

Callings from the Lakeshore

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

May 2024



Notes from the Pastor's Chair

I have a niece that is graduating from high school this month. She is going to Bethany College on an athletic scholarship for track and field. She is a smart girl and extremely motivated. This got me to thinking about passions and gifts. I remember starting college and I had no passion for anything. I picked a major because I needed to for paperwork reasons. I was an education major because it was practical, and my mom had been a teacher's aide for my entire life. My other option was the Air Force, my dad's career, but my mom said no to that. This got me wondering if the younger Jesus struggled with finding his life's passion.

First Century Palestine tradition would have dictated him learning to be a carpenter like his father. But I wonder did that fulfill him? Did it make his heart soar? We don't know the answer to these ponderings, and Jesus is a unique case, being God and man simultaneously - it muddies the water.

We all know someone who, from an early age, had a clear vision of what they wanted to do or be. They possessed an unwavering passion and drive in a particular area, and it never faded. From their early years, they were certain they would become doctors, lawyers, and pastors, or they had an unquenchable passion for anything related to nature, writing, horses, etc. There are others that spend their lives trying to figure out what their passions are, trying many things along the way and discovering that they have many passions that pull on their hearts. They live fantastic lives with many passions and gifts that fill their lives with joy and happiness.

Remember, there is no right or wrong way for this journey of discovering our passions.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. Some of the most fascinating people I know didn't have it all figured out at twenty, and even some of the most intriguing fifty-year-olds I know are still exploring.

So, what do we do as people and as a church? We keep searching. We keep looking and trying things that might be our passions. We need to keep discerning our vision. Time and situations change us and vision needs to keep changing also.

As a church, we need to step back and see what still gives us joy and excites our passions. We need to see if there are things that it's time to let go of. It's time to start asking ourselves: How do our activities in the building and outside it show our love for God and neighbor? How do we demonstrate care for the least among us, those struggling economically, the unhoused, and those pushed to the margins. Who do we want to be?

This is the hard work that Jesus calls us to as believers. We need to find our gifts and passions and find ways to share them with the body of Christ. This is the work of the Kingdom. Work that brings us together as a community. Work that creates community and grows the church for tomorrow.

Let's start to talk about how we see our passions and gifts working in the church to move the church forward into the Kingdom of God, where everyone has enough food, shelter, and equality.

Pastor Heather

ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. & the 2nd
Thursday of the month at 6:15pm

CALVARY WORSHIP TIMES:

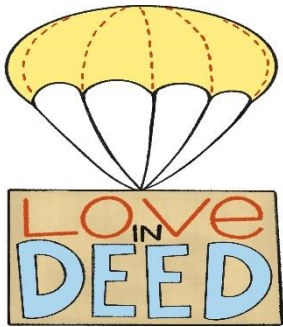
Sunday mornings at 8:30am. &
the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00pm



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The Salvation Army has a volunteer opportunity on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:45am - 2ish. They are feeding the guests that were staying at the warming shelter. Soup, bread & dessert are served, and guests can stay

in the building until 2pm. Two people are needed to serve & clean up the kitchen & two people to monitor to make sure our unhoused friends don't wander around the building. The monitor job can be someone that isn't able to do heavy lifting and needs to sit. It is a slow-paced position. They usually serve 6-14 guests.

Please DO NOT publish this on social media. They are not advertising this because it is not a feeding program for everyone. If you are interested, you could volunteer weekly, biweekly, monthly, or however it works in your schedule. If you decide to be a consistent volunteer, you will need to complete "Safe from Harm" Training. This can be done online or in person. It takes about 1 1/2 hours and is good for 4 years. If you have questions or are interested in

learning more, please contact Lori Hagenow, Community Relations Manager at 920-684-7117.

PETER'S PANTRY DONATIONS

There is a basket near the entrance 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.

BLESSING BOX AT ST. PAUL

As Spring rolls in, don't forget our church's Blessing Box for families in need. You can now put liquid food in the box on Sunday morning to help those families in need and the homeless. Suggestions from Manitowoc coordinators at Lakeshore Cap and Grow it Forward suggest food such as: nuts, nut butter, crackers, energy bars, muesli bars, snacks and candy, long-life food, or jerky. Nuts, nut butter and nutritious drinks offer the needed protein plus other minerals to help keep their muscles from wasting away. Perishable food (meat, dairy, and eggs, vegetables, and fruit) are not accepted. Our Blessing 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." St. Paul's Blessing Box offers us an opportunity to care for those in need in our local community.

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. 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 set of partners is responsible for one day.

Our volunteers find gratification when they give their time to the needs of the recipients and enjoy working with their Meals on Wheels partner! More volunteers are always welcome. If interested, please contact Jan Chermak. Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers!



NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL

The May offering will be going towards Days for Girls and will be collected on Sunday, May 19th.



SCHUETTE PARK FENCE

Thanks to a Thrivent grant, St. Paul has purchased a picket for \$150 for the fence at Henry Schuette Park. This money goes toward annual maintenance of the park. On June 8th we plan to do our biannual maintenance again and plant some

flowers. This will be followed by a small picnic. Bring your friends and share in the upkeep of Manitowoc's favorite children's park! Look for more info as the date gets closer!



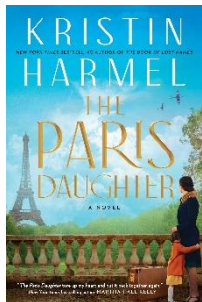
WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL Wednesday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m.

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

FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

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BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL Thursday, May 23 at 3:00 p.m.



In May we will be reading The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel. 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.

Ordination Service & Celebration for Melissa Pagel Saturday, June 1st at 10:30am at St. Paul

Please join us to celebrate Melissa's Ordination! Following the service lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. St. Paul will provide meat & potatoes. Those attending from St. Paul or Calvary are asked to bring a side dish to share. Sign up sheets are located at each church. At Calvary the sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. At St. Paul it is located at the information table next to Pastor's office.



Women's Retreat 2024

September 27-28
At Crossways – Imago Dei Village



BIBLE STUDY

Where: St. Paul Fellowship Hall

When: Monday evenings (April 29 and May 6, 13, & 20) from 6:15-7:75pm. Please contact Bruce Hanstedt (920-682-1188) or the St. Paul office (920-682-2228) to attend. Or just come unannounced! There will be room for everyone!

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



CALVARY OFFICE EMAIL

For the time being, we are asking that any emails to the Calvary office be sent to the following email: churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com



(Calvary email continued) There have been ongoing issues with email for some time and until everything can be worked out, we will be using the above email address. If you have not received a response to emails sent to the church office, we apologize. If you have Calvary's email address saved in your contacts, please make sure to update it.



CHURCH SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that Calvary & St. Paul each have a Facebook page? Social media is a great way to reach people, share news, and events. If you're on Facebook, would you "like" the church's Facebook pages? You can also share posts or events to your own profile. Sharing on Facebook helps spread the word about what's happening to others in our community.



Beginning the week of May 6th Pastor Heather & Alyssa's office hours will be changing to the following:

Pastor Heather:

Mondays: 12pm-4pm at St. Paul

Tuesdays: 9am-1pm at St. Paul

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9am-1pm at Calvary

Alyssa:

Mondays: 10:30am-2:30pm at St. Paul (*Summer hours for Mondays begin June 10th and will be 12pm-4pm*)

Tuesdays: 9am-1pm at St. Paul

Wednesdays: 9am-1pm at Calvary

Thursdays: 9am-1pm at St. Paul

ST. PAUL RUMMAGE SALE



The annual rummage sale at St. Paul will be sometime in September. Exact date TBD. Spring is a great time to clear items out of the house & bring them in for the church rummage sale.

(Rummage sale continued) As a reminder, we do not take exercise equipment, electronics, or furniture. Items can be dropped off at church and stored in the classrooms on the lower level.

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!



ST. PAUL ALTAR GUILD

Please sign up for Altar Guild in the church office. We currently are scheduled only through the end of June. You can now sign up for July-December. Thank you in advance!

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.



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

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!

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 churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com or by calling the church office at (920)793-3917.

St. Paul

- Lew, Miles, Linda, Mary, Linda, Holly, Jim, Harold
- Prayer request can be made by emailing the church office at stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com or by calling the office at (920)-628-2228.



St. Paul

10 Mark Gotstein
14 Linda Neil Erickson
14 Wallander
16 Caitlyn Kornely
20 Kevin Valenta
21 Bobbie Valenta
27 Isaac Carlson
29 Ryan Carlson
31 Camden Fick
31 Linda Hohn

Calvary

1 Mark Fechner
16 Kyle Bruhn
17 Janice Siewert
23 Jacquelyn Siebert
24 Anna Fechner
27 Erin DeVore
31 Bonny Bitto



Calvary

16th – Mark & April Gass
18th – Dave & Sonja DeVore

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

Calvary Lutheran Church

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920-793-3917

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays 9:00-1:00

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Church Office Hours
Mondays 10:30-2:30
Wednesdays 9:00-1:00
Thursdays 9:00-1:00

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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.

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

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Calendar of Events

Weekly Events:

Mondays – AA Meetings 7pm @ Calvary
Bible Study with Rev. Bruce Hanstedt
6:15pm @ St. Paul

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

MAY EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
1 ST	WOW	11AM	St. Paul
2 ND	Evening Worship	6PM	Calvary
5 TH	1 ST Communion and	During 10:15am service	St. Paul
5 TH	Confirmation	11:45AM	St. Paul
9 TH	Evening Worship	6:15PM	St. Paul
14 th	Church Council Meetings	6:00pm – Calvary (Zoom) 6:45pm – St. Paul	
13 TH -15 TH	Pastor Heather gone for Festival of Homiletics		
17 th -18 th	Synod Assembly		Oshkosh, WI.
19 th	Noisy Offering		St. Paul
21 st	Faith Circle	10am	St. Paul
23 rd	Book Club	3-4pm	St. Paul