

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter October 22, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble."

Psalm 46:1

"Against all hope, (Abraham) in hope believed and so became 'the father of many nations.'"

Romans 4:18a

I recently got a newsfeed with this sobering quote from a professor at my alma mater, the University of Minnesota - "We are now at a crossroads of pandemic fatigue and pandemic anger," said Michael Osterholm, an epidemiologist and director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. "Basically, the public has said they are done with the virus. Unfortunately, this virus isn't done with us. I think the next 12 weeks in particular will be the darkest days of the pandemic."

This is about the last thing you wanted or needed to hear today, I'm sure. I tend to live these days somewhere in between a "it's gotta get better sooner or later" and "when will the other shoe drop?" mentality. I'm not all that comfortable with that place I might add. I, too, find myself at the sort of crossroads every day that professor Osterholm referenced. How ironic it is that he chose that term – crossroads, which Webster's dictionary defines as "an intersection of two (or more) roads", whose synonyms include words like "crossing, forks", and even "crisis."

The pandemic is bound to ...

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.

[Weekend Worship](#)

Online Resources

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

[Text Study for weekend readings](#)

[Calvary Website](#)

[Prior Sermons](#)

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

This Weekend We Celebrate the Reformation



Worship Updates



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

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.

Faith Formation

This Sunday! October 25th at 11:30 a.m.

There's plenty of time before the Packer game at noon this Sunday to have a little "Trunk or Treat" fun in the parking lot. Decorate yourself and/or your vehicle and load up your trunk with treats for the kids.

Parking spots will be marked off for participants to remain social distanced. **Please sign up using the button below or clicking on the Trunk or Treat logo.** This will enable us to know the appropriate number of spaces to be marked. Masks will be required by all who are participating.



Please note: In the event of inclement

Here are a few pictures from last year's Trunk or Treat!



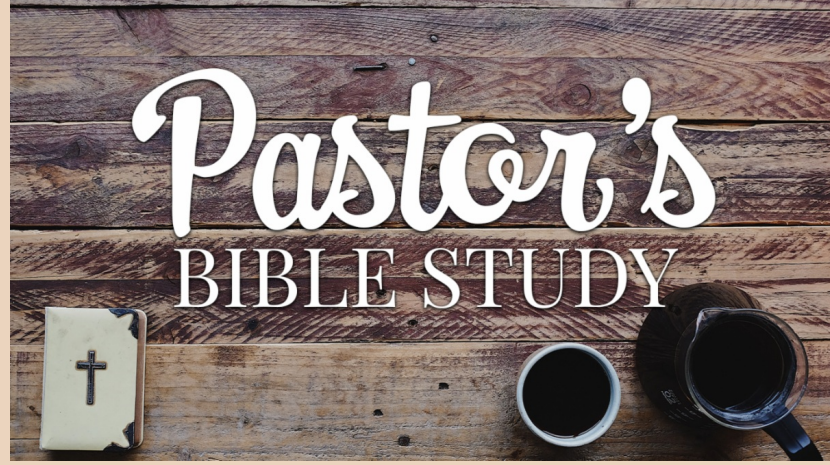
Pastor Ken's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Join us!

Pastor Ken's Wednesday Bible study resumed on **Wednesdays** 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.



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.

**Giving & Worship Attendance
October 17 & 18**

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	37
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	55
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	54

	AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2020		
	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$ 17,623	\$ 367,578	\$ 364,830
Unpledged Offerings	\$ 2,937	\$ 38,982	\$ 46,890
Income less Expenses	\$ (146)	\$ 61,595	\$ 23,788
October MOM	\$ 265	\$ 525	n/a



THIS WEEKEND Reformation Sunday

This week's readings

Revelation 14:6-7

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

NEW! Click [HERE](#) for a copy of this week's readings. If you'd like to have a copy to read during worship, you can print them and bring with you.

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Larry Bonier

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Terry Bzdusek
- Sunday (8:15am): Jonnie Roush
- Sunday (10:15 am): Terry Bzdusek

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): NEEDED
- Sunday (10:15 am): Chuck Lukasik and Jane Krause

LECTORS:

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Natalie Anderson

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Celebration Ringers, Jenny Brostowitz, Pastor Caleb Douglas, Chris Dudzik

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Office Staff with thanksgiving to Pastor Ken and Lynnae Douglas

ALTAR GUILD:

- Tom and Sue Sadowsky

POWERPOINT TECH:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Lydia Trudell
- Sunday (8:15 am): Sue Rowe
- Sunday (10:15 am): Sallie Schulz

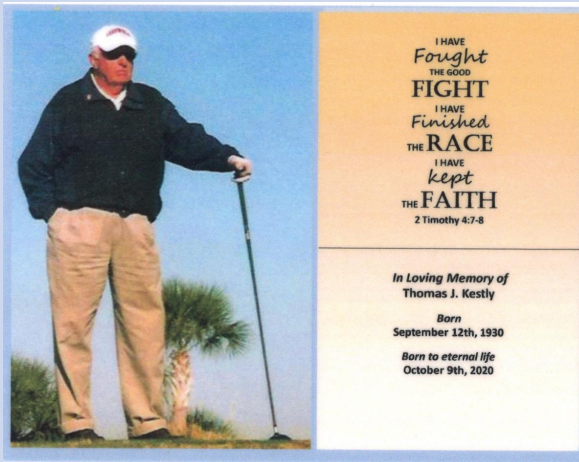
Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Natalie Anderson, 10/22
 Carl Hirth, 10/25
 Connor Morris, 10/29
 Erik Zipp, 10/29
 Lisa Grossman, 10/30
 Nicole Kalupa, 10/30

Happy Anniversary!

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



To my Calvary Family,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for the many prayers offered for Tom during his illness and the warm expression of sympathy upon his death.

Faith is the anchor in our lives.

Judy Kestly



New prayer requests: Sue Dindorf; Jerry Locy (father of Cindy Rooks); and Debbie Skoglund (sister-in-law of Marcella Nelson)

God's peace and grace: to the family of Reverend Paull E. Spring, the first Bishop of the NALC, who passed away on October 18.

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: George Rooney, Grace Gunnlaugsson; Ka Thao; Somalian family Hamzo and her nine children lost their home in Milwaukee in a fire on 9/21; 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.

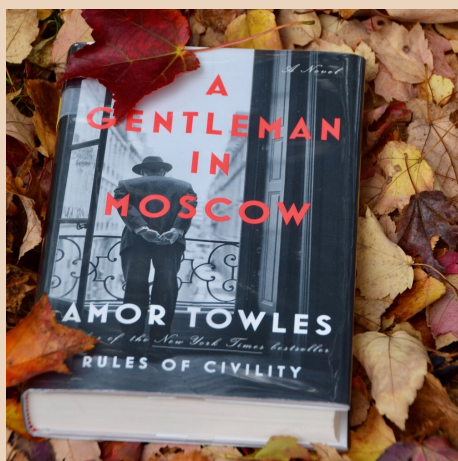
Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere bringing the gospel to the ends of the Earth.

Long-term prayer list: *Calvary members:* Bill Jordan; Jeanette Ketelsen; Marge Skarie; Lowell Sonderman; Donna Polizzi; Pat Treutelaar; and Janet Zastrow.

Non-members: Judy Grosnitz; 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.

Women's Ministry



**Monday, November 9
1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Women's Book Group - November

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

Men's Ministries



Weekly Men's Breakfast



Monthly Men's Ministry

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!

**Gathering
THIS 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

Operation Christmas Child Gift Boxes



Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child is our November Mission of the Month. You can participate by grabbing an empty box from the Narthex and filling it for a child. Suggested gift items (listed by age and boy/girl) can be found by clicking on the shoebox to the right. (Due to COVID precautions, a packing party will not be held this year.)



Filled boxes should be returned to the Narthex no later than November 8th so they can be packed up and shipped.

Any questions should be directed to Marcella Nelson.

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

Men, Women, Teen and Children all sizes

Collection bins are in the Narthex.

BCHS 32nd Annual Golden Harvest Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner

Brookfield Central High School, in cooperation with their Student Council, has extended an invitation to participate in their 32nd annual Golden Harvest Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and green beans.

**Gobble
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It will be held on **Thursday, November 19 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** and the "to go" meal will be delivered to your car at the high school front door.

This is free to the first 200 seniors who RSVP to 262.785.3910. Deadline for sign up is Monday, November 9th

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 www.StandingStonesAz.org.

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 23

10:30a Janet Zastrow Bible Study Group

Saturday, October 24

3:45p Little Chimers

5:00p Worship

Sunday, October 25

8:15a Worship

9:15a Christian Education

COFFEE at the Cross Rehearsal

10:15a Worship

11:30a Trunk or Treat (weather permitting)

Monday, October 26

10:00a Pat Dieck Bible Study

7:30p Internship Committee

Tuesday, October 27

9:30a Staff Meeting

6:30p Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, October 28

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

12:30p Pastor Ken's Bible Study

6:00p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

7:00p Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Faith Formation Committee

7:30p "Liturgy of the Ordinary" study

Thursday, October 29

Friday, October 30

10:30a Janet Zastrow Bible Study

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

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