

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter February 25, 2021



First Communion Preparation

During Lent this year, we have several students preparing to receive their First Communion on Easter Sunday. God has given parents the gift of being the greatest influence on the faith life of their children. The church's role is to partner with them as they pass on the faith to their children. One of the ways we do that is by equipping parents with the necessary resources and lessons.

First Communion preparation consists of five lessons following the questions and answers Martin Luther puts forth in his Small Catechism.

These lessons seek to help children and students learn what Holy Communion is, what its benefits are, how Holy Communion can do what it does, and who is worthy to receive Holy Communion. It also aims to teach them about various aspects surrounding Holy Communion, like the other names it is called and what other Christian traditions teach about Holy Communion.

Each lesson makes use of readings from the Bible and Martin Luther's Small Catechism, videos, important vocabulary words to know, as well as questions to reinforce and solidify learning.

In the end, we hope these resources will help parents prepare their children and determine if they are ready to receive their First Communion.

Below is a sample of what is included in the first lesson (a link to the entire first lesson is at the bottom of this article).

Worship Resources

[Live Stream Link](#)

Online Resources

[Calvary Website](#)

[Foretaste of the Feast Podcast](#)

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

[Online Giving](#)

[Text Study for weekend readings](#)

Lesson One: What is Holy Communion?

Things you'll need for this lesson:

- Bibles for those going through the lesson
- A copy of Luther's Small Catechism. If you don't have or can't find a physical copy, you can download the Small Catechism app in your smart device's app store or go to <https://catechism.cph.org/> to view it online.
- An electronic device that can play YouTube videos. We'll be using videos from BibleProject www.youtube.com/c/bibleproject/
- A pen or pencil for recording your student's answers at the end of the lesson

LEARNER GOAL: At the end of this lesson, students should know the basics of what Holy Communion is, by what other names it is called, its biblical and historical background, and who instituted it.

Introduction

PARENTS SAY: Holy Communion is an important part of the life of a Christian and an important part of the church as a whole. It's one of the three means of grace God uses to create and strengthen our faith, forgive our sins, and give us eternal life: the other two being Holy Baptism, and God's Word - the Bible.

Our worship service focuses on these means of grace. You can think of going through the worship service like climbing two mountains side by side. The first part of the worship service, or the first mountain, focuses on God's spoken word. We use God's words to pray to him and in our hymns and songs as we praise him. The peak of this first mountain is the Gospel reading. There we hear of what Jesus did for us. Then, we hear the pastor's sermon tell us about it again in a different way.

The second part of the service, the second mountain, focuses on God's tangible word. When something is tangible it means we can know it by touch. Holy Communion is God's word of promise that we can touch with our hands, taste with our mouths, and even smell with our noses. The peak of this second mountain is Holy Communion. That's the part of the service where we receive Jesus' body and blood under bread and wine. And, that's what these lessons will help you learn about; what Holy Communion is, what we receive when we take it, and why it's so important ...

[Click to see remainder of Lesson One](#)



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LENT
— 40 Days Of Renewal —

LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday Lenten

Taize Services

7:00 p.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 1 - 7 p.m. Worship
(will be live streamed)

Good Friday

April 2 - 7 p.m. Worship
(will be live streamed)

Reservations will be required for Easter services. You will receive information on how to reserve your spot in next week's Connections.

NALC Lenten
Devotional

Evangelism

Do You Know How to Share Your Faith?

Your *Connections* newsletter ran a series of articles last Fall entitled "Sharing Your Faith ... A 'How To' Series." The articles provided a simple and practical way to share your faith, which is something God wants



each one of us to do.

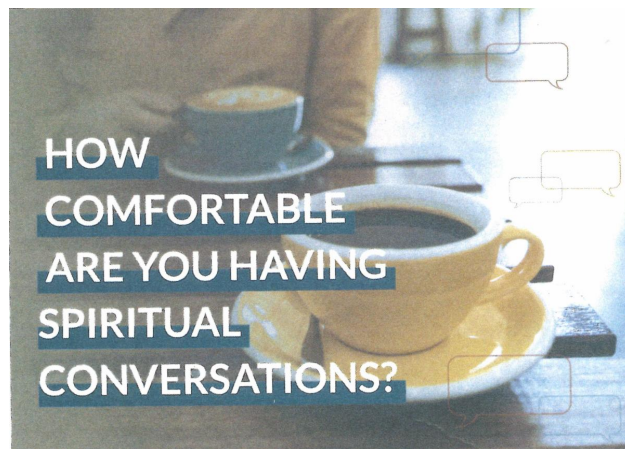
For your convenience, the six-part series is now in print form. And it's free. Just look for the small goldenrod-color pamphlet on the table in the Narthex.

Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age Workshop

Gain confidence and learn strategies for how to have more meaningful spiritual conversations with others. Engaging presenters will guide you through research-based insights and give you tools that will help you more comfortably engage in Spiritual Conversations.

Presented by Brookfield Lutheran Church, the event will be live-streamed for our members and their guests in our Sanctuary.

Safe social distancing will be practiced during the live stream. Masks will be required. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall glass doors.



**Saturday, March 20, 2021
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

[More Info](#)

Endowment Fund College Scholarships

Scholarship money will be available from the Endowment Fund for Calvary members who will be attending Lutheran colleges in Fall of 2021.

Applications for the scholarship money may be made in writing to the Endowment Committee. If you have any questions or would like further information, please reach out to Ernie Kretschmann at kretschmann@att.net.



Easter Flower Order Forms

If you would like to provide an Easter Lily or Spring Flowers to adorn our altar for Easter worship, please fill out a form (available in the Narthex or via the link below).

Completed forms and payment can be



dropped in the offering basket or church office no later than March 21st.

[Order Form](#)

Worship Information and Updates

Serving at Worship

PRESIDING MINISTER:

- Pastor Ken Nelson

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Jessica Dudzik

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Terry Bzdusek
- Sunday (8:15 am): Jonni Roush
- Sunday (10:15 am): Diane Grundman

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): George Sedivec
- Sunday (10:15 am): Ed Ramthun

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Peggy Langelin
- Sunday (10:15 am): Karen Pierce

February 27 & 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Angie Schatz

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Wayne Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Rick Kegel in memory of Gail

ALTAR GUILD:

- Jan Lukasik

POWERPOINT TECH:

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

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY!

Can't make it to worship? We are now live streaming the 8:15 a.m. service on Sunday mornings, and it's *almost* like you're with us in person.

You can access it at any time from the home page of our website (www.calvarylc.com), or by using the link below.



Taize Midweek Lenten Services - Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



Meet Your 2021 Church Council

Pastor Ken installed new Church Council members Sue Vollmar, Scott Grossman and Karen Pierce at the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, February 21.

The Council held its first meeting on Tuesday, February 23. Each Council member is assigned as a liaison to one of the church committees and those designations are noted below.

Bob Branston, President (Personnel)
Philip Voss, Vice President (Property)
Karen Pierce, Secretary (Mission & Outreach)
Leah Morris, Treasurer (Stewardship)
Alex Baumgarten (Endowment)
Scott Grossman (Faith Formation)
Julie Matthes (Church Life)
Terry Trotier (Worship & Music)
Sue Vollmar (Evangelism)



Thank you to all of our Council members for serving - you are all a blessing to Calvary!

Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 21 and is available for online viewing.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 21. The meeting opened with a devotion by Pastor Ken. Council President Brad Meyer gave his annual

address, followed by Pastor Ken's update. Incoming Council members and Deacons were installed. The 2020/21 financial reports and budget were reviewed and approved and the meeting closed with prayer.

The meeting was recorded and is available to view via this [LINK](#).

LOST GLASSES

Did you leave your glasses behind? We have several pair of glasses that have been turned into the office.

They are in Cindy Zilske's mailbox (look for the glass door in the hallway down from the church office).

If you're missing your glasses, please take a minute to check and see if any of these are yours.



Worship Attendance - February 20 & 21, 2021

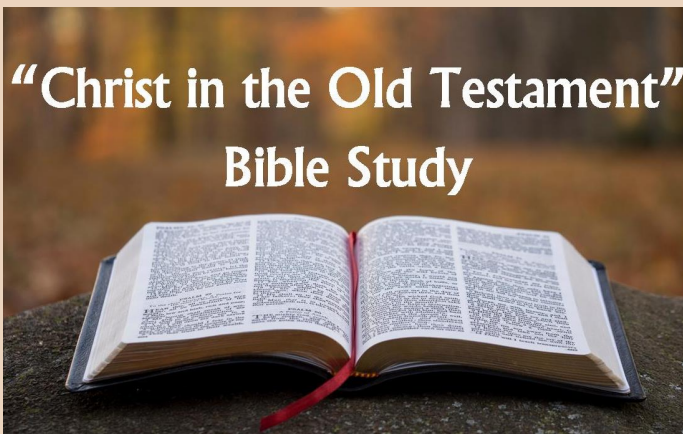
	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	34
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	68
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	No service

Faith Formation

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

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

"Christ in the Old Testament" Bible Study



"Christ in the Old Testament" is the subject of a seven-week series held on **Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.** Created by 1517.org, it will feature the teaching of Chad Bird, a noted Old Testament teacher and published author.

This course will examine how readers of the Old Testament are really reading a book that is all about Christ. Whenever Jesus talked about himself (or when his earliest believers

did), he and they did so by way of the Old Testament.

There is no registration required and no study materials other than occasional session handouts. We will meet in the church Sanctuary in order to make use of the large screen and sound capabilities there. It also enables us to host a larger class while maintaining proper distancing.

Pastor Nelson will facilitate the study and would be happy to field any questions you may have about it.

Subjects in this Series include:

1. The Bible that Jesus Read
 2. Appearances of Christ (Christophanies)
 3. Creation and Exodus (there were many of them in the OT)
 4. Christ as the Key of David
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Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Jim Brostowitz, 2/25
Luther Himsel, 2/25
Eli Douglas, 2/28
Jeremy Nowicki, 3/3
Matt Schatz, 3/5
Nick Nuettl, 3/6
Myrna Mavroff, 3/6
jAnn Derse, 3/7
Malorie Harder, 3/10
Sue Rowe, 3/10
Gil Thompson, 3/11
Lucy Dallman, 3/12
Chris Morris, 3/12
Pat Corcoran, 3/15

Happy Anniversary!

Carl and Gael Hirth, 3/7 (57 years)
Kyle Jones and Lauren Beeson, 3/11 (9 years)
Chris and Rick Spangenberg, 3/16 (22 years)
Craig and Michele Schmidt, 3/28 (51 years)
Pat and Wayne Dieck, 3/30 (58 years)

Prayer Requests



Prayers of sympathy and God's peace to: The family of Beverly Howe (sister of Joe Grundman) who passed away on Sunday, February 21.

New prayer requests: Beverly Lawson (Calvary member and mother of Julie Matthes); Ginny Cox; John Nielson (brother of Judy Kestly)

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Maxine Weisbrodt; Bill Krause; Mike Santell (brother-in-law of Judy Sayas); Pastor Jerry Wittmus; Don Heyen; Nadine Schuelke; George Rooney; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Dave Burgess (Kris Larson's cousin's husband); Dave DeBruine (son of Judy DeBruine); Sheila Bryan (sister of Sue Sadowsky); Jenna Slattery (friend of Sue Sadowsky); 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); Denmy Green (friend of Janet Zastrow); Karen (friend of Lydia Trudell); 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); 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); 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: Rose Luther (friend of Nicole Moritz); Mike Foster (son of Ron Foster); Judy Grospitz; Elmer Eggert (grandfather of Angie Schatz); 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); 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.

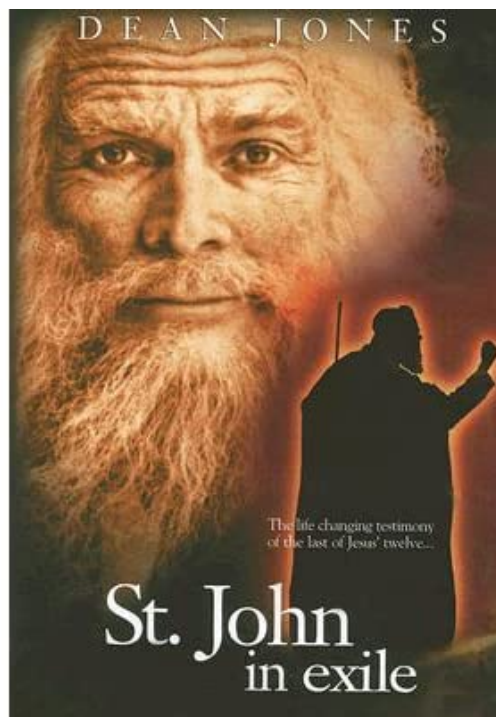
Monday Morning Movie

Monday, March 22nd

1:00 p.m. - Note New Time!

Our Monday Morning Movie for March is "St. John in Exile" and it is a film you won't soon forget. It will be shown at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Here is an editorial review from Amazon.com:

Relive the events from Jesus Christ's life that changed the course of history as seen through the eyes of His most loyal apostle. This one-man stage show chronicles the imprisonment of John, the last living disciple of Jesus' twelve. Locked away in a cave-prison on the isle of Patmos, John remains full of humor and resolute in his faith in Jesus and God, the Father. Discover the story of Jesus in a completely new way from Emmy award-winning director Dan Curtis (War and Remembrance) and watch Dean Jones give a startling personal account of John's story.



This DVD of the one-man stage show runs 1 ½ hours, but it has an intermission break so we can stretch our legs, etc.

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!



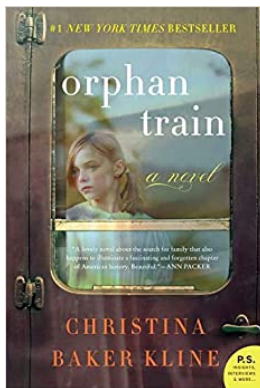
Monthly Men's Gathering
Thursday, February 25
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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

Women's Book Group - March 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?

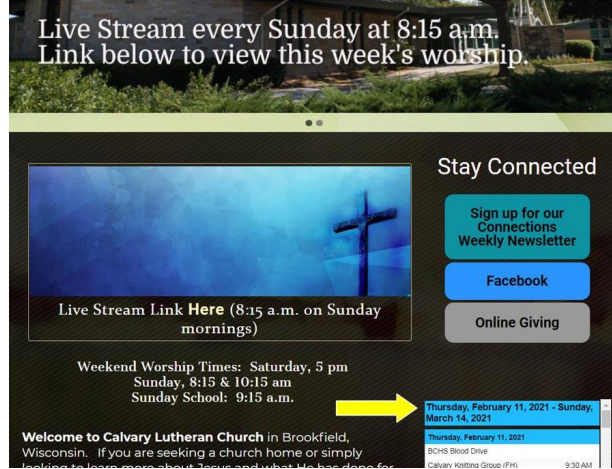
NEW! 30 Days at a Glance (Click here: [CALENDAR](#))

You can now see the church calendar for a 30-day period. At any given time, you'll be able to access the most current calendar items.

This photo shows you exactly where you can find this information on our website (follow the yellow arrow).

Calvarylc.com
Calendar

Live Stream every Sunday at 8:15 a.m.
Link below to view this week's worship.



Stay Connected

Sign up for our Connections Weekly Newsletter

Facebook

Online Giving

Live Stream Link [Here](#) (8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings)

Weekend Worship Times: Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday, 8:15 & 10:15 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin. If you are seeking a church home or simply looking to learn more about Jesus and what He has done for

Thursday, February 11, 2021 - Sunday, March 14, 2021

Thursday, February 11, 2021

8CHS Blood Drive

Calvary Morning Group (FRI)

9:30 AM

February Mission of the Month - Youth Missions



The picture above is from the 2019 high school mission trip to the Virginia/West Virginia border. There, Calvary high school students joined other students from across the country to serve the local community by doing light construction work on homes in the area. They repainted houses, they tore down and rebuilt porches and wheelchair ramps, and they even recoated roofs of mobile homes.

They grew in relationships with each other, with the other students they met, and with the residents they served, most of whom are no longer able to do or afford repairs to their homes. They also spent intentional time in God's word and in worship and grew in their faith.

Every year at Calvary we set aside one of the Missions of the Month for student and youth missions. The high school mission trip is a transformative experience for the students who participate. But the cost of an average mission trip can be steep. Calvary has always tried to minimize the cost to families, but to do that takes a congregation of people willing to support students. And Calvary is one of those congregations.

The registration fee for the mission trip this year is \$468 per participant (students and adults). We ask parents to pay \$250 of that and Calvary aims to cover the rest to make it possible for as many students as possible to participate. While the fee covers food, lodging, and a myriad of other things while we're on location, the overall cost of a mission trip also includes vehicle rental, gas, hotel rooms, and meals while we travel to and from our place of service. It can cost upwards of \$8,000 to take 10 people (8 students and 2 adults) on a mission trip. This year's trip will be to Gilbert, South Carolina from June 18 - 27, 2021.

The students of Calvary are blessed to be members of a congregation that firmly believes that money should not be an obstacle for students called to serve God and their neighbors on a mission trip. As

the Director of Faith Formation, I cannot thank you enough for praying for and supporting our students and providing them opportunities to grow in faith through service.

So please remember that when you give to the February Mission of the Month in support of youth missions you are providing more than an opportunity to better the lives of the individuals and communities our students serve, but providing a chance for them to grow ever closer to the God who draws them near in baptism and forgives their sins again and again through the blood of his Son.

In Christ,

Kyle G. Jones

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



St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program Donations Accepted

St. Vincent de Paul's meal program has significantly changed during COVID and serving of their nightly hot meals has been changed to ensure safe transfer of food.

Food is now pre-packaged by St. Vincent de Paul staff and handed out to clients at

the doors. Since the food is not donated as it was in the past, and their budget has had to incur this extra expense, they could use additional funding to purchase the food that is given out.



If you'd like to support this worthwhile cause, an easy way to do so is through your giving envelope, or online giving. Simply designate your contribution as "St. Vincent de Paul" and the church office will make sure it gets sent to SVDP. Last year we forwarded \$1,345 of your generous donations to Saint Vincent de Paul - great job Calvary!



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



The "Big 8" items most needed are:

- Canned fruits (esp. pineapple and mandarin

distribution to the community.

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

- 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

A few reminders

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.



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 you may take them home following the 10:15 am worship on Sunday morning. If you'd prefer, you can leave the flowers at church to be enjoyed by the office staff.



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