

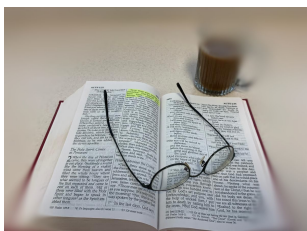
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter December 17, 2020

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson



"The Angel went to her and said,
"Greetings you who are highly
favored. The Lord is with you."
Luke 1:28

In the Roman Catholic tradition, these words from the gospel of Luke are perhaps spoken more than any others by their faithful members. They form the opening line of what the Church calls "the Hail Mary" – usually rendered "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee" before continuing with "blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus." They are wonderful, poetic words worthy of being embraced by all Christians.

Yes, Mary was blessed, of that there can be little doubt. The Bible contains stories of many, many remarkable people. Among the most famous would be Moses followed likely by David, from the Old Testament – Peter and Paul from the New. Very much is written about them – the pages of Scripture dedicated to their lives and words far exceed those dedicated to Mary. Of this most unique woman, who did something no other human has or ever will do, remarkably little in fact is said. Her story is told in roughly 100 verses in the Bible. Moses' story spans at least four entire Old Testament books by comparison. We find Mary's actual words in less than 20 *verses*. Paul wrote 13 entire *books* of the New Testament.

By volume of material, Mary is quite a modest figure. Yet, is there any more well-known woman in all of history? I rather doubt it. What she did, of course, is ...

*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](#)

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Reservation System - there are only a few spots left!



There are only a few open spots for the Christmas Eve 3:30pm and 5pm services. If you are interested in attending either of those, please sign up today. Once the spots are filled and we have reached our capacity, you will not be able to attend either of those services. As of today, there is still room at the 10pm and Christmas Day 10am services.

You can click on the button below to sign up. If you are more comfortable calling in your reservation, office staff can take your reservation anytime Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES: 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE TIME: 10 a.m.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION](#)

Serving at Worship

PRESIDING MINISTER:

- Pastor Ken Nelson

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

DEACONS:

- **Saturday (5:00 pm):** Ed Ramthun
- **Sunday (8:15 am):** Jonni Roush
- **Sunday (10:15 am):** Darlene Louison

USHERS:

- **Sunday (8:15 am):** Ed Ramthun and Larry Bonier
- **Sunday (10:15 am):** Chuck and Jan Lukasik

LECTORS:

- **Sunday (8:15 am):** Lee Tyne
- **Sunday (10:15 am):** Lynette Anderson



**The 4th Sunday of
Advent**

This week's

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Megan Schatz

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Little Chimers
- Kyle Jones
- Wayne Johnson, Diane Knappe, JoAnne Krause

ALTAR GUILD:

- Marge Tyne

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm 89:1-5
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

[Click here to access
copies of the weekend
readings](#)



The North American Lutheran Church has created a wonderful Advent Devotional.

You can access it by clicking on the photo to the left or printed copies are available on the table in the Narthex.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, January 10, 2021
5 p.m. High School Youth
Group

Sunday, January 24, 2021



Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Ray Chesner, 12/17
Donnie Dentice, 12/17
Pat Treutelaar, 12/18
Ingrid Nelson, 12/19
Judy Sayas, 12/19
Ron Holman, 12/20
Carol Rooney, 12/20
Margaux Baumgarten, 12/21
Dean Schmelzer, 12/22
Rick Treadwell, 12/22
Ed Witzke, 12/23
Lynette Anderson, 12/24
Mike Anderson, 12/24
Wayne Dieck, 12/25
Joe Grundman, 12/25

Happy Anniversary!

Al and Rhonda Rodriguez, 12/23 (48 years)
Ron and Jean Holman, 12/26 (67 years)
Bob and Donna Siderits, 12/26 (60 years)
Jeremy and Nicole Nowicki, 12/28 (10 years)
Rick and Carol Treadwell, 12/29 (47 years)



God's grace and peace to: the family of Calvary member Ed Marshall who passed away on December 9; and to the family of Sue Bellin (friend of Terry Bzdusek) who passed away on December 10.

New prayer requests: Diane Foley and Herb Grospitz

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Pastor Jerry Wittmus; Ray Chesner, Don Heyen; Nadine Schuelke; Sue Dindorf; George Rooney; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Jan (friend of Judy Sayas); Judy Jorgenson (former member); Pamela Scott (mother of Megan Sayas); Lee Novotny (husband of Holly Novotny); Theodore Peelen (grandfather of Tony Dentice); Jim Walters (uncle of Krista Dentice); and Denver Green (friend of Janet Zastrow); Karen (friend of Lydia Trudell); Jerry Locy (father of Cindy Rooks); and Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker)

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 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); 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 and Giving - December 12 & 13

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	23
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	55
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	45

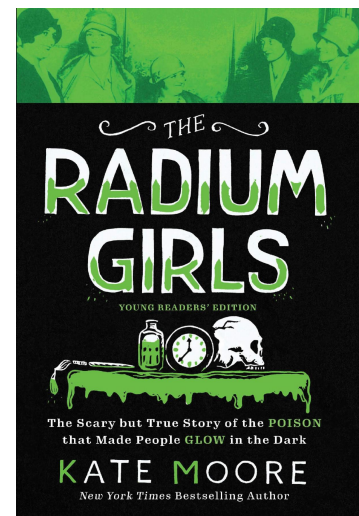
Women's Ministry

Monday, January 11, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Join us to discuss the January book group selection
The Radium Girls by Kate Moore.

Book overview: The Curies' newly discovered element of radium makes gleaming headlines across the nation as the fresh face of beauty, and wonder drug of the medical community. From body lotion to tonic water, the popular new element shines bright in the otherwise dark years of the First World War.

Meanwhile, hundreds of girls toil amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories. With such a coveted job, these "shining girls" are the luckiest alive — until they begin to fall mysteriously ill.



But the factories that once offered golden opportunities are now ignoring all claims of the gruesome side effects, and the women's cries of corruption. And as the fatal poison of the radium takes hold, the brave shining girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century, and in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights that will echo for centuries to come. The Radium Girls fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

Questions? Please reach out to Grace Gunnlaugsson at gracemg@mac.com.

Men's Ministry



Weekly Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays at 7 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!



Monthly Men's Gathering
Thursday, January 2
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Come for fellowship, food and devotion time. Dinner will be provided. Invite a friend. Social distancing will be respected and practiced; face coverings are required.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ernie Kretschmann at kretschmann@att.net.

Community Outreach



Somalia Family Thank You

"We wanted to thank everyone from Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookfield for your generous donations. We really appreciated everything.

We are really thankful for you guys. You all were a big help in our time of need and we can't thank you enough. May God bless you all."

The Mohamed Family

It's time to decorate the Mitten Tree!

There's still time to participate! Our "mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks tree" will be in the Narthex **until December 20th**. Please help to decorate the tree with warm items for all ages (think keeping warm in Wisconsin). Men's caps, 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!

A Special Request from Lauren Beeson and Kyle Jones



Lauren Beeson's sister, Caitlin, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 29. Because of financial difficulties that Lauren's mom, Marsi, is facing due to significant issues with her housing, she does not have the resources to make arrangements.

If you would like to help Lauren and her family during this difficult time, you can provide financial support through a GoFundMe page that has been set up to help with these unexpected expenses. Here is a link to that page: [Caitlin's GoFundMe Page](#)

"Caitlin was the funniest, craziest, most loving of all of us and the world is worse off without her in it." - Lauren Beeson

December Mission of the Month: Seminary Funds



In December we raise up a vital Mission of the Month supporting the training of pastors for service in the North American Lutheran Churches. We have been blessed to have Lynnae Douglas with us this year as a pastoral intern. Lynnae and her husband Caleb are both graduates of the North American Lutheran Seminary in Amhearst, Pennsylvania.

Why is this important? The NALC is growing and the need for pastors trained for our Synod is crucial to us and congregations like ours in the NALC. Current pastors in other Synod traditions have received training in preparation for serving in NALC congregations; however, many of those pastors are nearing retirement. The NALC has grown from 17 congregations at inception to over 440.

Initially there was only one seminary in Amhearst, PA; however, due to growth and demand, the Lutheran Institute of Technology in Brookings, SD also trains pastors for the NALC. We have a goal this year to increase our giving from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Please prayerfully consider an end-of-year gift in support of these vital seminarians. 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.

Are you interested in attending seminary? Local congregations like Calvary are the source of future seminarians.

We need to identify, encourage and support prospective seminarians as they consider their educational choices. Calvary's Endowment Fund is poised to do just that. Up to one-third of its annual disburseable funds are available for tuition support of Calvary's members who attend seminary.

Pictured: Lynnae Douglas at her graduation from the North American Lutheran Seminary in 2018. Caleb graduated from NALS in 2017.



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

Friday, December 18

10:30a Janet Zastrow Bible Study Group

Saturday, December 19

3:45p Chimers rehearsal

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 20 FOOD SUNDAY

8:15a Worship

9:15a Christian Education

10:15a Worship

Monday, December 21

10:00a Pat Dieck Bible Study Group

Tuesday, December 22

9:30a Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 23

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

12:30p Pastor Ken's Bible Study

6:00p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE (reservations are required)

3:30p Worship

5:00p Worship

10:00p Worship

Friday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (reservations are required)

10:00a Worship



The church office will be open on
Thursday, December 24 from
8 a.m. until noon.

**Office will be closed on
Christmas Day.**

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 in the Narthex.

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

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 and FOX6 so that it will be included in their scrolling list and on their website of closures.

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