

Callings from the Lakeshore

Calvary & St. Paul Lutheran: Two Churches, One Body
August 2024



Notes from the Pastor's Chair

Sometimes the ideas and words for the monthly column come quickly and easily. A topic always seems to pop into my head. That hasn't happened to me this time. There have been multiple attempts at starting an article with it just puttering out into nothing.

The most promising start that I made was on how August is 'Back to School' season for most of the world and how can we look at this season as followers of Jesus to recenter ourselves around our faith.

I was drawing a connection between January and the tradition of making New Year resolutions and how those of us without children returning to school ask ourselves what we could get 'back to'. I was primarily thinking of ways that we could try to refocus our lives and the way we live them around the teachings of Jesus.

I was super excited about this topic until I got into writing about it and then I kept hearing echoes of Evangelical Christian leaders' calls to return to the ways of Jesus or else. Or the messages of some leaders that there is only one way to worship Jesus - their way - and any other way is wrong and you are wrong for even considering it.

It all became too overwhelming. I believe and trust in a God that showered the world with unconditional grace, mercy, and forgiveness. I believe and trust in a God that sought out and

gathered in those that were marginalized by their communities. I believe and trust in a God that welcomes all unconditionally.

This is not the message I and a lot of my generation heard from the mainstream church. That did some terrible things to people's faith. It turned them away from Church because they were unable to distinguish between the messages that they were hearing and God.

The messages that some Christian leaders and followers are putting out aren't getting any worse - they are just getting louder, better marketed, and more importantly, they continue to be the majority voice being heard in the world.

This is why it was hard for me to continue to write the article about getting back to Jesus and a Jesus-centered life. It felt too much like the ads and messages of those that want to pick and choose what God calls us to do.

Of course, there is room for improvement in the church. We, as followers of a man that spent his entire earthly ministry challenging leadership, questioning the status quo, and working for equality and justice for the marginalized, always have work to do in this world.

God told us that we would always have the poor and hungry, and we do. God calls us to care for the strangers in our midst and even in the 21st century with all our technology, strangers still walk among us. God calls us to care for those that can't care for themselves - the elderly and the young.

So, I guess in the end I did write an article about the things that are important to us as followers of Jesus, but it was also important to tell you about the struggles of writing this piece in the current political climate. The world was and is a scary place. Some days are better than

others. It is easy to forget that our time and God's time are not the same and that God is always present with us. This doesn't make our fears magically disappear and the world a shiny happy place. But our faith and hope in a God that showers us with grace, mercy, and forgiveness should drive us to do the best we can every day in whatever ways we can.

CALVARY WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6:00pm

ST. PAUL WORSHIP TIMES:

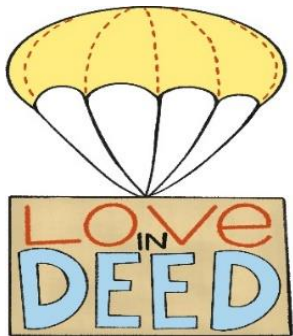
Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.



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. For August, the focus is on Meals in Boxes, but all donations are

welcome. Any items for TREP can be placed in the grocery cart inside the main entrance.

PETER'S PANTRY 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.

BLESSING BOX (ST. PAUL)

During the summer months, please consider adding non-perishable, easy to prepare items to the Blessing Box. Any items should be able to withstand the summer heat. Any overflow items can be placed in the church office.

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 August offering will be going towards Manitowoc Warming Shelter. This offering will be collected on Sunday, August 18th.





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS AT ST. PAUL

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

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, September 8th. This is a great project that the entire congregation is invited to take part in!

The supplies needed for each kit are:

- (4) 70 sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled*
- (1) 12-inch ruler (with both inches and centimeters)
- (1) box of 16 or 24 count crayons
- (1) pencil sharpener
- (1) pair of blunt scissors
- (5) unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers.
- (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- (1) 2 ½ inch eraser

*Indicates the most needed item.



MANITOWOC WARMING SHELTER

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www.manitowocwarmingshelter.org

2024/24 SEASON WISHLIST

As of July 1, 2024

If you are interested in donating something not on our list, please contact us first so we can check our inventory. We will publish an updated list in October which will include food items

Bus tickets (Station, 915 S 11th Street)
\$25 Gift cards for Kwik Trip
\$10 Gift cards for local fast food
\$10 Gift cards for local drugstores

Pocket-size notepads
Post it notes
Scratchpads/legal pads
Postage stamps
Sharpie markers (black or blue)

Travel size body wash
Travel size Shaving Cream
Travel Size Body spray
Travel Size First Aid Kit
Chapstick
Pocket combs
Small hairbrushes
New Sports Bras in all sizes

Snack-size resealable bags
Gallon-size resealable bags
Backpacks (used are ok if clean)
Duffle bags (used are ok if clean)
Throw blankets that fit in a backpack
Sleeping bags (low temperature)
Cans of regular coffee

2 - Ice Choppers for sidewalks
3 - Snow Shovels

CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Please note "Warming Shelter"



Additional Items can be found at our Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5Q?ref=wl_share

Items may be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9-1:00 at First Presbyterian Church, 502 N 8th Street, Please use the parking lot door with the red awning



**THIS MONTH WE'D LIKE TO BRING EXTRA
ATTENTION TO THESE ITEMS.**

NEW WEBSITE FOR CALVARY!

We are SO excited to roll out a brand-new website for Calvary! Alyssa has worked tirelessly over the past few months to build this website from the ground up. We are really pleased with how it turned out. Please take a few minutes to check it out.

www.calvarytworivers.org

ST. PAUL DIRECTORY

There is a church directory with all current information as of July 2024 available. We have printed 25 copies. More copies can be made available. You can pick up a directory beginning Sunday, August 4th at the information table. If you would like a directory and there are no more

available, please contact Alyssa in the church office. She will be happy to get you a copy.

WELCOME VEIT FAMILY!

Recently the Veit family became members of St. Paul. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to John & Carissa and their children, Mary, Abby, Kelly, and James.

John & Carissa met in Bahrain while John was stationed there for the Coast Guard and Carissa was teaching. Since then, they have moved all around the United States. Mary was born in Maine, Abby in North Carolina, Kelly in Iowa, and James was born in Wisconsin. John is currently the Officer in Charge of ANT Two Rivers. For those of us who don't speak Coast Guard acronym, (It's ok if you don't. Not many of us do!) ANT stands for Aids to Navigation Teams. They are specialized units responsible for maintaining small buoys, jetty lights, and lighthouses.

Carissa has an equally exciting and busy job staying at home with their children. Abby (age 7) has recently volunteered to do Scripture readings for us on Sundays from time to time. We are always thrilled to have her participate!

DAYS FOR GIRLS INTERNATIONAL

This month we would like to spotlight Days for Girls, an extraordinary organization that is making an impact around the globe.

On the second Monday of each month, Days for Girls Green Bay Chapter, sets up shop in the St. Paul Fellowship hall. People, mainly women (although anyone is welcome) gather to create kits that supply reusable period products for women and girls worldwide.

Days for Girls International began in 2008 when Founder, Celeste Mergens, was working with a foundation in Kenya assisting an orphanage in the outskirts of Nairobi. In the wake of historic post-election violence, the population at the orphanage had swelled from 400 children to 1,400.

Upon inquiring about the menstrual health practices of the many girls at the orphanage, Celeste learned that many were sitting on cardboard in their rooms for several days each month – often going without food unless someone would bring it to them. This set into motion her first intervention: disposable pads. But Celeste and her team quickly discovered that without any place to dispose of the pads, this was not a viable or sustainable solution.

It was time for a different plan: a washable, long-lasting pad.

Since the first Days for Girls kits, there have been 30 versions of that long-lasting pad and the kits they come in, considering feedback and unique cultural and environmental conditions around the world.

Eventually, Days for Girls developed a health curriculum that aims to provide factual information about puberty & menstruation to break the stigma that exists for many girls and women around the world. The health curriculum is taught to girls, women, and even men to help them better understand that this is a biological process and not a source of shame. Today there are still many girls and women who cannot participate in daily life (missing out on education and other opportunities) because of lack of period products and stigma revolving around menstruation.

Brenda Heller, Title Town Days for Girls Chairperson, says that **since its inception, Days for Girls has distributed 3.1 million kits of reusable period products. While this number is remarkable, the number of kits necessary to meet the global need is 550 million.** Days for Girls knows it is making a lasting impact, but they also realize there is a long way to go.

Since the Green Bay chapter's official registration in 2014 with Days for Girls, it has produced 12,000 kits, this includes kits that are made at St. Paul.

Each month, we have members from St. Paul, Calvary, and others who are not part of either

congregation, gather in the Fellowship Hall to take part in this important work. This month the WOW group from St. Paul presented a check to Days for Girls (see photo).

If you are interested in joining them (no experience is needed) they meet on the second Monday of the month from 1pm-4pm.



For more information, please contact:

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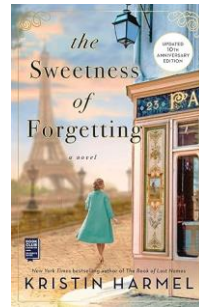
WOMEN OF WORSHIP (WOW) AT ST. PAUL **Wednesday, August 7 at 11am**

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

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BOOK CLUB AT ST. PAUL **Thursday, August 22nd 3-4pm**



In August the book club will be reading The Sweetness of Forgetting by Kristin Harmel. 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.

Women's Retreat 2024 (For Calvary & St. Paul only)

Please save the date! Friday & Saturday, September 27-28 at Crossways – Imago Dei Village

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



OUT OF THE OFFICE

Alyssa will be on vacation beginning August 7th. She will return on Monday, August 11th. We will communicate if/when there will be office coverage via weekly emails.

ST. PAUL RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale at St. Paul will be held on Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 5-7. Saturday all items will be ½ off!



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!

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 into 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!** Just a reminder: at St. Paul Alyssa does not currently handle SCRIP. You will need to purchase SCRIP on Sundays.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION:

In 1988 the AAL (now part of Thrivent) sent out a book '50 Simple Things you can do to save the earth'. ELCA's Wisconsin/national policy of Caring for God's Creation follows that tradition. St. Paul's work at Henry Schuette Park, caring for the park and planting native flowers, helps not only preserve nature for hummingbirds and bees, but also keeps human waste from reaching the Manitowoc River just down the hill. Waste from the park travels all the way to the Atlantic and beyond. Alongside our Henry Schuette program, we are creating a list of simple things we can do to care for God's creation. Any ideas you have can be sent to the church office email.

DING! DONG! THE BELL IS RINGING!

The bell at St. Paul has been restored! Thank you Dave Kriewald for spearheading this. The final

payment still needs to be made. Please consider donating to the bell fund! Your contributions are appreciated.



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES UPDATES

The WELCA Fall Retreat at Imago Dei: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made!

This one day event will be held on September 14, 2024. Talented author and speaker, Gaye Lindfors, will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and programming. For more information on registration, please email Chelsea at chelsea.basset@gmail.com

Crossways has many events throughout the year for all ages.

Crossways Camps hold events throughout the year for all ages, not just kids! Make sure to check out their events & take part if you are able!



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
- 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

- 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)-628-2228.

If you would like prayer for something specific but would like to keep it confidential, please feel free to contact us with those as well.



<u>Calvary</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
1 st – Rita Kreeger	2 nd – Joy Carlson
3 rd – Stan Phelps	3 rd – Samuel Oswald
12 th – Mark Arneman	4 th – Heather Gaedtke
13 th – Kim Braun	4 th – Michael York
13 th – Abby Ouellette	6 th – Devon Plagemann
14 th – Diane Larson	8 th – Andrew Voelker
16 th – Kerry Rivest	14 th – Madison Neu
17 th – Cindy Schmidt	16 th – Holly Gotstein
23 rd – Carter Gass	19 th – Don Koeser
23 rd – Doug Hoffman	19 th – Gina Wolff
26 th – Sandra Fechner	20 th – Karla Hadler
26 th – Trevor Ruoho	20 th – Susan Jinks
28 th – Sara Laurin	20 th – Ralph Markowski
	20 th – Jami Rittich
	21 st – Austin Campbell
	31 st – Jace Weaver

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



Calvary

- 2nd – Ken & Monica Mittag
- 6th – Brian & Barb Jensen
- 7th – John & Rita Kreeger
- 14th – Teri & Scott Zipperer
- 29th – Jimmy & Delores Parker

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

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Church Office Hours

Mondays 12-4pm (Summer Hours)

Tuesdays: 900-1:00

Thursdays 9:00-1:00

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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	Evening Worship	6pm	Calvary
7 th	WOW	11am	St. Paul
12 th	Days for Girls	1-4pm	St. Paul
13 th	Council Meetings	5:45pm 6:45pm	Calvary St. Paul
18 th	Noisy Offering		St. Paul
19 th	Newsletter Articles Due		
20 th	Faith Circle	10am	St. Paul
22 nd	Book Club	3pm	St. Paul