

Callings from the Lakeshore

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

July 2025



Notes from the Pastor's Chair

It's time for another newsletter article from your pastor. Sometimes it takes a while for an idea to come to me, and other times the idea just pops into my head. This month there was a little of both.

The synod assembly keynote speaker was Venice Williams. She is the executive director of Alice's Garden in Milwaukee. She spoke and encouraged us to identify the things that block us in our ministries and relationships. And then we began to imagine how simple, yet important

changes could be made in our ministries.

It is easy to get comfortable where we are and worry that if we change things, we will lose something. Sometimes we can name the things we are afraid of losing and other times we can't.

The church is not what it was fifty, twenty, or even five years ago and it changes faster than we can keep up with. The days of church being the place people go on Sunday mornings "because that is where we go" are gone. The Church competes for attention like everything else in our culture - things such as sports, school, leisure activities, and family.

I have heard people say that the younger generations don't have faith in God, but I don't think that's completely accurate. My generation (gen X) and beyond are described as spiritual but not churched. We most likely grew up going to church every Sunday with our parents but as we became our own people and began to examine what was going on with the world and in the church, we became critical.

One of the reasons that I walked away from the church was the only church I heard about was one that was spewing hate about the LGBTQIA community. No other church stepped forward to say that God loved everybody unconditionally. Or say that the Church welcomed everyone. Instead, what my friends and I both in the community and out of it heard was hate and divisive language.

One of the reasons that I walked back into a church was that in the parking lot of a church near my house there was a rainbow on a bumper sticker in the parking lot. It gave me the courage to go through the doors and try. It gave me hope that I could be seen, heard and loved inside those doors. This became my church home. It wasn't perfect. There were still issues. I knew there would be, but they tried and they still are. Church is about more than worshiping God, it is about finding family. It may be more family it may be another family when yours is missing, not supportive. It was and is about community coming together to support one another. We do a great job of supporting one another but I ask how can we reach out to our neighbors and find ways to support them where they are with what they need. It takes all of us to make the kingdom of God here and now.

Change is hard and scary. Venice reminded us that ministry doesn't have to be grand and great. It can be little things that grow. Or stops and starts. Or things that fail. All the things that we try should be done in the light of honoring God and loving our neighbors unconditionally.

Let's put our heads together and think about the things that stop us from trying new things, from letting go of the stuff that doesn't work anymore and reaching for new ideas that might.

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.

In our Community & Beyond

NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL

The July Noisy Offering will go towards Lutheran World Relief School Kits. This offering will be collected on Sunday, July 20th. Beginning the first Sunday in July, we will be collecting items to create School Kits which will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. These kits are given to families affected by ongoing conflicts and severe weather around the globe. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that all children, especially girls, can attend school in places where their access is not a priority has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of adversity. That learning leads to a better life, not only for them, but for their families and communities. There will be a collection area in the narthex for your donations. Items will be collected through Sunday, August 31st. This is a great project that the entire congregation is invited to take part in! We will assemble the kits on September 7th after our service. Our goal is to make 150 kits. The supplies needed for each kit are:

- (4) 70 sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled – need 600 (have 432)
- (1) 12-inch ruler (w/both inches¢imeters) – need 150 (have 51)
- (1) box of 16 or 24 count crayons – need 150 (have 41)
- (1) pencil sharpener – need 150 (have 75)
- (1) pair of blunt scissors – need 150 (have 75)
- (5) unsharpened No.2 pencils w/erasers – need 750 (have 892)
- (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- (1) 2/1 inch eraser – need 750 (have 0)

If you would like someone to shop for you please give money to Carol Entringer. She watches for sales and buys in bulk to get the most for your money.

MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. July's focus is large size juice bottles, pasta side dishes, mandarin oranges, pears, tuna helper, canned potatoes., but all donations are welcome. 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 /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.



FOOD AND FAITH WITH PASTOR HEATHER

On July 8th I will be starting a Tuesday morning group open to all called Food and Faith. We will meet on the second Tuesday every month at St Paul in the Gathering Room at 10:30 am. 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.

For my Calvary folks on I will be doing the same thing. We will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 23rd at 10:30 am in gathering space.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Salvation Army of Manitowoc County is seeking your help! We are currently in need of volunteers for both our kettle drives this summer – Salvation Army's Christmas in July and Mid-Mod Manitowoc's Evergleam Weekend. Your generosity of a few hours of your time can go

A long way to secure funding for salvation army's programs right here in Manitowoc County. We are currently looking for volunteers to bell ring for 2-hour shifts at local businesses in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Below is a list of the locations along with dates and times we could use your help! Volunteers can register to ring online by going to registertoring.com or by calling the Salvation Army office at 920-684-7117. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the outpouring of support from within our local community to serve those in need!

Salvation Army Christmas in July

Monday July 7th –Saturday July 12th from 10am – 6pm

Manitowoc

A&w*

Brick's

Festival

Rob's market *

Piggly wiggly

= **biggest need**

Two Rivers

Pick N Save*

Piggly Wiggly*

Mid-Mod Manitowoc's Evergleam Weekend

Friday July 25th 10am – 8pm

Saturday July 26th 9am – 4pm

Burger Boat Park (just west of the farmer's market - s. 8th St at Quay St)

Flower Gallery**

Inn on Maritime Bay** **

= **awaiting confirmation**

WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL

Wednesday, July 2 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, July 14, 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, July 15 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



RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, July 24 at 3pm

In July, Book Club will be reading **The Second Life of Mirielle West** by Amanda Skenandore. 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!**

Odds & ENDS



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 or contact Shirley Osieczanek.**

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!

Do you have things to bring in for the rummage sale? Are there some closets that need cleaned out? Bring those items here to church. No furniture accepted and any electronics need to be in working order. If you have a question about an item you would like to bring talk to Carol Entringer. The sale is planned for September 4th to 6th. Preparation work has already begun. **We have planned a couple of specific preparation days in July. Those dates are July 2nd before and after the WOW meeting 9-11 and afterwards until 3 pm and July 14th from 9 to 12 pm.**

CHURCH PICNIC

Calvary is hosting this year's Annual Joint picnic it is scheduled for **July 27th at Washington Park in Two Rivers**. Calvary will be providing the main dish and all are invited to bring a dish to share. The service is planned for 10 am that morning with the potluck to follow.



Calvary

- 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
- Gay Wavrunek (health issues)

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

- Allen, Dick K., Betty, Linda, Mary, Harold, Betty, Dan, Kari, Roger & Karen

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.



Calvary

11th – Cass Shimanek
16th – Jean Hoffman
23rd – Cheryl Phillipps
24th – Garth Landon

St. Paul

11th – Beth Seiler
12th – Lonnie Erdmann
13th – Dan Schuh
13th – Adam Carlson
16th – Donna Mowrer
17th – Catherine Johnson
23rd – Logan Hofstra
24th – Michael Schwantes
24th – Cynthia Hofstra
25th – Shane Sieracki
29th – Tanner Hadler
30th – Randy Entringer

Happy **ANNIVERSARY**

Calvary

11th – Scott & Roxanne Spiering

St. Paul

10th – Chris & Sue Schultz
20th – Carissa & John Veit

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

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesdays by appointment
Thursdays 9:00-1:00 – Calvary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rummage Sale Prep Day 9am-3pm WOW Meeting 11-12	2	3	4	5
6	7 Bible Study w/Pastor Bruce @6:15	8 Finance Meeting-Calvary 4-5 Council Mtg via Zoom 5:45-6:15	9	10	11	12
13 Coffee @ Calvary	14 Rummage Sale Prep 9-12 Days for Girls 1-4	15 Faith Circle Bible Study 10-11	16	17 News Articles DUE	18	19
20 Noisy Offering	21	22	23	24 Book Club 3-4pm	25	26
27 Joint Church Picnic at Washington Park T.R.	28	29	30	31	Calvary AA Mondays Wednesdays Saturdays	Meetings 7 pm 7 pm 6 pm