



THE VISITOR
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Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

When I began serving as Interim Pastor one year ago this August, many people probably thought a new pastor would have been called and in place by now. But I suspected otherwise, knowing the congregation had work to do and issues to address. Calvary has done good work over the past twelve months and good work is continuing to take place. Calvary Lutheran Church is at a good place to call a new pastor.

Indeed the Call Committee was elected in late April and they have begun their work in earnest. We operate on God's time so we don't know how the process will unfold or when a new pastor will be called. As the letter of Proverbs quoted above tells us, we trust in the Lord and will not rely on our own insight. I told the Church Council at our last meeting to expect a long call process and then be surprised if it goes more quickly.

By the time you receive this newsletter Calvary will have said good-bye to Pastor Rufus Kudee at the July 30 Service of Farewell. We are grateful for his ministry at Calvary, especially his heart of compassion, deep care for people and passion for the Gospel. Pastor Rufus has shared in joys and sorrows and was an integral part of the ministry of Calvary in outreach to the community. As we give thanks for his ministry, these words will also be part of the farewell:

Almighty God...you watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:
Keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
Prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Pastor Rufus and his family and all of us to live with courage in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others.

You have heard from Andy Bake, President of the Congregation, that a Task Force is working with consultant Cathy Cowling to address the congregation's committee structure and staffing. This is very important work that will help to clarify roles and responsibilities. I encourage you to visit www.churchwerkes.com to learn more about the kind of work Cathy does. Many also will remember Cathy as the person who led the January 15, "Looking Back – Moving Forward", Congregational Event. The work of the Task Force on Structure will immensely help a new pastor and the lay leadership in carrying out the mission to which God has called Calvary.

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You have also been informed of a Constitution Committee at work. When the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America came into being on January 1, 1988 a Model Constitution for ELCA Congregations had been adopted. As a former bishop who has served in two different synods, I would estimate that 90-95% of all ELCA congregations have adopted the model constitution. Most pastors expect the congregation they serve will be guided by current church governing documents. The language of the model constitution aligns with that of synod and churchwide constitutions. Most importantly, as a former Secretary of the Church once said, the model constitution is a mission document. It provides a simple structure and guidance that fits congregations whether large or small, while allowing for plenty of flexibility in bylaws for local contexts. While it will take two successive Annual Meetings to fully adopt the new constitution, I encourage the leadership to make this work a priority.

I want to say a brief word about finances. Expenses have been exceeding income considerably during the first half of this year. Through the first six months expenses have exceeded income by more than \$70,000. Most of the expenses are in building and maintenance costs as well as in staff salaries. Little can be done immediately to address current expenses without some major disruption in the life and ministry of the congregation. But for the long term the congregation will need to adopt a ministry plan that fits within its financial capacity.

While there are some current financial concerns, I also believe and trust that God gives a congregation everything it needs to fulfill the mission to which it is called. That includes an abundance of individual gifts, talents, passions, interests, and finances among the members of the congregation. A congregation is called to operate with a theology of abundance rather than scarcity. God is a generous God who gives you everything you need for the mission to which you are called. What is often lacking in churches is clarity about God's mission in the world and a compelling vision for the congregation to participate in that mission. As a new pastor working with lay leadership focuses on mission and discerns a compelling vision for Calvary Lutheran Church, I trust the Holy Spirit will raise up the gifts needed to live into God's Promised Future.

As you look to the future, I encourage Calvary congregation to be open to where God might be leading. Trust in the Lord and God will provide.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Jerry Mansholt

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY: All Are Welcomed To Attend! You can sign up with the QR Code below or on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Come enjoy the time together to celebrate and recognize our volunteers with good food and fun music. The 9 am Worship Service will be presided by Pastor Katy Tomlanovich!

Volunteer Appreciation

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



← Use the QR Code or
sign up in the Narthex.

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



Pastor Katy Tomlanovich

Newly ordained Pastor Katy will be
preaching at Calvary on
Sunday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m.



As a reminder, there is only
one service due to
Volunteer Appreciation.

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!



Thrivent Financial Members

Thank you, Thrivent Financial mem-
bers, for designating your Choice Dol-
lars to Calvary!

With your generous designations,
Calvary was recently able to help sup-
port a new Youth Program through
EPH.

Please remember to designate your
Choice Dollars to Calvary so we can
continue helping Calvary members,
programs at Calvary and organiza-
tions in our community.

Thank you!

The Calvary Thrivent Advocates



PRAYER GARDEN PLAQUES

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.



For anyone that would like to volunteer for:
reading, communion assistant, altar guild:
Please go to the signup genius link below or
you can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
Please feel free to call the office with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050549adaf22abf49-calvary#/>

On Saturday, July 8th, The Rev. Katy Tomlanovich was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, and the communion of saints at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay. By the grace of God and the call of the church, Pastor Katy has been called to serve St. John's Lutheran Church of Morgan. Thanks be to God!





We are growing again!

We continue to expand our service area to provide more kids a bed of their own. When we started two and a half years ago we delivered to about 35% of the County. With the recent additions of Oneida, Howard, and Suamico areas we now deliver beds to over 75% of Brown County residents.

Any child ages 3-17 years old who doesn't have a bed of their own is eligible for our help. We deliver single beds and bunk beds and each bed is set up in the home with a new mattress, sheets, pillows, and a blanket or quilt. This year we've already delivered over 200 beds and we are planning for a busy fall and holiday season ahead. With your continued help and support we want to fulfill our mission that **"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"**

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NEW Community Shelter

On July 11th Calvary served 186 meals at the NEW community Shelter. Many families with children received a meal that has been described at the shelter as "The best meal served all month" Thank you to all who have and continue to support this need by making food, serving and contributing funds.

Confirmation Registration

We are now accepting registration for the upcoming Confirmation year.

Each child must register to attend.

Forms can be accessed online or a paper copy can be picked up in the Church Office. Forms and payments can be returned to the Church Office.



Confirmation

An Open House has been scheduled on **Sunday, September 10 at 9:15am.** Parents are required to attend.

Hello Sunday School Families,

Sunday School will be starting on September 10, 2023, and we are so excited to see the students back in class. While enjoying your last-minute camps, VBS, and family vacations, don't forget to register your students for the 2023-2024 year. Please find the registration form in the church office, in this newsletter, or on the Calvary website under Education.

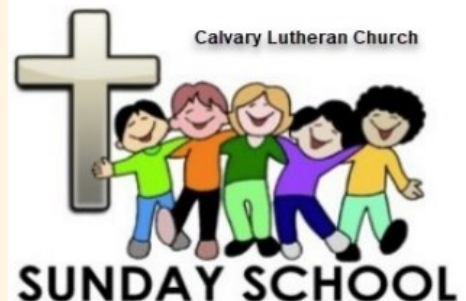
Dates to remember:

- August 27 -Teacher Blessing (Both Services)
- September 10- Rally Day and Backpack Blessing
- October 8-Bibles for 4K and Grade 2 (Both Services)
- December 10- Christmas Program (10:30)

April 21- First Communion (grade 3+)(10:30)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Melanie at melanie@calvarygb.com.

Thanks!
Melanie Brown
Calvary Lutheran Church
Sunday School Coordinator



Registration
Form 2023-2024



- Please PRINT all information -

Child's Full Name

Age Grade (this Fall) Birthdate

(Primary) Address City Zip Code

Full Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Email Phone Number

- EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION -

Full Name of Emergency Contact

Email Phone Number

- Additional Important Information -

Child's t-shirt size (please circle one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large |

Does your child have any food restrictions/allergies, or any academic or other accommodations in their schooling, we should be aware of? (Please explain.)

Permission form: Good for 2023-2024 program year

As legal guardian, I hereby give my permission for my child to participate in all Sunday school related activities sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church. I agree to indemnify Calvary Lutheran Church, Youth Ministers, Volunteers, and the Synod for any costs or expenses arising out of my child's participation in the activities including the cost of any medical care given my child or any expenses or fees incurred in any lawsuit arising as a result of any damage or injuries caused by my child in the course of his or her participation in the activity. I further give my consent to that in my absence the above-named minor be admitted to any hospital or medical facility for diagnosis and treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Would you like to volunteer? (Please check areas you are interested in.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Prayer Partner. Prayer Partners will receive a class roster and be asked to pray for the class and it's individual members throughout the Sunday School year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School classroom helper | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School substitute teacher | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School special event helper | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have other gifts and talents you would like to share? | |
| How would you like us to contact you? | |

Please return form on/before **August 27, 2023** to the Church Office or via email to melanie@calvarygb.com. Thank you so much for registering for Sunday School.



Sunday School & Confirmation Teachers Needed

We are looking for Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers!

If you are interested in being a teacher, or would just like more info, please email Melanie Brown at melanie@calvarygb.com or Angel Castro at angel@calvarygb.com.

School Kit Collection

The drop off is located outside of the church office.



1- 2 1/2" Eraser



5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils



1-30-centimeter ruler



4-70 sheet notebooks



1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

Deadline is September 1st

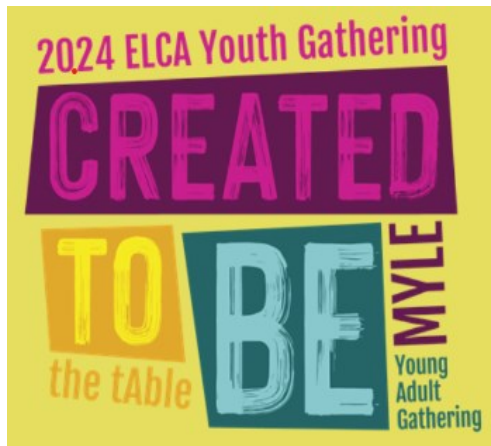


5 black or blue ballpoint pend



1 pencil sharpener

Please note: Notebooks need to be wide ruled.



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.

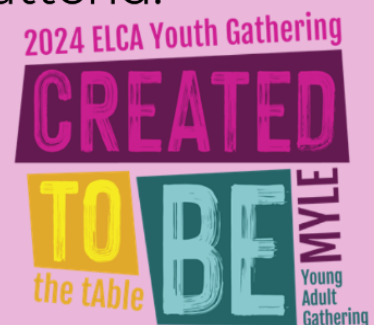
WAIT THERE'S MORE! For the first time EVER, the Gathering is also hosting a Young Adult Gathering during the same time! This event is for those aged 18-35 at the time of the gathering and will run in correlation with the youth gathering. This is an awesome opportunity for young adults to experience the 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

ELCA Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

An informational meeting will be held on
Monday, August 14 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
in the Chapel.

Everyone is welcome to attend even if you are not 100% certain you will attend.

We will be reviewing important information regarding the Gathering. There will also be a Q&A following the presentation.



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What's Happening

Calvary's 70th Anniversary Celebration

Are you interested in helping to plan Calvary's
70th Anniversary celebration?

A meeting will be held on

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 5:00pm
in the Church Office.

If you are interested, please plan to attend this
meeting. For questions, please contact
stephanie@calvarygb.com for more information!

Kickball & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 16th
from 4:30-6:00pm

Come out for a fun game of Kickball and some yummy ice
cream! Bring your friends along for a fun time!

Scan the QR code to sign up!



Exercise Classes!

Classes are held in the MPR from
8:15am - 9:00am.

Monday's - Seating or Standing Yoga
for Health (Meditation)

Wednesday's - Silver Sneakers EnerChi

Friday's - Qigong 15 Transitions of Movement

Virtual options available as needed. All classes
are great for all levels focused on active agers.





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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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