

# Callings from the Lakeshore

## Calvary & St. Paul Lutheran: Two Churches, One Body

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### Notes from the Pastor's Chair

I wonder if Jesus worried that he wasn't connecting with the people or that his message wasn't being understood. The Bible tells us that he was almost constantly surrounded by crowds. At a minimum, the disciples were always nearby, and usually, some Sadducees or Pharisees were hanging around checking out what he had to say. But did Jesus look out at the faces before him and wonder if they were hearing him?

Connecting with people is hard. For some, it comes quite naturally, and for others, it takes some time. As I mentioned in my sermon on Sunday, we are shaped by our previous interactions and hurts. This doesn't mean that we are unable to connect; it makes us wary of being hurt again.

Growing up, I was that bubbly, bouncy kid who was pretty extroverted. I grew up around more adults than people my own age. But somewhere along the line, a group of people my own age decided that I was the target. I was called out for everything that made me different in any way, and they won.

I have worked hard since then to overcome this mindset and rebuild myself back to the person I was, but I am forever changed. The world around us is full of messages telling us that we are not thin enough, pretty enough, rich enough, etc. The church world is not exempt from these kinds of messages. There are plenty of people willing to point out that your beliefs are wrong, that you are wrong, that you shouldn't be a pastor because . . .

So why have I told you all this? I wonder if Jesus worried about any of this. I am here to bring the word of Jesus to you, to walk with you in your faith lives, and to love and care for you. And I worry that I am not connecting with you and caring for your needs.

I am not talking about bulletins, newsletters, or PowerPoints but about helping you deepen your

faith. Am I helping you heal your wounds? Am I giving you hope in a world that often seems hopeless? Am I bringing you Jesus?

Do you worry about connecting with people at church or with people out in the community? Relationships lie at the basis of our lives with each other and with God. We are designed to live in relationships. Connecting to the community around us is not always the easiest thing to do. Reach out to someone you haven't heard from recently. Please know that my door is always open, and my phone is always nearby.

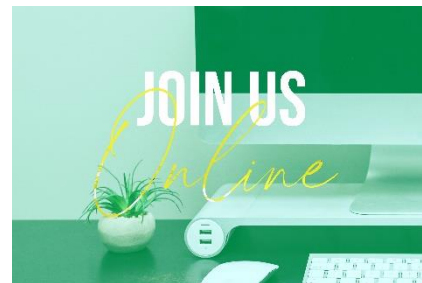
Pastor Heather

#### **ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIMES:**

**Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. & the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of the month at 6:15pm**

#### **CALVARY WORSHIP TIMES:**

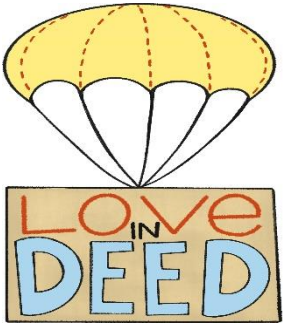
**Sunday mornings at 8:30am. &  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00pm**



#### **WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE**

Worship services for both churches continue to be recorded and shared for everyone who is unable to come to in-person worship. Recorded services can be found on each church's website. The link for online worship at St. Paul is also provided in the weekly St. Paul email sent on Monday mornings.

*If you need help finding services online, please call the church office.*



## *Sharing God's Love with our Community & Beyond*

### **PETER'S PANTRY DONATIONS**

In the narthex at St. Paul there's a basket for donations for Peter's Pantry. Thank you for all the donations we find in the basket each month! Your generosity to those in need is appreciated.

### **BLESSING BOX AT ST. PAUL**

The 'Blessing Box' near the side entrance to the church was funded by Thrivent and an anonymous donation from our church. Conveniently positioned as you leave the car park to enter church, you can put food in the box on Sunday morning to help feed homeless and families living in poverty. Suggestions from coordinators at Lakeshore Caps and Grow it Forward suggest **food, such as nuts, nut butter, crackers, energy bars, muesli bars, snacks and candy, long-life food, jerky**, or even a food gift card from Scrips for a meal from Kwik Trip or the Subway shop. Perishable food (meat, dairy, and eggs, vegetables and fruit) are prohibited, as well as glass and cans during the winter months.

Our Box is especially helpful in Manitowoc as a source of food on weekends. As Amber of 'Grow it Forward' says "we will never have enough food to feed the hungry in our city. Every little bit helps."

### **WHAT EXACTLY IS TREP?**

For the St. Paul folks who keep seeing information about TREP in the weekly inserts I thought I should include an article offering a bit of explanation about the organization. TREP stands for Two Rivers-Mishicot Ecumenical Pantry. It is a state licensed food pantry that serves individual families in need of food in the Two Rivers/Mishicot area of Northeastern Wisconsin. TREP originated in the basement of Calvary Lutheran and several of our members have worked there. They are located at 1902 22nd Street in Two Rivers.

Throughout the year they have a hat and coat drive and a back-to-school drive. Several months ago, Calvary made TREP the focus of our food ministry by doing a monthly food drive for them. Each month

there is a specific item that is focused on. We focused on peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti and pasta, and cereal. Upcoming focuses are hygiene products and canned meals. The goal of each month is boosted by a Thrivent Action Team grant and then added to by individual donations. If you are interested in leading an Action Team grant contact Cindy Schmidt or Bruce Larson for help. ~Pastor Heather

### **TREP monthly focus**

TREP's April focus is hygiene products. They are always in demand at the pantry and can put a strain on any budget. Please think about picking up some extra:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Men's and Women's Body wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Bar soap
- Men's and Women's deodorant
- Lotion
- Feminine hygiene products
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Did you know that St. Paul has a wonderful team of people who deliver Meals on Wheels in our community? This service enables the homebound to receive one hot meal and one cold meal each day Monday through Friday. For the volunteers there is a feeling of gratification relating to giving of their time to the needs of the recipients.

St. Paul has one of the easiest routes as we deliver to about 20 individuals in four or five locations. We always work in pairs and it only takes about an hour. St. Paul is responsible for one week's deliveries every four to six weeks. When we have enough volunteers each "pair" is responsible for one day. More volunteers are always welcome. If interested please contact Jan Chermak. Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers!

### **MEALS FOR THE WARMING SHELTER**

Our last meal for the warming shelter was served on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that have helped with this this season. Every little bit helps to make the life of those who are unhoused a bit better. I look forward to doing this in the fall when the Warming Shelter reopens, possibly with funding to offset the cost to the individuals.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPRING CHILI WARM UP & BAKE SALE

First Lutheran Church,  
located at 521 N. Eighth St. in Manitowoc, will once  
again host the Annual Spring Chili Warm-up &  
Bake Sale on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 11:00  
a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Manitowoc  
County Habitat for Humanity.

This year, the menu will include chili, dessert and a  
beverage. The price for tickets is \$8.00 for an adult  
and \$4.00 for children under 12. Hot dogs will be  
available for \$2 each. A one quart jar of chili for  
takeout will be available throughout the event and  
will sell for \$8.00.

Habitat, in partnership with First Lutheran Church, is  
in need of volunteers to help with this event. We are  
also soliciting baked goods. Volunteers will be  
needed on Friday, April 19 from noon to 3:00 pm to  
help with the preparation of the chili, and setting up  
tables and on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 8:30  
a.m. to assist with the serving of the chili and clean up  
after the event.

We are looking for sheet cakes, cookies and bars of all  
kinds to accompany dinner orders. Any other baked  
goods – breads, fruit pies, cupcakes, etc. (no cream  
desserts) -- will be sold in the Fireside Hall. If you can  
get a group of your members to provide baked  
goods, it would be deeply appreciated. Baked goods  
can be dropped off at First Lutheran on Friday, April  
19 between noon and 3:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 20  
after 8:30 a.m.

Again, thank you for all your cooperation and the  
efforts you will be putting forth. If you would like to  
provide desserts, help at the event, or have any  
questions or suggestions, please call or email Jenine  
or Jean prior to April 10, 2024.

In Christian Partnership,  
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First Lutheran Church  
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jasouco@yahoo.com

Jean Wakefield  
Manitowoc County Habitat  
920-683-8466  
director@manitowochabitat.org



## NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL

The April Noisy Offering  
will be collected for  
Crossways Camping  
Ministries on **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**.



## ST. PAUL SCHOLARSHIPS: DUE APRIL 15TH!

St. Paul Lutheran Church has a scholarship fund to  
assist members of the congregation who have plans  
to pursue a higher education. If you plan to attend a  
two or four-year college or university as an  
undergraduate or graduate student in the 2024-25  
school year, please take advantage of this great  
opportunity!

The St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Scholarship Fund  
was established in 1995 with an initial donation of  
\$25,000 by Walter Hogenson. We are dependent on  
donations by members of the congregation to be able  
to continue. Additional donations by members of the  
congregation have kept the balance sufficient to  
continue to award scholarships every year since then.

Donations are welcome to keep this important  
ministry going! If you have any questions, feel free to  
contact Pastor Heather or David Dahleen

## FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL Tuesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Faith Circle is a group of women who meet monthly  
for a Bible study along with some Fellowship time.  
Everyone is invited!

## Spring Fling Brunch at St. Paul Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

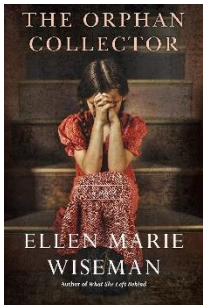
Women of Worship (WOW) at St. Paul invite you to  
join us in the Fellowship Hall for brunch on Sunday,  
April 21<sup>st</sup> following the 10:15am worship service. All  
are invited! We are hoping to see our Calvary friends  
also!

Set up for this event will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at  
10am.



## BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL

Thursday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m.



In April we will be reading The Orphan Collector by Ellen Marie Wiseman. We'll meet to discuss the book in the Gathering Room. If you're interested in joining, please let Joy know (joycarlson4@gmail.com) and you can be added to the Book Club email list for updates and news. We

have library copies available to borrow.

## Women's Retreat 2024

September 27-28

At Crossways – Imago Dei Village

**For a full list of events, please see the calendar page!**



## MEET YOUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Alyssa Schmidt in our new Office Manager. She will be at St. Paul on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Thursdays and at Calvary on Tuesdays beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>.

She grew up in the Upper Peninsula but for the last 18 years she has lived in Two Rivers. She is married to Andy and they have a nine-year-old son, Matthew. The Schmidt's also have three pets (one dog & two cats). Prior to coming to St. Paul/Calvary, Alyssa worked for the Mishicot Public School District as the Elementary Library Teacher. Some of her favorite things include hiking, time at the beach, reading, a

good cup of coffee, board games, spending time with her family, and tacos. Alyssa has enjoyed meeting several of you already. If you have time, feel free to stop in the office to say hello!

## RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

Do you have ink cartridges lying around? Calvary has a box in the gathering pew for the recycling of used ink cartridges. They take all types except the long toner cartridges from larger printers. St. Paul members if you would like to bring yours in to be recycled arrangements can be made to get them over to Calvary. The more we recycle the less that end up in the landfill!

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PURCHASE SCRIP

It's easy to purchase gift cards & support this ongoing fundraiser at Calvary & St. Paul. Scrip cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings. At Calvary, please see Cindy Schmidt. At St. Paul, please stop in the church office before worship.

If you have any questions about our Scrip program, please ask. Scrip is a practical, easy way to give a little extra to Calvary & St. Paul simply by using Scrip gift cards for everyday purchases.

## UPCOMING TIME OUT OF OFFICE FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor Heather has planned out a big chunk of her time out of the office this year. In April she will be taking vacation from the 12<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Dan Borchers will be filling in for her those two Sundays. Pastor Andy Windle and Dan Lyman will be covering the church for me. Their numbers will be available in the office. Alyssa will have regularly office hours that week.

In May, Pastor Heather will be attending the Festival of Homiletic in Pittsburg from May 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. This is three days of intensive learning centered around study of the text and preaching. This will count towards her continuing credit hours that she is allocated each year.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, she and the delegates for the Synod Assembly will be traveling to Oshkosh for two days. This is time to gather, connect, and learn about what is happening in the greater church. We are still looking for delegates from Calvary and one delegate from St. Paul.

In October, Pastor will be using up some more of her vacation time from October 16<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Henning

is covering those Sundays. Pastor Andy & Dan will likely be covering the church also, but that has not been discussed formally as October is still a long way off. She still has several days left of vacation time but at this time there are no specific plans for them. Please know that Pastor Heather is appreciative of the time way to rest and recharge!



## CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES UPDATES

Summer is just around the corner, believe it or not, and that means Crossways Camping Ministries is gearing up, cleaning up, and getting ready for campers!

### Spring Volunteer Opportunities

Join us for a Spring Work Weekend April 26-28, 2024. Lend a hand alongside other volunteers to enhance and prepare Waypost! Meals and lodging provided to volunteers and fellowship available in the evenings. All skill levels are welcome! RSVP online [www.crosswayscamp.org](http://www.crosswayscamp.org) or email [waypost@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:waypost@crosswayscamps.org) with additional questions.

### Camp Registration is now open!

Crossways Camps are fun for kids and families of all ages. Check out more information about each camp and register online at <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/>



## In our Prayers

### Calvary

- Scott and Samantha Spiering (Roxanne Spiering, family)
- Mary Keck (Kristin Keck's mother) cancer
- Harold Keck (Kristin Keck's father) cancer

Prayer requests can be made by emailing the office at [contactus@calvarytr.org](mailto:contactus@calvarytr.org) or by calling the church office at (920)793-3917.

### St. Paul

- Lew, Linda, Mary Linda, Holly, Jim, Harold

Prayer request can be made by emailing the pastor at [pastoryerionkeck@gmail.com](mailto:pastoryerionkeck@gmail.com) or by calling the office at (920)-628-2228.



1 Rachel Jensen	12 Debbie Wochos
1 Tammy Fischer	15 Susan Vocke
1 Tonya Wolf	15 Malachi Keehan
1 Isaac Dahleen	15 Kalina Kinzel
2 Diane Lohr	16 Carly Campbell
3 Noelle Mister	16 Zachary Diedrich
4 Delores Jaeger	16 Marcella Hafemeister
6 Colleen Lang	22 Ann Barry
6 Jeffery Haney	22 Logan Maedke
8 Isabel Strazny	23 Germaine Sittman
9 Ken Rieckmann	23 Amanda Groth
10 Kathryn Jensen	24 Elaine Singer
10 Amanda Rittich	25 Cohen Newberg
10 Chris Sieracki	26 Chloe Bauer
11 Jeanette Kakuk	27 Brian Maedke

### Calvary

1 Dave DeVore	27 Scott Manthei
1 Sonja DeVore	30 Cindy Jones
8 Ken Mittag	
11 Jeremy Arneman	
14 Jim Williams	
17 John Kreeger	
26 Dana Arneman	
27 Bella Ruoho	

*If your birthday is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office. Thank you!*



### Calvary

April 6<sup>th</sup> - John & Darlene Laurin

*If your anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office. Thank you!*

## Calvary Lutheran Church

1921 Adams St. Two Rivers, WI. 54241

Email: [newsletter@calvarytr.org](mailto:newsletter@calvarytr.org)  
920-793-3917

### Church Office Hours beginning April 16th

Tuesdays 9:00-1:00

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Email: [stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com)  
Phone: 920-628-2228

### Church Office Hours, beginning April 15th

Mondays 10:30-2:30  
Wednesdays 9:00-1:00  
Thursdays 9:00-1:00

### Pastor Heather Yerion Keck

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#### Office Hours:

Mondays 12:00-4:00 – St. Paul  
Tuesdays 9:00-1:00 – Calvary  
Wednesdays 9:00-1:00 Calvary  
Thursdays 9:00-1:00 – St. Paul  
\*Other times by appointment.

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## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Events:

Mondays – AA Meetings 7pm @ Calvary

Tuesdays – Quilters 9am @ Calvary

Wednesdays NA Meeting 7pm @ Calvary

Thursdays: Bible Study with Matt from AA in Fireside  
Room 5:30pm @ Calvary

Saturdays – AA Meeting 6pm @ Calvary

### Sunday worship:

8:30am @ Calvary & 10:15 @ St. Paul

### APRIL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
8th	Day for Girls	1:00-4:00	St. Paul
10th	WOW (Women of Worship)	11:00am	St. Paul
11th	Evening Worship	6:15pm	St. Paul
12th-21st	Pastor's Vacation	-	-
10th	Green Bay Conference Meeting	9:00-11:30 lunch to follow	Calvary
15th	Scholarship Application deadline	-	St. Paul
16th	Faith Circle	10:00am	St. Paul
20th	Spring Brunch setup	10:00am	St. Paul
21st	Spring Brunch	Following 10:15am worship	St. Paul
21st	Confirmation	11:45-1:30	St. Paul
25th	Book Club	3:00-4:00	St. Paul

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