

Callings from the Lakeshore

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

October 2025



Notes from the Pastor's Chair

The leaves are starting to change, the temperatures are dropping at night, and football has started so we all know what that means...Fall is here. We start looking forward to less yard care, more dinners of warm soup and chili and nights by the fireplace. (or firepit)

October for the church is the traditional time when we start to look toward the budget for next year and think about how we are going to steward the church for the next year. We have just two short months until the start of the new year.

We steward the church in many ways. Soon we will see the usual time and talent sheets go out asking about the various ways that you wish to use your gifts at church. Things such as ushering, helping with altar guild or in the gardens around the church. Serving on council, or a committee or just volunteering to help when it is needed. Please know that The Church and I appreciate everything that each and every one of you does here because it takes all of us to make the church operate-it takes all of us to be a family.

Church is not just another place for us to come and gather once a week. It is our time to collectively worship, to sing, pray and stand together in hope of the resurrected Christ. Church is a time to be fed and refreshed in the face of a world that is broken and hard. Church is a time for togetherness and community when the division is all too real.

Church is also our place to hear the Word of God read each week. It is one of our opportunities each week to reflect upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and decide how we take those teachings out into the world through our words and our actions.

Church has never been just about a building. Church has always been about a community of people sharing their gifts with each other and then the world. Church has always ebbed and flowed but now it can look as if church is unimportant or dying. But church has been dying since the day it started. Church is always dying and being reborn and reshaped.

As priorities shift in our lives, our communities and the world around us as Christian and followers of Christ we need to continue to find ways to keep Jesus ever present in our lives. Jesus's simple words, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" from Matthew's gospel Or his words, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' They don't come with a detailed set of instructions on how we do that. In fact, none of Jesus' words are an how-to-manual for church and how to do it. It's like everything else; we have to figure it out.

Being church has and never will be easy. It wasn't when the apostle Paul and the other dedicated followers were setting up the church in the first century. Or when the various councils were hammering out the creedal statements. It wasn't easy for Dietrich Bonehoeffer Germany in the late 30's and forties. It wasn't easy in the 2020 when the world shut down because of Covid. My point is that nothing we love and care for is easy. So, as we go into this season of Fall, looking towards budgets and stewardship let's put our heads together and be Church. Looking to the future together. ...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.

OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL (OCTOBER 19TH)

Hope House

Helping families and individuals experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence

MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. October's focus is stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, cake mix and frosting. Any items for TREP can be placed in the grocery cart inside the main entrance.

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

RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS 2025

We raised \$8,271.61

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL who helped in any way – over 700 hours of time setting up or taking down, baking, bringing items or shopping, etc. it all helped to make the sale a success. It is a huge project and takes all of you to make this happen.

Forty percent \$3,3000 of the money was given to St. Paul. The following 13 groups will get \$382.43 each.

1. Manitowoc Warming Shelter
2. Wednesday Community Dinner
3. Lighthouse Recovery Center
4. Gracious Givers
5. Peter's Pantry
6. Hope House
7. Lakeshore CAP
8. Salvation Army - CARELink
9. The Crossing
10. C.O.R.E.
11. InCourage
12. The Haven
13. Pink Heals

Besides the moneys raised, we also donated items to other area charities that are need. Below is a list of places and items donated, in no particular order

1. Gracious Givers of Manitowoc – Lamps, pictures, kitchenware, sock, shoes, scarves, warm hats, small bags and other misc.
2. 1st Lutheran Snip and Sew – Material for quilts which will also go to LWR
3. Humane Society – Old blankets and towels
4. St. Vincent DePaul – Books, table cloths, placemats, napkins, curtains, fabric and more
5. Hope House - Pots, pans, coffee mugs, and kitchen utensils
6. Maribel Sportsman Club – Outerwear, hunting items
7. Mishicot FFA – Vases, Flower pots, dry and silk flowers, anything for gardening
8. Salvation Army – Coats
9. Homemakers – Items to be used for craft projects
10. "Hoarders Release" – CD's, DVD's, VCR's, purses, scarves and greeting cards
11. Crossings – Toys and clothes
12. Haven – Clothes, shower curtains, pots, pans, coffee mugs, and kitchen utensils
13. Roncalli – 3 ring binders
14. Melnik Presbyterian – Kitchen and bake ware
15. Shady Lane & Felician Village – Stuffed animals for bingo prizes

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



\$100,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE



We are making amazing progress! Already \$73,000 has been given towards our \$100,000 Matching Challenge. That means every gift is doubled until October 31.

- ➡ \$50 becomes \$100
- ➡ \$500 becomes \$1,000
- ➡ \$5,000 becomes \$10,000

All gifts move us closer to our expanded shelter, opening in November 2026.

Donate online:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/Y3JEHSEM2M55C>

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.



FREE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FAIR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

We are hosting a free Community Outreach Resource Fair on Sunday, October 5th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This event will feature representatives from 13 local nonprofit organizations who will share how their groups help those in need within our community. Following the presentations, you are invited to stay for refreshments and speak directly with the spokespersons.

Whether you're looking to help others, find assistance for yourself, friends, or family, or simply want to learn about the various groups serving our community, we hope you'll join us.

This is a list of the organizations that will be there:

The Warming Shelter, Gracious Givers, Peters Pantry, Lighthouse Recovery Center, Hope House of Manitowoc, Lakeshore Cap, Salvation Army, The Crossing, C.O.R.E., InCourage, The Haven, Pink Heals, Wednesday Community Dinners

FALL CLEAN UP DAY AND CHILI DUMP

St Paul Fall Clean-up day and Chili dump will be **October 19th**.

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 - 11:30 a.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, October 14th at 11:00 am at St. Paul, and then Wednesday October 22nd 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, October 23rd at 3pm

In October, Book Club will be reading "Code Name Sapphire" by Pam Jenoff. 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!



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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.

October Birthdays!

Calvary

2nd – Diane Grasee
16th – Beth Dow
19th – Gay Wavrunek
25th – Nicholas Clark

St. Paul

1st – Shirley Meidl
3rd – James Heyduk
5th – Marie Fellbaum-Korpi
7th – Gregg Gaedtke
12th – Joe Rathsack
12th – David Rittich
12th – Marty Schuch
13th – Nancy Duckart
18th – James Veit
18th – Patricia Maedke
18th – Makaila York
19th – James Revolinsky
23rd – Sheila Cherney
26th – Randall Murray
26th – Joseph Weaver
27th – Julie Dahleen
29th – James Trost

Anniversaries!

Calvary

14th – Doug & Jean Hoffman

St. Paul

22nd – Bruce & Mindy Peters

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

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OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 WOW Meeting 11 am	2 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am	3	4
5 Community Resources Info Fair 1pm-3pm	6 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm	7 Calvary Council Mtg- 5:45 pm St Paul Council Mtg- 7pm Finance Meeting 4:30	8	9 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am	10 Begin Sign Up for Trunk or Treat	11
12 175 th Anniversary Lutherans of Manitowoc 3-5pm 6pm Fall Theological Conference	13 Days for Girls-1 pm Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm Fall Theological Conference	14 Food & Faith 11am Fall Theological Conference	15 Fall Theological Conference	16 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am Newsletter Articles Due	17	18
19 Noisy Offering St. Paul Fall Clean Up 11:45am	20 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm	21 Faith Circle-10 am	22 Calvary Food and Faith w/Pastor Heather 11am	23 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am Bldg & Grounds Mtg- 1 pm Book Club-3 pm	24	25
26	27 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 6:15pm	28 Craft Day-10am	29	30 Luke Bible Study w/Bruce 10 am	31	

Calvary AA Meetings

Mondays-7 pm

Wednesdays 7 pm

Saturdays 6 pm