

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter July 16, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



"The servants asked Him, do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No", he answered, because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let them both grow until the harvest." Matthew 13:28-30a

Ok, time for an admission – I’m a “grass guy” whereas my wife is the “flower lady” of our household. Some would say I’m “OCD” on this issue of turf grass - (my wife, kids, and any observant neighbor I’ve had in the last 30 years would all nod) – I like Kentucky blue or rye grass and if see a dandelion in my yard, even from the supper table, I’ve been known to spring into action, either giving the offending weed a generous spray of something toxic or pulling my fool head off till I get it – root and all – which as most of you know is all but impossible. I once had an outbreak of “Creeping Charlie” in a lawn and probably didn’t sleep well for weeks – I’d be out till sunset (and beyond) trying to follow the root system of those things through my precious grass. Good luck with that I found.

My wife pretty much leaves me to my own devices on the lawn. But her countenance changes if on the edge of her flower garden she notices me spying something I suspect is a weed and start to plan my attack. She knows to her considerable chagrin I’ve taken up not a few budding flowers I was certain couldn’t possibly be anything but a weed! In the parables of our Lord, readers tend to gravitate to certain characters/metaphors more than others. We’d all love to see ourselves as the good soil, or the good seed, or the Good Samaritan.

The parable of the “weeds and the wheat” in Matthew 13 however leaves me utterly defenseless. I’m the fixated servant offended at the presence of something “weedish” in the field of God’s kingdom - skeptical, even exasperated, that the Lord would let a weed (in fact many of them) grow alongside wheat and not “nip them in the bud.”

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](#)

This story perplexes me because earlier in Matthew 13, Jesus told the parable of the good seed/good soil and cautioned that some of the seed he'd sown would grow up among thorns and be choked out. Why not perform some "thorn eradication?" I profess I don't understand this parable – that a good and loving God countenances evil in his creation, even allowing it to even flourish (if I use

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



Music Ministry

New Feature: Monthly Music Update



Hello! I want you to know I'm very honored to have been chosen and entrusted with the music ministry here at Calvary. I appreciate your graciousness in welcoming me and it's been a real blessing to meet and talk with many of you. I look forward to meeting more as, at some point, things return to "normal." Of course, I'm also enjoying getting to know your splendid organ!

Right now, because of COVID-19, it's looking as if we won't be able to have "normal" choir in September, but I am doing some research on virtual choir, which you may have seen or heard online. In a nutshell, each person is emailed the sheet music and given a link to videorecord his or her own part; once each member has recorded a clean take, I can put those tracks together and blend them to create a choir sound. We can play back this finished product in our worship service, keeping everyone safe as long as we need to.

It's not like "real" choir but it's an option. It also has the advantage of being on your schedule; you won't have to drop everything to rehearse at Calvary at a certain time. I do know of some choirs managing rehearsals over Zoom, which is another option. There's no reason for us to stop singing altogether! Please do contact me with your questions and concerns! You can reach me via email (music@calvarylc.com) or my cell (414-625-0318).

I would like to get your feedback regarding the music at Calvary and we've created a short survey to collect those preferences. Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to provide me with your anonymous feedback. Here's a link to the survey: [LINK](#)

I'll sign off for now with Psalm 96. *"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!"*

Nicole Moritz

[Music Preference Survey](#)

Worship Updates

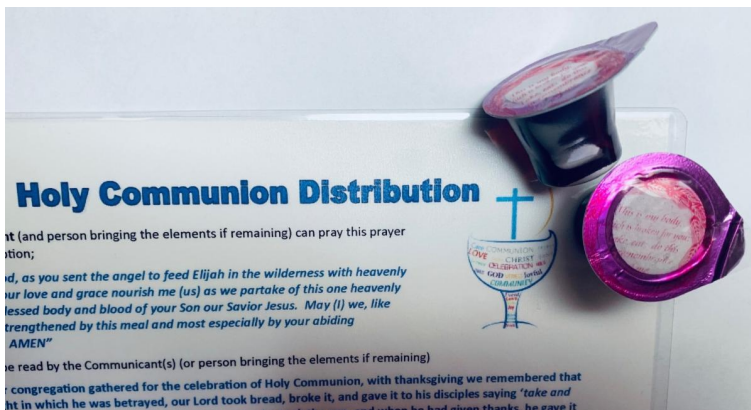
Video Equipment Fundraiser with 50% Match

Calvary Lutheran Church is excited to announce a new project aimed at reaching the broader general public and to connect with our congregation at large during the COVID19 pandemic.



We are investigating and investing in technology to provide to bring our worship services and other programs to those unable to join us in person. The plan is to purchase and install equipment that will give us the ability to record, edit and then release a video to the congregation of our worship services, Vacation Bible School, and other events within our church.

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the Video Equipment Fundraiser with a 50% match up to \$2,500. Thank you to those who have contributed so far to this project. Contact the church office ([Cindy Rooks](#)) to inquire about making a donation toward this fundraiser.



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. You may set up a schedule of delivery weekly, or less often if you choose.

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

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 7th Sunday after Pentecost

This week's readings

[Isaiah 44:6-8](#)

[Psalms 119:57-64](#)

[Romans 8:18-27](#)

[Matthew 13:24-30 36-43](#)

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

DEACONS

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Cindy Rooks
- Sunday (8:30 am): Glori Kurth
- Sunday (10:00 am): Sheila Kershek

USHERS:

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

LECTOR:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Jon Sayas
- Sunday (10:00 am): Jacklyn Warber

ALTAR GUILD:

- Tom and Sue Sadowsky

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Angie Schatz

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	41
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	38
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	29

	As of July 15, 2020			
	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD Budget	
Pledged Offerings	\$ 14,121	\$ 279,116	\$ 284,230	
Unpledged Offerings	\$ 626	\$ 17,523	\$ 37,400	
Income less Expenses	\$ (3,207)	\$ 54,187	\$ 43,236	
MOM- Hope Street Ministry	\$ 545	\$ 685	n/a	
St. Vincent de Paul Offerings	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,285	n/a	

Attendance (July 11 & 12) and Offerings

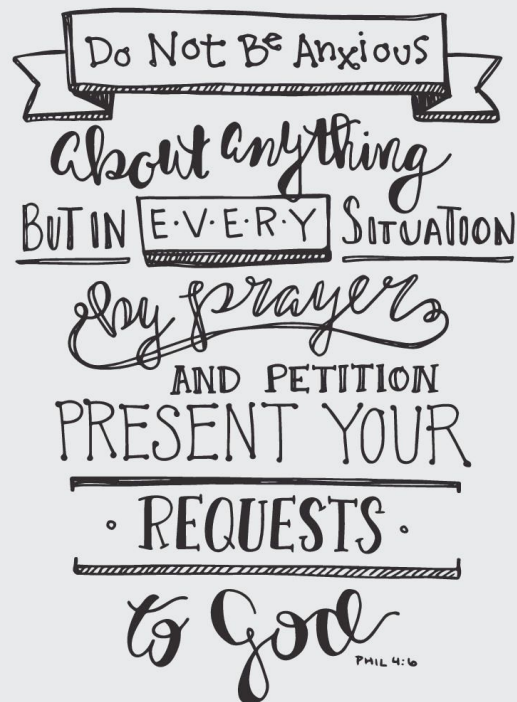
Our Church Family

Prayer Requests

New prayer requests: Beverly Lawson; Julia, Anthony and baby Serafina Maniscalco (cousin of Kyle Jones); Melissa Hoag and family (niece of Pastor Ken); and Bishop Emeritus John Bradowsky.

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Carol Gehrke; Chuck Giuliani; Gloria Strei; Pat Treutelaar; Janet Zastrow; 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); Sheila Ulsberger (friend of Brad and Sue Meyer); 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.



"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

-- Luke 18:16

Elijah Peter Huettl, son of Alecia and Nick Huettl and little brother of Meredith, Benjamin and Emily, received the Sacrament of Baptism in a private ceremony on Saturday, July 11. His Baptismal sponsors are Phil and Megan Nybroten.

God Bless you, Elijah!

Happy Birthday!

Jeanette Ketelsen, 7/20
Bill Clayton, 7/22
Barb Snyder, 7/23
Harriet Polzin, 7/30
R. J. Budnick, 7/31

Happy Anniversary!

Tom and Pat Kurtz, 7/18 (56 years)
Scott and Peggy Langelin 7/18 (39 years)
Jerry and Nancy Wittmus 7/18 (33 years)
Cable and Sarah Gall 7/29 (14 years)
Keith and Karen Pierce 7/30 (32 years)
Darrel and Shirley Schwenn 7/31 (66 years)

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 takes price in creating apartments and communal spaces that anyone would be proud to live in -- where environment

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.

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](#)

Women's Ministry

2020-2021 Books by Month

9/14 - *A Room with a View*
by R. M. Forster

10/12 - *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee

11/19 - *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

1/11 - *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

2/8 - *The Girl from Berlin* by Ronald H. Balson

3/8 - *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

4/12 - *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

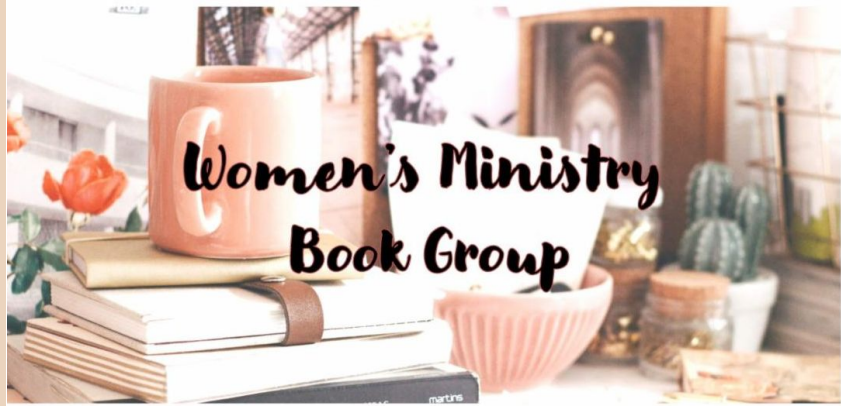
5/10 - *The Address* by Fiona

BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS

The book selections for 2020-21 were chosen last week and there is sure to be something of interest to everyone. A full list of each month's selection is on the left.

The first Book Group meeting will be held on **September 14 at 1:00 p.m.** at Calvary in a room where social distancing can be practiced. More information regarding the specific room location will be shared as the date gets closer.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Grace Gunnlaugsson at 262.751.8359 or via email at gracemg@mac.com.



Men's Ministry



Weekly Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays 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, July 23
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.

A Few Reminders ...

The Week At a Glance

Friday, July 17

Dusk Family Movie Night

Saturday, July 18

5:00p

Sunday, July 19

8:30a Worship

10:00a Worship

Monday, July 20 Refresh Project Continues

Tuesday, July 21

9:30a Staff Meeting

7:00p Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

8:00a Men's Breakfast (Maxim's)

Thursday, July 23

6:00p Monthly Men's Gathering

Friday, July 24

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.



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.



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