

CALVARY & ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

May 2024

May Worship Themes

May 5

Theme: Continue to Believe

Bible: Acts 10:44-48, I John 5:1-5

Message: How do we become a Christian

May 12

Theme: Continue to Believe

Bible: Psalm 1

Message: Which way to live

May 19

Theme: Fired Up

Bible: Acts 2:1-21

Message: Guest Preacher- Steve Polster

May 26

Theme: Continue to Believe

Bible: John 3:1-17

Message: One who listened and acted

Emergency Pastoral Care

920-421-1968

***Pastor Michael's e-mail!**

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E-mail Updates*

Please notify the office of any e-mail changes and birthdays.

If you know of e-mail updates of members and friends,
please feel free to send along this newsletter.

Thanks so much!

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Calvary and Zions Website

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SAVE THE DATE

There will open house for Pastor Morris and Jolene on Saturday June 22 from 1-3 pm at Calvary. This will be to enjoy time with Micheal and Jolene and have some refreshments.

COST FREE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several ways in which you can help support missions that don't cost you anything. Marketplace (formerly, Econo Foods) grocery receipts can be turned in at the church. We get cash back for all your purchases. Year to date we have collected proceeds of **\$276.61**. Thank you to Marty Bagley and Susan Cattle for adding the receipts and turning them in.

MAILING ADDRESS

Both Churches have PO Box and do not receive mail to physical addresses:

Calvary UMC

PO Box 168 Egg Harbor, WI 54209

Zion UMC

PO Box 344 Fish Creek, WI 54212

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Calvary now has a defibrillator purchased from funds that were collected in the memory of Paul Peterson. We would like to know who would be interested in learning how to use it. If you would like to be included in a one-time session with professional instruction, please give your name to Becki in the office. You can either call or email.

May Mission of the Month: United Way of Door County

United Way of Door County exists to build a community where all people can achieve their full potential through education, financial stability and healthy lifestyles. Stakeholders include donors who entrust the organization with monies; volunteers who contribute time and talent; partner organizations who provide direct services; and members of the community whose lives are improved, directly and indirectly, by their presence. As a result, the organization is strengthening our county communities one life at a time.

Contributions marked Mission of the Month, can be sent to Calvary UMC, Box 168, Egg Harbor, WI 54209, or Zion UMC, Box 344, Fish Creek, WI 54212, or designated as Mission of the Month in the Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous response to this local mission effort.



CURRENT EVENTS @ CALVARY

Current Events is on Tuesdays at 9 am, at Calvary hosted by Joan Vahey. The meeting is held in the library.

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NOTE FROM JUDIE

Duane's Kidney Transplant Journey Update!

Thank you for your prayers and support during Duane's transplant journey! On Tuesday, April 16, he received a kidney from a living donor through Mayo Clinic Scottsdale and the National Kidney Registry. There were many miracles over many years for this to happen and we cannot praise God and these two outstanding kidney transplant centers enough.

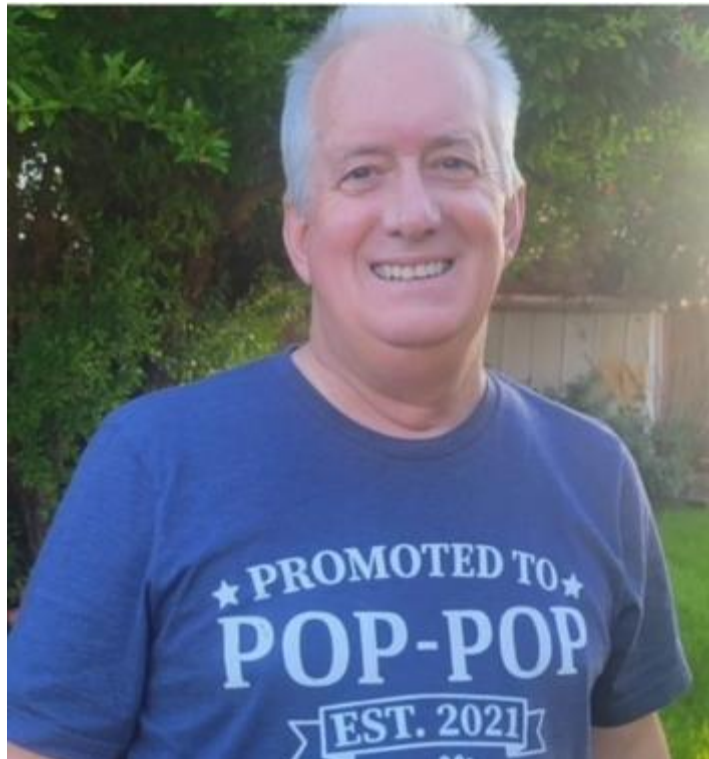
Once Duane made it known that he needed a kidney transplant a longtime friend of his selflessly signed up to donate one of her kidneys on his behalf. She wasn't a match for Duane but was for someone in FL. They were links in a kidney transplant chain!

Duane is doing great. His new kidney began working immediately and was he discharged less than 45 hours after surgery.

If you or anyone you know has ever thought of being a living donor, please look into it through the National Kidney Registry. You could give someone a gift of life.

Please continue to lift Duane in prayer for his recovery and his body to continue accepting his gift of life!

Judie Gauger



5 Days Post Op. Thanks everyone for the continued thoughts and prayers.

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Can God spread a table in the wilderness? - Psalm 78:19

A history teacher in High School said to our class "we study the past to understand the present and prepare for the future". In Psalm 78 the Psalmist is using the history of Israel and Judah to warn of a future that ignores their past. The psalmist is saying that both have forgotten the part of their history where God give them the necessities of life in the wilderness.

The wilderness was the geographic location that revealed the nature of God. God sustained the Hebrews in the wilderness until they reached the Promised Land. During their time in the wilderness, they learned to trust God and Gods' laws. They formed themselves into a nation that was to be the light of the world. From the time of the Exodus into the first Century the wilderness was the place that taught people about God and God's plan of salvation. John the Baptist brought people to the wilderness at the Jordan River to repent. It was in the wilderness outside of Jerusalem that Jesus was tempted by Satan to use His power for personal gain, and Paul went to the wilderness of Arabia for three years after his vision of Jesus on the Road to Damascus. In Mark, Jesus leads a group of Gentiles on a three-day preaching and teaching retreat into the wilderness. Instead of going to a retreat center with nice lodging and meals they went out into a desert place. Jesus is deeply touched by the response of the people following Him. The Gentiles believed and accepted that His healing and preaching was from God. At the end of the third day Jesus notices that they have ate all their food and that they were very far from any village where they might buy food. These people have come a long way physically and spiritually. Jesus does not want the transformative event from the last three days to be undone by hunger or worse, by showing little interest in their well-being. The Disciples rummage around and find some fish and bread. Jesus blesses the food, and all eat and are filled with plenty of left over. This is a story of Gods compassion not of the miracle of 4,000 being fed. Jesus does not use His power to create an elaborate feast but provides (as God did in the wilderness for the Hebrews) enough for them to have the strength to return to their homes. I believe it was the demonstration of Gods compassion that brought home all that Jesus was teaching, partially because I do not think all of the people realized that only seven loaves and a few fish were used.. All they knew was that there was enough to feed each one and no one got more than another. Gods' power is fully experienced in God's love and compassion. Jesus gathered more followers through His compassion than through His teaching. We are in a wilderness time in our country and world. We will come out of this wilderness because of compassion. Compassion will give strength to those who are working to alleviate suffering and provide necessities of life for us. Compassion will give us the strength to be uncomfortable and do without for the health of others. While we are in this wilderness, we are developing tools and ways to be teachers, pastors, medical workers, servers, and doing jobs in ways that were never taught in school or workshops. Compassion will enable us to go through the wilderness together. God will add strength to our compassion to bring about healing.

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VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR ZION JUNE 15

Volunteers are needed at Zion on Saturday June 15 from 8-1 for the Spring Classic Bike Ride rest stop. The time will be divided into shifts, volunteers can sign up for any portion of the time. Zion will receive \$800 for hosting and the money will go towards missions. It is lots of fun and free snacks. Contact Carla Johnson to sign up.

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have some news or a date you would like to pass along, email the office the information and I will get it out in either an upcoming newsletter or in an email whichever time allows.

Deadline for June's Newsletter is Thursday May 23rd.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Sue Lewis is the coordinator for our prayer chain. If you are not currently a link in the prayer chain and you would like to join, please contact Sue with your email address. Sue can be reached at FLSAL2@charter.net.

Please email Sue with your prayer request with the exact wording that you want to be forwarded. Include the information that you want shared, and it will be sent out to the members of the Prayer Chain. Thanks again to Sue. Again, her email address is FLSAL2@charter.net

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to all who contributed to the Mission of the Month for April Club 115. We received thank you cards from Northern Door Childrens Center and the Boys and Girls Club.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

We will continue to publish a brief financial report. You will notice what our year-to-date offerings have been compared to our expenses. After looking at the report, if you have any questions, please ask me.

In Christ, Michael B. Morris, Pastor

<u>Year to date through March 31, 2024</u>	
<u>Calvary</u>	
Income:	\$ 27,667*
Expenses:	\$ 20,009*
Net Income:	\$ 7.658
<u>Zion</u>	
Income:	\$ 17,225
Expense:	\$ 13,705
Net Income:	\$ 3,520
*Includes Shared Expenses	

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

1. Penni Lewis
3. Gerald Poquette
4. Billy Pitchford
8. Daniel Kiehnau
9. Donna Russell
12. Charlotte Lytle
Ron Reinhard
14. Joan Kuchar
Marty Bagley
17. Larry Desotelle
18. Claudette Garber
26. Eric Dietrich
27. Jeremy Dart
Gary Schulze

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

All suffering with illness
All recuperating from surgery
All awaiting test results
All lingering in the grief of loss
All struggling to make ends meet
All striving to bring healing in their
families
All serving in the military and
overseas

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary	6	7 9am Current Events @ Calvary	8	9	10	11
12 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary	13	14 9am Current Events @ Calvary	15	16 9:30 AM Finance & Ad Council Calvary	17	18
19 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary Guest Speaker Steve Polster	20	21 9am Current Events @ Calvary	22	23 Newsletter Articles Due	24	25
26 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary	27 Memorial Day	28 9am Current Events @ Calvary	29	30	31	