

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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This Week's Pondering

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Recently, one of our boys (in his own unique way) said “thank you” to Caleb and me for something we’d done for him. It was quite simple, but I was stunned. There was no coercion tied to his thankfulness. There wasn’t a preceding, “now it’s time to say thank you” from one of his parents. There wasn’t even the slightest bit of insincerity in his voice. From what I could tell, he was truly grateful, and I was

amazed. This is a rare occasion in our house, and as a mother, it was a memorable one!

The exchange made me pause to consider how many times a day Caleb or I tell the boys to say “thank you” in an effort to teach them to be grateful. Sometimes I wonder if this will ever “pay off,” so to speak, or if true gratitude can’t be manufactured through this habitual “repeat-after-me” approach.

Then I recall that this is almost exactly what our Father in heaven does for us as he calls and leads us in worship, and he does not grow weary in doing it. He says, for instance, “when you pray, pray like this...” and then he teaches us to pray. In the Psalter, he gives us words to pray and sing that cover the whole range of human emotion and experience. He tells us how to praise him and how to lament. He tells us how we are to break bread and drink from his cup with thankfulness in our hearts. In a way, he says,

Please click [HERE](#) to read the remainder of this week's Pondering.

Worship Resources

NEW! We have begun recording the Saturday worship service so you can watch it on Sunday morning! You can easily access our Home Worship Resources which includes the video of the service and an Order of Worship that outlines the service. Click below.

Worship Resources

Online Resources

NEW! "Foretaste of the Feast" Podcast

Calvary Website

Prior Sermons

NALC Daily Devotion

Congratulations Pastor Ken on your 20th Anniversary!

Pastor Ken was ordained on March 19, 2000.

We had planned to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his Ordination back in March; however, COVID-19 restrictions were in full force and we had to cancel.

We will be celebrating this milestone during all three worship services this weekend.



Martin Luther's Reflection on the Pastoral Call



"Though all of us are priests, we may and should not on that account all preach or teach and govern. However, from the whole congregation some must be selected and chosen to whom this office is to be committed; and whoever holds this office is now, because of it, not a priest (like all the rest), but a servant, or minister, of all the others. And if he can or will no more preach or serve, he steps back into the common crowd, commits his office to someone else, and is now again no more than every common Christian. Behold, thus must the office of preaching, or the ministry, be distinguished from the universal priesthood of all baptized Christians. For this office is nothing more than a public service, which is delegated to one by the whole congregation, though all of them are priests together."

Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity

Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity was the theme of the stewardship campaign last year. Calvary is so thankful for your generous commitment to the work of Calvary Lutheran Church. In the next few days, your 2020 giving information will be **emailed** to you for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Rooks at 262-786-4010 or Finance@Calvarylc.com. The information will be mailed to those who do not have an email address. Again, thank you.





Refresh Update

Acoustical panels are being installed this week in Fellowship Hall to absorb excess noise. Because the room is so large with many hard surfaces, these panels will make it easier to hear when groups of people are gathered.

Faith Formation

Sunday School Basics

Worship service times will be adjusted to 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to provide an ideal 9:15 a.m. start time to Sunday School with a target end time around 10:05 a.m.

**CLICK HERE for
Sunday School
information and
registration**

Sunday School will resume on October 4, 2020 at 9:15 a.m.

This delayed start date will provide families time to settle into their new school-year routines. This semester of Sunday School will run through at least December.

Before the end of 2020, a decision on what in-person Sunday School will look like for January through May will be made. Prior to the start date, we request that parents register (*use the link at left*) so we can make the necessary room arrangements, obtain the necessary supplies, and take the necessary safety precautions.

How do ordinary routines relate to worship services?

It's not always easy to see how our ordinary routines between Monday and Friday have anything to do with our worship services on the weekend. How is it that responding to emails, getting stuck in traffic, making lunches for kids or disagreeing with a spouse

relates to God coming to us through Word and Sacrament?

In her refreshing book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, Tish Harrison Warren seeks to show that the same Lord who is near to us in worship is near in the mundane moments of each day. Using the church's liturgy as her lens, Warren

winsomely shows us how God may be encountering us and making us holy in these ordinary moments that we often overlook. Come join as we discuss this book together!



When: Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m. beginning on October 7th (Tentatively)

Where: Calvary's Youth Room

Who: Especially geared toward young professionals and mothers, but **all** are welcome!

If you're interested, please contact Lynnae Douglas (ldouglas@calvarylc.com) so she can order enough copies of the book. If there is a scheduling conflict but you'd still like to join us, please contact Lynnae ASAP.

Sola Lectionary Text Study

Pentecost 12

August 23, 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.

Isaiah 51:1-6

The Lord speaks to his people encouraging those who seek him and his righteousness to look back to the roots of their faith and nation. He speaks of their ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, as the stone quarry from which they were dug.

• If you look back on the generations of the faithful, how does that bolster your faith?

• Consider Isaiah's words here to what promises might be made to you about the Church being built up? What might be the challenges to that?



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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!

**Guest preachers or special celebrations may offer alternative scripture. The SOLA study text will always reference the text that is listed in the 2020 Lectionary published by the NALC/SOLA.*

Text Study Guide

Music Ministry

A little background on the author of our Closing Hymn this weekend (*Day by Day*)

Lina Sandell (full name: Karolina Wilhelmina



Nicole's Notes

Sandell-Berg) was born 3 October 1832 and died 27 July 1903. Briefly stated, she was a Swedish poet and author of gospel hymns.

She was the daughter of a devout Lutheran pastor, to whom she grew very close. She suffered ill health as a child; later, she believed that God had miraculously healed her of paralysis.

At the age of 26, she witnessed her father's drowning in a boat accident, a tragedy that ultimately steered her closer to God.

She married in 1867 to Oscar Berg who went on

to become a member of the Swedish parliament. Their only child died at birth. Lina herself died in 1903 at the age of 70 and is buried in Stockholm, Sweden.

Over the span of her life, she wrote over 600 gospel songs, including *Tryggare kan ingen vara* (Children of the Heavenly Father) and *Blott en dag* (Day by Day). These songs were popularized in her lifetime by Oskar Ahnfelt (Swedish Christian "contemporary" artist of his day) and Jenny Lind (think *The Greatest Showman!*) in America.

Worship Updates

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through 9/27/20)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



Our worship times will be slightly adjusted to accommodate time for Sunday School, beginning on October 4, 2020.

The new schedule will be:

Saturday, 5 p.m. (no change)

Sunday, 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.



	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	31
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	57
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	40

Worship Attendance September 12 & 13



Serving at Worship

THIS WEEKEND 16th Sunday after Pentecost

This week's readings

Click below for a link to each reading

[Amos 7:10-15](#)

[Psalm 121](#)

[John 15:9-17](#)

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Larry Bonier

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Terry Bzdusek
- Sunday (8:30 am): Glori Kurth
- Sunday (10:00 am): Ed Ramthun

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Bob and Mary Smith
- Sunday (10:00 am): Chuck and Jan Lukasik

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Chris Spangenberg
- Sunday (10:00 am): Chuck Lukasik

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Natalie Anderson

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Celebration Ringers
- Rick Van Weelden

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Kalupa family in memory of Harry Kalupa and Victor Muth

ALTAR GUILD:

- Tom and Sue Sadowsky

POWERPOINT TECH:

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



New prayer requests: Ka Thou; Steve Patel (brother-in-law of Chuck Giuliani); Alice Schilling (sister of Janet Zastrow) and Else-Marie Westman (daughter of Pastor Ken).

Prayers of comfort and God's grace to: the family and friends of Pastor Cathi Braasch, who passed away on September 10.

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Chuck Giuliani; Judy Grospitz; Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker); Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); Elizabeth Scott (cousin of Megan Sayas); Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); John Bradowsky (NALC Bishop Emeritis); Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush); Mary Dresser (Donna Schroeder's daughter-in-law's sister); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush).

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; Bill Jordan; Jeanette Ketelsen; Marge Skarie; Lowell Sonderman; Donna Polizzi; Pat Treutelaar; and Janet Zastrow.

Non-members: Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly); Bill Barwa (friend of Megan Sayas); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); 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!

Hugh Taufner, 9/17
Mark Knappe, 9/18
Mallory Zipp, 9/18
Meredith Huettl, 9/19
Brad Meyer, 9/19
Jared Springer, 9/19
Annie Bermel, 9/20
Ann Jazgar, 9/20

Happy Anniversary!



Men's and Women's Ministries



**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, September 24
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

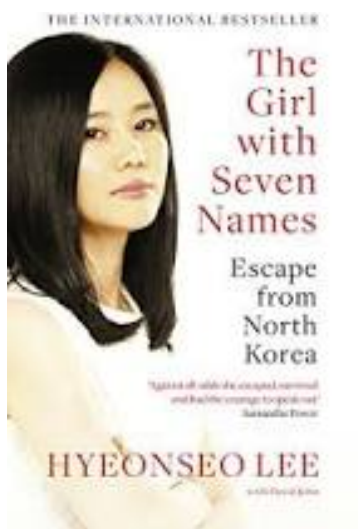
Come for fellowship, food and devotion time. Dinner will be provided. Social distancing will be respected and practiced. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ernie Kretschmann at kretschmann@att.net.



Monday, October 12 - 1 p.m.

Join the **Women's Ministry Book Group** as they discuss *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee.

Here's the review from Amazon.com: An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.



As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realize that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told "the best on the planet"?

Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her

Mission of the Month & Community Outreach

Mission of the Month: B.A.S.I.C.S.

Our September Mission of the Month is B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brothers And Sisters In Christ Serving). In addition to providing Bibles and Blankets in the Milwaukee area, Calvary will be supporting the Genesis Prison Ministry, which provides for discipleship inside the prison and help on the outside for re-entry.



B.A.S.I.C.S. is a Christian nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that works to strengthen churches and Christian outreach ministries throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee area. The group supports over 15 city ministries such as local partnerships, in-prison and re-entry ministries, community outreach events, recovery programs, youth activities and many others.

It is a well-established and highly regarded organization that's been in existence for over 20 years. It seeks to strengthen the evangelical outreach and growth of local churches, as well as help alleviate poverty and other difficult social problems. By fostering cooperation and teamwork while also connecting with resources, B.A.S.I.C.S. makes each outreach effort more effective.

The Calvary mission of the month donations for September will be supporting two ministries under the B.A.S.I.C.S. umbrella. Bibles written at a third grade reading level, along with blankets to provide comfort and warmth, are distributed to individuals in impoverished areas throughout Milwaukee. The Genesis Prison Ministry offers mentoring and discipleship, as well as a comprehensive, transformational program that assists with housing, employment training, job placement, financial literacy and management to enhance family development.

To support this important Mission for the Month, you may include it in your weekly offering envelope or designate the donation as "Mission of the Month" in your online giving.



Cereal Food Drive

The Food Pantry of Waukesha County has a great need for boxes of healthy whole grain cereals. If you'd like to donate a box or two, please drop it off at our Food Pantry collection box, which is located in the east hallway near the



Or, you can drop your donation off directly to the Pantry during the hours listed below.

The Pantry accepts donations at 1301 Sentry Drive in Waukesha on the following days/times:

- Monday through Friday from 1-3 p.m.
- Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

This Week at a Glance *(also available on Calvary website calvarylc.com)*

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

5:00p Recognition Pastor Ken's Ordination Anniversary
Worship

Sunday, September 20 Recognition Pastor Ken's Ordination Anniversary

8:30a Worship

10:00a Worship

Monday, September 21

10:00a Bible Study (Pat Dieck's group)

Tuesday, September 22

9:30a Staff Meeting

6:00p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 23

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

5:45p COFFEE at the Cross rehearsal (Virtual)

7:00p Alleluia Choir Rehearsal (Virtual)

Thursday, September 24

9:30a Calvary Knitting Group

6:00p Men's Ministry Gathering

Friday, September 25

A few reminders

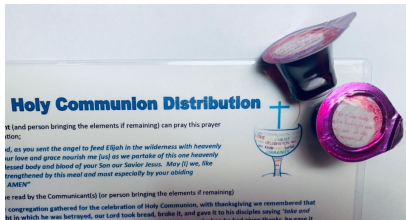
*The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.
The door closest to the office (NW corner) will be open during those hours.
Please check in with the office staff so we know you are in the building.*

Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up

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

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

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



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.

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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