

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter January 7, 2021

This Week's Pondering

Pastor Ken Nelson, Senior Pastor



"And a voice came from heaven: You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased" Mark 1:11

This coming Sunday, the first Sunday in the season of Epiphany, is set apart to recognize the Baptism

of our Lord. Our reading from Mark is paired with a reading from Genesis 1:1-5 and Romans 6:1-11. In the former, God, through the Spirit, spoke and creation began; chaos began to give way to order and darkness was penetrated by light. In the latter, the Apostle Paul gives perhaps the clearest articulation of what baptism means for one who receives it. In both supporting passages, from Genesis directly and Romans through Paul, God makes most amazing declarations.

How God spoke creation into being is something I cannot conceive with my small mind – but it is not especially easier for me to conceive of how, through my baptism, as Paul says in Romans, I am united with (Jesus) in a death like his and will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Both "creations" – the earth on the one hand and my (and your) salvation on the other - are miraculous and something only God can bring about. And so, he has.

It is telling that from heaven, God spoke creation into existence, declared it good and also spoke to his Son, Jesus, expressing his pleasure in the mission he was about to embark upon. God is "well pleased" with Jesus because Jesus is going to surrender himself totally to the Father's will. It is thrilling and almost incomprehensible to me how God would, through baptism, unite me to His suffering servant's sinless life, death and resurrection; but that is what God does. But then, God calls me to a new way of life. It will never be sinless – not on this side of my own death. But Paul's point is that while we live, and now that in effect with Jesus we've died, our every aim in this life, before we enjoy the life to come, is to strive to please

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God. That is what baptism means – that is what “walking in newness of life” means.

I hope this finds you well,

Pastor Ken



Worship Information and Updates

ANNUAL MEETING

January 31 at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

January 24 at 9:15 a.m.



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 9 & 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord

PRESIDING MINISTER:

- Pastor Ken Nelson

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Ed Ramthun
- Sunday (8:15 am): Glori Kurth
- Sunday (10:15 am): Darlene Louison

USHERS:

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

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Ruth Brostowitz
- Sunday (10:15 am): Lenni Graffin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Angie Schatz

ALTAR GUILD:

- Norene Giuliani

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

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

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



Happy Birthday!

Sean Corcoran, 1/7
Ben Huettl, 1/7
Joanne Juno, 1/7
Ernie Kretschmann, 1/7
Tiffany Schlieve, 1/7

Happy Anniversary!

Chris and Jessica Dudzik, 1/7 (15 years)
Pat and Carol Corcoran, 1/12 (58 years)
Dave and Chris Cason, 1/17 (40 years)
Don and Fay Heyen, 1/21 (23 years)

Shirley Schwenn, 1/7
Carol Corcoran, 1/9
Ka Thao, 1/9
Carol Roe, 1/11
Olivia Schlieve, 1/12
Marge Tyne, 1/13

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



Joy and blessings: for the birth of Logan Scott, the first grandchild of Julie Matthes and great grandchild of Beverly Lawson. Logan was born to Amanda and Jay Matthes on January 2nd.

New prayer requests: Bob Siderits; 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)

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Larry Bonier, Pastor Jerry Wittmus; Ray Chesner, Don Heyen; Nadine Schuelke; George Rooney; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Judy Jorgenson (former member); Pamela Scott (mother of Megan Sayas); 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: 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 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); 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.

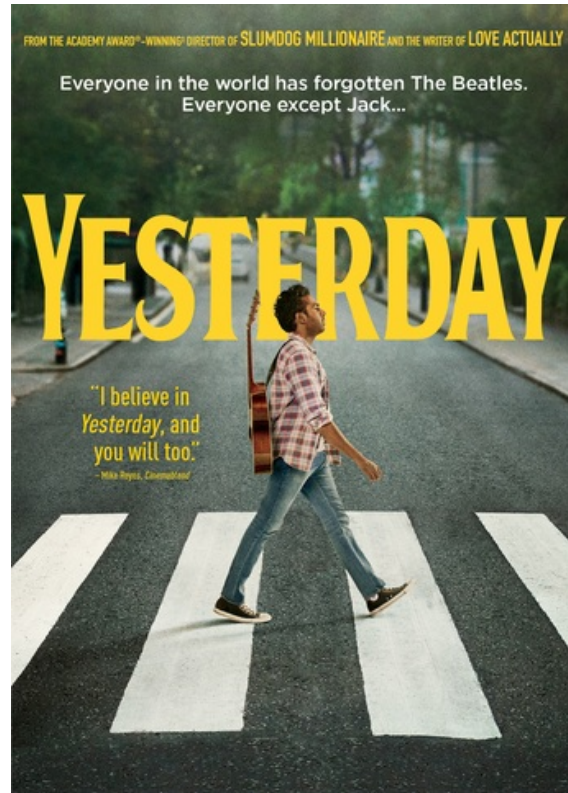
Monday Morning Movie - SAVE THE DATE!

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."



Music Ministry



Nicole's Notes

For the spring semester, Little Chimers will be on hiatus because of continued Coronavirus concerns. In general, and understandably so, our parishioners are limiting their involvements, and so it seems advisable to suspend rehearsals at this time. Stay tuned for updates as our environment continues to evolve.

I wish to thank all of our singers, instrumentalists and musicians who were a vital part of our December celebrations. It was a true joy to work with all of you, and your holiday R & R was well-earned! Don't get too comfortable on that recliner, though—I'm likely to call on

you again soon, as Ash Wednesday comes along in a month or so, beginning the journey to Easter.

Naturally, I am eager to resume choir activities at our earliest opportunity; please stay in touch with me. I'd love to hear from you choral singers about any experiences and information you may have to enlighten us or make this prolonged suspension more bearable.

I want to leave you with some inspiration from Christina Rossetti, one of my all-time favorite writers of specifically Christian poetry. Rossetti was born in 1830, to an Italian family living in England, all of whom were exceptionally gifted (her brother, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, was a painter and was a founder of the so-called pre-Raphaelite movement. His paintings are truly worth seeing; fortunately the internet is a great resource for that.) Christina converted to Anglicanism later in life, which made a great impact on her life and her art. She is considered a major force in Victorian literature, and her verses lend themselves well to musical settings (of which there are countless, e. g. "In the Bleak Midwinter.") Although we are moving on from the Christmas "season," these meditations are worth your time.

Enjoy,

A Christmas Carol - Christina Rossetti - 1830-1894

The Shepherds had an Angel,
The Wise Men had a star,
But what have I, a little child,
To guide me home from far,
Where glad stars sing together
And singing angels are?
Those Shepherds through the lonely night
Sat watching by their sheep,
Until they saw the heavenly host
Who neither tire nor sleep,
All singing "Glory, glory,"
In festival they keep.
The Wise Men left their country
To journey morn by morn,
With gold and frankincense and myrrh,
Because the Lord was born:
God sent a star to guide them
And sent a dream to warn.
My life is like their journey,
Their star is like God's book;
I must be like those good Wise Men
With heavenward heart and look:
But shall I give no gifts to God?—
What precious gifts they took!

This poem was published in Poems for Children (Educational Publishing Company, 1907).

This poem is in the public domain.

Christmastide Christina Rossetti - 1830-1894

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

This poem was published in Verses (E. & J. B. Young, 1893). This poem is in the public domain.

Worship Attendance - January 2 & 3, 2021

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	29
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	29
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	39

Monday, January 11, 2021

11:00 a.m.

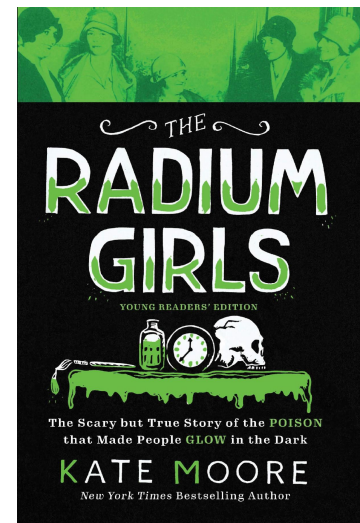
Join us to discuss the January book group selection
The Radium Girls by Kate Moore.

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 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.

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

We will have a representative from Bethesda with us at worship this Sunday to provide more information on this new Mission of the Month partner. You can also find out more on their website: bethesdalc.org. 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.



American Red Cross

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

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 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)

Well Done Calvary!

Over 650 new winter hats, mittens/gloves, coats,

and socks (plus a large amount of gently-used items) were delivered to [B.A.S.I.C.S.](#) on December 31st. Pastor Ken and Marcella delivered the items to their pick-up location and they were distributed to local Milwaukee residents who needed some winter warmth.



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

Friday, January 8	
9:30a	Mission and Outreach Committee
10:30a	Bible Study (Janet Zastrow group)
Saturday, January 9	
9:00a	Church Un-decorating
5:00p	Worship
Sunday, January 10	
8:15a	Worship
9:15a	Christian Education
10:15a	Worship
5:00p	High School Youth Group
Monday, January 11	
	Serenity Inn Meal Program
1:00p	Women's Book Group
6:30p	Church Life Committee (ZOOM)
Tuesday, January 12	
9:30a	Staff Meeting
6:00p	Executive Committee
7:00p	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday, January 13	
	Council Reports Due
7:00a	Men's Breakfast (Maxim's)
11:30a	Bible Study – Pat Dieck Group
12:30p	Pastor's Bible Study
1:45p	Visitation Committee
6:00p	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal
7:30p	"Liturgy of the Ordinary" Study
Thursday, January 14	
9:30a	Calvary Knitting Group
Friday, January 15	
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

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.**

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.

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.

Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-noon 262.786.4010
Questions or comments? Email Sue Rowe at communications@calvarylc.com