wafers you would require for you and your family. We'll also ask you if you want a weekly delivery or every other week, and then plan on how we would get the elements to you and at what time. It would be important for you to be home to receive them.

We would begin the distribution as of June 7th (*contingent upon receipt of the host/wine from our vendor*) and will continue for as long as necessary. (Please note that if you are worshipping at home following our weekly podcast, you will note that we are not including a communion rite.) This ministry is an extension of the grace we shared as a gathered congregation under the promise of Christ's presence with us in the holy meal.

If you do attend worship and would like to bring consecrated elements to other Calvary members, even if you have not previously been part of our Home Visitation Ministry, please let Pastor Nelson know.

Prayer Requests

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Mary Dresser (Donna Schroeder's daughter-in-law's sister); Mary

(friend of Jane Taufner); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); Pat Treutelaar; Janet Zastrow; John Ebert (brother of Jonni Roush); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); Lynn Schoenfeld (friend of Lydia Trudell); and Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly).

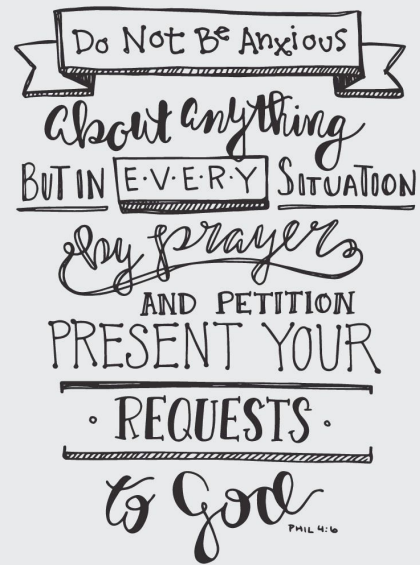
Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice 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 that are winding down. 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.



Happy Birthday!

Tom Sadowsky, 5/29
Bonnie Vasatko, 5/29
Pat Kurtz, 5/30
Kathy Gall, 6/1
Carroll Gehrke, 6/1
Gordy Gunnlaugsson, 6/3
Preston Meyer, 6/5
JoAnn Phillips, 6/5

Happy Anniversary!

Judy and Tom Kestly, 5/30 (39 years)
Chris and Leah Morris, 5/30 (22 years)
Bruce and Dawn Hanke, 6/6 (33 years)

Council Bullet Points May 19, 2020

- Church will be open for service starting May 23rd and May 24th. More details will be in the May 21st Calvary Connections.
- Digital service will be available for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending.
- Thank you to our members for using online giving to support the church!
- The team has reviewed many qualified candidates for the Coordinator/Choir Director and

1 COUNCIL

2 BULLET

3 POINTS

Organist/Pianist/Accompanist positions. Personnel has identified some very strong candidates for both roles. Interviews continue.

- Proposals for Fellowship Hall, refresh, and flat roof are all out for approval.



**Weekly Men's Breakfast
Resumes on Wednesdays
May 27 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Maxim's Restaurant
18025 W. Capitol Drive**

The restaurant seating has been reconfigured in compliance with social distancing requirements. Please note the new start time!



**Monthly Men's Ministry
Gathering
Thursday, May 28
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Come for fellowship, food and devotion time. Dinner will be provided. Social distancing will be respected and practiced. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ernie Kretschmann at kretschmann@att.net.

Mission & Outreach

MISSION OF THE MONTH

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:



**DISASTER
RESPONSE**

**Listen to an audio
announcement**

We are collecting new or clean used

- 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 distributed across the USA when disaster strikes.

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 Collection Items](#)

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



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



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



SCHOOL KITS

QUILTS/BLANKETS

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

A Few Reminders ...



You may have recently received **an email or text message** from Pastor Ken asking you for help with an errand or project. You will **never** get a 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 communications from Pastor or staff, please feel free to call the church office to verify.

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, please contact Scott or Peggy Langelin at 262.853.0018.



**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](#)

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