

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter November 19, 2020

## **This Week's Pondering .....** *Kyle Jones, Director of Faith Formation*



### **Give Us This Day Our Daily Thanksgiving**

You don't need to imagine it. You've seen it in countless sitcoms and movies. It's Thanksgiving Day, and the family is gathered around the table. Maybe things have gone hilariously wrong; maybe they haven't. Nevertheless, the host stands at the head of the table and puts it all into perspective, giving thanks for what they have. These scenes warm our hearts and shift our view to what we should be thankful for, but these lenses on giving thanks are out of focus.

These scenes blur the act of thanksgiving because they focus on the wrong thing. Giving thanks is not an acknowledgment of whatever good fortune or luck has come our way. It's also more than expressing gratitude for what we have. Thanksgiving also has direction. It recognizes the Giver of our gifts.

But when we give a blanketed thanks to an unidentified giver, our gaze returns to the gifts. When we focus on the gifts, we too easily forget there is a Giver. We start to think we deserve these gifts. Of course, once gifts are earned, they stop becoming gifts and turn into wages. And when that happens, we're on a quick climb ...

*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**

[Calvary Website](#)

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

[Online Giving](#)

[Prior Sermons](#)

[Text Study for weekend readings](#)



Did you know that Calvary has many ways to fulfill its Vision of "Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ"?

The Schatz family has graciously created a video that captures their passion around supporting Calvary and its programs.

[Please click on the photo to watch the video.](#)

Your monetary contributions to Calvary can be directed in several different ways. Specifically, your pledge or general offering is to the General Fund and it assures the ongoing operations and maintenance our church, its programs and its personnel.

In addition to your pledge/general offering, there are opportunities to give to the Building Fund (for capital improvements), the Endowment Fund, Mission(s) of the Month, and other specialized giving opportunities such as the Meal Program and Youth Camper scholarships.

If you'd like to see how your giving is allocated in the overall budget, please take a minute to look at the graphs that have been posted on the glass doors of Fellowship Hall.

**Commitment (Pledge) Weekend will be November 21 and 22.** This will be the culmination of a November sermon series on living for Christ - usefully, expectantly and compassionately - as our Lord teaches us in a series of three parables in Matthew 25. If you haven't already turned in your pledge card for 2021, please bring with you to worship this weekend, or send to the church office before that date.



## THIS WEEKEND

### This week's readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

**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): Sheila Kershek
- Sunday (8:15 am): Pastor Jerry Wittmus
- Sunday (10:15 am): Darlene Louison

### USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Mary Smith
- Sunday (10:15 am): Jan and Chuck Lukasik



## LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Sallie Schulz
- Sunday (10:15 am): Lynnette Anderson

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Larry Bonier

## SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Celebration Ringers
- Jenny and Ruth Brostowitz and Sallie Schulz
- Chris and Jessica Dudzik

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Julie Matthes in memory of Fred Matthes
- Lukasik family in memory of Ben Lukasik

## ALTAR GUILD:

- Norene Giuliani

## POWERPOINT TECH:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Cindy Rooks
- Sunday (8:15 am): Sue Rowe
- Sunday (10:15 am): Johanna Nelson

## Severe Weather Announcements



While we are enjoying milder November weather, we can't forget that winter is coming. And with that, inclement weather could necessitate the cancelling of worship.

In the event this should happen, you will receive an e-mail stating that the church is closed. We will also be sharing this with WISN-TV 12 so that it will be included in their scrolling list and on their website of closures.

## Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Christmas will be here before you know it. We will again be decorating the altar for Christmas services with poinsettias of many colors. You can choose from red, white or jingle bell (red with flecks of white and gold) flowers (two plants/pot). Each pot is wrapped in a colored foil.

Order forms can be found on the table in the Narthex or in the church office. If you will not be coming into church before the **deadline of December 14**, you can send a note to [communications@calvarylc.com](mailto:communications@calvarylc.com) with your order, or you can click on the button below to access a form that can be printed and mailed to

the church office.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at (262) 786-4010.

## Poinsettia Order Form



### Christmas Poinsettias

#### Order Form

Red, white and "jingle bell" (red with flecks of white and gold) poinsettias are available for purchase again this year and will be used to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve/Day services. The plants are top quality with two plants per pot, wrapped in colored foil.

We invite you to purchase one or more plants by filling out this form and returning it to the church office, along with your check made out to Calvary Lutheran Church, by Monday, December 14. Please note "Poinsettia" in the memo line of your check.

Number of plants @ \$25/each:

RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ JINGLE BELL \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make arrangements to take your plant(s) home after the December 25 worship or anytime during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Questions? Call the church office at 262.786.4010.

## Faith Formation - Winter Retreat February 5-7, 2021

### Where is the Winter Retreat held?

Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, WI

### Who can go?

Students currently in middle school & high school

### What's the cost?

\$150 per person

\$50 deposit is due now (the remaining \$100 is due by January 31, 2021.) *If cost may be an issue, please let Kyle know either in person or via email.*

**Parents please note the following:** Should winter retreat be canceled due to government action or changes to government-issued public health guidance, including but not limited to state shelter in place orders, government restrictions on group sizes, or closure of schools, churches, and/or Timber-lee, then we will have the option to be refunded any deposits paid or transfer deposits to a future reservation.

### What is Camp Timber-lee's COVID-19 Plan

Camp Timber-lee's COVID-19 Plan was developed in conjunction with our Communicable Disease Plan (CDP) to preserve the camp experience while protecting our camp population.

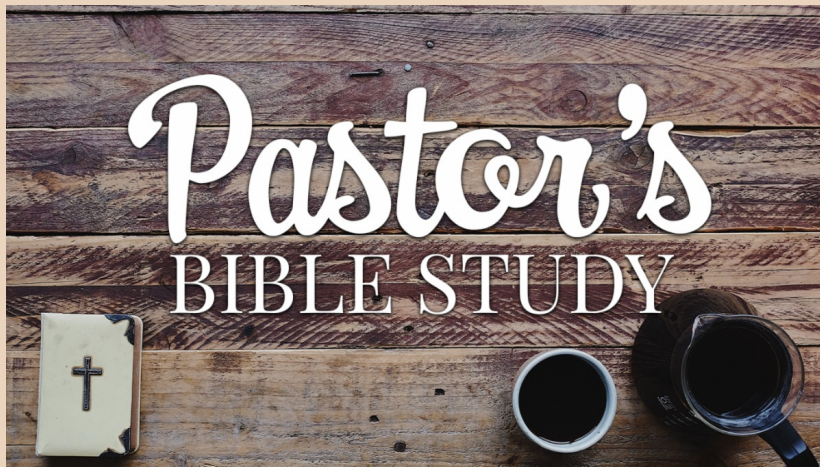
Final details, such as departure/return time, packing list, and more, will be forthcoming.



[Click here to register for the Winter Retreat](#)

**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.

## Music Ministry

### Special Christmas Concert - Dec. 3rd at 7:00pm

Come hear the **Lakeshore Quartet** play exhilarating Christmas music in a special concert at Calvary! The quartet includes "Calvary's own" **Katherine Messer** (*daughter of Pam Corcoran Messer*), violist extraordinaire; **Ian Wasserman**, a Milwaukee-based cellist who has performed with the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra and PianoArts of North America; and **Kristian and Ernest Brusabardis** of the famously musical Brusabardis family, who have been tremendously involved in the MYSO and MSO, among many other ensembles (several siblings have been finalists and winners of Stars of Tomorrow).

#### Christmas Selections Include:

- Christmas Carol Medley (Jingle Bells, Away in a Manger, We Three Kings and Joy to the World)
- Deck the Halls (jazzy)
- Carol of the Bells
- Winter Fest (based on Vivaldi melodies)
- Christmas Concerto Grosso - Corelli
- Selections from The Nutcracker - Tchaikovsky
- Oh Holy Night
- We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas

The beauty of familiar seasonal melodies is elevated by musicianship at stellar levels. Don't miss it! Seating within the Sanctuary will be socially distanced and face coverings will be required at all times. Come early - if we reach capacity, we will have to turn folks away.



## Our Church Family

# Happy Birthday!

# Happy Anniversary!

Bob Branston, 11/21  
Pat Dieck, 11/23  
Jacklyn Warber, 11/23  
Terry Bzdusek, 11/24  
Bonnie Johnson, 11/26  
Allison Mayer, 11/26  
Ruth Steffens, 11/30

Diane and Paul Speth, 11/23 (52 years)  
Bill and Lenny Graffin, 11/24 (31 years)



**New prayer requests:** Family of Debbie Roberson (friend of the Dentices); Theodore Peelen (grandfather of Tony Dentice); Jim Walters (uncle of Krista Dentice); and Denver Green (friend of Janet Zastrow)

**Ongoing short-term prayer requests:** Don Heyen; Nadine Schuelke; Sue Dindorf; George Rooney; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Karen (friend of Lydia Trudell); Henry Alba (friend of Glori Kurth); Jerry Locy (father of Cindy Rooks); Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker); 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:*** Norman (father of Norene Giuliani); Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); 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); Bill Barwa (friend of Megan Sayas); Doug Haus (brother-in-law of Chet Elliott); 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@calvalrylc.com](mailto:office@calvalrylc.com).



## Worship Attendance - November 14 & 15

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	44
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	50
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	42

## Monday Morning Movie



Join us to watch a delightful movie, *"This Beautiful Fantastic"* on **Monday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m.** The movie will be shown in the Sanctuary where everyone can be safely socially distanced.

*Here's a quick synopsis of the movie:* A contemporary fairy tale revolving around the unlikely friendship between a reclusive young woman with dreams of being a children's book author and a cantankerous widower, set against the backdrop of a beautiful garden in the heart of London. Bella Brown is a beautifully quirky young woman who dreams of writing and illustrating a successful children's book. When she is forced by her landlord to deal with her neglected garden or face eviction, she meets her nemesis, match and mentor in Alfie Stephenson, a grumpy, loveless, rich old man who lives next door and happens to be an amazing horticulturalist.

Questions? Please reach out to Grace Gunnlaugsson at [gracemg@mac.com](mailto:gracemg@mac.com).

## Men's Ministry

**Weekly Men's Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.**



**Maxim's Restaurant  
18025 W. Capitol Drive  
Brookfield**

The restaurant seating has been reconfigured in compliance with social distancing requirements.

All men are invited to attend!

## November Mission of the Month



## Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child November Mission of the Month

Financial contributions collected in November will support the shipping of the boxes as well as underwriting the cost of *The Greatest Journey* (a book that shares the good news of Jesus Christ that is given to each child receiving a gift box.) Please designate your giving as "Operation Christmas Child" or Mission of the Month.



Thank you to everyone who provided a box or two. We collected ## filled boxes and they were packed up for shipment on Tuesday, November 10 They will be on their way to children around the world in time for Christmas. Any questions should be directed to Marcella Nelson.

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.

## Community Outreach

### It's time to decorate the Mitten Tree!

Our "mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks tree" will be in the Narthex until December 16th.

Please help to decorate the tree with warm items for all ages (think keeping warm in Wisconsin). ***Men's gloves and mittens are a special need at this time.***



Your donations will be distributed at the annual New Year's Eve Day outreach sponsored by B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brothers and Sisters In Christ Serving). Let's all help keep our Milwaukee neighbors warm!

### Winter Clothing Drive for BASICS



#### New or clean used items

Coats, jackets and snow pants  
Sweatshirts and sweaters  
Mittens and gloves,  
Winter 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.



**Friday, November 20**

10:30a Janet Zastrow Bible Study Group

**Saturday, November 21**

3:45p Little Chimers

5:00p Worship

**Sunday, November 22**

8:15a Worship

9:15a Christian Education

COFFEE at the Cross Rehearsal

10:15a Worship

5:00p Middle School Youth Group

**Monday, November 23**

10:00a Pat Dieck Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 24**

9:30a Staff Meeting

7:00p Celebration Ringers

**Wednesday, November 25**

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

12:30p Pastor Ken's Bible Study

7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Thursday, November 26** Office is closed

**Friday, November 27**

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 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.

## 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.

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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