

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter August 13, 2020

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

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



*"Yes Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."*

Matthew 15:27

I'm a proponent of Bible memorization. A couple of verses I learned 25 years ago in Bible school that lift up the value of memorizing are Jeremiah

15:16 which says *"when your words came I ate them. They were my joy and my heart's delight. For I bear your name O Lord God almighty"* and Psalm 119:11 *"I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*

Most "memory verses" in the Bible are what old-time comedians used to call "one liners" – passages that are short, to the point, and...well...memorable! I'm not sure Matthew 15:27 has made many widely circulated "Great Promises from the Bible" memory lists. It's not very likely to be up there with *"the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"* or *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..."* or *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*

That's understandable – Matthew 15:27 does not "stand alone" on its own quite so well as those others. It, like most of the Bible, is intended to be read in context. So for context you need to read all of our gospel lesson for this week – Matthew 15:21-28. But you'd do well to read Matthew 8:5-13 too, and then flip back and read Matthew 14:28-32 and I could go on and on giving you context for Jesus' apparent insult of a non-Jewish woman who merely asked for healing mercy for her daughter. I'll say more in my sermon on this subject, but a few comments on this passage are in order ... I'll call them "outtakes" – "ponderings" one discovers when you dig deep into what the Bible says, even if it seems perplexing or offensive.

For starters, the woman's willingness to be considered "a dog" is quite stunning, but not so very much more so than, as in Matthew 8:5-13 a Roman centurion lowering himself

## Worship Resources

You can easily access our Home Worship Resources which includes an audio file of the weekend 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 ask for Jesus to heal his servant – a request laced with quite uncharacteristic Roman humility. The woman in this story knows full well non-Jews (pagans) were considered by many, if not all Jews, to be as likely to win favor in God's eyes as a dog was.

But that doesn't deter her – and that is the beauty of this story – and makes it worthwhile memorizing this verse. None of us are worthy of a love so deep and lasting as God holds for us. For as soon as we begin to assume we are at least "good enough" to catch a little of God's favor, as soon as we start to embrace the all too common presumption (held by an astonishing number of self-identified Christians by the way) that "trying to lead a good life" is how a person might merit eternal life – then we need to ....

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



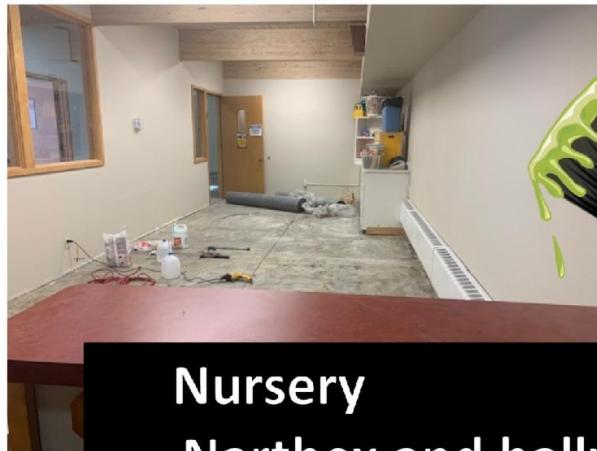
## Refresh Project Update

### Refresh Project Continues ...

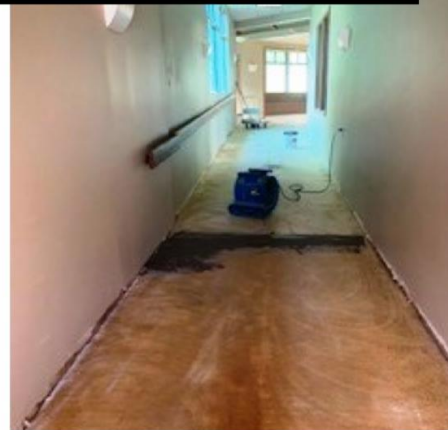
The Refresh work continues throughout the church property. Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, restrooms, hallways, youth room, media room and classrooms have all been stripped of wallpaper, walls repaired and new paint applied. Pastor Ken's office had some unexpected surprises in the wall covering so a little more work was needed to fix his walls. Carpeting continues to be installed in all of these areas. The project will continue with expected completion the week of August 17th.



**Classroom and Pastor Ken's Office**



**Nursery  
Narthex and hallway**



## **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 required 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 will wash their hands in the Sacristy prior to serving communion.

### Serving at Worship

## THIS WEEKEND

11th Sunday after Pentecost

### This week's readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Matthew 15:21-28

### ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Larry Bonier

### DEACONS:

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

### USHERS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Tom and Mary Ellen Thiede
- Sunday (10:00 am): Alex Baumgarten

### LECTOR:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Larry Bonier
- Sunday (10:00 am): Larry Bonier

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Rick Van Weelden

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Megan Schatz

### ALTAR GUILD:

- Marge Tyne

### FLOWERS:

- Larry and Susie Bonier in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary

## POWERPOINT TECH:

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

Sola Lectionary Text Study

**Pentecost 10**  
August 9, 2020

**PROCLAMATION POINTS**  
*The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event.*

**Job 38:4-18**  
Job experienced much pain and hardship in his life. Throughout many chapters, we hear his prayers of heartache. We also hear the words of his "friends" who end up blaming Job for all that has happened to him. Job longs to speak with God himself, saying, "I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me." (Job 33:4-5)

In the lesson for today Job gets his answer from God — one that he likely did not expect. We can hear the sarcasm in God's tone as he addresses Job. God never answers the questions of "why?" that Job had asked earlier. God questions Job and cannot be separated one from the other.

• Why is Paul adamant that there will be an outward expression then there is an inward faith and trust in Christ Jesus?  
• What would Martin Luther say is the source of our being able to call on the name of the Lord in the first place? Why is the ordering of God's act and our act so important?

Paul goes on in his letters to indicate that there are those who have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. He asks a rhetorical question to get them thinking, "How will people call on the Lord if they've never even heard of him?" He challenges the Romans to get out there and preach the Word so that all would hear the Gospel message and come to faith.

## Enrich Your Bible Knowledge

Each CONNECTIONS issue will provide a link to read a text study for the Scripture readings planned for the weekend.

There is a quick explanation about the specific Scripture readings, as well as a few questions for you to ponder about those readings. We invite you to check it out!

### Text Study Guide

|                    | Attendance |
|--------------------|------------|
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | 37         |
| Sunday 8:30 a.m.   | 27         |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m.  | 26         |

## Worship Giving/ Attendance August 8 & 9

| As of July 31, 2020              |               |              |            |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--|
|                                  | Month-to-Date | Year-to-Date | YTD Budget |  |
| Pledged Offerings \$             | 44,491        | \$ 309,486   | \$ 284,230 |  |
| Unpledged Offerings \$           | 13,931        | \$ 30,828    | \$ 37,400  |  |
| Income less Expenses \$          | 26,130        | \$ 83,525    | \$ 43,236  |  |
| MOM- Hope Street Ministry \$     | 2,004         | \$ 2,144     | n/a        |  |
| St. Vincent de Paul Offerings \$ | 1,140         | \$ 1,345     | n/a        |  |

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Requests

**New prayer requests:** Marion Youngquist (former Calvary member)

**Ongoing short-term prayer requests:** Fay Heyen: Judy Grospitz; Janet Zastrow; Wolfgang Schulz (brother-in-law of Sallie Schulz); Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); Anthony, Julia and baby Serafina Maniscalco (cousin of Kyle Jones); Melissa Hoag and family (niece of Pastor Ken); John Bradowsky (NALC Bishop Emeritis); Bill Barwa (friend of Megan Sayas); Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush);

Chelsea Lee (friend of Noel Jenke); 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; Pat Treutelaar

*Non-members:* Nancy Waters (sister-in-law of Barb Snyder); 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!

Mary Baumgartner, 8/13  
Virginia Cox, 8/13  
Roger Evert, 8/13  
Gloria Strei, 8/15  
Jenny Brostowitz, 8/16  
Allison Khamphoumy, 8/16  
Scott Langelin, 8/16  
Josh Morris, 8/16  
Nicole Wahlgren, 8/16  
Don Krause, 8/17  
Pam Messer, 8/18  
Isabelle Peters, 8/18  
Jon Sayas, 8/18  
Dave Schuelke, 8/18  
Lily Uhren, 8/18  
Mike Duckett, 8/19

## Happy Anniversary!

Jim and Ruth Brostowitz, 8/13 (37 years)  
Lucy and Thomas Dallmann, 8/16 (51 years)  
Hugh and and Jane Taufner, 8/16 (51 years)  
Jim and Nancy Marsho, 8/17 (52 years)  
Larry and Susie Bonier, 8/18 (47 years)

## Mission of the Month/Lutheran World Relief



## OPPORTUNITY International

Opportunity International is helping to end extreme poverty in our lifetime. They believe that empowering individuals to work their way out of poverty and give their children a quality education is the most sustainable way to transform their lives, their families, and their communities.

Opportunity International serves 10 million hardworking families in 23 countries around the world. They have big plans for the world: A place without poverty where people can live with dignity and purpose. Their clients have ambitious dreams for their futures, but lack the opportunities needed to make those dreams a reality. They go where others won't to give these inspiring people access to business loans, savings accounts, financial training, and community support—all which empower these entrepreneurs to work their way out of poverty and build a new sustainable future for themselves and their families.

To date, they have created or sustained more than 20 million jobs by giving entrepreneurs the tools they need to thrive. With our support, they will reach millions more clients—and those clients will change the world.

•**Vision:** Their vision is a world in which all people have the opportunity to achieve a life free from poverty, with dignity and purpose

•**Mission:** By providing financial solutions and training, they empower people living in poverty to transform their lives, their children's futures and their communities.

•**Motivation:** They respond to Jesus Christ's call to love and serve the poor. They seek to emulate the Good Samaritan, whose compassion crossed ethnic groups and religions. They serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

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

[Click here to view a video about Opportunity International](#)



### School Kit Collection

Calvary is participating in the creation of 75 School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

We are offering two opportunities to participate in filling the backpacks.

- You may pick up one or more backpacks in the narthex, along with



### Personal Care Kit Collection

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a

the shopping list of school supplies to fill it. You will buy all the items necessary for each backpack, fill and return it to the bins in the narthex by 9/23/20

- There is a bulletin board in the Narthex with cards indicating a specific school supply to be purchased (for example: 50 pencils or 10 boxes of crayons). You may take as many cards as you'd like, buy the appropriate items and return them to the bins in the Narthex by 9/23/20.



refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty

Items to be included in the kit are:

- One light weight bath size towel, dark color recommended
- Two or three bath size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. in original wrapping
- One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging (or an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope)
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Please place your donations in the personal care kit collection bin in the Narthex no later than 9/23/20.

## 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).

## This Week at a Glance

Friday, August 14

6:30p Family Camp-Out (back yard at church)

7:15p Family Movie – "Inside Out"

Saturday, August 15

5:00p Worship

Sunday, August 16 FOOD SUNDAY

8:30a Worship

10:00a Worship

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

9:30a Staff Meeting

7:00p Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

7:00a Men's Breakfast (Maxim's)

6:30p Evangelism Committee

Thursday, August 20

Friday, August 21

## A few reminders ....

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.

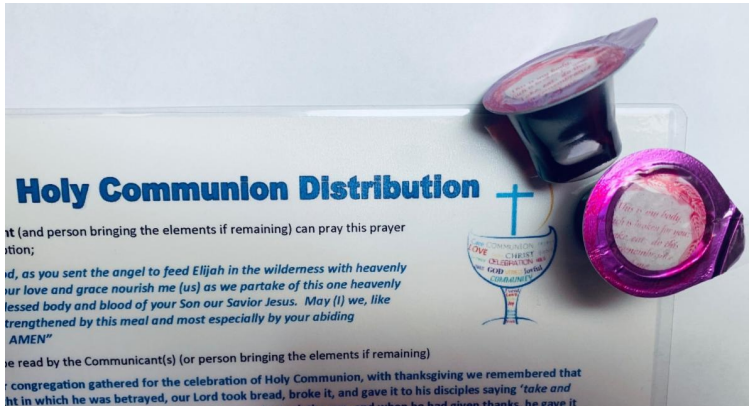
During the Refresh project, the sign up sheet will be in the office. If it's more convenient, you can email your request to [Cindy Zilske at office@calvarylc.com](mailto:Cindy.Zilske@calvarylc.com). Please indicate the date you'd like to sponsor the flowers, and if you would like the flowers in memory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



## Holy Communion Home Distribution Ministry Available

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.

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