

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Pastor Ken's Pondering

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."
John 14:14

I have to admit, this verse has often perplexed me. In my journal today, meditating on these words, which will form the basis of my sermon this weekend, I wrote "Lord, if you grant such requests, how do you determine what you will give - how do you determine who receives what?" I added that I was a bit timid - a better word might be afraid to ask for "anything" - sure as I am that I would ask for something I was not ready for, or which would place on me too great a burden if so gifted.

I said "would such praying require of me more faith, or more careful prayers. Must I repeat my requests often so as to demonstrate I really mean it - you know, show some conviction on my part." The key to this verse seems to be the phrase "in my name." In John 14:13 it says "I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the Son may bring glory to the Father." It isn't just a formula for starting or ending a prayer, though we all the time hear prayers that end "in your name we pray." Rather it seems to me it means "asking for the sort of things Jesus asked for."

That of course included both release from his own suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane to protecting his followers

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

from the world, and in the Lord's prayer, for daily bread, protection from evil, power over temptation, and above all that God's name "be hallowed" - which in our Lutheran tradition means God's word is taught faithfully and received faithfully and we live according to it.

It seems to me praying in Jesus name means

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

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

PODCAST

It's about our family

Prayer Requests

New prayer requests: 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.

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: 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 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.



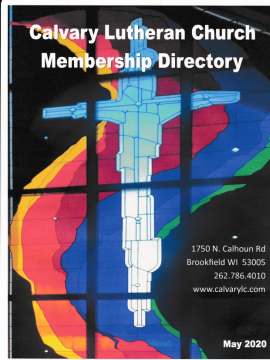
Happy Birthday!

Larry Vasatko, 5/7
Dan Berger, 5/10
Bristol Nowicki, 5/11
Hayley Smith, 5/11
Marilyn Hermann, 5/12

Happy Anniversary!

Kevin and Cathy Wahlgren, 5/9 (33 years)
Tony and Krista Dentice, 5/10 (6 years)
Scott and Lisa Grossman, 5/14 (43 years)
Bill and Betty Clayton, 5/15 (55 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.



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.

World Laughter Day

Laughter can change the world in a peaceful and positive way. It is said that laughter is a universal language that has the potential to unite humanity. The mission is health, happiness and world peace through laughter.

This year World Laughter Day was last Sunday, May 3. Let's enjoy the cartoon below ... albeit it be a few days late, a good chuckle is good any day!



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

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

Listen to an audio
announcement

In June of 2020, another pick-up trailer is coming through Wisconsin, and Calvary will be a collection

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.



site. The items will be delivered to the national warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio and distributed across the USA when disaster strikes.

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 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

WAUKESHA FOOD PANTRY

Now, more than ever, our local food pantries play an important role in helping people during a time of need. While we have



FOOD Pantry

OF WAUKESHA COUNTY

End hunger. Start here.

traditionally designated the Third Sunday of each month as "FOOD SUNDAY", please know that we can still accept your food or monetary donations for the Waukesha Food Pantry at any time. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8 am until noon to drop off non-perishable food items or a monetary gift.

Monetary gifts should be made payable to Calvary Lutheran Church (with Food Pantry notation) or through our online giving program (*see information below*). Online gifts for this program should be noted on the "Other" line. Please note that if you choose online giving, send an email to Cindy Rooks (finance@calvarylc.com) indicating that you've made that donation so it can be allocated to the Food Pantry.

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, 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



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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