

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter November 5, 2020

This Week's Pondering

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How Can We Sing During a Pandemic?

This question has caused hurt, bewilderment, and confusion as we struggle to live our lives extra-cautiously in light of COVID-19. We have not known a time when we couldn't look to group singing, congregationally or with a choir, encourage our hearts, lift our

spirits, and unite our hearts before God. Group singing is a well-established, morale-raising phenomenon unlike anything else. How strange is this protracted silence!

Until COVID-19. We've heard the stories of the choirs who imprudently became super-spreaders, and we don't want to follow in those footsteps. We need to keep our people safe. But, as Christians, we know that we are commanded, not once, but many times throughout the Bible, to "sing to the Lord." I will quote Psalm 96:1-4 here for example: "Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." So how do we obey God's command to sing?

Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land

Let's look at Psalm 137:1-4. "By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?"

I have often heard this passage invoked during this awkwardly prolonged pandemic. Between panic over the virus and the heated political climate, it's hard not 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](#)



Serving at Worship

THIS WEEKEND **This week's readings**

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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 Bdzusek
- Sunday (8:15am): Glori Kurth
- Sunday (10:15 am): Sheila Kershek

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): George and Kay Sedivec
- Sunday (10:15 am): Jane Krause

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Cathy Wahlgren
- Sunday (10:15 am): Lenny Graffin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Angie Schatz

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- COFFEE at the Cross Ensemble (Larry Bonier, Chris Dudzik, Cathy Wahlgren)

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Rick Kegel (in memory of family/sister Linda)
- Chuck and Norene Giuliani (in celebration of Nora's birthday)

ALTAR GUILD:

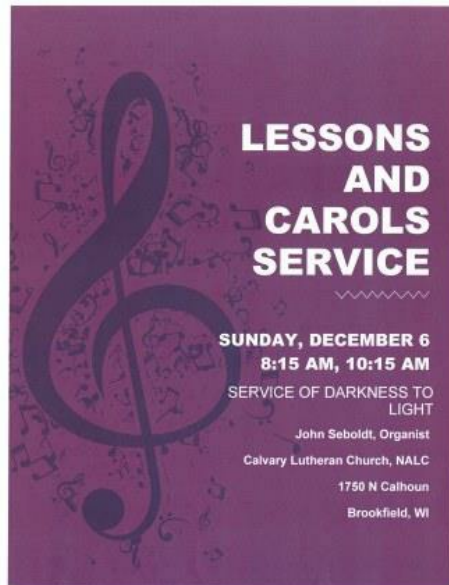
- Marge Tyne

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

Music Ministry

For our Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday,



December 6 at the 8:15am and 10:15am services we have invited organist John Seboldt. Dr. Seboldt received a B. A. from Luther College and a D. M. A. (Doctor of Musical Arts) from the University of Iowa. Most recently, he served for 16 years as the organist at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in South Milwaukee.

A second special guest at the Lessons and Carols Service will be violinist Lori Guse. Lori is a freelance musician and is a member of Morning Star Lutheran Church in Jackson, WI.

We hope you can join us for one of these special services during Advent 2020.

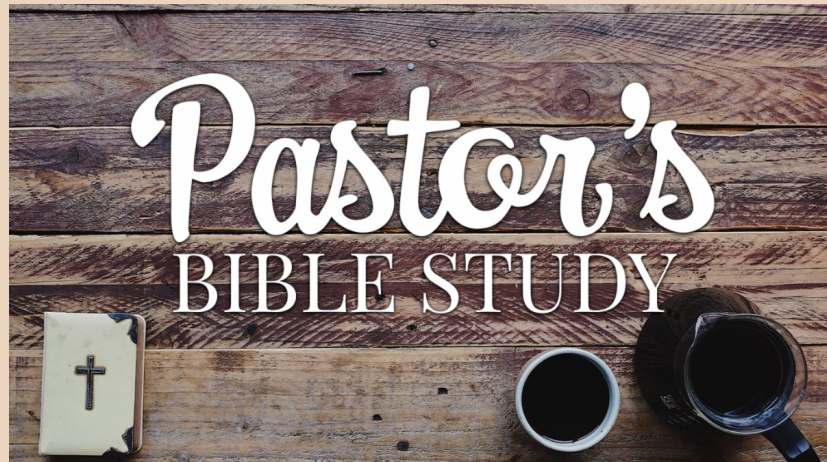
Faith Formation

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.



Faith Formation at Calvary Lutheran Church

[CLC Home Page](#) [About](#) [Children](#) [Youth](#)



NEW! Faith Formation Web Page

Our Director of Faith Formation Kyle Jones has been working hard creating a "one-stop" site on our church's website that will be a comprehensive collection of youth activities, Christian education, parent resources and more. It is still "under construction" so you may see a page or two with that notation.

You can find it by clicking Faith Formation at the top of calvarylc.com home page. Or you can click the green button below to get you there faster! Be sure to check all the tabs along the top

of this new site for more information.

Faith Formation at Calvary

Our Church Family



Welcome New Members

Behind their masks, you will see a familiar face! We are excited to welcome George and Kay Sedivec to our Calvary family. George and Kay were prior long-time members of Calvary and have transferred their membership from St. Luke's in Waukesha. Welcome back - we are glad you are here!

Happy Birthday!

Ed Ramthun, 11/5
Jean Reinemann, 11/6
Kent Klade, 11/7
Lesly Evert, 11/8
Karen Pierce, 11/12
Dorothy Wise, 11/12

Happy Anniversary!

Harold and Shelby Rose, 11/11 (53 years)
John and Diane Foley, 11/16 (52 years)
Matt and Heather Wirtz, 11/16 (5 years)
Diane and Paul Speth, 11/23 (52 years)
Bill and Lenny Graffin, 11/24 (31 years)



Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Don Heyen; Nadine Schuelke; Sue Dindorf; George Rooney; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Henry Alba (friend of Glori Kurth); Norman (father of Norene Giuliani); 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.

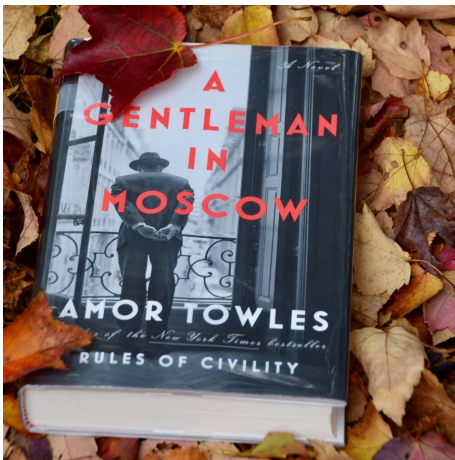
Non-members: Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); Judy Grosnitz; Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); John Bradowsky (NALC Bishop Emeritis); Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush); Mary Dresser (Donna Schroeder's daughter-in-law's sister); Shirl Gordon (friend of Cindy Rooks); David Voight (friend of Jonni Roush); 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@calvarylc.com.

Worship Attendance - October 31 & November 1

| | Attendance |
|--------------------|------------|
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | 31 |
| Sunday 8:15 a.m. | 73 |
| Sunday 10:15 a.m. | 50 |

Women's Ministry



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

Women's Book Group - November *A Gentleman in Moscow* by A. Towles

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.

Questions? Contact Grace at gracemg@mac.com.

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



*To learn more about Operation Christmas Child, please **click the shoebox below** to view a short video that talks about Jasmine's favorite gift.*



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.) If you'd like to provide the \$9 shipping cost for your filled box(es), you can direct that payment to Calvary and it will be applied to the shipping cost. Please designate that giving as "Operation Christmas Child" or Mission of the Month.

Filled boxes should be returned to the Narthex no later than THIS SUNDAY November 8th so they can be packed up and shipped. If you are bringing your filled box(es) to worship with you, please place them at the altar (you'll see a display of them already set up).

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

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.

It's time to decorate the Mitten Tree!

Our "mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks tree" will be in the Narthex from **November 13 until December 16.**

Please help to decorate the tree with warm items for all ages (think keeping warm in Wisconsin).

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!



Thank You

Dear Calvary,

The Mission and Outreach committee would like to thank you on behalf of the Somalian family. We were able to collect much-needed household items and deliver them to the family, thanks to the generosity of

our Calvary members and friends. The family appreciated the furniture and household goods very much and wanted us to thank you all in helping them after their house fire in September. They are now settled in a rental house they found to accommodate their family.

Mission and Outreach Committee

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

Friday, November 6

10:30a Janet Zastrow Bible Study Group

Saturday, November 7

3:45p Little Chimers

5:00p Worship

Sunday, November 8

8:15a Worship

9:15a Christian Education

COFFEE at the Cross Rehearsal

10:15a Worship

Monday, November 9 Serenity Inn Meal Program

10:00a Pat Dieck Bible Study

1:00p Women's Book Group

Tuesday, November 10

9:30a Staff Meeting

6:00p Executive Committee meeting

7:00p Deacon meeting (virtual)

Wednesday, November 11 **COUNCIL REPORTS DUE**

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

11:00a Endowment Committee meeting

12:30p Pastor Ken's Bible Study

1:45p Visitation Committee

6:00p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

7:30p "Liturgy of the Ordinary" study

Thursday, November 12

9:30a Calvary Knitting Group

Friday, November 13

10:30a Mission & Outreach Committee meeting

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.

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. You may set up a schedule of delivery weekly, or less often if you choose.



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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