

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter July 30, 2020

## This Week's Pondering .....

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



*"Jesus replied, they do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16*

A personal confession - I like to eat. I'm no connoisseur on fine dining- though I think my palate allows for the enjoyment a fairly wide variety of foods. What I'm not is much of a cook - "re-heater" would be a better description of my culinary ability.

It is with amusement bordering on bemusement then, that I occasionally join my family and watch something on the Food Network. I used to eat up "Iron Chef America" (pardon the pun) - I just loved "the chairman". I migrated to the shorter version of that show which is still wildly popular - "Chopped." Not for the harsh way some aspiring chefs get booted off the stage by the judges - but by the array of foods in the packages.

What's not to like about watching nervous, on the clock chefs unpack an avocado, rock salt, peanut butter and Jelly swirl and ground emu and told to whip up a main dish? Where do you begin? I'd fry up the emu, sprinkle on the salt, grab a bun and smear it with the PB & J, add a slice of avocado and say "bon appetite." But that's not the point of the show right? Right??

Legion are the stories, mostly of housewives, who are called at 5:00 p.m. and told by their husband that he and his boss and a few co-workers would be coming for supper at 7:00 p.m.. Make it special honey! Combine the two scenarios, and you have the setting of our Lord's miracle of the feeding of 5,000 in Matthew 14. It's late in the day, a remote place, 5,000+ hungry souls, and our Lord is told "we've got bread and fish on hand." And he satisfies them all! Grand champion. Folks were fed, not chopped.

The point of this story is, of course, Jesus revealing himself

## 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](#)

## Online Resources

Looking for a copy of a prior sermon or podcast? Or did you miss reading one of the weekly e-newsletters? How about the link for online giving? You can find these things and more on Calvary's website ... there's a link below.

[Calvary Website](#)

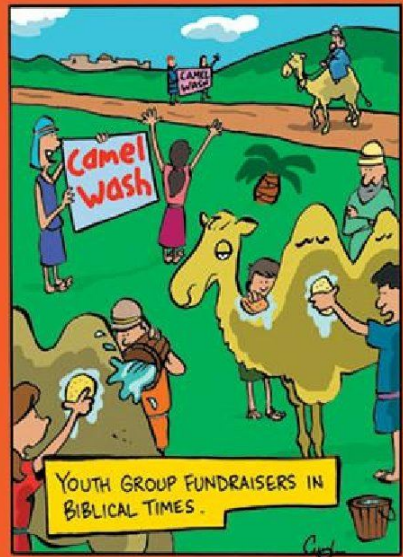
## Daily Devotion

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

to the masses. In the Israel of Jesus' day, the much-longed for "messianic" period (a time of prosperity and security for Israel) would be marked by the abundance of food for the nation and it's internal harmony. The feeding miracle was meant to awaken in them the possibility that Jesus was in fact the Messiah - the one who ushered in this golden age.

For Christians and the church, it is proof that Jesus was the Son of God - much as his command of the wind and the waves revealed that, or any of his miracles. For others - folks of the Christian community that are a bit more skittish about - even skeptical of miracles - it's a moral lesson in generosity and sharing. Some even suggest that by Jesus offering up the five loaves and two fish ...

*Click [here](#) to read the remainder of Pastor Ken's message.*



## Refresh Project Update

**Refresh Project Continues ... the Church office will be closed from **July 27 - August 4.****

The refresh of the carpeting and walls of the church offices will be completed the week of July 27 and into the week of August 3, and all staff will be working remotely. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out directly via email to any of our staff:

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Cindy Zilske - [office@calvarylc.com](mailto:office@calvarylc.com)

We will be checking the answering machine in the church office daily for any messages that are left from callers.







### Refresh Work continues ....

**W**allpaper and carpeting in the hallway and church offices was removed over the weekend and the priming/painting of the walls will continue all week. New carpeting will be laid in these areas next week.

**O**ffice staff are working from home until the offices are completed.

**W**e hope to return to the office by Wednesday next week.

## Vacation Bible School!

### All Aboard!

**Virtual Vacation Bible School** has been underway this week. Special thanks to Angie Schatz, her crew of young volunteers (Natalie, Michael and Scott Anderson, Mary Baumgartner, Megan and Matt Schatz) and Kyle Jones for putting together this wonderful experience for our youth. There will be a Wrap-Up Picnic on Friday from 5:30pm - 6:30pm on the lawn behind the church. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and their own food.

Click on the Rocky Railway logo to see some of the activities that were taped and presented to the kids.



## Youth Ministry



## Outdoor Movie Night! July 24 - "Evan Almighty"

## Worship Updates

### WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**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 – 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 materials via email, as well as delivery of home communion to any member who wishes to receive it. Please call the office at 262.786.4010 for more details or to sign up to receive home communion.

### Safe practices are in place for all worship services.

Face masks are strongly encouraged while at worship. We will have a limited supply on hand near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

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, please observe the 6' distance between you and someone next to you (approximately two arm lengths).

All high touch points such as pews and door handles are sanitized after each service. The Altar Guild follows strict sanitation practices when filling the cups. We are using hosts instead of bread and wine is "self serve". All servers are wearing masks and will wash their hands in the Sacristy prior to serving communion.





# Serving at Worship

**THIS WEEKEND**  
9th Sunday after Pentecost

## This week's readings

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 136:1-9

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

### ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lynnae Douglas

### DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Cindy Rooks
- Sunday (8:30 am): Darlene Louison
- Sunday (10:00 am): Rhonda Rodriguez

### USHERS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Keith and Karen Pierce
- Sunday (10:00 am): Jane Krause

### LECTOR:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Lenna Graffin
- Sunday (10:00 am): Karen Pierce

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Larry Bonier

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Tina & Mary Baumgartner and Chris Spangenberg

### ALTAR GUILD:

- Jan Lukasik

### FLOWERS:

- Matt and Heidi Powers in celebration of their first wedding anniversary

### POWERPOINT TECH:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Lydia Trudell
- Sunday (8:30 am): Sue Rowe
- Sunday (10:00 am): Chuck Lukasik

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	28
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	35
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	35

**Worship Attendance**  
**July 26 & 27**

# Prayer Requests

**Sympathy and God's peace to:** the family of Noel Jenke on his passing on July 23.

**New prayer requests:** Fay Heyen; and prayers for the 45 kids who are participating in Calvary's Virtual VBS this week. May they feel the love and power of God in their homes as they learn that "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!"

**Ongoing short-term prayer requests:** Judy Grosnitz; Beverly Lawson; Janet Zastrow; Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); Anthony, Julia and baby Serafina Maniscalco (cousin of Kyle Jones); Melissa Hoag and family (niece of Pastor Ken); and Bishop Emeritus John Bradowsky; Bill Barwa (friend of Megan Sayas); Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush); Chelsea Lee (friend of Noel Jenke); Nancy Waters (sister-in-law of Barb Snyder); Jenna (granddaughter of Wayne and Bonnie Johnson); Mary Dresser (Donna Schroeder's daughter-in-law's sister); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); 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).

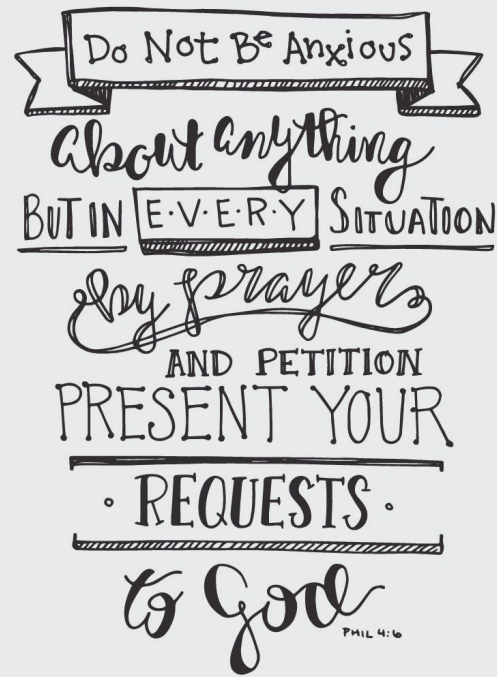
**For All Men and Women Serving:** Police Officers, Firefighters, Health Care workers and First Responders.

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

**Long-term prayer list:** *Calvary members:* Jeanette Ketelsen; Marge Skarie; Lowell Sonderman; Donna Polizzi

*Non-members:* Christine Elliott (friend of Chet Elliott); Reidun Asland (friend of Pastor Ken and Marcella Nelson); Brad Gabriel (cousin of Jenni Swanson); Jeff Edwards (friend of Ernie Kretschmann); Monica Barchus (niece of Ernie Kretschmann); Michael Rossa (Lucy Dallman's son).

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).



## Happy Birthday!

Harriet Polzin, 7/30  
Megan Schatz, 7/30  
R. J. Budnick, 7/31  
Karla Zimmerman, 8/2  
Helga Willett, 8/5

## Happy Anniversary!

Keith and Karen Pierce 7/30 (32 years)  
Darrel and Shirley Schwenn 7/31 (66 years)  
Brad and Sue Meyer 8/3 (18 years)  
Doug and Sue Ranger 8/3 (1 year)  
Curtis and Judy Klade 8/4 (58 years)



## New Member Weekend

This weekend we will officially welcome several new members to our Calvary family. Next week's CONNECTION will include more information and photos.

## Mission of the Month

### Hope Street Ministry

Hope Street Ministry helps broken men, women and children cultivate hope, and provides protection from the outside elements and most importantly supports growth together in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Hope Street Ministry is home to about 40 men, women and children whose lives have been profoundly affected by the toxic environment they grew up in, their own poor choices, or drug and alcohol abuse.

Empowered by the active Grace of Christ, the staff, volunteers, and members create a nurturing community for people to live, learn and develop new habits to flourish.

The organizational roots were developing in the 1990's. By 2000, Hope Street opened its doors at 26th and Capital. In their 20 years, they have developed a place for transformational heart-changing, as well as behavioral modification.

In 2014 they received approval to allow children to live with parents for the healing and learning of healthy family practices. In 2015 generous donations allowed for the basement of the building to include more healthy living areas, including a workout facility, a Bible study room a computer lab, an adult community room, a kid's playroom, a teen room and a laundry facility.

Hope Street takes pride in creating apartments and communal spaces that anyone would be proud to live in -- where environment uplifts dignity, and members learn to cherish and be cherished. A Refuge Garden was created in 2019, and the building of



Shechem (a community center) is forthcoming. Successful members move on to work and independent living with healthy life skills, and a continued connection to their community. Our gifts this month support the work and expansion of offerings Hope Street Ministry provides to members and as a beacon in the community.

This is an uplifting organization moving forward under the direction of Ashley Thomas, Executive Directory, who will be with us at worship this weekend to share more information.

If you'd like to contribute to Hope Street Ministries, please designate "Mission of the Month" on your check or select that category via your online donation.

[Click here to view a video about Hope Street Ministries](#)

## Men's Ministry





## **Weekly Men's Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:00 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, August 27 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](mailto:kretschmann@att.net).

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

## **This Week at a Glance**

**Thursday, July 30** Virtual Vacation Bible School  
Office closed

**Friday, July 31** Virtual Vacation Bible School  
Office closed  
5:30pm VBS Wrap Up Picnic outdoors

**Saturday, August 1**  
5:00pm Worship

**Sunday, August 2**  
8:30am Worship  
10:00am Worship

**Monday, August 3** Office closed

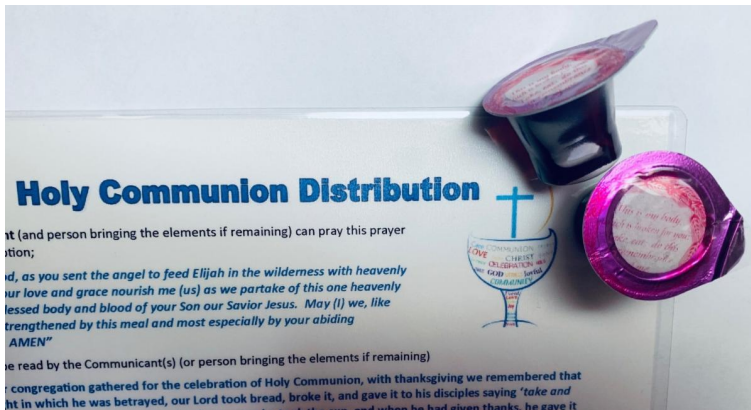
**Tuesday, August 4** Office closed  
9:30am Staff Meeting (virtual)  
7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

**Wednesday, August 5**  
7:00am Men's Weekly Breakfast @ Maxim's

**Thursday, August 6**

**Friday, August 7**





## Holy Communion Home Distribution Ministry Underway

If you are choosing to remain at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, any Calvary member, regardless of age or health, can request consecrated bread and juice from the weekend worship service. A sealed communion "kit", along with simple instructions to prepare you for communion, can be dropped off at your home by a member of our home communion ministry team.

If you'd like to get on the schedule for this important ministry, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to [office@calvarylc.com](mailto:office@calvarylc.com). You may set up a schedule of delivery weekly, or less often if you choose.



## Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up

We invite you to sign up for flowers to beautify our altar each weekend.

During the Refresh project, the sign up sheet will be in the office. If it's more convenient, you can email your request to [Cindy Zilske at office@calvarylc.com](mailto:Cindy.Zilske@calvarylc.com). Please indicate the date you'd like to sponsor the flowers, and if you would like the flowers in memory or honor of someone.

Flowers are \$35 and may be taken home following the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday morning.

## 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.



Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-noon 262.786.4010

Questions or comments? Email Sue Rowe at [communications@calvarylc.com](mailto:communications@calvarylc.com)