

# Callings from the Lakeshore

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

September 2024



## Notes from the Pastor's Chair

As of this writing, there are 77 days until the election is over. I don't know about you, but I will be glad for the end of the political ads, the signs, the texts, and the mail that ends up in the recycling box. No matter what the outcome, the world will continue. That is a comforting thought amid all the fear and anxiety of the current days. What remains to be seen is the direction our world will take.

I remember voting in my first election when I was 18 years old. Several months earlier, the election board came to the local high schools and registered the senior classes to vote as part of the civics classes. My registration was a big deal because I turned 18 on election day, and they had to make several phone calls to see if I would be eligible to vote that year.

Every six or so years, election day falls on my birthday, and it still reminds me of the first time I voted and began my journey as a person with a say in how the world operates.

There is a more significant way to have a say in how the world operates. We are followers of Jesus, who was sent by God the Father to live among us, teaching and preaching the Good News. Jesus gave us the great commandment; "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first

commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:37-39)

The lives we lead as followers of Jesus are the most prominent way we affect this world. Our daily actions have as big an impact on the direction of our country as our civic duty to vote on its leaders.

Our choice to center our lives on a God who created us out of love, each and every one of us a beloved child of God, instills in us a sense of responsibility for our neighbors. Jesus tells us that after we love God first, we are to love our neighbors.

There is a parable where lawyers try to get Jesus to limit or define just who exactly our neighbors are. Jesus was having none of that. Our neighbors are just that. Everyone is our neighbor. The man in the business suit who owns his own company, the single mother struggling to make ends meet, the convicted felon, the drug addict, the homeless person, the person whose skin color is different than ours, the family with different values or traditions than ours. Everyone.

They are all our neighbors. We are called to love them as Jesus did. We are called to treat them just as Jesus would. That is how we change the face and direction of the world on a level that we can touch, taste, and feel.

Leaders are essential and necessary, but we all know there is a difference between things that happen 'over there' or 'on paper' and how we treat the people standing before us.

Change starts with us and works its way to the top. It begins with people who want to see their neighbors treated with respect, acceptance,

equality, and love. It starts with people who love their neighbors as themselves.

Religion and politics are very difficult and important topics to discuss and to try to separate. Preaching is not about being partisan, but it is political. It is about calling those who believe in Jesus to lead their lives in the best way they can as examples of the ideals that Jesus taught us.

Welcome all, heal the sick, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, and spread the good news. Repeat daily.

**CALVARY WORSHIP TIMES:**

**Sunday mornings at 8:30am.**

**ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIMES:**

**Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.**

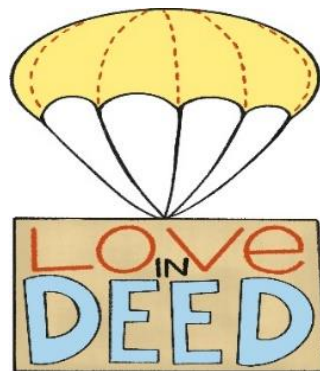


**WORSHIP  
SERVICES  
ONLINE**

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.

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



**MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)**

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. **For September the focus is on pastas & sauces**, but all donations are welcome. Any items for TREP can be placed in the grocery cart inside the main entrance.

**PETER'S PANTRY 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.

**BLESSING BOX (ST. PAUL)**

During the summer months, please consider adding non-perishable, easy to prepare items to the Blessing Box. Any items should be able to withstand the summer heat. Any overflow items can be placed in the church office.

**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 September the offering will be going towards InCourage, Manitowoc County's Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Center. This offering will be collected on Sunday, September, 15<sup>th</sup>.



### **WINTER WARMTH DRIVE AT CALVARY**

Calvary will once again sponsor a Winter Warmth Drive. The timing will coincide with the fall "Coats for Kids" campaign in our area.

We will collect hats, mittens, and scarves. All sizes are requested – for both children & adults. They may be donated to TREP, InCourage, The Warming Shelter, The Haven, or Hope House.

We will begin collecting September 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of October. Please leave donations on the pew under the office window in the Gathering Space. Let's see if we can have as successful of a drive as we had last year!!

### **ST. PAUL DIRECTORY**

There is a church directory with all current information as of July 2024 available. You can pick up a directory at the information table. If you would like a directory and there are no more available, please contact Alyssa in the church office. She will be happy to get you a copy.



### **RALLY SUNDAY! ICE CREAM SOCIAL & PACKING OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT ST. PAUL Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after worship**



Please join us after worship to help pack the backpacks with school supplies donated for Lutheran World Relief. Then stay for the ice cream!



### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul for the blessing of the backpacks for the Lutheran World Relief kits. All children are invited to bring their backpacks and place them on the altar so they can

also be blessed. Volunteers are needed after the service to pack the Lutheran World Relief school kits into shipping boxes.

### **DAYS FOR GIRLS AT ST. PAUL Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 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.



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

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

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

Everyone is invited!

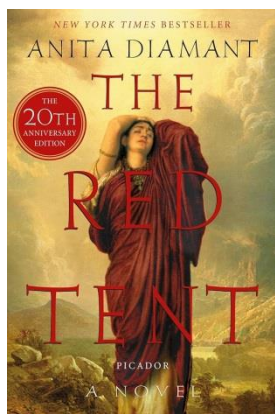
## FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

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

## BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm**



In September the book club will be reading The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. 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 (For Calvary & St. Paul only)

When: Friday & Saturday, September 27-28  
Where: Crossways – Imago Dei Village near Clintonville, WI.  
Cost: \$50 per person



If you are interested in helping to plan the event, please contact Pastor Heather as soon as possible. You can sign up to attend in the Gathering Space at Calvary & at the Information Table at St. Paul.



## Chili Lunch & Fall Clean Up Day at St. Paul

Fall Clean Up Day is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>! Help clean up and join us for a great bowl of

chili and fellowship after the work is done. Please bring a few serving of your favorite chili. Before church we will dump them together to create the greatest chili ever! Please feel free to wear your cleaning clothes to worship. Worried about missing the Packer game? They don't play until 3pm that afternoon! Plenty of time for some clean up and chili! We hope to see you there.

Questions? Please contact Linda Wallander.

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



## FALL OFFICE HOURS UPDATES

Both church offices will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Beginning Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Alyssa will resume fall office hours. On Mondays she will be in the office from 10am-2pm. All other hours will remain the same.

## ST. PAUL RUMMAGE SALE

**Thursday, 9/5**

8am-5pm

**Friday, 9/6** 8am-5pm

**Saturday, 9/7**

8am-noon

On Saturday, everything will be half priced, unless otherwise marked.





### 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 into the office before worship.

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!** Just a reminder: at St. Paul Alyssa does not currently handle SCRIP. You will need to purchase SCRIP on Sundays.

### DING! DONG! THE BELL IS RINGING!

The bell at St. Paul has been restored! Thank you Dave Kriewald for spearheading this. The final payment still needs to be made. Please consider donating to the bell fund! Your contributions are appreciated. As updated financial information for the bell are provided to the office, it will continue to be passed along via Monday emails.



**CROSSWAYS**  
CAMPING MINISTRIES

### The WELCA Fall Retreat at Imago Dei: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made!

This one day event will be held on September 14, 2024. Talented author and speaker, Gaye Lindfors, will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and programming. For more information on registration, please email Chelsea at [chelsea.basset@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.basset@gmail.com)



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

#### St. Paul

- Linda, Mary, Holly, Harold, & Karen
- 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)-628-2228.

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



## SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

<u>Calvary</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> – Cindy Phelps	3 <sup>rd</sup> -Luann Yindra
8 <sup>th</sup> – Kay Puls	6 <sup>th</sup> - Shirley Osieczanek
16 <sup>th</sup> - Roxanne Spiering	6 <sup>th</sup> - Cody Valenta
17 <sup>th</sup> - Connor Manthei & Mark Gass	8 <sup>th</sup> - Abby Veit
19 <sup>th</sup> - Diane Grasee	11 <sup>th</sup> - Lynn Erdmann
	14 <sup>th</sup> - Adam Oakland & Janet Radandt
	16 <sup>th</sup> -Lori Redeker
	17 <sup>th</sup> -Randall Siefert
	21 <sup>st</sup> - Carol Entringer & Mary Veit
	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Lisa Rocklewitz
	27 <sup>th</sup> - James Kornely
	28 <sup>th</sup> – Larry Frank & John Meyer



### **Calvary**

10<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Lori Williams

27<sup>th</sup> – Rick & Kay Wirrer

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

### **Calvary Lutheran Church**

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Phone: 920-793-3917

### **Church Office Hours**

Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm

### **CALVARY CHURCH COUNCIL**

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

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Bruce Larson (920) 755-4069

Kerry Rivest

Lisa Shimanek

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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Website: **New website coming soon!**

Phone: 920-682-2228

### **Church Office Hours**

Mondays 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm

### **ST. PAUL CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Linda Wallender

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### **Office Hours:**

Mondays 1:00-4:00 – St. Paul

Tuesdays 9:00-1:00 – St. Paul

Wednesdays 9:00-1:00 Calvary

Thursdays 9:00-1:00 – Calvary

\*Other times by appointment.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **AA & NA meetings happening weekly at Calvary:**

Mondays – AA Meetings 7pm @ Calvary  
 Wednesdays NA Meeting 7pm @ Calvary  
 Thursdays: Bible Study with Matt from AA in  
 Fireside Room 5:30pm @ Calvary  
 Saturdays – AA Meeting 6pm @ Calvary

Date	Event	Time	Location
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labor Day – offices closed	All day	Calvary & St. Paul
4 <sup>th</sup>	WOW	11am	St. Paul
5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rummage Sale	8-5 on the 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> . 8- 12 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paul
8 <sup>th</sup>	Packing of School Kits and Ice Cream Social	After Worship	St. Paul
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Office Hours Begin	10am-2pm	St. Paul
9 <sup>th</sup>	Days for Girls	1-4pm	St. Paul
10 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meetings	5:45pm Calvary 6:45pm St. Paul	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Blessing of the Backpacks, Noisy Offering, New Member Day	During worship	St. Paul
17 <sup>th</sup>	Faith Circle	10am	St. Paul
20 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter articles due		
21 <sup>st</sup>	Finance Meeting	12pm	St. Paul
24 <sup>th</sup>	Synod Admin Meeting	Alyssa gone for the day	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club	3pm	St. Paul
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Retreat!		Calvary & St. Paul