

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter September 10, 2020

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

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### What's the Purpose of a Worship Service?

Whether online or in-person, what's the purpose of participating in a worship service? For many, the answer might be, "Because it's the right thing to do." For others, the answer could be, "Well, that's what we've always done on Sundays." Still, others might answer, "To glorify God."

While some of these answers have kept some people participating in and attending worship, decades of dwindling church attendance show that these are not sustainable reasons to regularly participate in a church worship service. So let's look at three good reasons Scripture gives us.

The **first** reason is to meet with the creator of all things in a sure and knowable way. How can we be sure God is there? He promises to be.

He is there most assuredly in his word and sacrament. That word which is synonymous with his presence is his name. We worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit because as Jesus says, "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matt 18:20).

While we meet with the creator of all things to offer praise and thanksgiving and to pray for others, we don't do those things to bring God down or to serve him in some way. The worship service is less like servants entering the throne room to wait on the needs of the king and more like a father joining his family around the dining room table. He ...

*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

Looking for a copy of a prior sermon? Or did you miss reading one of the Connections 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](#)



## WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 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. Face masks are required while at worship. 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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

### This week's reading

*Click below for a link to each reading*

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

[Psalm 103:1-12](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

### ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

### DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Ed Ramthun
- Sunday (8:30 am): Sheila Kershek
- Sunday (10:00 am): Lisa Grossman

### USHERS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Jim and Ruth Brostowitz
- Sunday (10:00 am): Jane Krause

### LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:30 am): Cathy Wahlgren
- Sunday (10:00 am): Lenni Graffin

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Larry Bonier

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Wayne Johnson



## ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Vollmar Family in memory of Cynthia Lee, Nancy Vollmar and Genrose Miller

## ALTAR GUILD:

- Norene Giuliani

## POWERPOINT TECH:

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

## Financial and Worship Attendance September 5 & 6

	ATTENDANCE
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.	39
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	46
SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.	36

	As of August 31, 2020		
	MONTH-TO-DATE	YEAR-TO-DATE	YTD BUDGET
PLEDGED OFFERINGS	\$ 17,561	\$ 327,047	\$ 306,770
UNPLEDGED OFFERINGS	\$ 2,799	\$ 33,627	\$ 39,980
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ (13,180)	\$ 70,344	\$ 36,545
OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL	\$ 1,104	\$ 2,244	N/A

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 can you come before you, how does that bolster your faith?

• Compare Isaiah's words here to what Scripture says in Psalm 136 about the "steadfast love" of "Yahweh our God" who has "done for us all that we desire."

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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 may select 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

## Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Ruth Young, 9/10

Carol Witzke, 9/11  
Addie Meyer, 9/12  
George Rooney, 9/12  
Helga Seter, 9/12  
Terry Moths, 9/13  
Kris Lewandowski, 9/14  
Ed Marshall, 9/14  
Erica Zipp, 9/14  
Elijah Himself, 9/15  
Lowell Sonderman, 9/15  
William Dudzik, 9/16  
Ron Foster, 9/16  
Cable Gall, 9/16  
Pastor Ken Nelson, 9/16  
Carole Wegner, 9/16



Dave and Carolyn Schuelke, 9/12 (28 years)



**New prayer requests:** Chuck Giuliani; Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker); Cathi Braasch (former interim pastor at Calvary)

**Ongoing short-term prayer requests:** Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); Judy Grospitz; Marion Youngquist (former Calvary member); 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](mailto:office@calvarylc.com).



Pastor Cathi Braasch (who served as interim pastor at Calvary) has been moved to a hospice care facility, Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, and appears to be in her final days with us in this life. She had recently experienced a recurrence of her cancer and spent a good part of the last two weeks in the hospital. It has now been determined that she is on an irreversible downward course and, thus, hospice care is in order.

Please keep Pastor Cathi Braasch in your prayers. She is a gifted pastor, a true partner and colleague in ministry, and a loved and

cherished child of God. She has served her Lord well, and we thank God for her gifts, for her willingness to serve, and for her life lived and offered in Christ.

## Mission of the Month & Community Outreach

### Thank you, Pastor Woods

Pastor Frank Woods joined us last weekend at all three services and delivered an inspirational sermon based on Psalm 20.

Pastor Woods is the President and Executive Director for Genesis Lighthouse, an outreach program of B.A.S.I.C.S. Milwaukee.



### 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 classrooms and music office.

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.
- Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m

## School Kit Collection

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

We are offering two opportunities for you 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 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.**

## 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. 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



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

## This Week at a Glance

Friday, September 11

10:30a Mission & Outreach Committee

Saturday, September 12

5:00p

Worship

Sunday, September 13

8:30a

Last day to grab a cookbook from Narthex!

10:00a

Worship

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Monday, September 14

1:00p

Serenity Inn Meal Program

Women's Ministry Book Group/Movie (at Grace's)

Tuesday, September 15

9:30a

Staff Meeting

1:00p

Rebekah Circle

6:00p

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

7:00p

Church Council

Wednesday, September 16

7:00a

Happy Birthday Pastor Ken!

5:45p

Men's Breakfast (Maxim's)

6:30p

COFFEE at the Cross rehearsal (Virtual)

7:00p

Evangelism Committee meeting

7:30p

Alleluia Choir Rehearsal (virtual)

Faith Formation Committee

Thursday, September 18

9:00a

Calvary Quilters

Friday, September 19

## Men's and Women's Ministry

### Women's Ministry Book Group/Movie of the Month

As COVID continues to change the way we do



things, the activities of the Women's Ministry Book Group and Movie of the Month are no different.

This month you're invited to join the Calvary women as they gather at the home of Grace Gunnlaugsson on **Monday September 14 at 1pm** to watch the movie "A Room with a View", followed by a discussion of the movie and the book, which they are reading this month.

Please call or email Grace at 262.751.8359 or [gracemg@mac.com](mailto:gracemg@mac.com) if you have any questions.



**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](mailto:kretschmann@att.net).

## 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@office@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.



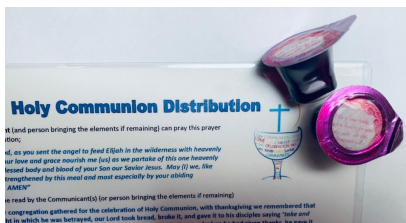


Flowers are \$35 and may be taken home following the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday morning.

## 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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