



THE VISITOR
JULY 2023

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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Calvary members recently learned that **Pastor Rufus** has resigned his call and is moving to Minnesota where he will join his family in Woodbury, a suburb of St. Paul. His last Sunday with Calvary will be July 30th when the congregation will celebrate his ministry and bid farewell to Pastor Rufus and his family. There are lots of emotions in a pastoral transition from sorrow and sadness in leaving to joy and excitement for what may lie ahead. Pastor Rufus has certainly left his mark on the life and mission of Calvary. His personal interest in and outreach to others, his care and compassion for the ill and grieving, and his willingness to serve in so many different capacities have been deeply appreciated and a shining example for others. Pastor Rufus comforted people in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of loved ones. His technological gifts were a tremendous asset during the pandemic and beyond. He has touched the lives of many, many people. On July 30 we will have one service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a reception as we give thanks for his ministry and bid him farewell. We lift Pastor Rufus Kudee, Lucinda and Rufina in prayer as they take up life in a new home and community and walk into God's promised future. We pray the Lord to bless them, keep them and give them peace.

With the departure of Pastor Rufus there will be need for lay people to step forward and assist in various capacities. For example we need someone to serve as **Coordinator of Worship Assistants**, i.e. someone to schedule readers and communion assistants for Sunday worship. If you have such a gift and a willingness to serve in that role, please speak to me or Cheryl Vanderkam. And there will be other areas where lay members can step forward to serve.

I also want to address a matter related to the sacrament of **Holy Communion**. The pandemic necessitated a host of extraordinary measures in order that Word and Sacrament ministry might continue. Now that we are back to more normal patterns of life and worship, those practices are ended. Specifically the practice of having a cabinet in the entry way with communion elements available is ended.

Holy Communion is properly celebrated in worship when the bread and wine on the altar is blessed. With words in the Great Thanksgiving the congregation remembers the steadfast love and mercy of God and how Jesus instituted the supper and commanded that it be done in remembrance of him. From the Lord's Table we distribute and share the meal with one, a sacrament of unity in the holy communion. Furthermore we believe, teach and confess that in this eating and drinking the Risen Christ is present with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Yet we also want to share this holy meal with those who cannot be present, specifically with the ill and the homebound. If you wish the Holy Communion to be shared with a homebound member, please contact the church office to request a lay or pastoral visit.

In Christ's love and peace,

Pastor Jerry Mansholt

Church Council Updates

Our Ministry Site Profile was completed during the month of May by a team consisting of Jay Beiersdorf, Bernie Erickson, Debby Hansen, Stephanie Macedo, Matt Schreiter, and Carrie Tallier. This profile was approved by the council at the May meeting and submitted to the Synod on June 1. Thank you to this team for your faithful work in developing a profile of our Calvary Faith Community. This profile will be shared by the synod to give prospective candidates for our position more information about Calvary and our ministry.

The Call Committee has been working under the leadership of chairperson Tanya Alsteen. During May, the committee met with Calvary staff, the church council, and began discussions about the process that will be used to select our Lead Pastor. Now that our Ministry Site Profile has been submitted, we have scheduled a meeting with Pastor Asher O'Callaghan from the Synod Office to learn more about our next steps. We look forward to receiving candidates to interview as we progress through summer. As has been previously shared, Associate Pastor Rufus Kuddee has decided to end his call at Calvary effective July 31. We all thank Pastor Rufus for his leadership and service to the people of Calvary. We wish him, Lucinda, and Rufina well as they move to Woodbury, MN. At this time, we do not have plans to begin another call process for an Associate Pastor. The council will discuss our best next steps as a congregation once a new Lead Pastor has been called.

A committee consisting of Steve Hansen, Joe McCabe, Cheryl Vanderkam, Majriela Macedo, and Stephanie Macedo have begun the work of making recommendations to the congregation regarding an updated constitution. Our goal is to recommend changes to our constitution to ensure our Calvary guiding documents more closely align with the model ELCA constitution. Hopefully these recommendations will be complete by late fall or early winter so proposed changes can be explained to the congregation prior to a vote at the January annual meeting. Changes to the constitution must be approved by the congregation at two consecutive annual meetings to be ratified.

Finally, a committee is also working with consultant Cathy Cowling to review our church structures, including staff roles, the way our council functions, the way our committees function, and how decisions are made in our congregation. They are currently reviewing the roles of committees within the church and how these committees work together to support God's work at Calvary. Thank you to Jill Decker, Char Gillis, Connie Greiser, Sue May, Ashley McCabe, and Norm Schroeder for your work on this committee.

Our council and other members of the congregation who are doing this work appreciate your prayers and support during this time of transition. The work of these groups will assist Calvary to continue to build upon our strong foundation for future ministry.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Please note that summer worship hours began Sunday, May 28th and will run through Sunday, September 3rd. Sunday worship will be at 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. with Thursday night remaining the same at 6:00 p.m.



By the grace of God and the
call of the church

Katy Duan Tomfanovich

WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY
OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023 AT 11 AM

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1301 SOUTH RIDGE ROAD

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN 54304

BISHOP ANNE EDISON-ALBRIGHT, PRESIDING
REV. DR. LEE GOODWIN, PREACHING

Luncheon to follow the service. The color of the day
is red. Clergy invited to vest and process.

Congregation is invited to attend.

**THANK YOU TO SCOTT BALFANZ FOR DESIGNING AND CREATING THE BEAUTIFUL
ARTWORK ON THE SANCTUARY'S BRICK WALL.**





Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you all for your hugs, prayers, cards, gifts and special coffee hour last month! Your love and support are always with me, and I hope you know my Calvary family is always in my prayers. God's blessings to you all.

Kris Best

PRAYER GARDEN PLAQUES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.

If you are interested in ordering a garden plaque in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one, please drop off your order at the church office. The orders will be placed periodically though-out the year. Suggested donation \$10.



Thank you to the Grumpy Old Men for such a beautiful job mulching the Prayer Garden!





CONGRATULATIONS CALVARY 2023 CONFIRMANDS

Lincoln Joseph Baenen
Regan Christine Carlson
Collin James Davis
Lillianna Jane Graf
Julianna Irene Netzel
Elliot Aiden Olm
Jackson Wayne Schuh
Parker James Servais
Grace Elizabeth Rose Soletski

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES



Benji Best – Ashwaubenon High School
Alex Brown – Green Bay West High School
Griffin Gehrke – Bay Port High School
Hutson Giannunzio – Green Bay Southwest High School
Joelle Proske – Green Bay Southwest High School
Jake LaCanne – Green Bay Southwest High School
Nathan VandeHey – Freedom High School
Madison Wagner – Ashwaubenon High School
And all other Graduates of 2023

- For anyone who would like to volunteer for:
reading, communion assistant, altar guild:

- Please go to the signup genius link below
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050549adaf22abf49-calvary#/>

or feel free to call the office at (920)494-2431

YEAR TO DATE GIVING EXPENSE

Don't forget Calvary over the summer,
because the bill collector doesn't.

May YTD Giving / Receipts	\$309,467
May YTD Expenses	(\$369,533)
YTD Net	(\$60,066)



1,000 kids now sleep in a bed of their own!

We recently delivered the 1,000th bed since starting our chapter two and a half years ago. A huge thank you to all of those who have supported us by helping to build beds, deliver beds, donate bedding, and provide the funds needed to make this possible.

Our next exciting event is a Women's Build day on Wednesday July 26th from 5-8pm. All girls and women are invited to join the UWGB Women's Basketball team as they build beds for local girls.

You can go to WI- De Pere SHP to register or use this link [Bit.ly/shpevent](https://bit.ly/shpevent) Register today as space will fill up fast!

Dan Vermeulen

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"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @shpdepere



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER MEAL

A big Thank You to the Servers and Hot Dish Makers for all their heartfelt dedication to the

New Community Shelter Meal Program!

On 6/6/23 they served 165 meals.

* Also, the new aprons are great. At least 15 people who came through the line asked where Calvary was.

* Former mayor Jim Schmidt is now a part-time funding advocate for the New Shelter. He met with our group on Tuesday. He made the comment right away that the Calvary meal is the best meal they get!



**WELCOME TO
CIRCUS**

VBS Registration is Open
"Under the Big Top"

VBS will be held from **Monday, July 31st through Thursday, August 3rd, 2023** from 9:00am to 12:00pm.
The **deadline** for registration is **Friday, July 21, 2023**.
Stop by the Office to pick up a form or contact Angel at angel@calvarygb.com for more information.

VBS Teachers Needed!

We are looking for teachers to help with the VBS Program!

Monday, July 31 - Thursday, August 3
9:00am - 12:00pm

Contact **Angel** at angel@calvarygb.com or contact the Church Office for more information or to sign up.

Vacation Bible School At Calvary Lutheran Church

We are still taking enrollments for this years VBS which will be July 31st — August 3rd! Applications can be found in the church office or by emailing Angel at angel@calvarygb.com.

Please consider having your child enjoy this wonderful week of learning and exploring God.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits!

Please bring in the following to be donated. **Items must be exactly what is listed below.** Bring items to Calvary's office. Thank you!



Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers



One pencil sharpener



One 30-centimeter ruler



Five black or blue ballpoint pens



One 2 1/2" eraser



One box of 16 or 24 crayons

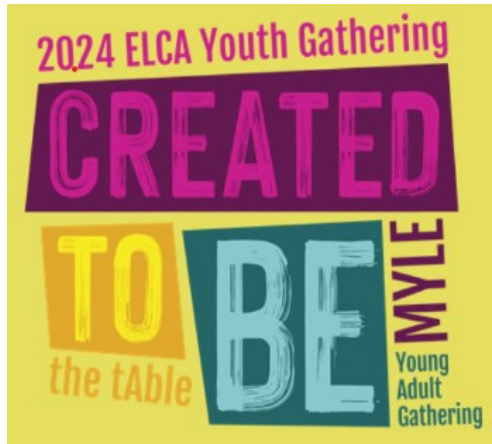


Four 70-sheet notebooks



Annie Jackson Elementary School wants to thank Calvary Lutheran Church and the Calvary Quilters for all their help! The Hunger Heroes mission to provide food and nutritious meals to Jackson School community, while enhancing family connections, is reaching new goals with Calvary's generosity.

Along with the donors & partnerships, there were 86 students assisting with Hunger Heroes in 2023. Hunger Heroes gave 241 bags of food to 124 families.



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering:

Calling all youth entering into 8th grade to high school senior!! Don't miss out on this AMAZING opportunity to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering taking place July 16-July 20th 2024 in New Orleans! Calvary will be taking a group of youth to this event to serve the community of New Orleans, enjoy fellowship with other ELCA youth, and to learn and grow in their faith. If you are interested in more information regarding the Gathering, please email Angel at angel@calvarygb.com.

WAIT THERE'S MORE! For the first time EVER, the Gathering is also hosting a Young Adult Gathering during the same time! This event is for those aged 18-35 at the time of the gathering and will run in correlation with the youth gathering. This is an awesome opportunity for young adults to experience the gathering in a setting that may be more aged appropriate. We will all be traveling together for these events! If you are interested in the Young Adult Gathering and would like more information, please email Angel at angel@calvarygb.com



Packers Family Night Fundraiser

Youth who are planning on attending the 2024 Youth Gathering will be raising money for their trip by selling tickets to the Packers Family Night taking place on August 5th.

Tickets cost \$10 each and can be ordered by emailing Angel at angel@calvarygb.com. Tickets available are limited, so grab them soon!

Volunteer Appreciation

Join us in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) on **Sunday, August 6** following the 9am service from **10:00am - 11:30am** to celebrate and recognize our amazing volunteers!

Join us for Breakfast following the 9am service.

Your time and talents are a blessing to Calvary and we want to say **"Thank you!"**



Please sign up if you plan on attending so we have the correct amount of food. If any questions, please reach out to Melanie at melanie@calvarygb.com Copy & paste link to sign-up on Signup Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44ADAA2BABFB6-volunteer>

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What's Happening

Thank you to Fran Graves for making Pocket Prayer Shawls in beautiful summer colors.

Next time you are in the church office, please feel free to take a Pocket Prayer Shawl for someone in your life who may need a little extra comfort. They easily fit in your purse or pocket and have a note attached that says, "Throughout the day, when your fingers touch this, be mindful of God's love and grace for you."



If anyone would like to make Pocket Prayer Shawls, Fran has graciously brought a copy of the pattern to the Calvary office. Please feel free to stop in for a copy.

We Care About You!

To receive a pastoral call and communion, please call the Church Office at 920-494-2431

Pastors and Communion Volunteers would love to bring communion and pray with you!



Wednesday, July 12 from 11:30am to 2:00pm

Music in the Park at Klipstine Park in Ashwaubenon.

It is Senior Citizens Day! Woodside is sponsoring the musical talent, Let Me Be Frank. This will be a toe-tapping, dancing good time!



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Visitor is the monthly newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church. Information for the newsletter can be dropped off at the Church Office or emailed to: dawn@calvarygb.com. ***The deadline for the September issue is August 18, 2023.***

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