

The Visitor

Calvary Lutheran Church | August 2025



2025 Confirmation Camp

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This year, we had 11 students at Confirmation Camp! Read more on page 7.

Letter from the Pastor

Through Every Door

As August unfolds, we find ourselves standing in that holy threshold between endings and beginnings. The warmth of summer still lingers, yet there's a familiar shift in the air: store shelves fill with school supplies, calendars crowd with upcoming commitments, and we sense that the door to a new season is slowly swinging open.

This month, we bring to a close our *Summer of Psalms*, a worship series that invited us to dwell in the raw, honest poetry of Scripture. Through psalms of praise, lament, trust, and thanksgiving, we were reminded that our full, complicated lives are welcome in God's presence. Thank you to everyone who shared a favorite psalm or a personal story—your voices helped deepen our collective song of faith.

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Now, we find ourselves with one foot still in summer and the other stepping through the doorway into fall.

As we cross that threshold, we prepare to return to the *Narrative Lectionary*, the grand sweep of Scripture that starts in Genesis and carries us through the story of God's people—and our place in it. We'll walk with Abraham and Sarah, wrestle with prophets, and hear anew the promises of Jesus. It's a story that reminds us: God is with us in every season, guiding our steps through every door we cross.

So, whether you're starting a new grade, returning from time away, or simply sensing the turn of the season in your spirit, may this be a time of renewed purpose and holy expectation. And as we walk forward together, may we trust that God is already on the other side of every threshold, ready to meet us with grace.

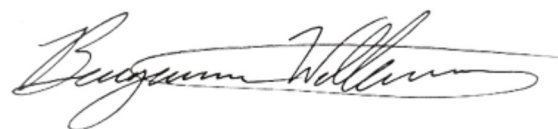
I will leave you with this blessing from Meta Herrick Carlson:

FOR WALKING THROUGH DOORS

*Before you pass though
stop long enough
to hear your hopes for the other side.*

*You cannot know for sure just yet,
which paints this portico in adventure.
It's the unknowable that makes it wild.*

See you along the way,



Pastor Ben



WORSHIP REMINDER:

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service times
resume beginning on Sunday, September 7, 2025



Pet Blessing



Sunday, August 10, 1:00 p.m. || In the Prayer Garden

Bring your furry family for a short service and blessing in Calvary's Prayer Garden! Be sure to bring a chair.

Please keep your pets contained or on a leash to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all in attendance.



Worship in the Garden

Thursday, August 21, 2025 || 6:00 p.m.

Join us Thursday evening in the Prayer Garden. Enjoy a campfire and s'mores after worship - don't forget to bring a chair!

Rain location will be the Sanctuary

Join in on the fun!



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 • 9:30 A.M.

Marquette Park • 1061 Hickory Hill Dr. Green Bay

Featuring: The Talk of the Town Jazz Band

Join us for music & worship at Marquette Park! Bring a chair and pack a picnic lunch if you'd like to hang out after the service.

We can't wait to see you there!

Rain location will be the MPR



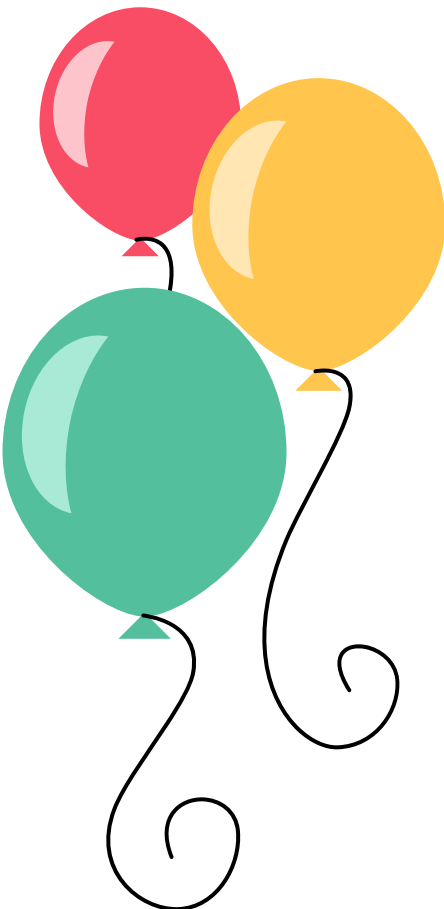
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RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

(Education Hour)



Join us on Sunday, September 7, to kick off the new program year! Meet up with new and familiar faces as we celebrate our continued mission, vision, and values. Be sure to wear your new Calvary merch! Here's some of what you can expect at Calvary's Rally Day:

- Enjoy the Confirmation Class open house
- See the start of Sunday School
- Participate in a service project
- Get your picture taken for the new photo directory

We can't wait to see you there!



Sunday School Registration

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 year! You can pick up a registration form at church starting on Sunday, August 3, or download and complete the form on Calvary's website under the Education/Sunday School tab. Sunday School is open to students age 4 (preschool) through Grade 5. We look forward to having you join us to learn more about God's love for us!

Interested in becoming a Sunday School Teacher?

Reach out to Melanie at melanie@calvarygb.com

Church Council & Calvary Staff

Spotlight

We're shining a spotlight on our Church Council and Calvary staff - learn more about their connection to the church and a few fun facts!

Nancy Burns
Church Council Member

Church & Faith Life

Tim, my husband of 58 years, accepted a job offer from Green Bay Packaging in 1991 and we purchased a home on the west side of Green Bay. We had been very active in our church in Rockford, Illinois, and sent our children to Rockford Lutheran High School. When we met Pastor Earl, who also graduated from St. Olaf College, we knew we had found our new church home. Our parents and grandparents were both active in their Lutheran congregations and served as mentors to us. My personal mentor was my father, a man with a prominent position who served as a Sunday School teacher his entire adult life and was generous to his church and family. I served as Bible School Chairman, founder of Hope Circle, lay reader, and banquet and reception specialist in our former church and board member of Rockford Lutheran High School. My husband served on the Church Council, as women didn't do that then!



Leadership & Vision

I bring the skills of having managed budgets, personnel, and working with a school board as a Wisconsin School Administrator. I enjoy reading scripture in church and being a part of many aspects of giving in our church. I offer my time and talents to serve God and his children and make a positive difference in the lives of my fellow citizens. My favorite word is Hope, as my faith is based on nothing less than Jesus Christ. God is at work at Calvary revitalizing and continuing our mission to be his servant to those in need of comfort and faith in our community, nation, and world.

Personal & Fun

I think a story that my husband tells always makes me laugh. He tells everyone that he plays second fiddle in his house! Yes, I played the violin until ten years ago. I am the wife of Captain Timothy Michael Burns, who I met at St. Olaf College and served our Nation in Vietnam. I am the mother of Carey, who married Kevin, and lives in Ripon. Carey's daughter, Kayla, was baptized at Calvary and married Calvary member Austin. They are the parents of our two great-granddaughters, baptized at Calvary. We also are the parents of Patrick, who married Amy, and they have three children and live in Suamico. My favorite hobby is genealogy and my second passion is traveling. Tim and I have been to all 50 states and 15 foreign countries. I was a teacher, principal, and a Wisconsin School Superintendent for 34 years.

Einstein's Riddle

How to Play:

- Read through the clues and mark the basic ones (the first clue has been done for you). Some clues will be indirect, so you'll need to use logic to solve the riddle.
- The game ends when every clue is used, the grid is filled, and you figure out who is who!

Susie's new church is very lively and she wants to learn who is who! Help Susie figure out each member's preferred worship time, what they volunteer for, how they help during worship service, and how long they've been a member.

- ~~The member who attends the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service helps in the choir.~~
- Martha helps with communion.
- The volunteer who helps in the food pantry has been a member for 23 years.
- Simon attends worship later on the same day as John.
- The member who has been at the church for 12 years helps as an usher.
- The member who attends the Thursday 12:00 p.m. service volunteers with the confirmation class.
- Mary has been a member less time than the member who helps with communion.
- John has been a member for 20 years.
- The member who helps in the library has been a member for 12 years
- Luke attends the 6:00 p.m. service on Thursday.
- The member who attends the Sunday 8:00 a.m. service has been a member for 5 years.
- Simon helps in the library.
- John helps with Sunday School.
- The member who helps with quilting attends the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service.
- The member who helps with communion has been a member for 5 years.
- Mary helps with altar guild.

Answers on page 9

	Luke	Mary	Martha	John	Simon	2 Years	5 Years	12 Years	20 Years	23 Years	Choir	Communion	Usher	Reading	Altar Guild	Food Pantry	Sunday School	Quilting	Library	Confirmation Class
Sun 8:00											X									
Sun 9:30											✓	X	X	X	X					
Sun 11:00											X									
Thu 12:00											X									
Thu 6:00											X									
Food Pantry																				
Sunday School																				
Quilting																				
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Worship Time

	Sunday 8:00	Sunday 9:30	Sunday 11:00	Thursday 12:00	Thursday 6:00
Name					
Volunteer					
Worship Help					
Member Years					

Confirmation Camp



This June, 11 confirmation students attended Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei Village. Students learned how God's love comes near to us in many different ways and how to share God's love with others. Some of their favorite memories were: daily worship, playing team building games, and that the boys won the "Golden Plunger" (for cleanest cabin)! We are so thankful to have had this wonderful camp experience together and to grow closer as a confirmation class.



Thank you to all those who donated to send the kids to this life-changing experience. If you would like to see more photos from our time at camp, you can find them on the Calvary Lutheran Church Facebook page.

*"The word is near you, on your lips
and in your heart."
-Romans 10:8*



Confirmation Registration

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 year! You can pick up a registration form at church or download and complete the form on Calvary's website under the Education/Confirmation tab. Confirmation Class is for students grade 6 - 8. Questions? Email Angel at angel@calvarygb.com

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you to all who served and made food for the NEW Shelter meal on July 9. Well over 150 meals were served.

Next serving is Tuesday, August 12.





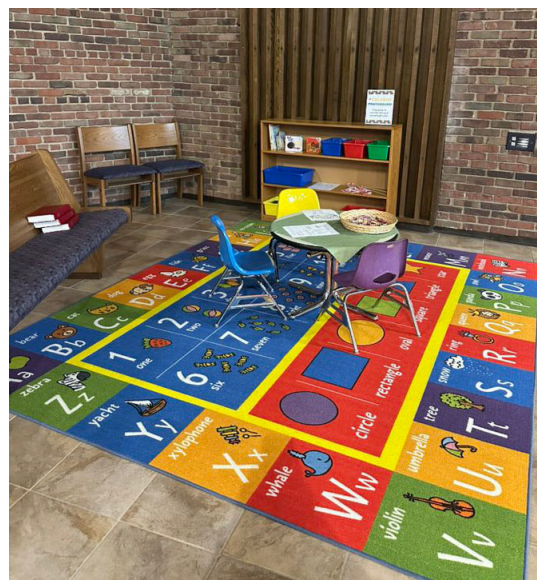

CALVARY PRAYGROUND

Have you seen Calvary's new Prayground?

Located on the left side of the Sanctuary, the Prayground is a designated space to help children engage in worship through meaningful play, creativity, and movement.

What's a Prayground?

We want children and their families to feel welcome in the Sanctuary during worship - that's where the Prayground comes in! Here, children can participate and explore the word of the Lord at their own level (and get out some wiggles!) Quiet toys, books, and activity sheets are provided and the area gets sanitized between services. Pews are close by for parents and guardians to enjoy the service while still being able to keep an eye on their little ones. Be sure to check it out next time you're at church!




NEW! Baptism Sundays

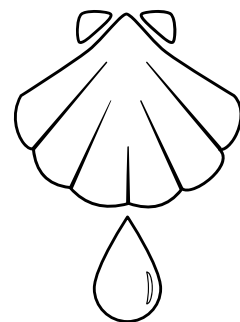
Beginning this October, we're introducing Baptism Classes and Baptism Sundays for parents and individuals who would like to get their child/themselves baptized. These classes will be a great way for people to connect and to dive deeper into what it means to be baptized. Classes occur quarterly and will be held a week or two prior to Baptism Sunday. Planned Baptism Classes and Sundays:

Baptism Classes:

- Sunday, 10/5/25, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, 1/11/26, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, 4/12/26, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, 7/12/26, 10:30 a.m.

Baptism Sundays:

- Sunday, 10/19/25, 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, 1/25/26, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, 4/19/26, 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, 7/19/26, 9:30 a.m.



For questions and to sign up for class, please contact Pr. Ben at pastorben@calvarygb.com



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Volunteers Deliver Over 370 Beds to Kids in Need This Year!

Our delivery teams have been hard at work in 2025, already delivering over 370 beds to children in need across the region. Since launching four and a half years ago, the SHP WI-De Pere chapter has provided nearly 2,600 beds to kids who previously had none.

We continue to grow its reach, now serving families throughout Brown and Kewaunee Counties.

As we head into its busiest season of the year, we're calling on the community for help. We can always use more hands to build and deliver beds. If you'd like to make a real difference in a child's life, join us!

To volunteer, visit shpbeds.org and search for the WI-De Pere chapter.

Contact: Dan Vermeulen

(920) 737-0359 | dan.vermeulen@shpbeds.org



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Sun 8:00	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Sun 9:30	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Sun 11:00	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Thu 12:00	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
Thu 6:00	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Food Pantry	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Sunday School	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
Quilting	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
Library	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
Confirmation Class	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Choir	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Communion	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Usher	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Reading	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Altar Guild	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
2 Years	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
5 Years	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
12 Years	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
20 Years	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
23 Years	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓

Einstein's Riddle Answers

Puzzle on page 6




Worship Time

	Sunday 8:00	Sunday 9:30	Sunday 11:00	Thursday 12:00	Thursday 6:00
Name	Martha	John	Simon	Mary	Luke
Volunteer	Quilting	Sunday School	Library	Confirmation Class	Food Pantry
Worship Help	Communion	Choir	Usher	Altar Guild	Reading
Member Years	5	20	12	2	23

Picture Day!



A new photo directory for Calvary is in the works, so we need your picture! Mark your calendar for the following picture days:

- Sunday, 8/31, 9:15 a.m.
 - Thursday, 9/11, 4:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, 9/7, 9:00 a.m.
 - Sunday, 9/14, 9:00 a.m.
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No registration necessary, we'll be taking photos on a first come, first serve basis. The picture studio will be set up in the conference room down the staff hallway and will remain open for at least one hour after the start time, but we'll be sure to get everyone in if it takes longer. If you plan on getting your picture taken at church, fill out the bottom portion of this page and bring it with you.

Have a photo you already love? Send it in! Pictures can be emailed to Holly at holly@calvarygb.com. Please include all of the information below in your email so our records are up to date.

Thank You!



Bring this form with you when you get your picture taken at church!

Calvary Directory Update

Please Print

Name(s): _____

Immediate family not pictured: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Main Number: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Landline Alternate Number: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Landline

Email: _____ ☐ Send me a digital copy of this photo

DO NOT include in the directory: ☐ Address ☐ Phone Number ☐ Email

Thank You!

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Worship Service Schedule

**Summer Sunday
Worship Services
(5/25 - 8/31)**

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

**Thursday Worship
Services**

6:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

All are welcome! ✨

GET INVOLVED

For anyone that would like to volunteer for reading, communion assistant, altar guild, and acolyte, you can use the signup genius link, QR code, or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please feel free to call the office with any questions. *Thank you!*



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44ADAA2BABFB6-56323393-calvary#/>

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Worship Schedule

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

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m.

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