

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter August 20, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



"He said to them
"but who do you
say that I am."
Matthew 16:15

What do people think of you? Does it matter? Should a reputation matter? To businesses it does – just look at the website of any retailer these days and they'll have a link to "client/product reviews." You look for a contractor and you get (or should get) references – that is what Craig's List is all about – managing the "reputations" of thousands of businesses throughout the country. "A bad review" can cripple a business. In my former congregation we were hiring a staff person and one of our applicants thought we were unfair to them by not hiring them and wrote a review on their (or our) Facebook page and it wasn't complimentary. Recently I looked and, if you scroll down a bit, the post is still there - and that was probably 5 years ago! That's what makes the question Jesus asked of his disciples rather intriguing.

It could very easily have been that it was a "fact check" – He had preceded this direct question by asking in general "who do people say that I am." He got several responses to that – a prophet or someone like John the Baptist. So it could be that he is merely saying "and do you agree with that assessment?"

But I've always thought that Jesus is drilling down and assumed the emphasis is not on the "who" but the "you" part of the question. In other words I've read it as "who am I to *you*!" I've asked "why should that matter to Jesus" if it is simply a reputation sort of thing – in other words I've reduced the question to the level of Jesus soliciting an opinion. But that isn't the case – because immediately one disciple – Peter says "you are the Christ, the Son of the

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](#)

living God.” That’s not the expression of an opinion nor the reciting of a reputation – that’s a heartfelt confession, a statement of belief.

But it’s helpful to ponder, for me at least, that Jesus would ask people what they think of him. Sort of disarming in a way. There is nothing more important in your life than ...

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



Faith Formation



Calvary members and families enjoyed the movie **Inside Out** (see [movie synopsis at right](#)) on a beautiful evening last Friday. Social distancing was practiced and it was a wonderful get-together with church friends and families.

Several families also pitched their tents and camped out overnight, while enjoying games and fellowship.



Inside Out (a Disney Pixar film) is the story about Riley is a happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl, but her world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Riley's emotions -- led by Joy -- try to guide her through this difficult, life-changing event. However, the stress of the move brings Sadness to the forefront. When Joy and Sadness are inadvertently swept into the far reaches of Riley's mind, the only emotions left in Headquarters are Anger, Fear and Disgust.

Sharing Your Faith ... A "How To" Series

Many people think that to lead someone to Christ you have to convince them with



your words. Not so. The way to do it is to let Scripture and the Holy Spirit do the talking for you.

How does that work, you ask? There are two basic principles occurring when you share scripture. The first comes from Romans 10:17: **“Faith comes from hearing the message.”** The second principle comes from Luke 10:26, which describes Jesus’ approach to a man who was reading the Law. Jesus simply asked the man, **“How do you read it?”** In other words, Jesus was asking, **“What does this say to you?”**

In this way, Jesus was able to discuss Scripture without starting an argument. “What does this say to you?” is a

question. It is not a defense or argument. All you have to do is listen to your friend’s answer. Your only job is to turn the pages of the Bible and stay out of God’s way. The Holy Spirit will help your friend understand more from a simple reading of a verse than any explanation or sermon you could have preached.

There are seven short pieces of Scripture to share with your friend *(you can click on each one to read it here)*:

1. [Romans 3:23](#)
2. [Romans 6:23](#)
3. [John 3:3](#)
4. [John 14:6](#)
5. [Romans 10:9-11](#)
6. [2 Corinthians 5:15](#)
7. [Revelation 3:20](#)

Mark these verses in your Bible so you can quickly locate them. Then hand your Bible to your friend and say:

You:	Read this passage aloud
Friend:	(Reads Scripture out loud)
You:	What does this say to you?
Friend:	(Answers correctly)
You:	(Turn to the next scripture) Read this aloud.

He cannot say, “That’s your interpretation,” because he’s done all the reading and interpretation and analyzing. The Holy Spirit, not you, is in charge of all the convincing and convictions. You are only in the page-turning business with one goal, to stay out of God’s way.

Why do you have your friend read the Scriptures aloud? Because faith comes from hearing. So, have your friend read each of the seven Scriptures listed above in that order. After your friend reads each scripture, have him/her tell you what it means. If he/she doesn’t know what it means or gives a wrong meaning, then have them read the Scripture again. It may take several readings before they catch on. Remember, it is your job to trust the Holy Spirit to teach your friend the truth of God’s forgiveness. The Holy Spirit will be at work in the person’s heart to help him/her understand the unconditional love of God.

Give it a spin. Get together with a friend who doesn’t have a relationship now with God. Take him/her through this 7-Scripture awakening. Let Scripture do the talking. You’ll have the Holy Spirit sitting right next to you and your friend.

(Excerpts from *Share Jesus Without Fear* by William Fay and Linda Evans Fay)

Refresh Project is almost complete ...

If you've stopped by church or attended worship, you'll notice the freshly painted walls and new carpeting. With only a few minor tweaks yet to be done, and a thorough cleaning and placement of all the items stored in Fellowship Hall, we can almost will be able to call this project complete!



Acoustical panels will be installed in Fellowship Hall in mid-September to absorb some of the noise, which can make it hard to hear in there when there are lots of people.

Special thanks to Cindy Rooks, the Project Manager for this huge project, her Refresh Committee, and the volunteers who helped with clean-up and getting everything back in its proper place.

Music Ministry



Shine, Ringers Shine!



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. *Psalm 100:1-3*

Members of the Celebration Ringers recently gathered for the annual cleaning and polishing of the handbells. The Ringers are scheduled to begin playing during worship on Sunday, September 20.

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.



THIS WEEKEND

12th Sunday after Pentecost

This week's readings

Click each for link to readings

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

[Psalm 138](#)

[Romans 11:33-12:8](#)

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lynnae Douglas

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Sheila Kershek
- Sunday (8:30 am): Terry Bzdusek
- Sunday (10:00 am): Terry Bzdusek

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Ed Ramthun
- Sunday (10:00 am): Ed Ramthun

LECTOR:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Chris Dudzik (Sunday @ 8:30 a.m. only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Kyle Jones

ALTAR GUILD:

- RoJean Holler

FLOWERS:

- Lukasik/Pfeiffer family in memory of Delores Pfeiffer

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	33
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	35
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	30

Worship August 15 & 16

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 joint 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...

That Jesus now takes the five loaves and gives thanks etc., teaches that nothing is too small and insignificant for him to do for his followers, and he can indeed so bless their pittance that they have an abundance, whereas even the rich have not enough with all their riches.
 — Martin Luther —
 Church Postil

hand 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 letter 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...

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](#)

Our Church Family

Prayer Requests

New prayer requests: Bill Jordan and Elizabeth Scott (cousin of Megan Sayas).

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Judy Grospitz; Janet Zastrow; Marion Youngquist (former Calvary member); Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); Anthony, Julia and baby Serafina Maniscalco (cousin of Kyle Jones); 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).

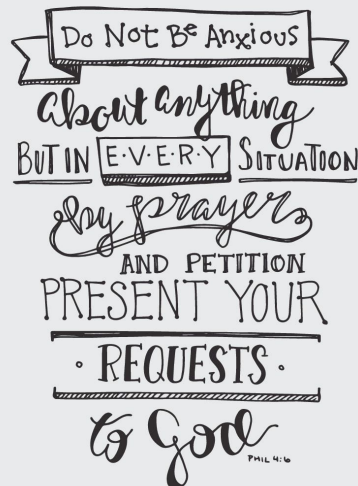
For All Men and Women Serving: Police Officers, Firefighters, Health Care workers and First Responders.

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:* Fay Heyen; 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.



Happy Birthday!

Kim Krause, 8/20
Gwen Rian, 8/20
Betty Ring, 8/20
Madeline Voss, 8/20
Maxine Weisbrodt, 8/20
Eleanora Ramthun, 8/21
Olivia Peters, 8/22
Marcella Nelson, 8/25
Jessica Himself, 8/26
John Schwartz, 8/26
Sara Kalupa, 8/27
Shirley Mahn, 8/27

Happy Anniversary!

Bob and Mary Smith, 8/22 (50 years)
Gerhard and Sallie Schulz, 8/23 (45 years)
Carol and Ed Witzke, 8/24 (52 years)
Allison and Reid Mayer, 8/26 (3 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 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



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 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

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.



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.

This Week at a Glance

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

5:00p Worship

Sunday, August 23

8:30a Worship

10:00a Worship

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

9:30a Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

6:00p Men's Ministry Monthly Gathering

Friday, August 27

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.

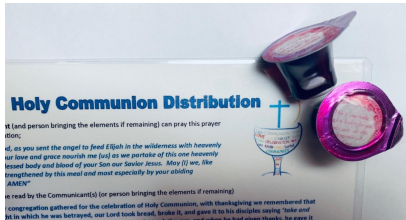
During the Refresh project, the sign up sheet will be in the office. If it's more convenient, you can email your request to [Cindy Zilske at office@calvarylc.com](mailto:Cindy.Zilske@calvarylc.com). Please indicate the date you'd like to sponsor the flowers, and if you would like the flowers in memory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

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

Questions or comments? Email Sue Rowe at communications@calvarylc.com