

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter January 21, 2021

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



*"Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah
a second time.*

*Go to the great city of Nineveh and
proclaim to it the message
I give to you." Jonah 3:1-2*

The Old Testament book of Jonah is best known as the story of a big fish and a really fortunate man. But at its most basic level Jonah is a call story. At the risk of pre-empting my colleague and pastoral intern Lynnae, who is going to write in this space next week, I wanted to write about the process of call in our church. For those of you who tune in to our weekly podcast "Foretaste of the Feast", next Tuesday's edition will be devoted to reflections on the call to ministry. Lynnae's reflections both there and in her article next week will bring you much more detail about what lies ahead for her and her family in the coming months and years.

I want to thank Lynnae for her wonderful service to our congregation this past year. As she will explain, her two-year half-time internship was accelerated to one year because of the February arrival of the Douglas' fourth child. So Lynnae "got busy" and we ramped up her work this fall and winter to assure she'd had a complete internship experience. January 31st is her last official day. Thank you for welcoming her and her family so warmly and entrusting her with many pastoral duties and personal conversations, enriching her experience immensely. If you wish to extend your best wishes to her, you can place a card in a receptacle we've set up in the Narthex.

But back to the question of call. Now it falls to Lynnae and Caleb to discern their next steps. Call is a gift of God but also a task from God. Listen to what God said to Jonah – "Go ... and proclaim the message I give to you." I cannot say I heard the voice of God, as Jonah did, and not once but twice. But that is not the point...

Worship Resources

[Live Stream Link](#)

Online Resources

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weekend readings](#)

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 THIS SUNDAY, 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 or viewed via this [LINK](#). A separate Committee Report that summarizes activities for 2020 has also been compiled and can be viewed via this [LINK](#).

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.

- **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.



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 next week's *Connections* so you will hear some final thoughts from her in that issue.

Let's shower her with cards and love! 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 receives 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 23 & 24, 2021
Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRESIDING MINISTER:

- Pastor Ken Nelson

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Terry Bzdusek
- Sunday (8:15 am): Ed Ramthun
- Sunday (10:15 am): Rhonda Rodriguez

USHERS:

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

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Chuck Lukasik
- Sunday (10:15 am): Chris Spangenberg

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Kyle Jones

ALTAR GUILD:

- Tom and Sue Sadowsky

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Sean Moritz (Saturday)
- Celebration Ringers (Sunday)

POWERPOINT TECH:

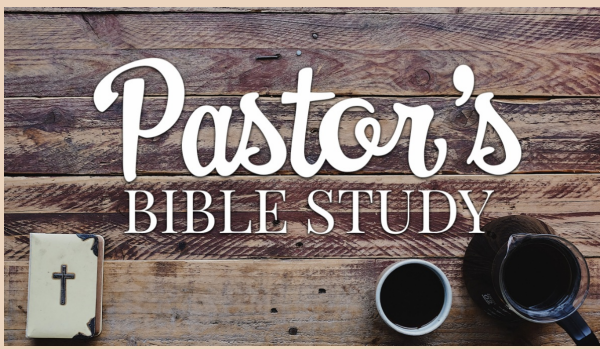
- Saturday (5:00 pm): Lydia Trudell
- Sunday (8:15 am): Sue Rowe
- Sunday (10:15 am): Johanna Nelson

Worship Attendance - January 16 & 17, 2021

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	18
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	54
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	54

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!

Sunday, January 31, 2021
5 p.m. Middle School Youth Group



Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Allison Duch, 1/21
Juanita Osowski, 1/21
Alex Baumgarten, 1/22
Amelia Evert, 1/22
Jackson Gall, 1/22
Terry Trotier, 1/22
Russ Bassel, 1/23
Jo Shannon, 1/23
Cindy Rooks, 1/24
Sue Vollmar, 1/25
Bode Zipp, 1/25
Diane Iverson, 1/27
Tony Dentice, 1/28

Happy Anniversary!

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

Prayer Requests



Prayers of sympathy and God's peace to: Matt and Heidi Powers on the passing of Matt's mother, Barbara Powers on January 14; and the family of Karen Newton (former member) who passed on January 19.

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Marcella Nelson; 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); 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.

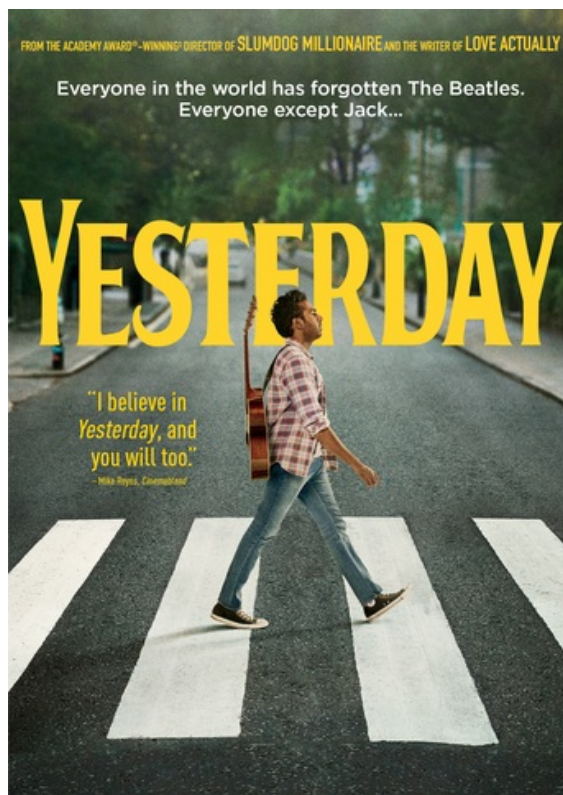
Monday Morning Movie

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

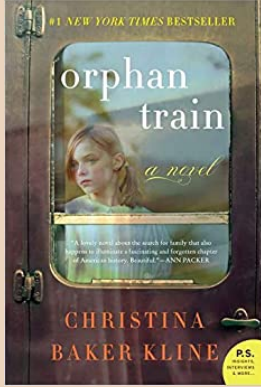
Disaster Relief programs and helping hands are always welcome!

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 interested 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
DRIVE

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 22

10:30a Bible Study (Janet Zastrow group)

Saturday, January 23

5:00p Worship

Sunday, January 24 Happy Birthday, Cindy Rooks!

8:15a Worship

9:15a Informational Meeting (Sanctuary)

9:15 a Christian Education

10:15a Worship

Monday, January 25

Tuesday, January 26

9:30a Staff Meeting

12:30p Bible Study (Pat Dieck group)

7:00p Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

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

12:30p Pastor's Bible Study

5:30p Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, January 28

9:30a Calvary Knitting Group

6:00p Men's Ministry Monthly Gathering

Friday, January 29

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, 8 a.m. - noon 262.786.4010

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

