

Callings from the Lakeshore

Calvary & St. Paul Lutheran: Two Churches, One Body
November 2025

Notes from the Pastor's Chair



It is hard to believe that November 4th will be the third anniversary of my ordination. I started the following Monday as your Pastor. Looking back over the last three years, I realize that my first year here was a race, and I don't feel like it stopped until sometime into my second year. The race started with graduating from Seminary in May, doing two funerals my last week at work in Omaha, moving back to KC, getting a part-time job, realizing that my mother had declined significantly, and spending every free second there all summer while navigating the call process. By mid-August, I had quit my job and moved to my sister's couch. That is where I stayed until after her funeral in mid-September. Then the process of packing, moving, and leaving everything we had known for a long time began, along with planning an ordination and starting to serve as your Pastor.

We continue to grow new roots in the community. That work is ongoing as it always is. We love living so close to Lake Michigan, with its beauty and ever-changing scenery. Kristin loves the longer, more consistent winters (although she would like more snow that stays around—everybody picture the winters of their youth, that is what she wants). Yes, I miss my long, hot, humid summers. But I try to take advantage of every warm day we have, and I guess the decreased sun exposure is better for my skin. Both of us grew up in communities the size of Manitowoc and Two Rivers, so, in some ways, it's like returning to the cities that helped shape us.

In my time here, I have learned to love and care for each of you. I have learned to grow into this calling as your Pastor and face the challenges that it presents. It has been both a joy and a struggle at times like life. The call to ministry has been everything I thought it would be and so much more. It has also been many things that I wasn't prepared for—but once again, that is life.

Planning worship each week. Carefully thinking through what I want the service to say or do gives great joy. As does the privilege of bringing you the good news each week. As I said in a recent sermon, I couldn't have predicted the climate I would be preaching in. I always knew that preaching the gospel meant pushing people by reminding them of Jesus's words and actions. I knew that from sitting in the pews and having my mentors and formative pastors do that for me. But it feels different from the other side.





I want us to continue to grow together, learn from each other, and heal together. The road is not always easy, and we may have to make some hard decisions along the way. Still, I pray that we can make them together, keeping the greatest commandments in mind—to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Our church is a place to hear the promise of unconditional forgiveness, grace, mercy, and salvation, alongside our call to act faithfully to work in the world to love and care for our neighbors. How we do that will be different for each of us, but God’s call on us as believers and followers is to care for the least among us. It is a call to stand up and expect dignity and fairness for all. It is a call to welcome all to the table.

We are to steward the church towards the future, and it will look different from how it has always been. That is the scary, unsettling thing about church and the world. We don’t have to do this alone. We have each other. We have our families —our St. Paul and Calvary families — and the larger combined family of both congregations.

I look forward to next year and what it brings.

...Pastor Heather

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.

NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL (NOVEMBER 16TH)

CareLink is a program where the churches in the area contribute money to the Salvation Army. We can then refer people who call needing assistance to them. The salvation Army has more systems in place to provide a wider range of assistance than any one church. They provide help with gas cards for documented medical appointments and some rent and heat assistance. Carelink can provide some limited vouchers to Goodwill along with other needs on an individual basis as funding is available.

MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. November’s focus is Cream of mushroom soup, Manwich, syrup, tuna helper, toilet paper, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, canned sliced potatoes, canned pineapple, canned mandarin oranges, canned pears.

Creating Cards and Crafting

Meets the fourth Tuesday each month, from. **10 am - 12:30**. Learn how to make a card or work on your own projects. These can be used for church or personal use. Bring any supply needs for your project. All crafters & crafts welcome!

ST PAUL CRAFT SALE Sun, Nov 9th – Dec 28th

Calling all “Crafty” members of St Paul.

Please consider donating anything you make to sell at the Craft Sale. The WOW group will be setting up the table (tables) on **Nov 5th after the WOW meeting**.

There will be a “Free Will Offering” for each item. If you can, please give an estimate of the craft you donate to give the purchaser an idea of what to pay. Please start bringing in your labeled items starting Sun, Oct 19th and place them in the Gathering Room. WOW looks forward to providing great shopping opportunities for your Christmas Gifts.

Contact Holly G if any questions- 920-374-4471

November 16th-Calvary Budget Meeting to follow worship. Please plan on staying for meeting to talk about and approve the 2026 budget.

In our Community & Beyond



PINK HEALS OF MANITOWOC TRAP SHOOT

Saturday, November 8th Pink Heals of Manitowoc is hosting a trap shoot at the Manitowoc Gun Club, 3112 Clover Rd, Manitowoc. There will be food, raffles and fun! Cost is \$30 to shoot. Registration/Shooting from **9am-3pm**. If you have questions, call or email Fred Hansen at 920.905.4466, lhansen391@gmail.com

November 9th, from 3 pm to 4:30 pm at First Presbyterian. *An event titled, “Kristallnacht, A Night for Remembrance,”* is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2025, from 3pm to 4:30pm at First Presbyterian Church of Manitowoc. This afternoon of education and remembrance is being held on the 87th anniversary of Kristallnacht, known as “The Night of Broken Glass,” in which German militias were given official authorization to enter Jewish neighborhoods throughout the nation and destroy businesses, homes, and property belonging to Jewish individuals. Discussions will cover the political status of pre-WWII Germany and how they led up to sanctioned national violence and terror, how those conditions contrast with our current national policies, and the input and impact of religious groups in both circumstances. Speakers slated to appear are Dr. Kerry Trask, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Wisconsin, Manitowoc, Rev. Dr. Matt Sauer, Pastor, Manitowoc Community Ministries, and Sheryle L Lyman. The event will take place in the ground-level Community Hall of First Presbyterian Church, at 501 N 8th Street, Manitowoc. Please enter through the 8th Street Entrance. This event is designed to focus on social trends, laws, and public policies, and will steer clear of political figures or parties. There will not be a discussion period. It is designed to present information and enable attendees to draw their own conclusions.

November 19th, at Faith Lutheran Church from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

An evening with the Bishop. Bishop Anne Edison-Albright will join them for their Wednesday worship at 6:15 and stay afterward for social time. During that time, the Bishop will share her faith journey, her position as our Bishop, and how the ELCA Church operates.

This event is open to all who would like to meet her, learn more about her role as our Bishop, and learn how the ELCA operates. I will be attending this event.

Sunday Suppers @ 4:30pm at St. Peter's the Fisherman

On Sunday evenings in the dining hall at St. Peter's the Fisherman (3201 Mishicot Rd., Two Rivers), they serve a community-based meal provided by volunteer host groups. All are welcome to dine with us. There is a free will offering. The dates for these meals are:

**November 2nd, November 16th,
November 30th, December 14th.**

Manitowoc Warming Shelter

2025/26 SEASON WISHLIST

For October 2025

Items may be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9:15AM-12:45PM at First Presbyterian Church, 502 N 8th St.
Use the parking lot door with the red awning. (Or contact for other arrangements.)

Single Ride Bus Token

\$25 Kwik Trip Gift Cards (*grocery only*)

\$10 Gift cards for drugstores Quarters for Laundry

Forever Postage Stamps

Backpacks

Powdered coffee creamer

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Large boxes Waffle Mix

Butter/Margarine

Sugar Ite

Air freshener (*non-aerosol*)

Toilet paper (*individually wrapped*)

Kitchen Paper towels

Full-Size Kleenex

Large refill size hand soap

Bathroom Cleaning Supplies

All Purpose Cleaner

Snack-size resealable bags

Two gallon-sized resealable bags

Aluminum foil

Plastic wrap

Cereal: Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Shredded Wheat

Any "sugar" cereal

Lifesavers (bulk or rolls)

Hard candy (especially mint)

Mini-Candy Bars

Chewing Gum

Soft granola bars (no nuts/crunch)

Pocket-sized note pads

Feminine hygiene products

Travel Packs of Kleenex

Travel/sample size body wash

Travel-size Shaving Cream

Travel-size Mouthwash

Deodorant

Dental Floss

Additional Items can be found at our Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5Q?ref=wls>

Dec 6th-YMCA Craft Fair will take place from 830am to 3pm in the Community Room at the YMCA, 205 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc.

If you are interested in being a vendor or for more info, contact Theo Lynn Hoffman, katzenjammer@lakefield.net, or at 920-553-1776.

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).

GRACIOUS GIVERS OF MANITWOC DONATION LIST

ATTIRE

Winter Coats
Hooded Sweatshirts
New Underwear
New Socks
New Bras
Belts
Work Boots/Shoes
Winter Boots
Tennis Shoes
Gloves/Scarves
Beanie Hats

ELECTRONICS

Phones & Chargers
Flashlights
A,B,C,D Batteries
Lamps
Hair Dryers

OTHERS

Work Scrubs
Blankets
Pillows
Wallets/Purses
Hand/Foot Warmers
Birthday Party Supplies

HYGINE/TOILETRIES

Toothbrush/Paste
Body Wash
Shampoo/Conditioner
Lotion
Sunscreen
Hairbrushes/Combse
Makeup/Nail Polish
Deodorants
Razors/Shave Kits
Dental Floss
Menstrual Supplies
Perfume/Cologne
Bar Soap
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Cleaning Wips
Dryer Sheets
Hand/Dish/Laundry Soap
Baby Diapers/Wipes

MISCELLANEOUS

Snacks/Drinks/Water
Ziplock Bags
Office Supplies
School Supplies
Reusable Bags
Reusable Bottles
Duffle Bags
Book Bags
Coffee/Creamer/Suger
Cake Mix/Icing
Foil Pans

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Walkers/Canes
Commodes
Incontinence Pads
Gauze/Bandages
Knee/Shoulder Wraps
Hand Sanitizer
Alcohol Wipes
Nail Clipper Sets
Peroxide/Rubbing Alcohol
Covid Tests
Thermometers
Blood Pressure Monitors
New Diabetic Monitors



LUKE BIBLE STUDY WITH BRUCE

You are invited to attend a new study of the gospel of Luke on Monday evenings (6:15 - 7:45 p.m.) or Thursday mornings (10:00 - 11:30a.m.). We will meet in the Gathering Room at St. Paul for seven sessions - and seek to grow as Christians through prayer, reading scripture, and sharing our faith perspectives.

Pastor Hanstedt will again try to guide the sessions while highly gifted participants bring the realities of the Christ event into the realities of daily life. The national divide politically, global warming, international strife, and a myriad of issues threaten us. Does the gospel of Luke offer a counter-theme? Luke's gospel is about hope and joy, love and peace. That's the claim. Please join us on either Mondays or Thursdays to see what gifts Luke offers. You're needed.

FOOD AND FAITH WITH PASTOR HEATHER

The next Food and Faith will be Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00 am at St. Paul, and then Wednesday November 19th 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.

BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL

Thursday, November 27th at 3pm

In November, Book Club will be reading “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. 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!**

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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!



It's easy to buy cards and support this ongoing St. Paul fundraiser. Stop by the table next to the office before worship. Scrip gift cards are a practical, easy way to give a little extra to St. Paul while shopping for items you already need!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Calvary

- 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 or by calling the church office at (920)793-3917.

St. Paul

- Dan, 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 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.

November Birthdays!

Calvary

5th – Bruce Larson
6th – Monica Mittag

St. Paul

4th – Joey Schultz
6th – Janet Chermak
7th – Audery Rasmussen
8th – Heather Yerion-Keck
16th – Paula Revolinski
20th – Cindy Oswald
21st – Carol Chermak
22nd – Steven Arneson
22nd – Jodi Weaver
29th – Jon Newberg
29th – Karin Strazny

Anniversaries!

Calvary

7th – Ben & Beth Dow

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



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.

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Wednesdays by appointment

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NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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All Saints Day	2	3 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm	4 Calvary Finance Meeting 4:30 Calvary Council Mtg-5:45 pm St Paul Council Mtg-7pm	5 WOW Meeting 11 am	6 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am	7	8
	9	10 Days for Girls-1 pm Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm	11 Food & Faith 11am	12 St. Paul Finance Meeting 3pm	13 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am Newsletter Articles Due	14	15
Noisy Offering	16	17 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm	18 Faith Circle-10 am	19 Calvary Food and Faith w/Pastor Heather 11am	20 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am Bldg & Grounds Mtg-1 pm Book Club-3 pm	21	22
	23	24	25 Craft Day-10am	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
	30	Pastor on vacation					

Calvary AA Meetings

Mondays-7 pm
Wednesdays 7 pm
Saturdays 6 pm