

Callings from the Lakeshore

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

September 2025



Notes from the Pastor's Chair

It's September already, and it feels like this year is flying by way too fast. There is a song by Earth, Wind, and Fire that starts out, "Do you remember. The 21st night of September?" I hope so, because a lot of this year has gone by in a blur.

September in Wisconsin marks the beginning of Fall; here, the weather starts to change. The days and nights start to get cooler, and Lake Michigan shifts from looking inviting and refreshing to murky and cold. I realized the other day, while driving home along Memorial Drive, that I have grown and learned to judge the changes in the season by the appearance of the lake.

This got me thinking about how our faith life evolves as we live it out. When we are younger, we are taught stories like Jonah and the Whale, Noah and the Ark, or Daniel and the Lion's Den, and we hear them with amazement and wonder at the fantasy.

Then we grow and we hear them again, and questions arise about the how and why of them. We push and wonder about them, delving into what they mean for us and how we believe—stripping away some of the fantasy and myth to get at the more profound meaning.

Eventually, we quit hearing those stories, but we hear other stories, and they can still prompt us to delve deeper into their meaning for us, our lives, and the world. The Bible is about sustaining our faith journey. It is about learning where we stand with our own faith and providing us with the knowledge and courage to deepen and strengthen it.

Our faith in the words of Jesus and his teachings is what can effect change in the world. Our courage to step forward and believe that reaching out and interacting with those who are not like us or who don't believe like us can make a difference in the world for the better. This is hard work. Work that takes tremendous effort on our part. Work that is not without risk. Belief and faith don't come without that, unfortunately—mature faith, September faith, so to speak, comes after a lot of growth.

As we roll into fall with fall with back to school, shorter days, colder weather, and changing leaves. Know that each of us is in a different place on our faith journey. Each of us has our own questions about belief, faith, and God. This is as it should be. We learn from each other as a community and fellow believers in Christ.

So, this September, keep asking yourself, "Are we caring for our neighbors as best we can? Keep remembering the teachings of Jesus about justice and equity for all and asking, "are our leaders looking for justice and equity for all." Keep remembering that Jesus welcomed everyone so ask yourself "are we and our community, country doing the same?"

Keep giving grace, mercy, and forgiveness to those around you as freely as Jesus gives it to us.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Pastor Heather

****St. Paul's Worship Time will remain at 10:30****

Creating Cards and Crafting

Meets the fourth Tuesday each month, starting **September 23rd at St Paul. 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 your own glue, tape, scissors and/or other supplies. All crafters 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

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

SEPTEMBER NOISY OFFERING AT ST. PAUL (SEPTEMBER 21ST)

InCourage Domestic Violence Center

The Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center (D.B.A In-Courage) is a non-profit organization providing supportive responses to people in the Manitowoc County area who are experiencing violence in their lives.

MONTHLY TREP FOOD DRIVES (CALVARY)

Calvary is hosting monthly food drives for TREP. Each month is a specific focus. September'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.

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

The next Food and Faith will be Tuesday, September 9th at 11:00 am at St. Paul, and then Wednesday September 24th 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, September 25th at 3pm

In September, Book Club will be reading Ordinary Grace 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.

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!

SCRIP AT CALVARY ENDING

The scrip program at Calvary is ending. The following is still in the inventory:

Fatzo 2 x \$10

Festival 6 x \$25 and 5 x \$100

Kwik Trip 7 x \$25 and 3 x \$100

Pick n Save 7 x \$25 and 2 x \$100

Walgreen 2 x \$25 and 1 x \$100

Walmart 7 x \$25 and 1 x \$100

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Cindy Schmidt at cas3761@gmail.com.



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!



RUMMAGE SALE

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****NO LONGER ACCEPTING RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS****

Prep and setup are scheduled for September 2-3, 9 am to 3 pm. Help is needed during the sale hours too. Also will need muscle at **noon on Saturday** (when sale ends) to clean and pack everything up.

Please bake for the sale! Package everything in packages to for \$1.00 unless you mark the price yourself.



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.



Calvary

5th – Cynthia Phelps
8th – Kay Puls
16th – Roxanne Spiering
17th – Connor Manthei

St. Paul

6th – Shirley Osieczanek
6th – Cody Valenta
8th – Abby Veit
11th – Lynn Erdman
14th – Maeson LaRocque
14th – Adam Oakland
14th – Janet Radandt
16th – Lori Redeker
17th – Randall Siefert
21st – Carol Entringer
21st – Maryam Veit
27th – James Kornely
28th – Larry Frank
28th – John Meyer

Happy **ANNIVERSARY**

Calvary

10th – Jim & Lori Williams
29th – Cass & Lisa Shimanek

St. Paul

6th – Roger & Nancy Nicolai
11th – Duane & Cynthia Hofstra
12th – Bert & Diane Lohr
13th – Dick & Trish Klein
18th – Gina & Robert Wolf

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

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Thursdays 9:00-1:00 – Calvary

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Rummage Sale SetUp 9am-3pm	3 Rummage Sale SetUp 9am-3pm	4 Rummage Sale 8am- 5pm Calvary Finance Mtg- 5pm	5 Rummage Sale 8am- 5pm	6 Rummage Sale 8am- noon
7	8 Days for Girls-1 pm	9 Food & Faith 11am Calvary Council Mtg- 5:45 pm St Paul Council Mtg- 7pm	10 WOW Meeting 11 am Finance Meeting 1:30	11	12 Begin Sign Up for Trunk or Treat	13
14	15	16 Faith Circle-10 am	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20
21 Noisy Offering	22	23 Craft Day-10am	24 Calvary Food and Faith w/Pastor Heather	25 Bldg & Grounds Mtg- 1 pm Book Club-3 pm	26	27
28	29	30				

Calvary AA Meetings

Mondays-7 pm

Wednesdays 7 pm

Saturdays 6 pm