

# *Callings from the Lakeshore*

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

### August 2025



## **Notes from the Pastor's Chair**

It's August in Wisconsin, which means that summer and its warm weather will come to an end in about a month. As most of you know, this makes me sad because I love the warmth and sunshine. I haven't spent enough time outside enjoying it this summer. So, my message to all of you this month is to take the time before fall to go outside and enjoy the fresh air.

It is too easy to let the days pass us by without making any memories in them. Suddenly, you look up and figure out that you can't remember anything you did last week or month, much less anything you did to mark the time and make it special.

The world around us is a firestorm of information and news that pelts us daily. What I am saying is to take some time to break free of that and set aside an afternoon, a day, or even a minute to do something that makes you happy.

A couple of Saturdays ago, Kristin and I visited Sheboygan and explored the town. We spent the day doing a little bit of everything and nothing in particular. It was the first time in a while that we had paused the world and just enjoyed the day. It was great. We both left the day feeling better about things.

I love having big trips planned to talk about, plan, and look forward to, and those things are always special. However, even during those trips, it's often the smallest moments that we remember as being special. Last fall, we took a trip to France, and the trip was great, filled with many memories. However, some of the most special moments for us were not the planned events. I recall discussing history at the base of the Arc de Triomphe for what seemed like forever. We didn't plan to sit down and talk, but that is what happened. History is a subject that I love, so sitting under this beautiful moment and discussing it is a cherished, unplanned memory from this trip.

But even when we do have a trip planned, it's this steady diet of small moments that keeps us going. Like the pursuit of ice cream from "the cow," where we go sit by Lake Michigan and eat it while we talk about nothing and everything for half an hour. We never remember the conversations, but we remember the time spent together chasing dripping ice cream cones.

It is all too easy to neglect time for family and friends with the pace of our world today. This is made even more complicated by work demands, sports schedules, community, and church activities. This is one of the reasons that I love fellowship opportunities at church. It invites us to slow down and spend time with our other family, catching up on their lives.

So, my advice to you this August. Take a moment. Make the call to a friend. Share a meal. Grab a cone if you'd like. Take a walk. Play a board game. But make a memory. Why? Because those memories are important now to help when it is hard. When everything seems overwhelming and impossible, it is our faith, our belief, our hope, and the support of our friends and family that help us get through these challenging times.

Pastor Heather

## 2025 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

It is time for the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and it is going on at the Phoenix Convention Center in Arizona from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This years' Assembly will include the election of a new Presiding Bishop and a new Secretary. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church.

Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- Worship together.
- Adopt a budget.
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

For additional information and a list of pre-identified possible nominees for Presiding Bishop and Secretary please visit <https://www.elca.org/about/leadership/churchwide-assembly> . Please keep the work of the Churchwide Assembly in your prayers.

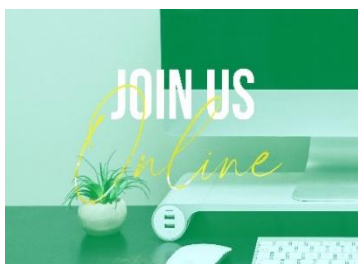
We pray for the delegates from all synods to prayerfully discern the next bishop for our denomination, we pray for the candidates to listen to the Holy Spirit as the voting process is taking place. Amen.

**CALVARY WORSHIP TIME:**

**Sunday 8:30am.**

**ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIME:**

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**



### 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 is included in weekly emails for both churches. If you need help finding services online, please call the church office.

## ***In our Community & Beyond***

### **AUGUST NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL**

#### **Manitowoc Warming Shelter**

August's focus for the noisy donation is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter. The shelter runs from November to April which can temporarily house twelve adult individuals for the night. It's located at First Presbyterian Church on 8 th Street in Manitowoc. It runs seven days a week during its season. The individuals receive dinner and breakfast while they are there. The shelter is run entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. Presently they are working towards a dedicated building for a warming shelter to better serve the number of homeless people in our community. The warming shelter is one of Pastor Matt Sauer's ministries along with a dedicated steering committee to help him accomplish this valuable work.

### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS**

There will be a collection area in the narthex for your donations. Items will be collected through Sunday, August 31st. This is a great project that the entire congregation is invited to take part in! We will assemble the kits on September 7<sup>th</sup> after our service. Our goal is to make 150 kits.

(1) box of 16 or 24 count crayons – need 150 have 113

(5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) need 750  
have 190

If you would like someone to shop for you please give money to Carol Entringer. She watches for sales and buys in bulk to get the most for your money.

### **INTERVIEW ON WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO**

Earlier in July I had the opportunity to speak on the topic of the 10-year anniversary of the legalization of same-sex marriage and the recent statements by the Southern Baptist Convention on their intent to work to overturn the Obergefell v. Hodges (the supreme court case that legalized same-sex marriage federally). The question that they asked us was what we as pastors from the LGBTQIA community were doing to help make churches more inclusive. It was me and pastor Tim Schaefer, a pastor from First Baptist in Madison (The only open and affirming church with a LGBTQIA pastor in Wisconsin). It is an important conversation to start and keep having The interview could have touched on so many other topics, but time didn't allow. If you would like to listen, click on the following link:  
<https://www.wpr.org/shows/wisconsin-today-2/redistricting-lawsuit-software-layoffs-obergefell-anniversary>

### **MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)**

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. August's focus is canned meats to include tuna and Manwich sauce. Also canned fruits, pineapple, pears, mandarin oranges ,canned potatoes and pasta. Any items for TREP can be placed in the grocery cart inside the main entrance.

### **PETER'S PANTRY & BLESSING BOX DONATIONS (ST. PAUL)**

There is a basket near the church office at St. Paul to drop off 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. If you have items for the Blessing Box, please place those directly in the box outside. Items should be able to withstand freezing /melting (depending on the time of year).



**Please consider sending cards & notes to our homebound members. They are still very much a part of our church family, even if we do not see them. For safety reasons, the list will not be published in the newsletter as anyone can access it online. However, you can pick up a list at church or email Cindy for a copy.**



### **FOOD AND FAITH WITH PASTOR HEATHER**

The next Food and Faith will be Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at St. Paul, and then Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Calvary. I will be providing lunch and dessert for all who come. We will read a scripture and talk about what it is saying to us. This time is open to questions and concerns about God, our faith, or anything that is pressing on our minds. I don't promise to have all the answers, but I promise to listen. Please consider joining me.

## **WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL**

**Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

WOW meets monthly at St. Paul for planning of events & fellowship. All women from Calvary & St. Paul are welcome to attend.

## **DAYS FOR GIRLS AT ST. PAUL**

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm**

Days for Girls International is a group that helps to provide reusable period products for millions of girls and women around the globe. No sewing experience (or experience of any kind) is necessary. Men & women are welcome to lend a helping hand.

## **FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL**

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

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

## **BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL**

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

In July, Book Club will be reading The Second Life of Mirielle West by Amanda Skenandore. If you're interested in joining, please let Joy know (joycarlson4@gmail.com) and you can be added to the Book Club email list. We have library copies available to borrow.

**FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS,  
PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR PAGE!**



### **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!

## **SCRIP**

It's easy to buy cards and support this ongoing Calvary and St. Paul fundraiser.

- **At Calvary see Cindy Schmidt.**
- **At St. Paul stop in the office before worship or contact Shirley Osieczanek.**

If you have any questions about our Scrip program or what type of gift cards are available, please ask. Scrip gift cards are a practical, easy way to give a little extra to Calvary and St. Paul while shopping for items you already need!



## RUMMAGE SALE

Do you have things to bring in for the rummage sale? Are there some closets that need cleaned out? Bring those items here to church. **If you plan to donate clothing, please bring prior to August 6<sup>th</sup>.** No furniture accepted and any electronics need to be in working order. If you have a question about an item you would like to bring talk to Carol Entringer. The sale is planned for September 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Preparation work has already begun. **Next prep day is August 6<sup>th</sup>, before and after the WOW meeting (9-11 and afterwards until 3pm).** More prep and setup are scheduled for the week of August 25-29<sup>th</sup>, and then again September 2-3.



### Calvary

- Sloane (4-year-old with cancer. Her grandparents are friends of Cindy Schmidt.)
- Scott and Samantha Spiering (Roxanne Spiering's family)
- Mary Keck (Kristin Keck's mother) cancer
- Harold Keck (Kristin Keck's father) cancer
- The families and individuals that will lose Medicaid, Medicare, and SNAP

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

### St. Paul

- Dick K., Amy, Linda H, Linda W, Mary, Harold, Karen, Mike Johnson, Michelle Ninneman, and Carolee Crabb
- People who are being detained without due process, people who live in fear of being detained without due process, all who are fearful and scared of their futures.
- Individuals and families who are homeless, underpaid, underworked. Who lack healthcare or fear they will lose their healthcare.

Prayer request can be made by emailing the church office at [stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com) or by calling the office at (920)-682-2228.

If you would like prayer but would like to keep it confidential, please feel free to contact us with those as well.





### **Calvary**

1st – Rita Kreeger  
3rd – Stanley Phelps  
12<sup>th</sup> -Mark Ameman  
13<sup>th</sup> -Kim Braun  
14<sup>th</sup> -Diane Larson  
16<sup>th</sup> -Kerry Rivest  
17<sup>th</sup> -Cynthia Schmidt  
23<sup>rd</sup> -Doug Hoffman  
26<sup>th</sup> -Sandra Fechner

### **St. Paul**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Joy Carlson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Samuel Oswald  
4<sup>th</sup> – Mike York  
4<sup>th</sup> – Heather Gaedtke  
6<sup>th</sup> – Devon Plagemann  
8<sup>th</sup> – Andy Voelker  
16<sup>th</sup> – Holly Gotstein  
19<sup>th</sup> – Gina Wolff  
19<sup>th</sup> – Don Koeser  
20<sup>th</sup> – Karla Hadler  
20<sup>th</sup> – Sue Jinks  
20<sup>th</sup> – Jami Rittich  
20<sup>th</sup> – Ralph Markowski  
22<sup>nd</sup> – John Veit  
31<sup>st</sup> – Jace Weaver

## *Happy* **ANNIVERSARY**

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### **Calvary**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ken & Monica Mittag  
7<sup>th</sup> – John & Rita Kreeger  
14<sup>th</sup> – Teri & Scott Zipperer

### **St. Paul**

1<sup>st</sup> – Brian & Patti Maedke  
10<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Cindy York  
11<sup>th</sup> – Sheila & Joe Cherney  
20<sup>th</sup> – Todd & Karla Hadler  
20<sup>th</sup> – Jessica & Adam Oakland  
29<sup>th</sup> – Michael & Donna Mowrer  
30<sup>th</sup> – Kristin & Heather Yerion-Keck

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office*

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Mondays 9:00-12:30pm

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### **Office Hours:**

Mondays 1:00-4:00 – St. Paul

Tuesdays by appointment

Wednesdays by appointment

Thursdays 9:00-1:00 – Calvary



# AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> WOW Meeting 11 am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Days for Girls-1 pm	<b>12</b> Food & Faith 11am Calvary Council Mtg- 5:45 pm St Paul Council Mtg- 7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Noisy Offering	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Faith Circle-10 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Rummage Sale Set- Up	<b>26</b> Rummage Sale Set- Up	<b>27</b> Calvary Food & Faith- 11 am Rummage Sale Set- Up	<b>28</b> Bldg & Grounds Mtg- 1 pm Book Club-3 pm Rummage Sale Set- Up	<b>29</b> Rummage Sale Set- Up	<b>30</b>

## Calvary AA Meetings

Mondays-7 pm

Wednesdays 7 pm

Saturdays 6 pm