

# Callings from the Lakeshore

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

June 2024



## Notes from the Pastor's Chair

I sat down to think about what to write about for the June article and was stumped for a while. A good fallback is always a holiday or event in the month, but June is a bit dry for events. But as I prepared for the week, I started thinking about Memorial Day and I couldn't shake it.

I grew up in a military family. My dad was a career Air Force, retiring after 27 years as a MSGT. He then went on to work another twenty years in civil service, doing the same job for the Air Force. My dad was deployed to the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He saw combat in Korea in addition to setting up Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals. My dad's passion in his later years was to work to make the men and women who fought and died in Korea remembered. For the longest time Korea was known as the "Forgotten War."

My mother also served four years in the Air Force. That is where my parents met. But in 1953, if a woman got pregnant, even if married, it was an automatic discharge.

I had siblings follow in my dad's footsteps, joining the military. One brother, Air Force, retired after thirty years. And the other, Navy four years, discharged due to injury. Truth be told, after joining AirForce ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corp) in high school, I entertained the thought of the Military for several years instead of college.

When my dad retired, we moved to a community that was made up of military retirees. I have had numerous friends join the military. I have seen the impact of death, severe injury, illness, and PTSD on those who served and their families over the years.

My dad was a very quiet man. We never had a flag in the house, and we didn't go to Memorial or Veteran's Day parades or celebrations. My father and the fathers of my friends weren't interested in making a big deal.

I had a brother-in-law who returned from Vietnam and was disrespected in unimaginable ways, but they continued to serve their country.

So, you're asking yourself what this has to do with church or God? As a person, I struggle with the new religion that has formed around the American flag. Flags are secular symbols. They are used to stake territory or to claim ownership. Think back to the Russians planting a flag two miles down under the ice cap in the North Sea in 2007.

My apprehensions about Memorial Day, Veterans Day and flags can be summed up in this. What is the priority? Have we lost sight of God and Jesus? Not as a nation but as people. The flag doesn't show us how to care for our neighbors. The parades and celebrations are good but after that day, do we continue to care for those that came home from the war and are sick? Church is a community. Church is reaching out to the outcast, the unwelcome, and the unloved. Church is about putting Jesus at the center. This is hard, hard work. We are pulled in so many directions by all the shiny and cool things, by fear and doubt, and by our own brokenness. The important thing to remember is that Jesus is always with us.

We stand with our country and our flag, but we must not confuse it with our God. A country is a human-made thing, as prone to failings as the people who made it. We should not pretend otherwise. G.K. Chesterton said, "My country, right or wrong, is a thing that no patriot would think of saying. It is like saying, 'My mother, drunk or sober.'" God welcomed all, redeemed all, and made all new in Christ. If we want a country based on Christian ideals, then we should look to the words of Christ. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). That includes the tired, the poor, the huddled masses.

Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and their number is 920-684-7117.

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### **PETER'S PANTRY DONATIONS**

There is a basket near the entrance 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.

### **BLESSING BOX AT ST. PAUL**

This summer when you're at the grocery store, if you're able, pick up a few non-perishable food items for our community members who are struggling. The Blessing Box at St. Paul (conveniently located in the parking lot across from the main entrance) is for anyone with food insecurity in our community. Items that will be spoiled because of the heat should not be included. Recently the box had several items in it and toward mid-May it was empty. Please consider dropping a few items in the box to care for those in need.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Did you know that St. Paul has a wonderful team of people who deliver Meals on Wheels in our community? This service enables the homebound to receive one hot meal and one cold meal each day Monday through Friday. St. Paul has one of the easiest routes as we deliver to about 20 individuals in four or five locations. We always work in pairs, and it only takes about an hour. St. Paul is responsible for one week's deliveries every four to six weeks. When we have enough volunteers, each set of partners is responsible for one day.

Our volunteers find gratification when they give their time to the needs of the recipients and enjoy working with their Meals on Wheels partner! More volunteers are always welcome. If interested, please contact Jan Chermak. Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers!

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

The June offering will be going towards Lighthouse Recovery Center and will be collected on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

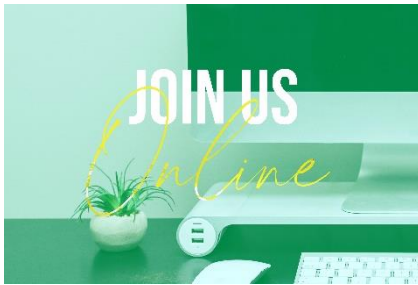


### **CALVARY WORSHIP TIMES:**

Sunday mornings at 8:30am. & the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 6:00pm

### **ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIMES:**

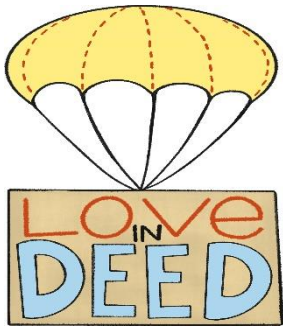
Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00pm



### **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***

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Salvation Army has a volunteer opportunity for Bell Ringers during "Christmas in July!" To sign up, please use the link below. You can copy & paste or type it into your web browser.



Bell ringing in July is done in six area stores from July 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 9am-6pm. If you play an instrument, you're more than welcome to play at any location, except Rob's Market.

The Salvation Army has specifically requested that people sign up online. However, if you do need help you can give them a call. Their office hours are

# member spotlight

**In case you missed the Member Spotlights on Facebook for either church, please enjoy them here!**



## Behind the Scenes with Shirley & Jan

Shirley and Jan have been a part of the St. Paul family for a combined total of 121 years! Can you even believe it?!?! Shirley has been a member at St. Paul for 32 years and Jan has been a part of St. Paul since she was 4 years old (that was 89 years ago)!

Shirley worked for the Mirro company for 32 years in the Sales Department. While not a salesperson, she worked behind the scenes to keep the sales department running. She has four children, 9 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren! That's quite a family!

Jan is 93 years young. As a young woman, she joined the military and worked in the Army Medical Corp (a specialized group of OTs, PTs, and dieticians). After she left the military, she had a remarkable career and many of the physical & occupational rehab services we have in nursing homes today exist because of the work that Jan did. If you know Jan or have the chance to meet her, ask her to tell you all about it. It's quite fascinating!

Each week Shirley and Jan come to St. Paul on

Thursdays to fold bulletins for Sunday's worship services at St. Paul & Calvary. They also take care of folding and mailing monthly newsletters to those who get a paper copy. They are involved in Meals on Wheels, Women of Worship (WOW), and Shirley is involved with Faith Circle. In the past they have volunteered to do SCRIP, volunteer for the Altar Guild, and Church Council, and have even spent time scrubbing bathroom floors once when the church was without a custodian! They believe that St. Paul is a family and as members of the family, they have willing hearts to help where needed.

Shirley and Jan describe the people of St. Paul as a family who are friendly and provide a comfortable and safe place to belong for anyone who comes through the doors. The people they've met here and the relationships they have made over the years are incredibly important to these remarkable women and it shows in the dedication and love they give back to others, even if a lot of it is behind the scenes.

## Calvary's Quilters: A Labor of Love



Did you know that Calvary's quilting group is making a difference around the globe? 🌍

This small group of women meet every Tuesday from 9am-11am. They work on putting together quilts that are sent to [Lutheran World Relief](#) each October. From there, these quilts are circulated around the world to those in need.

In the past, quilts have gone to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. A few years back quilts were sent to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for incoming refugees. Many quilts go to South America and Africa and wherever else there is a need. This



amazing bunch has also donated quilts in the past to benefits for The Haven (a men's homeless shelter in Manitowoc), the Pink Heals campaign, and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. They are extremely proud that their quilt received the highest bid at the Children's Hospital fundraiser that year!

**Quilting is a beautiful art-form and to participate with this group you need zero sewing experience! Yup! You read that correctly! 😊 If you can insert pins into fabric or tie a knot, you are welcome to join them. They will happily show you the ropes and get you settled in. You don't need to be a member of Calvary to participate. These ladies welcome everyone! Sometimes there are even cookies!**



All fabric is donated, and they will recycle and reuse whatever they can find! A unique part of this group is that two of the group members sort through all the fabric that is donated and match up colors and patterns that will work well together. Then they take that fabric home and sew the quilt tops together. Once that's finished the quilt top is paired with coordinating fabric for the backside of the quilt and it's folded up neatly and stored until the Tuesday group assembles it.

The quilters are currently on break for the summer and will resume their weekly Tuesday workdays in the fall. If you're interested in learning more about this group, have fabric you'd like to donate, or want to get involved please email Calvary at [churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com](mailto:churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com)!



### **WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL** **Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

Faith Circle is a group of women who meet monthly for a Bible study along with some Fellowship time. Everyone is invited!

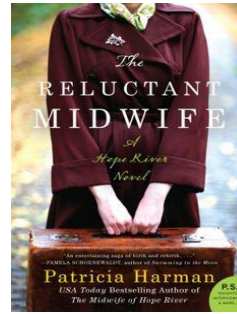
### **FAITH CIRCLE AT ST. PAUL**

**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

Faith Circle is a group of women who meet monthly for a Bible study along with some Fellowship time. Everyone is invited!

### **BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL**

**Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm**



In June we will be reading The Reluctant Midwife by Patricia Harman. We'll meet to discuss the book in the Gathering Room. If you're interested in joining, please let Joy know ([joycarlson4@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Women's Retreat 2024**

September 27-28

At Crossways – Imago Dei Village

**For a full list of events, please see the calendar page!**



### **CHURCH SOCIAL MEDIA**

Did you know that Calvary & St. Paul each have a Facebook page? Social media is a great way to reach people, share news, and events. If you're on Facebook, would you "like" the church's Facebook pages? You can also share posts or events to your own profile. Sharing on Facebook helps spread the word about what's happening to others in our community.

## THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP AT CALVARY

**MIDWEEK**  
**-WORSHIP SERVICE-**

Calvary will begin having Thursday evening worship the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month beginning in June. This will remain in effect throughout summer.



## SCHUETTE PARK CLEAN UP

In June we plan to do our biannual maintenance in the grounds surrounding Upper Schuette Park, plant some flowers along the fence, and have a picnic. Bring your friends and

neighbors and share in the upkeep of Manitowoc's favorite children's park! Signup sheet at the Information Table by the Pastor Heather's office. Look for more info as the date gets closer! Please see Marie Fellbaum Korpi with questions. Date is currently being planned.



## ST. PAUL RUMMAGE SALE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual rummage sale at St. Paul will be **Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 5-7.** (Saturday - half off all items!)

This is a great time to clear items out of the house & bring them in for the church rummage sale. As a reminder, we do not take exercise equipment, electronics, or furniture. Items can be dropped off at church and stored in the classrooms on the lower level. Questions about the rummage sale can be directed to Carol Entringer.

## 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!

## OUTDOOR PROJECTS AT ST. PAUL



There are still several outdoor projects that need to be completed at St. Paul. Many hands make light work, so please consider lending yours! Jobs big & small available. Please contact Carol Entringer at 920-627-6627 or [cjentringer69@gmail.com](mailto:cjentringer69@gmail.com) for more info. A BIG thanks to those who have helped already!

## HAPPY 12<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO SCRIP AT ST. PAUL

In April, our SCRIP program turned 12 years old! SCRIP has helped our church with financial support over the last 12 years by contributing \$63,750! The amazing fact about this program is that it doesn't require you to give "extra" but just purchase SCRIP cards for things you already need: gas, groceries, restaurants, etc. The church receives a percentage of each gift card that is purchased.

Thank you to everyone who is in the regular habit of buying SCRIP cards. What a benefit this program has been to our congregation! Thank you to our members who make this program possible: Joy Carlson, Shirley Osieczanek, Sharon Schwantes, and Jan Chermak. There is a list in the office on the board of all SCRIP available, plus there are many more available for order. Stop in on Sunday mornings to purchase. Currently Alyssa does not handle SCRIP, so you will need to make purchases on Sundays.

**Unfortunately, sales are down dramatically for our SCRIP program this year. Last year at this time we sold \$17,353 in SCRIP and this year we have sold \$9,725 so far. This isn't sustainable for**

the program to continue. We'll watch in the coming months to see if sales pick up and brainstorm ideas about its future. If you have questions or suggestions about the program, please reach out to Joy Carlson.



that as soon as possible. Usually the bulletins & inserts are printed early in the week, so please plan accordingly.



## In our Prayers

### CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES UPDATES

#### Camp Senior: A Golden Day at Camp June 26th!

Embark on an adventure-filled day at Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI! Join us for Camp Senior, a day with laughter, camaraderie, and memory-making. From outdoor activities to cozy Bible study chats, there's something for everyone. Embrace the spirit of youthfulness, reconnect with nature, and make new friends! Register online at [www.crosswayscamps.org/senior](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/senior) or call 920-882-0023 to request a paper registration form. Cost: \$25/person  
Contact person: Robyn Koehler  
Email: [robyn@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:robyn@crosswayscamps.org)

#### Camp Registration is now open!

Crossways Camps are fun for kids and families of all ages. Check out more information about each camp and register online at <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/>



#### A NOTE FROM ALYSSA

Hi everyone! Just a quick note to let you know that I have begun the process of merging church calendars & other information for office purposes only. This allows Pastor Heather and me to access information about both congregations no matter which building we are in. If you have an event that you oversee and are unsure if it is on the church calendar, would you please email me to verify? If there is anything that you'd like printed in the bulletin or insert for Sundays, it would be helpful for me to have

#### Calvary

- Scott and Samantha Spiering (Roxanne Spiering, 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](mailto:churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at (920)793-3917.

#### St. Paul

- Lew, Linda, Mary, Linda, Holly, 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)-628-2228.

If you would like prayer for something specific but don't want it listed in the newsletter or to be spoken on Sundays, please feel free to contact us with those as well. Just let us know that it is a confidential request.



<u>Calvary</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> – Ben Dow	1 <sup>st</sup> – Karen Brouchoud
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Patricia Gilbert	4 <sup>th</sup> – Dave Kriewald
5 <sup>th</sup> – Brenton Dow	7 <sup>th</sup> – Julia Peppard
5 <sup>th</sup> – Beverly Schmidt	9 <sup>th</sup> – Kay Heyduk
9 <sup>th</sup> – Nancy Klinkner	17 <sup>th</sup> – Darian Plagemann
9 <sup>th</sup> – William Siewert	19 <sup>th</sup> – Ranson Maedke
13 <sup>th</sup> – Hannah Shimanek	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Robert Satori
15 <sup>th</sup> – Lisa Shimanek	25 <sup>th</sup> – Todd Hadler
20 <sup>th</sup> – Morgan Arneman	28 <sup>th</sup> – Rose Meyer



26 <sup>th</sup> – James Parker	29 <sup>th</sup> – Ruthann Schroeder
29 <sup>th</sup> – Lori Williams	30 <sup>th</sup> – Sophia Wilson

*If your birthday is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office. Thank you!*



### **Calvary**

7<sup>th</sup> – Bill & Pat Gilbert  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Charlie & Cheryl Phillips  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Sara Laurin  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Joe & Bonny Bitto

*If your anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office. Thank you!*

### **Calvary Lutheran Church**

1921 Adams St. Two Rivers, WI. 54241  
 Email: [churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com](mailto:churchcalvarylutheran@gmail.com)

Website: [www.calvarytr.org](http://www.calvarytr.org)  
 920-793-3917

#### **Church Office Hours**

Wednesdays 9:00-1:00

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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Email: [stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmanitowoc@gmail.com)

Website: [sites.google.com/site/stpaulmanitowoc](http://sites.google.com/site/stpaulmanitowoc)  
 Phone: 920-628-2228

#### **Church Office Hours**

Mondays 10:30-2:30

12-4pm (Summer hours start the week of June 10)

Tuesdays: 9:00-1:00

Thursdays 9:00-1:00

### **Pastor Heather Yerion Keck**

[pastoryerionkeck@gmail.com](mailto:pastoryerionkeck@gmail.com)

cell: 816-820-4108

#### **Office Hours:**

Mondays 12:00-4:00 – 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.

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# *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

## **Happening this month...**

Date	Event	Time	Location
1 <sup>st</sup>	Melissa Pagel's Ordination	10:30am	St. Paul
5 <sup>TH</sup>	WOW (Women of Worship)	11am	St. Paul
6 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Worship	6pm	Calvary
9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour at Calvary	Following worship	Calvary
10 <sup>th</sup>	Days for Girls	1-4pm	St. Paul
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Alyssa on vacation. Office coverage TBD.	-	-
11 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council Meetings	6:00pm – Calvary (Hybrid meeting –In person or via Zoom)  6:45pm – St. Paul	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Worship	6pm	St. Paul
16 <sup>th</sup>	Noisy Offering		St. Paul
17 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter articles for July due	-	-
18 <sup>th</sup>	Faith Circle	10am	St. Paul
20 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Worship	6pm	Calvary
27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club	3-4pm	St. Paul