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The Calvary Communicator



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Life Lessons from Kayaking

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I would regularly come face to face with one of those boulders. When it was a ways off, I had time to decide whether I wanted to paddle to the left or the right of the boulder. But not deciding, and instead letting the moving water carry me forward would be ridiculous. I would crash head-on into the rock and probably capsize.

The farther away from the boulder I was, the more time I had to decide which way to go, left or right. The earlier I decided, the more time I had to paddle around the rock. If I squandered precious seconds in deciding, I put myself in the awkward position of having to paddle like crazy to avoid that huge unmoving object ahead of me.

Let's assume that I passed the rock safely. Very soon I would find myself staring at the next boulder, and the process of deciding would start all over again, and again and again. The appearance of occasional flat (quiet) water blesses the frantic paddler - a time to coast, steer, and enjoy nature.

Inevitably more borders lie ahead to paddle around, and there might be rapids, which would require a series of decisions about how best to navigate the turbulent water, the eddies, the boils, the lateral waves, and the slides.

As we can see, when kayaking, making decisions is a matter of self-preservation. We want to reach our takeout point both exhilarated and in one piece, not to mention feeling relieved.

As your interim pastor, I'm thinking that God made our lives to be like this - some days are spent on quiet water, coasting along and enjoying God's good creation, while other days are filled with decision after decision because obstacles lie ahead of us. Since we don't have all the time in the world, we make the best decisions we can and then move on.

We may clear one obstacle and then crash into the next one. We don't have time to look back and wish we'd made a better choice back there. The river doesn't wait for us. We have to get our bearings and paddle on. May God bless our journeys and be there at our final takeout point. –

Interim Pastor Steve

Upcoming Events



Brat Sale **10-23**

Spaghetti Dinner **11-13**

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Our Mission Statement

**Empowered with God's Spirit, we worship by:
Opening our hearts to all.
Letting God's love, joy and peace in Jesus Christ
Shine through us**

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if you have any ideas for
fundraising for our church.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

So far this year we have been collecting hygiene items (washcloths, bars of soap, plastic soap boxes, toothbrushes – no cases) and small toys. Additional items needed: combs, socks, school supplies (sets of crayons, colored pencils or markers, pads of paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens), small stuffed animals and MORE TOYS –jump ropes, cars, puzzles, balls, etc. Remember these items have to fit in a shoebox....please keep the size appropriate. Our goal is to fill 150 boxes.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Susan Lavery | 10-04 |
| Kristen Carnahan | 10/14 |
| Pastor Bob Wang | 10/21 |
| Finley Lavery | 10/22 |
| Barb Snyder | 10/25 |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Amber & Kevin Coursey | 10-13 |
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Christian symbol



RAINBOW—The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.

Italian Dinner

Saturday

November 13

Basket Raffle



**Salad, Spaghetti,
Italian Sausage
Dessert, Refreshment**

In honor of VETERANS DAY

ALL VETERANS

To receive free dinner!!

**Adults - \$12.00
Children 6-12 - \$7.00
Under 4 eat free**

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Calvary Church
1511 Wilmot Avenue
Twin Lakes, WI
(just south of Lakewood School)**

OCTOBER 2021 PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill your duty on the Sunday assigned to you, please trade weeks with someone.

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| OCTOBER 03 | HU Tom Krumpen UG Dave Stevens | L Donna Noffsinger C Kathy Wolfe BF Barb Reynolds | S Kevin Coursey N Amber Coursey |
| 10 | UG UG Kathy Wolfe | L Sarah Greenwood C Linda Stoddard BF Linda Stoddard | S Kevin Coursey N Kathy Wolfe |
| 17 | HU Tom Krumpen UG Sarah Greenwood | L Marlene Engstrom C Bonnie Porps BF Barb Snyder | S Kevin Coursey N Amber Coursey |
| 24 | HU Glen Carnahan UG Kathy Wolfe | L Tom Krumpen C Nancy Cayo BF Kathy Wolfe | S Kevin Coursey N Amber Coursey |
| 31 | HU Tom Krumpen UG Dave Stevens | L Donna Noffsinger C Kathy Wolfe BF Barb Reynolds | S N Amber Coursey |

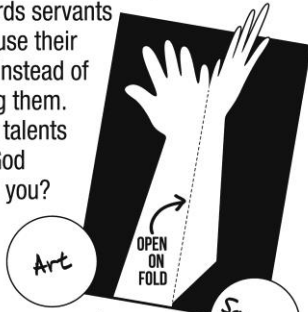


The **3rd Sunday** of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**.

Collection baskets are always in the Narthex. Please pick up extra items as you shop and remember to donate. The Pantry is always in need of cash donations; they can be sent directly to the Twin Lakes Food Pantry.

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

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|---|---|------|---|--|----|----|-----|---|--|
| 1 | 5 | x 3 | = | | 6 | 6 | x 6 | = | |
| 2 | 7 | x 4 | = | | 7 | 9 | x 3 | = | |
| 3 | 4 | x 6 | = | | 8 | 3 | x 8 | = | |
| 4 | 2 | x 10 | = | | 9 | 10 | x 4 | = | |
| 5 | 9 | x 5 | = | | 10 | 11 | x 8 | = | |

KEY

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|--------|--------|--------|
| A = 28 | J = 50 | S = 88 |
| B = 35 | K = 21 | T = 45 |
| C = 14 | L = 63 | U = 64 |
| D = 25 | M = 15 | V = 32 |
| E = 33 | N = 24 | W = 80 |
| F = 72 | O = 77 | X = 56 |
| G = 40 | P = 54 | Y = 20 |
| H = 36 | Q = 9 | Z = 48 |
| I = 27 | R = 16 | |

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV



Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things

For love of animals

St. Francis of Assisi, known for his affection for animals, is honored on October 4. Some congregations observe this day by blessing pets, remembering that God pronounced animals — along with all creation — good. God saved not only Noah’s family but animals of all kinds from the Flood. And despite Jonah’s protests, God had compassion on Nineveh — “and [its] many animals” (Jonah 4:11). How intriguing that the prophet adds this point!

Care for all living creatures is clearly part of the divine character. Animals don’t do anything to earn God’s favor except be themselves. From this, we can learn that God pours out love unconditionally. As Psalm 36:6 (CEV) declares, “All people and animals are under your care.”

October 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Worship 10:15 am Coffee Hour Following Worship | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3  World Communion Sunday | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Last Brat Sale of the Season |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 |  Little Pumpkin | | Upcoming in November Spaghetti Dinner November 13 | | | |

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WORSHIP SERVICE
10: 15 a.m.

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