

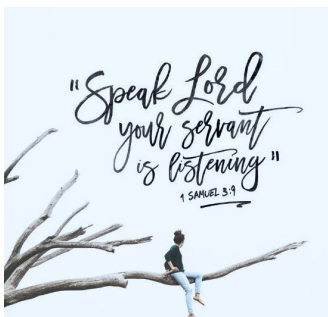
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter January 14, 2021

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:9b

I dare say, I would love to hear what the Lord has to say about our world. In a matter of minutes after waking each morning, my phone starts that little "bleep" sound telling me

all sorts of outlets want to say something to me. I know it's entirely up to me if I want to listen – the temptation to at least glance at the first few paragraphs of a newsfeed is real. Lots of folks have something to say these days, and I don't need to tell you not all of it is encouraging, not all of it is relevant, and of course not all of it is true.

This morning was no different. I awoke before the first sliver of pink was on the eastern horizon and there it was, faint but perceptible, that blasted "bleep..bleep..bleep" of stories vying for my attention. I like to stay as informed as any of us, but at times I feel like I'm being assaulted before I can even focus my eyes and rub the sleep out of them. Like little Samuel I wonder – "who is calling me?". This wonderful little story, which we'll hear in our services this weekend, describes the young boy Samuel (set apart at birth for service to the Lord, but too young to have had much formal training) who is awakened three times by a sound, which we're told is the Lord calling his name. Each time he assumes it can't be God, so he goes to his mentor the old priest Eli for explanation, assuming it was Eli who was calling him.

Finally, Eli, aged and apparently not amused that his precious sleep keeps getting interrupted, all but says "Go back to bed. If you hear the voice again say 'Speak Lord, for your servant is listening'" (and by implication, stop bothering me!) That is what Samuel does, and of course he hears God call him yet again. The message is not pleasant or easy to accept. It involves a sobering assessment of his mentor Eli and the judgement of God upon him and his household. We won't delve into that.

Worship Resources

[Live Stream Link](#)

Online Resources

[Calvary Website](#)

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

[Online Giving](#)

[Prior Sermons](#)

[Text Study for weekend readings](#)

But it struck me this morning as all the “bleeps” were hitting my phone that among them was ...

Click [HERE](#) to read the rest of this week's message.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Annual Meeting 2020



Calvary's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. (Note: There will NOT be Christian Education or a 10:15 a.m. service that day.)

Several important items will be voted on at that meeting - specifically a ratification of amendments to the NALC Constitution. More information is provided below, along with a link to the specific documents to support the amendments.

An Informational Meeting will be held on January 24 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. To be discussed at that informational session will be:

- 2020 Financial Results
- 2021 Budget
- Properties update
- NALC Ratification of Constitutional Amendments (*see information below*)

Copies of the Annual Report for 2020 can be picked up in the Narthex. A separate Committee Report that summarizes activities for 2020 is being compiled and will be available on January 31.

Calvary Lutheran Church needs to ratify NALC Constitutional Amendments approved at the 2020 Mission Convocation. A copy of the information regarding these amendments can be read [HERE](#).

There are two general amendments impacting various sections of the NALC Constitution. These amendments DO NOT impact the Constitution or Bylaws of Calvary Lutheran Church. Approval by the Calvary congregation can be as one or two resolutions. We suggest one resolution as the amendments do not appear controversial.

- **Determining the Lay Delegates at the Convocation** – currently this is a mathematical calculation based on the congregation's size. This has been challenging since the NALC congregations have a very different mix of sizes. The change would allow the Executive Council to determine the number based on current congregational and clergy membership.
- **Change from an Annual Convocation to a Biennial Convocation** . The main purpose of the amendments associated with this change is to address how the NALC, at all levels, deploys its resources to perform the mission of the Holy Spirit.

Nominating Committee Members Needed

Under our By-Laws, we need four members of the congregation for the 2021 Nominating Committee whose role is to identify three incoming Council members for 2022. If you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, you can reach out to Brad Meyer (Council President) or the church office. The tasks of this committee do not necessarily require in-person meetings and does not require a large time commitment.

Lynnae's Internship Concludes on January 31, 2021

Lynnae's internship program was accelerated due to the birth of her fourth child. She has completed all requirements.

Let's shower her with cards and love!



Pastoral Intern Lynnae Douglas will be finishing her internship on January 31, 2021. We have truly enjoyed having her as an intern in our congregation for the past year. Hopefully she will get some well-deserved rest before the baby arrives in mid-February.

Lynnae will be writing the "Pondering" for the January 28 *Connections* so you will hear some final thoughts from her in that issue.

Unfortunately (due to COVID restrictions), we are not able to send her off with a reception, but invite you to drop off a note or card for her before the end of the month. Look for the box in the Narthex on the table, or you can drop off a card in the church office and we will make sure she gets it.



Worship Information and Updates

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM NOW AVAILABLE!

We are live streaming the 8:15 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. You can access it at any time from the home page of our website (www.calvarylc.com), or by using the link below.



[Link to Weekly Live Stream](#)

Serving at Worship

January 16 & 17, 2021
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRESIDING MINISTER:

- Pastor Ken Nelson

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Jessica Dudzik

DEACONS:

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

USHERS:

- **Sunday (8:15 am):** Bob and Mary Smith
- **Sunday (10:15 am):**

LECTORS:

- **Sunday (8:15 am):** Lee Tyne
- **Sunday (10:15 am):** Karen Pierce

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Natalie Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Kalupa family in memory of Rita Kalupa

ALTAR GUILD:

- RoJean Holler

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Chris Dudzik
- Wayne Johnson

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

Offerings and Attendance - January 9 & 10, 2021

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	27
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	53
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	48

	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020		
	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$39,233	\$446,910	\$453,000
Unpledged Offerings	\$17,845	\$ 66,240	\$ 70,000
Income less Expenses	\$ 7,414	\$ 41,739	
December MOM	\$ 2,243	\$4,408	N/A

Music Ministry

I may be a little geeky (okay, a lot), but my idea of a fun family outing is bringing my kids on the annual "organ crawl" aka tour hosted by the local AGO chapter (American Guild of Organists). Unfortunately, the event is cancelled again this year because of COVID, but I wanted to plant the seed for next year.

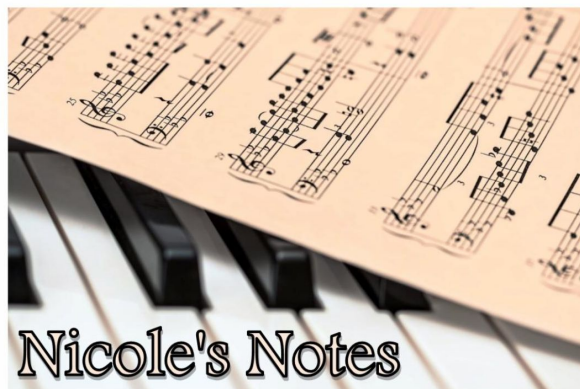
Don't be intimidated. No membership required to join the outing. Just contact your friendly local organist and ask. These informal, adventurous events are usually held in March, sometime between Lent and Easter. Your local chapter of the AGO will usually carry an announcement on its website. The tours are usually local, as in downtown Milwaukee, Kettle Moraine area, or as far away as Chicago or Watertown. You get to tour a number of beautiful worship spaces and enjoy a variety of different organ sounds. If you (or your child) play, bring along some sheet music; you just have to ask for a turn at the keyboard. The Saturday event usually lasts for some hours, while you visit 2-3 organs in the morning, break for lunch, and resume to visit a couple in the afternoon. You can stay as long as you like or break it off early (which I've had to do for the sake of the kids).

Another splendid event for children (in a non-COVID time) is an Orgelkids event, usually sponsored through AGO and administrated by your ambitious local music director. It's more of a STEM class than a musical event. The administrator rents a kit (something like 100 wooden pieces) from Orgelkids, and lets the kids (as a group) examine the pieces, divide into teams, and assemble a very simple wooden pipe organ, followed by playing the 12-note keyboard, (which is more enjoyable if the child has taken piano lessons.) If you'd like more information, feel free to visit orgelkidsusa.org. Honestly, I'm eager to host or point you to such an event post-COVID, along with many other ideas.

Of course, the AGO sponsors many concerts, recitals and collaborative events throughout the (normal) year, many of which are free or request freewill offering, so hopping over to agomilwaukee.org usually yields exciting results. (Just keep it in mind!)

In the meantime, I am exploring ways to further our collective musical education through Zoom! As a church musician and piano educator, I am eager to share knowledge that will benefit our future music-making. Watch your email for further developments and feel free to contact me with ideas!

-Nicole



Faith Formation

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



Join us!

You're invited to join Pastor Ken's mid-week Bible study every Wednesday 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 beverage.

SAVE THE DATES!



Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Caleb Douglas, 1/15
Tom Thiede, 1/15
Chris Dudzik, 1/16
Natalie Voss, 1/16
Erik Wahlgren, 1/16
Carolyn Trotier, 1/17
Lauren Beeson, 1/19
Allison Duch, 1/21
Juanita Osowski, 1/21

Happy Anniversary!

Dave and Chris Cason, 1/17 (40 years)
Don and Fay Heyen, 1/21 (23 years)
Alex and Margaux Baumgarten, 1/25 (1 year)
Jiafu and Sophia Liu, 1/27 (21 years)



New prayer requests: Marcella Nelson; Barbara Powers (mother of Matt Powers)

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Bob Siderits; Larry Bonier; Pastor Jerry Wittmus; Ray Chesner, Don Heyen; Nadine Schuelke; George Rooney; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Dale and Lois Solberg (friends of Pastor Ken and Marcella); Rebecca Cornell (niece of Pastor Ken and Marcella); Debbie and Jens Douglas (sister-in-law of Lynnae Douglas); Debby (friend of Judy Sayas); Judy Jorgenson (former member); Pamela Scott (mother of Megan Sayas); Theodore Peelen (grandfather of Tony Dentice); Jim Walters (uncle of Krista Dentice); Denver Green (friend of Janet Zastrow); Karen (friend of Lydia Trudell); Jerry Locy (father of Cindy Rooks); Olivia (granddaughter of Megan Sayas' co-worker)

Serving in the Military: Kevin Butler (son of Heidi Powers, serving in the U.S. Army); Ben DeYoung (son-in-law of George and Kay Sedivec, serving in the U.S. Air Force); 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:* Diane Foley; 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 and Betty Eggert (grandparents 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.

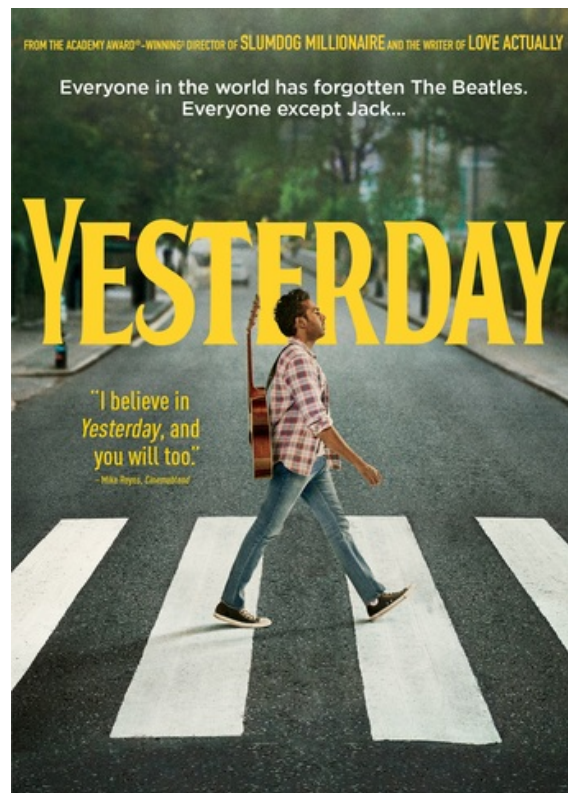
Monday Morning Movie

Monday, February 22 – 9:30 a.m.

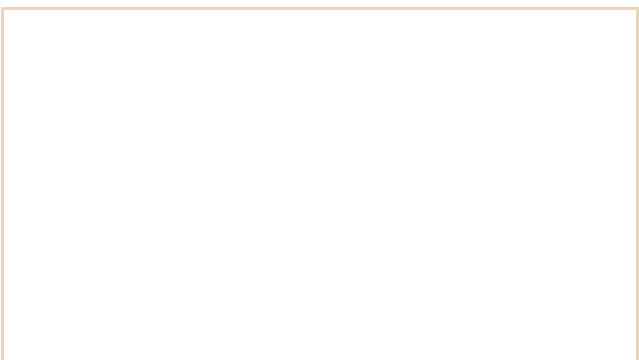
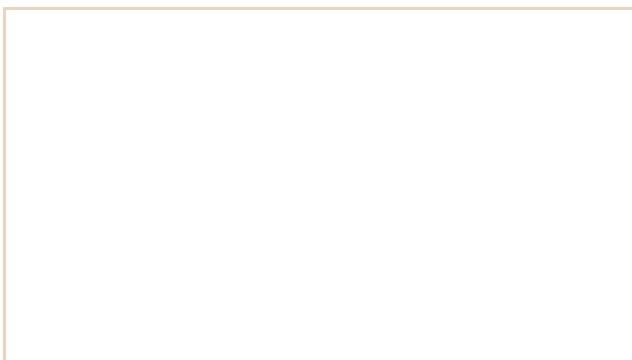
There will **not** be a Monday Morning Movie in January, but on February 22nd, we'll get together to watch "**Yesterday**". If you enjoy the music of the early Beatles, this will be a treat.

Here's a short recap of the movie:

"Jack Malik was just another struggling songwriter . . . but that was yesterday. After a mysterious blackout, Jack discovers he is the only person on earth who remembers The Beatles! As he rockets to fame by passing off the Fab Four's songs as his own, Jack risks losing Ellie – the one person who has loved him and believed in him from the start. Before the door to his old life closes forever, Jack must decide if all he needs is love, after all."



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 28
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.

Women's Ministry



Calvary's Quilters are always looking for more people to join them!

The Quilters meet on the **third Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.** in one of the large classrooms. This is an activity that can be safely done with social distancing.

Quilts are created to be sent for the NALC

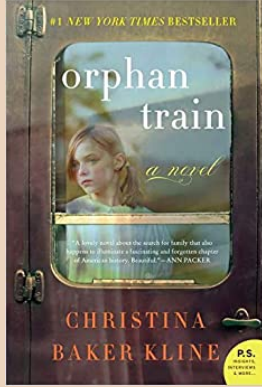
Disaster Relief programs and helping hands are always welcome!

You can help with tying, cutting or sewing. Some of this work can be done at home if you're not able to come in on Thursday morning.

If you're interesting in learning more, please contact Harriet Polzin at 262.786.7677.



Women's Book Group - February 8
1:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall



"The Orphan Train"

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude?

January Mission of the Month



We have a new Mission of the Month in 2021 - **Bethesda Lutheran Communities** in Watertown, Wisconsin.

Bethesda's Mission Statement: Enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ

- Bethesda is a national Christian non-profit organization that provides support services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at program locations across the U.S.
- They work to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by giving them the opportunity to live their lives to the fullest. They seek to be a champion of change by supporting independence and community inclusion.
- They make a difference every day in the lives of those they support through advocacy, raising awareness and promoting independence.
- They ensure communities understand the unique abilities people with disabilities have and encourage everyone to become advocates for people's rights and independence.
- Some of their current and future initiatives include:
 - Smart home technology to enhance daily living
 - Financial Support Services (they currently provide financial management for more than 700 clients)
 - Bethesda College of Applied Learning
 - Independent housing choices that offer true community inclusion
 - Behavioral Support Services (for people of all ages)
 - Faith resources made available online and free-of-charge through Concordia Publishing

You can find out more on their website: bethesdalc.org or you can pick up informational materials in the Narthex. 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

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We are again partnering with the Key Club at Brookfield Central High School to host their February Blood Drive. (Due to COVID restrictions and the re-allocation of larger spaces for classrooms, they do not have the space available to host this drive as they have in the past.) As a bonus, Amazon is thanking donors with a \$5 Amazon.com gift card by email. You can book



American Red Cross

BLOOD
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your appointment to donate blood at
www.redcrossblood.org.

Volunteers will be needed to help with screening and check-in. If you can help, please email Sue Rowe with availability.
(communications@calvarylc.com)



Did you know we have a food pantry collection box in the back hallway near Nicole's office? Food items (*especially the "Big 8" items*) are always needed and can be placed into the pantry box at any time.

These items are used for individuals who stop by the church looking for food assistance. Surplus items are donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry for their distribution to the community.

Please check expiration dates on items being donated to make sure they are not past date.



The "Big 8" items most needed are:

- Canned fruits (esp. pineapple and mandarin oranges)
- Shelf stable protein (stews, tuna, chicken, spam, tofu)
- Rice - brown, white and boxed mixes
- Chunky soup (ready-to-eat)
- Canned pasta with meat
- Shelf stable almond or soy milk
- Soaps, laundry detergent, toilet paper

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

Friday, January 15

10:30a Bible Study (Janet Zastrow group)

Saturday, January 16

5:00p Worship

Sunday, January 17 FOOD SUNDAY

8:15a Worship

9:15a Christian Education

10:15a Worship

Monday, January 18

Tuesday, January 19

9:30a Staff Meeting

1:00p Rebekah Circle

7:00p Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20

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

11:30a Bible Study – Pat Dieck Group

12:30p Pastor's Bible Study

5:30p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

6:30p Evangelism Committee

Thursday, January 21

9:00a Calvary Quilters

Friday, January 22

10:30a Bible Study – Janet Zastrow Group

A few reminders



The right side of the Sanctuary (as you face the altar) is equipped with a hearing loop system which transmits an audio signal directly into a hearing aid via a magnetic field. This greatly

reduces background noise, competing sounds, reverberation and other acoustic distortions that reduce clarity of sound.

Most hearing aids are equipped with a t-coil and connecting to this system is an easy switch on the hearing aid. If you need assistance during worship with this system, please reach out to an usher or any staff member.

The church office is open **Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until noon.** The door that is closest to the office (NW corner) will be open during those hours.

Office Hours

Please check in with the office staff so we know you are in the building.

The office phone number is **(262) 786-4010**. Feel free to leave a message if you call after hours and we will contact you the next day.

Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up

We invite you to sign up for flowers to beautify our altar each weekend. **The sign-up sheet for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**

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



Severe Weather Announcements



With this week's snowfall, we are reminded that weather can definitely impact traveling to church. 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.

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

