



*For freedom Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1).*

In his letter to the congregation in Galatia, the Apostle Paul stressed the freedom of the Gospel, specifically that Christians are freed from the law of Moses. Some in Galatia seem to have thought the message of Jesus Christ was good news but the law still needed to be followed. They thought Gentile followers of Jesus were expected to take on the heritage of Israel and keep these laws. Thus male Gentile believers needed to be circumcised as Jewish men had. Believing Gentile families were to keep a kosher table in their meals at home and observe the dietary laws in the congregational meals as did Jewish followers. Paul argued Christ has set us free from the law as well as from the power of sin and death.

We rejoice in freedom. Especially in this country we celebrate freedom. Let freedom ring we cry out, remembering those who have given their lives in wars from revolutionary days to the present. But Paul is quick to point out to the Galatians, and to us, that freedom does not absolve us of responsibilities. Paul says,

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:13-14)

We are in the midst of a stewardship campaign themed, "Freed to Serve". For a number of Sundays representatives from ministries supported by Calvary are telling the story about the impact of Calvary's outreach upon the lives of people. The ministries highlighted include:

- St. John's Ministries
- New Community Shelter
- Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
- Crossways Camping Ministry
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- ELCA World Hunger

I know that Rev Dan Rift, the Director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Response, will remind us God's mission is global as well as local and that financial support of synod and churchwide ministries brings hope and healing to the lives of people whose names we will never know and whose faces we may never see. Calvary has been generous with mission support throughout its history. Calvary's mission support, along with that of the 9,000 ELCA congregations throughout the United States and the Caribbean, means the broader Church is doing work in places where we cannot physically be present ourselves.

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Bishop Anne Edison-Albright will be at Calvary on Sunday, November 5, preaching in both services. She will also meet with the congregation between services and talk about some of the exciting things happening in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin as well as in other places in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The bishop will share stories of how Calvary is participating in God's mission because of your generous mission support.

October 22 is Celebration/Consecration Sunday when members of the congregation will be invited to present their Statements of Intent for the coming year. I hope you will make an extra effort to be present that day. I hope also you will give prayerful thought and consideration to how you can support Calvary's participation in God's mission in the world.

We Christians do not "lay down the law" and say this is what every member must do to be in good standing. We take seriously the Good News of Jesus Christ, that we are freed from the demands of the law. We are freed also from the power of sin that makes us curve inward and think only of ourselves. But we do exhort one another to not grow weary in doing what is right (Galatians 6:9). There is much in the Church, here at Calvary and in the larger Church, that is worthy of our financial support. Good things are happening within the life of Calvary, including the calling of a new pastor. Lives are touched as faith is formed and love and service is encouraged among us. Generous financial support will help insure that good work continues to happen within the congregation and in the mission of the larger Church.

There are many organizations that ask for our financial support. There are many ways you and I can spend the money that has been entrusted to us. The financial appeal is different among Christians; this appeal grows out of God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ. The Spirit of the Risen Christ moves among us and blesses us with what Paul calls "the fruit of the Spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Notice that word "generosity" among those gifts. I pray Calvary, caught up in the life of the Spirit, would be known for extravagant generosity. Generous in love, generous in kindness, generous in speaking of one another, and, yes, generous in financial support of the Church. We have been "Set Free to Serve."

In Christ's love and peace,

Pastor Jerry Mansholt

## Scholarship

Are you a college student currently enrolled in a Christian University pursuing a degree in a ministry related service?

If so, the Calvary Endowment Trust Committee is accepting scholarship applications for the 2023 second semester.

Please request an application from the church office.

Submit completed application no later than January 15, 2024.

Scholarships will be awarded by January 31, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact

Lynn Des Jardin ([920-494-2431](tel:920-494-2431)) or

text David Gehrke ([920-494-2036](tel:920-494-2036)). Thank you.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

A heart-felt thank you to everyone that  
has donated  
supplies and time for the  
Lutheran World Relief  
health kits, school kits, and quilts.  
The compassion and generosity from all  
of you, is a true blessing!

### Annie Jackson Elementary School Food Pantry Food Drive

The food drive will take place

**October 1 - 31.** Food items may be  
dropped off outside of the Church Office.

Pancake Mix  
Canned Veggies  
Canned Fruit  
Bags of Sugar / Flour  
Oil  
Stuffing  
Peanut Butter



Rice  
Cereal  
Noodles  
Fruit Juice  
Crackers & Snacks  
Canned Soup  
Granola Bars



### Genesis Preschool



We have had a great first month of school! We have gotten to know each other and are having so much fun in the classroom. During the month of October, we will be going on our first field trip. We will be heading to a pumpkin patch! We will do lots of pumpkin artwork and stories to go along with that before we celebrate Halloween at the end of the month.

For more information about Genesis, please call 920-494-2431 ext 110 or email [april@calvarygb.com](mailto:april@calvarygb.com)



For anyone that would like to volunteer for:  
Reading, Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Acolyte:  
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#/>

**Join the Quilters and Create New Friendships  
While Creating a Quilt!  
Every Wednesday 8:30 am—11:00 am  
in the Lounge.**



### **Quilter Requests**

The Quilters are looking for donations of  
fabric, batting, thread, yarn, and twin-sized  
flat sheets  
(gently used is okay).  
You can drop off donations in the drop box  
outside of Calvary office.



## Tator Tot Casserole

Foil pans are available in the Multi- Purpose Room kitchen for you to use. Please make this ahead of time and freeze it. Please do not bake it. Bring it to Calvary by 12-noon, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, for the NEW Community Shelter meal. Label it and put it in the freezer in the MPR kitchen. Thank you!

### Ingredients

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1- 32oz package of tater tots
- 2 medium onions
- 1 lb frozen mixed vegetables OR 2 cans of green beans

Brown the ground beef and diced onions. Drain. Combine the meat mixture, soup, and vegetables. Mix thoroughly and pour into a 9 x 13 disposable aluminum pan (from Calvary). Top with tater tots. Cover with foil.

### **Tator Tot Casserole**

Our volunteers serve over 300 meals the  
**2nd Tuesday of each month.**

When dropping off the prepared casseroles,  
please store them in the church freezer.  
Contact the Church Office to volunteer!



### **NEW Community Shelter**

On September 12th Calvary served 158 meals at the  
NEW community Shelter.

Many families with children received a meal  
(our famous Tator-Tot Casserole) 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.



## Dates to remember

First I'd like to thank the Calvary Quilters for their support of not only our chapter but also the Appleton and Oshkosh chapters of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The kids are always excited to see your beautiful quilts and they will certainly bring smiles to their faces.

We've had a very busy start to the fall season building and delivering beds for local kids. Our team has two more build events planned this year. The first is Saturday October 28th from 8-11am and then we wrap up 2023 with a final build on Saturday December 30th from 8-noon. Even if you aren't able to help, you're invited to stop and see how the community comes together to make a huge difference. All our builds are held in our workshop located at 2132 E Deerfield Ave in Suamico which is just off the Lineville exit. More information and registration can be found at ***Sleep in Heavenly Peace WI De Pere website***

We have a video that will be shown on Sunday October 8th during the services and I will be talking more about our mission and answer any questions at 9:15 on October 22nd. I hope you can join me and learn more about our mission that **"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"**

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## Packer Parking

2023 - 2024 Packer Parking Fundraiser



If you are interested in volunteering for Packer Parking, please scan the QR code below to sign up.



Contact Angel at  
[angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)  
with any questions.



Or use the sign up genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44ADAA2BABFB6-20232024>

## Corn Maze Youth Event

**Saturday, October 7 at 1:00pm**

Students should plan to meet at 1:00pm.

**Blazer's Acres**

**2556 School Lane, Green Bay**



Sign up using the QR Code  
or contact Angel at  
[angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)

**Families are also  
welcome to join!**



## Youth Pumpkin Decorating

Come and decorate a pumpkin  
in Calvary's Lounge on

**Sunday, October 22**

**3:00pm - 4:00pm.**



Sign up using the QR  
Code or contact  
Angel at  
[angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)



## GORG GAME NIGHT

This game is a youth favorite!

Join us for an evening of fun!

**Thursday, October 26**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm**



Sign up using the QR  
Code or contact  
Angel at  
[angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com).

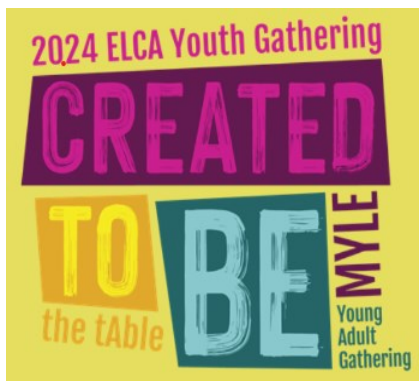
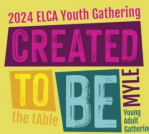


## Youth Gathering Fundraising

The Youth are doing an **"Envelope Giving Fundraiser"** for the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Are you interested in  
contributing?

Pick up an envelope in the  
Narthex and place the envelope  
with your donation  
into the offering plate.



## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering:

Calling all youth entering into 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)

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# What's Happening

## 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!



## Freed to Serve

"Stewardship 2023"

Join us each Sunday to learn more about the ministries that  
Calvary Lutheran Church supports!

**September 10:** St. John's Ministries - Jesse Brunette

**September 17:** NEW Community Shelter - Jim Schmidt

**September 24:** Lutheran Social Services - Sarah Halstead

**October 1:** Crossways Camps - Melissa Smith

**October 8:** Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Dan Vermeulen

**October 15:** ELCA World Hunger - Rev. Dan Rift

*Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in  
due season we will reap if we do not give up  
(Galatians 6:9).*



Just a reminder that you can watch Sunday

Worship on Calvary's YouTube channel.

Please go to our website

<https://www.calvarygb.com/home>

and click on the

[Calvary's YouTube Channel](#)



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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 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](mailto:dawn@calvarygb.com). ***The deadline for the November issue is October 19, 2023.***

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