

Callings from the Lakeshore
Calvary & St. Paul Lutheran: Two Churches, One Body
May 2025

Notes from the Pastor's Chair

I am writing from the refectory (the room for our common meals) at Wartburg Theological Seminary, where I spent my days after Easter. The tradition is that when you have been out for three years, you return for Reformation and Reunion. There are lectures for some of the time and lots of time to connect with classmates, now colleagues.

This is the first time I have been back on campus since graduating. It is my first time seeing the renovated Fritschel Hall (the main academic building). It marks the retirement of one of the professors who was instrumental to my journey. This professor was also on my candidacy committee and was one of the first faces I knew arriving on campus.

As I said in a sermon during Lent, our class verse is Isaiah 43:19, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." This verse has been popping up a lot for me lately, including at this event. I take this as a sign to study deeper and listen to what God is trying to say to me.

This is the middle of my third year of service at Calvary and St. Paul, and that amazes me. I wonder where the time has gone. In talking to my colleagues and sharing stories, we all agreed that your third year is another milestone.

The first year of your call is like drinking from a fire hose because the learning curve is steep and fast. This makes your second year feel like you can finally take a deep breath. This year has been a new phase. I don't know how to describe it. We are all still learning about each other-



which is a journey. It's a journey that we undertake together with God. Jesus took many journeys in his three years of ministry, and the lesson that I learned from those is that sometimes our journeys are short, and others take a long time, and the results are not always obvious.

I am reminded of the words from Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." God is always doing a new thing in all of our lives. Sometimes, the 'new thing' is joyful and exciting, and sometimes, the "new thing" is scary and daunting. But reassurance and hope come from our faith in a God that is always present with us. Belief in a God who loves us and whose only want is to be in a relationship with us and in a God that was crucified, buried, and rose again-beating death.

That belief can be hard to keep at the forefront of our minds. It can be too easily pushed to the back by fear, distrust, wariness, old hurts, and other things that we experience as people in the world. Like keeping up with colleagues and friends that are flung far and wide in the world, we must work at it consistently. We do that by reading scripture, praying, and partaking of the wine and bread.

I won't know how I will describe this third year of ministry for a while, but I know that God is at work in it. I know that God is constantly doing a new thing. Let's keep doing new things together.

Your Pastor.

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.



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. Pick up a list of names and addresses at church.

In our Community & Beyond

MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. **May's focus is easy meals for kids-peanut butter & jelly, macaroni & cheese, and other boxed dinners,** 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).

MEALS FOR MANITOWOC WARMING SHELTER

The WOW group at St. Paul has (and will continue to) provide meals for the Warming Shelter during it's open season. Calvary will also be providing a meal. If you are interested in helping or contributing to these dinners for the homeless in our community, please contact the church office.

NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL

The May Noisy Offering will be collected for **Days for Girls on Sunday, May 18th.** Days for Girls is a global, nonprofit organization working to improve the health, education, and livelihoods of women and girls by providing menstrual hygiene solutions and education.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. BRUCE HANSTEDT MONDAYS AT 6:15PM & THURSDAYS AT 10AM AT ST. PAUL (SAME TOPIC AT BOTH DAYS/TIMES)

Thursday mornings has several participants. Monday evenings will continue if there is enough interest. Please watch the bulletin, Weekly News, and/or emails from Bruce for further information on Monday's schedule.

WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL

Wednesday, May 7 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

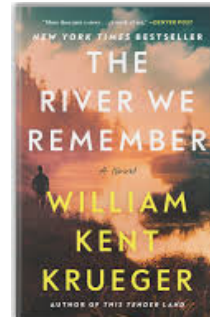
Monday, May 12 at 1-4pm

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, May 20 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, May 22 at 3pm

In May, Book Club will be reading The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger. 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CAPITAL CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY CHORALE

May 13 at 7pm

Members from both our congregations will be singing in the Community Chorale Spring Concert "A Lot of Love" at the Capital Civic Center. Tickets are \$14-\$16.

APPLETON MACDOWELL MALE CHORUS

The men of the **Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus** welcome Janet Planet to join in song as they present a concert of hope and inspiration for a fast-moving world.

May 3rd at 7 pm in the
Xavier High School Fine Arts Theatre

May 4th at 2 pm in the
Lawrence University Memorial Chapel

Tickets are available for \$20 from all chorus members, at the door, and on our website: www.macdowellchorus.com.

Follow us on Facebook for details about the chorus, joining the chorus, and future events.

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



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

- May 27-28: Rooted (for adults) @ Pine Lake

Summer Camps: So many options!

Go to crosswayscamps.org to sign up. Registration is open now!

Email info@crosswayscamps.org with any registration questions.



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!



Calvary

- The Bitto family, as they grieve the passing of baby Frankie.
- 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

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

- Dick K. (Cancer), Betty (Cancer), Alan (Cancer), Amy, Linda, Mary, Harold, & 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

May 1st - Mark Fechner
May 23rd - Jacquelyn Siebert
May 24th - Anna Fechner
May 27th - Erin DeVore
May 31st - Bonny Bitto

St. Paul

May 5th - Jensen Oakland
May 6th - Sherrill Hanstedt
May 9th - Bruce Hanstedt
May 10th - Mark Gotstein
May 14th - Linda Wallander
May 14th - Neil Erickson
May 16th - Caitlyn Kornely
May 20th - Kevin Valenta
May 21st - Bobbie Valenta
May 27th - Isaac Carlson
May 29th - Ryan Carlson
May 31st - Linda Hohn



Calvary

May 3rd - Mark and Sandra Fechner
May 18th - David and Sonja DeVore

St. Paul

May 16th - Kevin and Bobbie Valenta
May 20th - Michael and Sharon Schwantes

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

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
3rd	Bible Study with Bruce Hanstedt	10:00am	St. Paul
4th	Temple Talk-Coffee Hour Following Service	8:30am	Calvary
	St Paul Service-time change	10:30am	St. Paul
5 th	Personnel Meeting	3:00	St. Paul
	Bible Study with Bruce Hanstedt	6:15pm	St. Paul
6th	Quilters	9:00am	Calvary
8 th	Bible Study with Bruce Hanstedt	10:00am	St. Paul
11 th	Sunday Worship	8:30am	Calvary
	Confirmation Sunday	10:30am	St. Paul
12 th	Days for Girls	1:00pm	St. Paul
	Finance Meeting	4:00	St. Paul
13 th	Quilters	9:00am	Calvary
	Council Meeting	5:45pm	Calvary/Zoom
	Council Meeting	7:00pm	St. Paul
15 th	Building and Grounds Meeting	1:00pm	St. Paul
	<i>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</i>		<i>BOTH CHURCHES</i>
18 th	Joint Service	10:00am	St. Paul
20 th	Quilters	9:00am	Calvary
	Faith Circle	10:00am	St. Paul
22 nd	Book Club	3:00pm	St. Paul
23 rd	Pastor on Vacation until June 2 nd		
25 th	Sunday Worship	8:30am	Calvary
	Sunday Worship	10:30am	St. Paul
27 th	Quilters	9:00am	Calvary

AA meetings happening weekly at Calvary:

Mondays – 7pm
 Wednesdays – 7pm
 Saturdays – 6pm

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*Other times also available by appointment.