

Callings from the Lakeshore

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

January 2025



Notes from the Pastor's Chair

Travel broadens your horizons. In October, we traveled to Paris for a vacation. We had never been there. We visited many of the must-sees, such as the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, Versailles, and Disneyland Paris. I have a bachelor's degree in history emphasizing European History and couldn't wait to see Versailles. I can still remember the lectures and discussions of France during the time of Louis XIV. Versailles didn't disappoint. The physical place gave me grounding for all the knowledge I had in my head. It was an amazing experience.

When the opportunity to travel to Greece and Turkey and follow in Paul's footsteps came up early this year, I couldn't pass it up. I never pictured myself traveling abroad twice in less than six months, but here we are.

This trip is sponsored by Wartburg Seminary and is part of their Cross-Cultural requirement for graduation. (I went to Germany in 2022 and visited the Luther sites. I'll write about that sometime later.) They open these international trips to their alumni.

So, this January, Kristin and I will join my New Testament professor, the academic dean, six other spouses, twelve Wartburg alumni, and twenty current students for a twelve-day

journey in Greece and Turkey that roughly follows Paul's second mission in Acts.

We will visit Phillipi, where Paul preached his first sermon in Europe and baptized the first Christian converts on European soil. We will see Thessaloniki, where Paul founded a church that would receive two letters and visit Corinth, which had such a significant Christian presence that Paul wrote two letters to them.

Hopping over to Turkey, we will visit Ephesus, where Paul spent time preaching and where Mary, mother of Jesus is believed to have lived. We will also visit monasteries, Mosques, archaeological sites, and museums. Guides will give daily devotions and presentations throughout the journey.

In preparation for this trip, I have been asked to read several essays and refresh my knowledge of the Book of Acts. The professor who is leading this group was my New Testament professor, and his teaching sparked my interest in the book of Acts and Paul. The passion and love that he has for this topic is infectious. When the opportunity to travel with Professor Troftgruben to experience these sites' history and biblical significance offered itself, it was an easy decision. The chance to combine learning about the roots of our civilization and our faith simultaneously was too good to pass up.

I am hoping that being in the places where Paul preached, baptized, and evangelized will deepen my faith in the words Paul wrote to the Thessalonians and Corinthians. Putting concrete places and contexts to the letters will give them a richer and fuller meaning. I can then bring that back to my preaching and teaching in the congregation. I plan to present my trip at an adult forum if interested.

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. **January's focus is hygiene products**, 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.



ST. PAUL HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

Please check out St. Paul's new website & mark it as a favorite! The old website will still be up for awhile until the new one has all the finishing touches. Please be patient with us as we finish those things up. Building a website from scratch is incredibly time consuming.

You can check it out at
www.stpaulmanitowoc.org

Share it on social media!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH
STUDENT LED
WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL

Join us for an exciting event! Sunday morning worship will be led by our Confirmation Students!



This is an amazing opportunity to see God at work in the hearts and lives of our young people!

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Dates will be announced as soon as possible.



2025 Retreats

- Jan 31-Feb 2: Winter Camp (grades 3-8) @ Pine Lake
- 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 with any registration questions. Go to crosswayscamps.org to sign up!

DAYS FOR GIRLS AT ST. PAUL

There will be no Days for Girls in January of 2025. Meeting/Workdays will resume in February.

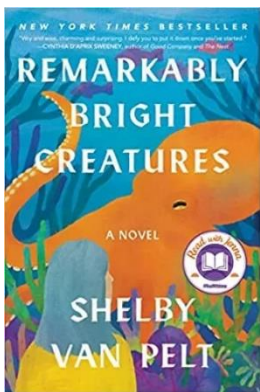
WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL Wednesday, January 5 at 11am

WOW meets monthly at St. Paul for planning of events & fellowship. All women from Calvary & St. Paul are welcome to attend.

FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL Tuesday, January 21 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, January 23 at 3pm

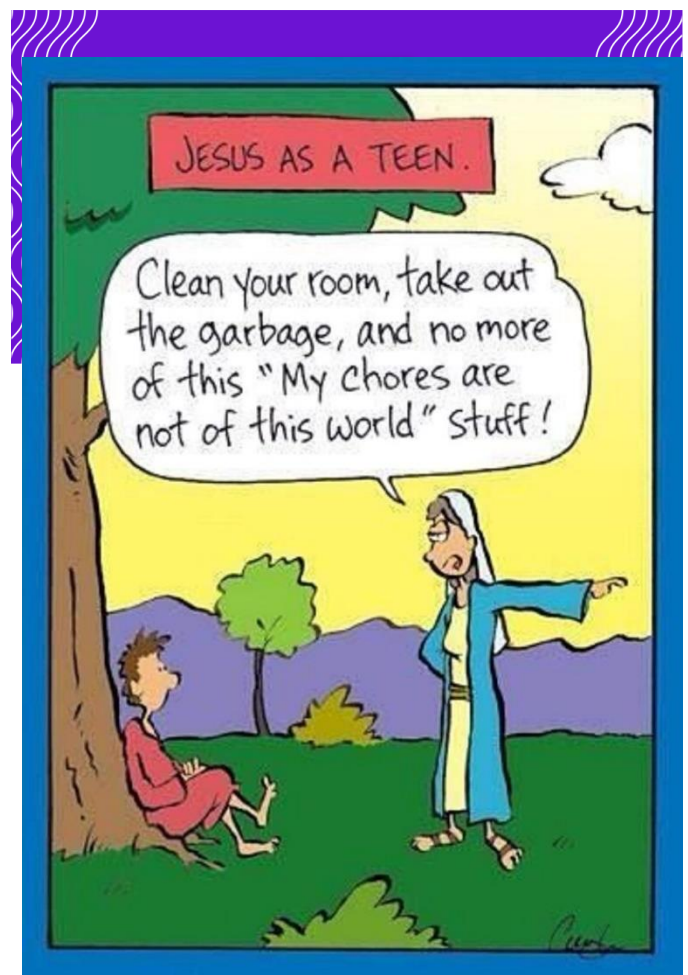


In January, Book Club will be reading Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. We'll meet to discuss the book in the Gathering Room. If you're interested in joining, please let Joy know (joycarlson4@gmail.com) and you can be added to the Book Club email list for updates and news. We have library copies available to borrow.

NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL The January Noisy Offering will be on Sunday the 19th.

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

😊 A LITTLE BIT OF LAUGHTER! 😊





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!



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
- Sloane (4-year-old with cancer. Her grandparents are friends of Cindy Schmidt.)

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

- Amy, Linda, Mary, Holly, 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	St. Paul
1 st – Harper Shimanek	3 rd - Laurie Lamberg
10 th – Joe Bitto	4 th -Jacob Schultz
16 th - Deborah Holt	10 th – Dan Johnson
23 rd – Terri Zipperer	12 th – David Dahleen
26 th – Bella Dow	12 th – Marilyn Valenta
31 st – Jacob Rivest	13 th – Sandy Smith
	14 th – Val Kriewald
	15 th – April Wolff
	17 th – Grace Satori
	19 th – Brady Hadler
	21 st – Julie Koeser
	24 th – Michael Jinks
	24 th – Teresa Satori
	26 th – Brianna Maedke
	26 th – Kay Trost



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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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
1 st	Offices Closed	All day	Calvary & St. Paul
5 th	WOW	11am	St. Paul
7 th - 20 th	Pastor out of office for Continuing Education		
7 th	Quilters	9-11am	Calvary
	Council Meeting	5:45pm	Calvary
8 th	WOW	11am	St. Paul
12 th	Coffee Hour	After service	Calvary
14 th	Quilters	9-11am	Calvary
14 th	Council Meeting	7:00pm	St. Paul
18 th	Finance Meeting	12pm	St. Paul
19 th	Noisy Offering		St. Paul
21 st	Quilters	9-11am	Calvary
21 st	Faith Circle	10am	St. Paul
26 th	Student-Led Worship & Confirmation Class	10:15am service	St. Paul
		11:45am	
28 th	Quilters	9am	Calvary