

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Your Weekly E-Newsletter April 15, 2021

This Week's Pondering ...

Pastor Ken Nelson



"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders." Acts 3:17
"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:45

The book of Acts was written by Luke – who is reported to have been a physician. He was not an Apostle of the Lord (one of the twelve) but he was an evangelist of the church, and a studious one at that. We read in Luke 1:3-4 that Luke heard about Jesus and then *"carefully investigated everything from the beginning"* so that he could compose *"an orderly account"* and that we may *"know for certain the things that have been taught"*

about Jesus. Would a scientist do things any other way? It is not surprising that Luke should include phrases like *"acted in ignorance"* and *"opened their minds so they could understand"* in his writings.

I cannot stress enough the importance for Christians, as evangelists of Christ, to *"open up our minds"* to understand the Scriptures. Try this little exercise – jot down on a piece of paper or simply ask yourself if you could summarize the Bible's main message for someone who didn't know the Bible at all and was riding in an elevator with you. How would you explain it? What might your *"elevator speech"* contain if you had one minute to tell someone about the faith that lives in you?

In a recent workshop on evangelism called *"Sharing Your Faith in a Digital Age"* the presenters stressed importance of speaking in *"sound bites"* to an age of people for whom short, digital messages are the only thing they may hear. Our Evangelism Board heard sobering and compelling statistics of the number of current (and active) church members who did not feel they could convey the Bible's message well enough to start or sustain a conversation about Jesus to an unbeliever. Effective witnessing always begins with listening. The saying is sure - *"listen first"* to how someone describes the god they believe in (or don't believe in) before you tell them about your God and Savior Jesus.

If, in listening to someone talk about their beliefs, would you feel capable of sharing your understanding of God with them if you were to discover that the person -

• was truly *"in ignorance"*?

Worship Resources

[Live Stream Link](#)

[Text Study for weekend readings](#)

Online Resources

[Calvary Website](#)

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[Online Giving](#)

[NALC Daily Devotion](#)

- had a complete misconception of God?
- did not know how a person might enter a relationship with God?
- didn't know they could be assured of eternal life in Christ?

Could you say to them, *"If I thought your beliefs about forgiveness or salvation were wrong, would you want to know?"* If so, then you are a step closer to being the one who could guide them to a clearer understanding - "opening their minds to understand the Scriptures".

Witnessing begins with the Holy Spirit calling someone through the gospel – but his witnesses need to know what the gospel is. That is the mission of the church. Our lesson from Acts makes it clear that it is hugely important to tell the message of Christ correctly and to know our audience so we can tell it contextually. In our continuing series on the Book of Acts and the Church, we see Peter in Acts 3 telling the plain truth. That is the "gospel", and we'll focus on what it means in our second of the series this weekend.

There are lots of things we can say about the gospel – but nothing more vital than that it is "the power of God for salvation to all who believe".

Because of a cross,

Pastor Ken



Beware! Scam emails are out there from Pastor Ken again

If you received an email from Pastor Ken Nelson requesting a reply via email, please note that this is a scam! (Pastor's email address is pastorken@calvarylc.com.)

You will never receive an email from anyone in the church office requesting money or the purchase of gift cards. You can forward any scam emails to the FBI at spam@uce.gov.



Worship Information and Updates



Serving at Worship

April 17 & 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

PRESIDING MINISTER:

- Pastor Ken Nelson

ASSISTING MINISTER:

- Lee Tyne

DEACONS:

- Saturday (5:00 pm): Mary Ellen Thiede
- Sunday (8:15 am): Larry Bonier
- Sunday (10:15 am): Terry Bzdusek

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Angie Schatz

ALTAR GUILD:

- Lee and Marge Tyne

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- Tom and Sue Sadowsky

LECTORS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Larry Bonier
- Sunday (10:15 am): Lee Tyne

USHERS:

- Sunday (8:15 am): Tom and Mary Ellen Thiede
- Sunday (10:15 am): Chuck Lukasik

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- Larry Bonier

POWERPOINT TECHS:

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

Financials & Worship Attendance - April 10 & 11, 2021

	Attendance
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	24
Sunday 8:15 a.m.	49
Sunday 10:15 a.m.	66

	As of March 31, 2021		
	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$24,591	\$115,792	\$116,000
Unpledged Offerings	\$7,494	\$26,687	\$6,400
Income less Expenses	\$(8,925)	\$30,262	\$979
March M.O.M.	\$2,128	\$3,187	n/a

Music Ministry

It's hard to believe Easter is over! Such a highly anticipated event tends to leave a feeling of emptiness in its wake - BUT, as Lutherans, we get to celebrate an entire season of Easter! You'll be hearing/singing Easter hymns for several Sundays. Now that the busiest part is done, I have a little more time to offer opportunities to the children of our congregation. Of course, I am always happy to work with kids one-on-one to prepare a musical offering!

This Friday, April 16, I'd like to do a Zoom event for Calvary's kids. Anyone ages 6 to 14 is welcome to hop on, and parents as well! I would like to get to know you all better and get your thoughts on moving forward with music education in a hopefully post-COVID era. :-)

In the meantime, since this is a remote situation, please do yourself a favor and make sure that you have the Prodigies Bell app loaded on your phone or your child's phone, as we will be using this in our class. With in-person classes, we would use real bells, of course.

I will send your link for the Zoom musical event on Friday via email, and also some PDF activities to print out so kids can do them at home. Watch for it and if you don't see it, please reach out and ask. I'm not trying to exclude anyone! Feel free to text me at 414-625-0318.

--Nicole Moritz

Meet Your 2021 Board of Deacons



Front row (L-R) Glori Kurth, Terry Bdzusek, Nancy Wittmus, Mary Ellen Thiede
Middle row (L-R); Lisa Grossman, Diane Grundman, Jonni Roush, Linda Thorpe
Back row (L-R) Ernie Kretschmann, Ed Ramthun, Pastor Ken, Jerry Wittmus, Larry Bonier

If you'd like to view a list of our Deacon assignments and their respective alpha groups, please click the button below. When COVID restrictions are lifted and we are able to once again enjoy fellowship time, a "Meet Your Deacon" event will be held in Fellowship Hall.

[Who's Your Deacon?](#)

Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

Norm McGarvie, 4/16
Rhonda Rodriguez, 4/16
Sue Meyer, 4/17
Jon Vollmar, 4/17
Gerhard Schulz, 4/18
Mark Trudell, 4/18
Heidi Powers, 4/19
Cathy Wahlgren, 4/19
Nicole Nowicki, 4/22
Megan Sayas, 4/22
Ruth Brostowitz, 4/23
Lois Gehrke, 4/23
Bruce Steffens, 4/23
Jerry Wittmus, 4/234
Lee Tyne, 4/25
Mary Ellen Thiede, 4/27
Matt Powers, 4/29

Happy Anniversary!

Rich and Tina Baumgartner, 4/20 (30 years)
Tom and Sue Sadowsky, 4/20 (36 years)
Tom and Mary Ellen Thiede, 4/24 (45 years)
Chuck and Jan Lukasik, 4/25 (40 years)
Chuck and Norene Giuliani, 4/26 (41 years)
Ed Ramthun and Cathy Way, 4/27 (19 years)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Trinity
Cebertowicz
received the



(L-R) Sue Vollmar, Megan Sayas, Trinity, Dustin Spears and Margaux Baumgarten.

Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 10 4:00 p.m. Trinity's sponsors were her friend Dustin Spears and Calvary members Margaux Baumgarten, Megan Sayas and Sue Vollmar.



We welcome Trinity to the Lord's family and receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.



Prayers of God's grace and blessings to: Trinity Cebertowitz on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 10.

New prayer requests: Judy Debruine; Ashton Simpson (grandson of Judy Kestly's cousin); Morgan (cousin of Alex Baumgarten); Cannon Braatz (grandson of Caryl and Bob Braatz)

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Ginny Cox; Grace Gunnlaugsson; Don Heyen; Shirley Mahn; Matthew Ramthun (son of Ed Ramthun); Adam Olson (friend of Jonni Roush); Aggie Fingland (mother of Chuck Giuliani); Delores Seel (mother of Keith Pierce); John Nielson (brother of Judy Kestly); Dave DeBruine (son of Judy DeBruine); Rebecca Cornell (niece of Pastor Ken and Marcella).

Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); 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); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice serving in the U.S. Army); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); 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:* Maxine Weisbrodt; Diane Foley; Bill Jordan; Jeanette Ketelsen; Nadine Schuelke; Marge Skarie; Lowell Sonderman; Donna Polizzi; Pat Treutelaar;

and Janet Zastrow.

Non-members: Debby (friend of Judy Sayas); Debbie and Jens Douglas (sister-in-law of Lynnae Douglas); Rose Luther (friend of Nicole Moritz); Judy Grospitz; Jan Janchan (friend of Jonni Roush); Monica Barchus (niece of Ernie Kretschmann); Michael Rossa (Lucy Dallman's son); Karen (friend of Lydia Trudell)

If you have any new prayer requests, please contact the church office at 262.786.4010 or via email to office@calvarylc.com.

Faith Formation

Pastor Ken's Wednesday Bible Study **Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.** **Fellowship Hall**



Join Pastor Ken as the focus of his weekly Bible study will return to an in-depth look at the readings which will be used each weekend. Handouts are provided that provide some thoughts and questions that focus on the weekly lessons. (Due to COVID restrictions, refreshments are not provided, but you are invited to bring your own coffee, tea or water.) Please join us!

If you can't attend the Study but would like to read the Text Study handout, you can pick up a copy in the Narthex each week or access it from the **Worship Resources** at the top of this page.



High School Youth Group
Sunday, April 11, 5-7:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group
Sunday, April 25, 5-7:00 p.m.

Men's Ministry



Weekly Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.



Monthly Men's Gathering
Thursday, April 22
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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!

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.

April Mission of the Month - Compassion International



Compassion International is a child-advocacy ministry that pairs compassionate people with those who are suffering from poverty. The ministry releases children from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty. The goal is for each child to become a responsible and fulfilled adult.

Compassion's work has grown from modest beginnings in South Korea in 1952 when American evangelist Rev. Everett Swanson felt compelled to help 35 children orphaned by the Korean conflict. Today it is a worldwide ministry where millions of children are now reaping the benefits of one man's clear, God-given vision. To learn more about Compassion's child sponsorship programs, please click [HERE](#).

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.



To benefit Compassion International's Clean Water Program.

Saturday, May 22
Mitchell Park
9:00 a.m.

The Church Life Committee is sponsoring the second "Poker Walk for Water" on **Saturday, May 22 at 9 a.m. at Mitchell Park.** *(There is no rain date for this event.)*

Join Pastor Ken as he kicks off the Walk at the South Pavilion at Mitchell Park. You will receive three playing cards to start you out, and through a safe and leisurely walk through a 1.6 mile designated path at Mitchell Park, you will pick up four more cards. At the end, you will get your final playing card. You will then submit your best five-card poker hand to try to win a prize for best hand. We will have winners in both youth and adult categories. It is a fun event for all!

Registration is \$10/person or \$25/family. All proceeds will be donated to **Compassion International** for its clean water programs. Light refreshments will be served at the Pavilion following the walk. Special thanks to Thrivent for their financial assistance for prizes and refreshments.

A sign up sheet and a map of the route is posted on the glass doors in the Narthex. If you'd like to volunteer to help at one of the stations where playing cards are handed out, please send an email to Sue Rowe at communications@calvarylc.com.



BRAIN HEALTH: *Are you concerned about memory loss or having difficulty remembering things? Are you concerned about a loved one's memory?*

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County is sponsoring a ZOOM session regarding brain health. Learn about the difference between normal aging memory changes and memory loss related to mild cognitive impairment or dementia and what can be done for better brain health.

Jennifer Harders, Dementia Care Specialist, will share more on this important topic and what people of all ages can do.

The ZOOM meeting date is:

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To register, please contact Jennifer at jharders@waukeshacounty.gov or (414) 519-1246. You will receive more information on accessing the ZOOM session once you are registered.



FREE MEAL PROGRAM

Elmbrook Schools, Waukesha County Food Pantry, and the Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network (BEGIN) are providing free meals to families in our community, regardless of income status.

On Friday, April 16 and Friday, April 30, **registered families** will receive meals provided by the Waukesha County Food Pantry. In addition, families with children ages 2-18 will receive breakfast and lunch meals per child, provided by Elmbrook Schools' Food Service Team.

Pickup for both dates will be available at Burleigh Elementary School (16185 Burleigh Pl, Brookfield, WI) from 10:30am-12pm at entrance N-5 on the building's north side. A delivery option for either day is available for those not able to pick up their food or items.

To ensure enough food is available, pre-registration is required. **Register HERE by April 28 to participate in the April 30 event.**

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Baritt at (262) 781-3030, X1175. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, May 13, 2021
8:30 am - 2:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



If you're interested in donating, a link to sign up will be available in the coming weeks.. Volunteers are needed to help with pre-screening of participants. If you can help, please contact Sue Rowe at communications@calvaryl.com.

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!

A few reminders

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY!



Can't make it to worship? We are 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. You'll also receive a link on Sunday mornings via email.

[Link to Weekly Live Stream](#)

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.



Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up

We invite you to sign up for flowers to beautify our altar each weekend. The sign-up sheet for this year 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.



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.



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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