

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter October 15, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



Then he said to them, give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"

Matthew 22:21

I've not had the chance to listen to much of the confirmation hearings currently underway in the United States Senate for a new Supreme Court Justice – but from what I am told the appointee, Judge Barrett is handling a lot of difficult questions with skill. Still, lots of folks seem to be accusing her of avoiding the issues raised – of giving evasive answers.

That's the nature of these confirmation hearings I've discovered over the years. Judges who are supposed to be impartial are nonetheless asked how they'd rule on a case and the very nature of being a judge means you don't indicate how you'd rule before you have the case before you. So, no matter if the nominee is considered liberal or conservative, their answers tend to all be quite ...well ...vague.

Our Lord Jesus shall not be accused, in these pages at least, of avoiding a topic or being vague. But in an interrogation by certain legal experts of the Jews, men who were called "Pharisees", I think we might conclude that Jesus gave a clever answer. Asked if he, a citizen of Israel, thought it was okay (to the Pharisees this meant "legal") to pay taxes to Caesar – the king of another country, Jesus said ... well, you tell me. He said give Caesar things that belong to Caesar. Since he was asked about

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

Worship Resources

The Saturday worship service is now being recorded so you can watch it on Sunday morning. Click below to access the video as well as a copy of the weekend's sermon.

[Worship Resources](#)

Online Resources

["Foretaste of the Feast" Weekly Podcast](#)

[Text Study for weekend readings](#)

[Calvary Website](#)

[Prior Sermons](#)

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Month (originally called *Clergy Appreciation Month*) was established in 1992 by a group of pastors and church leaders to honor those who serve in ministry.

They grounded the celebration in Paul's words to Timothy: *"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching"* (1 Timothy 5:17)



We are a very blessed congregation to have [Pastor Ken Nelson](#) as our Senior Pastor, [Lynnae Douglas](#) as our Pastoral Intern, and pastors [Jerry Wittmus](#) and [Mark Knappe](#) as fill-in clergy. If you'd like to send an email note of thanks to any of them, just click on their names above for a link to their email address. You are also welcome to drop them a handwritten note and can leave that in the church office. Staff will make sure it will be delivered.

A prayer of thanks for their service is always appreciated. Here is a sample to guide you:

Lord, I enter your courts with praise and thanksgiving. Thank you for choosing Pastor Ken, Lynnae, Pastor Jerry and Pastor Mark to shepherd this church. Thank you for helping them to walk in the counsel of the Godly. May you continue strengthening them so that they can lead us to you, our true living God. Remove anything in their lives that may hinder them from fulfilling the calling you have placed in their hearts. May they hide under your wings all the days of their lives. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Worship Updates



Our worship times have been slightly adjusted to accommodate time for Christian Education time

New Worship Times:

Saturday, 5 p.m. (no change)

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

Sunday School/Christian Education: 9:15 a.m.

Music Ministry

*The trumpeters and **musicians** joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." 2 Chronicles 5:15*



Are you interested in providing music during our worship to give praise and thanks to our Lord? We have several opportunities available:

- We have one open position on the Celebration Ringers ensemble, and can always use back up ringers. If you can count to four, you can ring! Ringers meet on Wednesday night 6-7pm.
- Soloists/duets are always invited to sing during the Saturday and/or Sunday

worship services. Your ideas are always appreciated.

- Alleluia Choir, our adult choir, needs more voices. We have made the decision to move forward with in-person rehearsals on Wednesday nights 7-8pm, using singers' masks and proper distancing.
- Little Chimers bell choir for the younger children has been formed and is looking for ringers. If you don't fall into the ages 6-10 category but are still interested, we have room for you! Older kids including teens are welcome to contact Nicole Moritz for "here and there" chiming opportunities that do not involve a regular ensemble.

If you are interested in any of the above musical opportunities, please contact Nicole at music@calvarylc.com, call or text 414-625-0318.

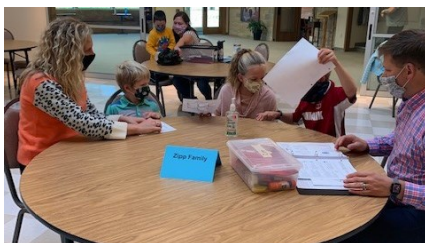
Ring a'ling Children's Chimers!

Little CHIMERS! It's not too late to join the kids' chimes choir. Join Nicole on **Saturday from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the music room**. This opportunity is open to children 6 – 10 years old. We will learn foundational principles of music as well as have a great time making music.

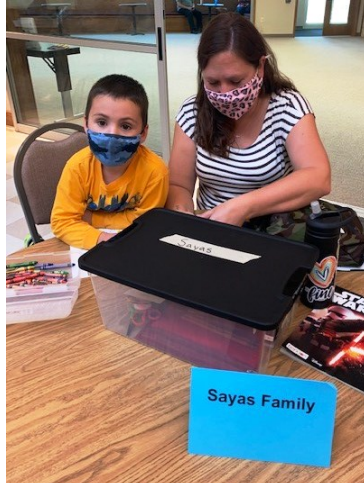
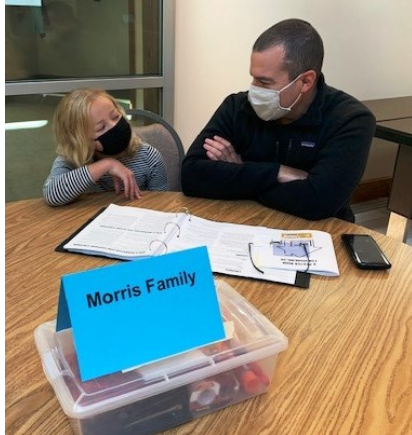
There is no need to register; just show up, and if you have questions, please contact Nicole Moritz at 414-625-0318 (text or call).



Faith Formation



Christian Education Re-Imagined 2020!



*Teach them to your children,
talking about them when you
sit at home and when you walk
along the road, when you lie
down and when you get up.*

Deuteronomy 11:19

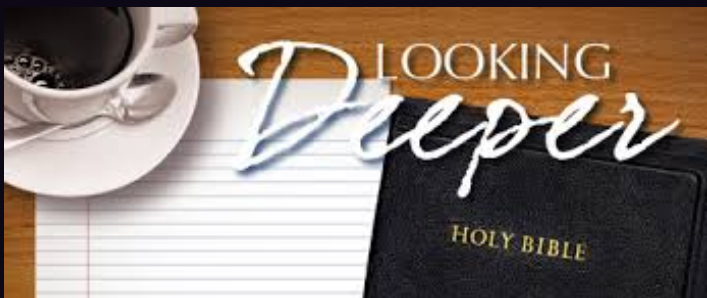
Sunday School is a little different this year. Families are gathered safely in Fellowship Hall and equipped with all the materials needed to learn a new lesson each week, led by Kyle Jones, Director of Faith Formation.

Confirmation students (taught by Lynnae Douglas) and High School youth (taught by Lauren Beeson) are meeting weekly as well, safely distanced in the Music and Youth rooms.

Pastor Ken's Wednesday Bible Study Resumes October 21 at 12:30pm

Pastor Ken's Wednesday Bible study will resume on Wednesday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Seating will be appropriately spaced and masks will be required. Please note that refreshments will not be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own beverages.

Pastor Ken will be leading discussion on the Scripture text for the upcoming weekend. Hope you can join us!



**Adult Christian
Education
SUNDAY at 9:15 a.m.**

Wayne Johnson is leading a Bible study focusing on 2 Timothy at 9:15 a.m. in the Media Room.

Pastor Ken will begin teaching the "Lutheran Next Steps" (LNS), starting October 18 for nine consecutive weeks, at 9:15 a.m. in Room 109. LNS is about the basics of the Christian faith -

the things we will pass on about our faith in the Lutheran tradition and culminates in the golden opportunity to write a "faith story" - your story, the story that could change someone else's life. This is only open to the first eight people who sign up. You can sign up via the sheet on the glass doors of Fellowship Hall, or via email to Cindy (office@calvarylc.com).

Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, coffee and refreshments will not be available.

Giving & Worship Attendance October 10 & 11

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	30
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	40
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	47

Serving at Worship

THIS WEEKEND
20th Sunday after Pentecost
**NOTE NEW WORSHIP
TIMES!**

This week's readings

Click below for a link to each readings

[Isaiah 45:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-19](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lynnae Douglas

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Terry Bzdusek
- Sunday (8:15am): Lisa Grossman
- Sunday (10:15 am): Rhonda Rodriguez

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Jim and Ruth Brostowitz
- Sunday (10:15 am): Chuck and Jan Lukasik

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Larry Bonier
- Sunday (10:15 am): Bill Graffin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Larry Bonier

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Wayne Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Judy Kestly in memory of Tom

ALTAR GUILD:

- RoJean Holler

POWERPOINT TECH:

- **Saturday (5:00 pm):** Lydia Trudell
- **Sunday (8:15 am):** Chris Spangenberg
- **Sunday (10:15 am):** Johanna Nelson

Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Elise Baumgartner, 10/16
Randy Wizner, 10/16
Adam Kershek, 10/19
Sandra Sanchez, 10/20
Deb Wolff, 10/20
Herb Grosnitz, 10/21
David Kretschmann, 10/21
Natalie Anderson, 10/22

Happy Anniversary!

Erik and Erica Zipp, 10/20 (13 years)
Lesly and Roger Evert, 10/22 (9 years)
Matt and Hannah Ware, 10/26 (9 months)
Sheila and Mark Kershek, 10/27 (25 years)

Prayer Requests



Sympathy and God's peace to: Judy Kestly and family on the passing of her husband Tom on October 9. Tom's obituary can be found [here](#).

Joy and blessings to: Tom and MaryEllen Thiede on the arrival of their first grandchild, Kendall Julia Thiede, born to Jordan and Joanne on September 28; and to Brian Kretschmann and Kara Franceschini who celebrated their marriage at Calvary on Saturday, October 10.

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: George Rooney, Grace Gunnlaugsson; Ka Thou; Somalian family Hamzo and her nine children lost their home in Milwaukee in a fire on 9/21; Steve Pitel (brother-in-law of Chuck Giuliani); Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker); Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); Elizabeth Scott (cousin of Megan Sayas);

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

Non-members: Judy Grospitz; 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); 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); 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.

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.

All men are invited to attend!



**Monthly Men's Ministry
Gathering
Thursday, October 22
6:00 p.m.**

(The monthly men's gathering will be on hiatus in November and December)

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.

Community Outreach and Mission of the Month

Winter Clothing Drive for BASICS

New or clean used items

Coats, Jackets and Snow Pants
Sweatshirts and Sweaters
Mittens, Gloves, Scarves and Caps
Long underwear and Turtlenecks
Warm Socks, Leggings and Tights



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Shepherd's Canyon and BroomTree Ministries

Wouldn't you like to help in making possible a counseling ministry for the restoration of hurting clergy couples and other professional church workers? Is there a need for such a ministry? Absolutely! Check out the facts below.

- 20% of pastors are "in crisis" - they are just "hanging on," coping with the issues they face day-to-day
- Among Protestant clergy, an incredible number quit the ministry every month!
- Only 50% of pastors entering the ministry today will make it five years
- 80% of pastors say that the ministry has had a negative impact on their family
- Upwards of 70% of pastors fight depression

October's Mission of the Month supports two ministries who are focused on providing pastoral retreat ministries. Read more about each one below.



Broom Tree Ministries provides spiritual retreats for pastors and their spouses. The retreats are designed to provide uninterrupted time with God in rest, reflection, and beauty.

Broom Tree prioritizes good food and lots of time with spouses. Our guests consistently experience "aha" moments that bring clarity and challenge for the next season of ministry. Since 1997 we have been strengthening the church one pastor at a time.

Broom Tree retreats are held in Michigan and more information can be found at <http://broomtreeministries.org>.



"We laughed, cried, and shared how God can move us from brokenness to restoration. That out of death comes life."a testimonial from the first Shepherd's Canyon Retreat client, March 2009

Each **Shepherd's Canyon** seven-day retreat includes up to four client couples (singles are welcome), two counselors - male and female - and a retreat chaplain. Our twelve retreat therapists have a combined 250 years of counseling experience! All counseling is Bible-based. Shepherd's Canyon Retreats are held at Standing Stones Retreat Center near Wickenburg, AZ.

Learn more about Shepherd's Canyon at

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.

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

Friday, October 16	Brookfield Central H.S. Blood Drive
10:30a	Janet Zastrow Bible Study Group
Saturday, October 17	
3:45p	Little Chimers
5:00p	Worship
Sunday, October 18	
8:15a	Worship
9:15a	Christian Education
10:15a	Worship
Monday, October 19	
10:00a	Pat Dieck Bible Study
Tuesday, October 20	
9:30a	Staff Meeting
1:00p	Rebekah Circle
7:00p	Church Council meeting
Wednesday, October 21	
7:00a	Men's Breakfast (Maxim's)
12:30p	Pastor Ken's Bible Study
5:45p	COFFEE at the Cross rehearsal (Virtual)
6:00p	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal
7:00p	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
7:30p	"Liturgy of the Ordinary" study
Thursday, October 22	
9:30a	Calvary Knitting Group
6:30p	Men's Ministry Gathering

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. The new sign-up sheet for 2021 has been posted.



Flowers are \$35 and may be taken home following the 10:15 a.m. worship on Sunday morning.

You can find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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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