

# Callings from the Lakeshore

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

### February 2025

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## Notes from the Pastor's Chair

I love a good calendar/planner. By now, everyone has their new 2025 calendar. Our household one is a souvenir from our trip to France. It hangs at the end of a kitchen cabinet, so we see it every day. We both have electronic Google calendars, which allow us to share events quickly. I also have a work calendar in which I record my mileage, home visits, and other job-related tasks.

When I was growing up, my family had one calendar. It hung in the bathroom next to the medicine cabinet. My mom diligently recorded every doctor's appointment, school event, and the like for my dad to see and for her to remember. In retrospect, my dad, who was in the Air Force in hospital supply, probably had a calendar on his desk. But going to work with Dad wasn't something we did, and it never occurred to us to ask.

I have a family member who only uses his Google calendar and has a loose sense of time. At times, I am in awe of his ability not to hurry or worry about where he's going or where he should be. It also frustrates me entirely because his urgency meter is non-existent, often making arriving on time an unimportant issue.

Calendars drive our lives now, but did Jesus have a calendar, or was he more like my family member? The stories of Jesus' travels paint this picture of Jesus just coming and going throughout the Judean countryside at a whim. He preached and taught a bit here and there and retreated to the mountains or a secluded place to pray or find respite from the crowds following him. But did Jesus have a grand plan we aren't privy to? We know that writing was not as quick and easy as it is now, and that Jesus traveled light.

Could it be that the answer to our event-driven lives lies somewhere in the middle? We must have a place to record the fixed points in our lives—doctor appointments, school events, and the like—but we should all value and appreciate the times we have "nothing scheduled" and be willing to lean into experiences and opportunities that fall into our laps.

I will be the first to tell you that I get profoundly comfortable on my couch when I have no particular place to be. I am also unwilling to get up and embrace a fun idea on a whim because it breaks my comfort. This year, I will try to be more like Jesus and follow the whim of experience and exploration. And get out, explore the world, and talk to people along the way.

Jesus changed the world by going out without a plan. I can't quite do that. I have responsibilities to you, my church family, the churches, my family, and myself, but I can push myself to explore and roam a bit and see what I can do in 2025. Will you join me?

### CALVARY WORSHIP TIME:

Sunday 8:30am.

### ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIME:

Sunday 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.



### *In our Community & Beyond*

### MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. **February's focus is soup**, but all donations are welcome. Many recipients do not have storage for flour, sugar, etc. so cookie mix pouches are preferred. 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 temps during winter months.



# ANNUAL MEETING

## CALVARY

Meeting Date: Sunday, February 23 following worship

Reports Due: Sunday, February 2.

## ST. PAUL

Meeting Date: Sunday, February 16 following worship.

Reports Due: Sunday, January 26.

Please remember that Alyssa has two annual reports to prepare. It is essential for all reports to be turned in on time. All reports must be emailed to your church office, proofread, and ready for printing. They will be printed as is.

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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 Alyssa for a copy.



### **CALVARY'S QUILTERS**

**Every Tuesday, 9am-11am**

No experience needed. All are welcome. Quilts are made and donated annually to Lutheran World Relief. Meets in the lower level.

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

**Wednesday, February 5 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, February 10 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.

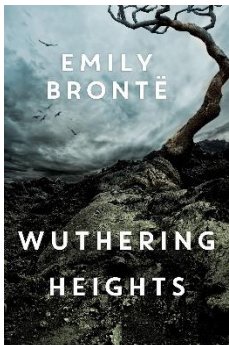
### **FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL**

**Tuesday, February 18 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, February 27 at 3pm**



In February, Book Club will be reading Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. 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.

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

The February Noisy Offering will be collected for Grow it Forward on Sunday, February 16.

Grow it Forward is a community program whose mission is to provide people in need with dignified access to good food, along with opportunities to grow, cook, share, and advocate for it!

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



**CROSSWAYS**  
CAMPING MINISTRIES

### **2025 Retreats**

- Feb 28-Mar 2: Family Weekend @ Pine Lake
- Mar. 7-9: Building Youth Groups (Upper Elementary and chaperones) @ Imago Dei
- May 27-28: Rooted (for adults) @ Pine Lake

Registration open now! Email [info@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:info@crosswayscamps.org) with any registration questions. Go to [crosswayscamps.org](http://crosswayscamps.org) to sign up!



### **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.**

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!

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, Mary, 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)-682-2228.

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

## ☺ A LITTLE BIT OF LAUGHTER!



Calvary	St. Paul
No February birthdays!	1 <sup>st</sup> – Sarah Hohn
	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Judy Vlasak
	7 <sup>th</sup> – Kelly Caswell
	7 <sup>th</sup> – Max Strazny
	7 <sup>th</sup> – Audrey Wyszynski
	7 <sup>th</sup> – Cindy York
	11 <sup>th</sup> – Duane Hofstra
	17 <sup>th</sup> – Kasey Hadler
	20 <sup>th</sup> – Julie Shanks
	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Mia Strazny
	27 <sup>th</sup> – Joesph Cherney



### Calvary

- Frankie (Joe & Bonny's granddaughter in NICU).
- 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
- Asher (Bev Schmidt's great-grandson in NICU)

*Happy*  
**ANNIVERSARY**

### Calvary

**NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.**

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



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### **Church Office Hours**

Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm

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### **Church Office Hours**

Mondays 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm

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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>	All yearly reports due to church office		Calvary
4 <sup>th</sup>	Calvary Quilters	9-11am	Calvary
5 <sup>th</sup>	WOW	11am	St. Paul
9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour hosted by Kerry Rivest	After service	Calvary
10 <sup>th</sup>	Days for Girls	1-4pm	St. Paul
11 <sup>th</sup>	Quilters	9-11am	Calvary
	Council Meetings	5:45pm 7:00pm	Calvary St. Paul
16 <sup>th</sup>	Noisy Offering	During worship	St. Paul
	Annual Meeting	After Worship	St. Paul
18 <sup>th</sup>	Quilters	9am	Calvary
	Faith Circle	10am	St. Paul
18 <sup>th</sup>	Quilters	9am-11am	Calvary
20 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter articles due	1pm	Both churches
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Meeting	After service	Calvary
25 <sup>th</sup>	Quilters	9-11am	Calvary
27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club	3-4pm	St. Paul

We  
 love  
 because  
 He first  
 loved us.  
 1 John 4:19

