

CALVARY & ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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2024

Worship June 2024

June 2

Theme: Twenty Years later

Bible: Matthew 16.13-18, John 20.1-2, 11-18

Message: Mary & Peter

June 9

Theme: Galatians

Bible: Galatians 1.1-10, 2.15-21

Message: Saved by Faith

June 16

Theme:

Bible:

Message: Rev Steve Polster

June 23

Theme: Galatians

Bible: 5:1, 13-26

Message: Christ Has Set us Free

June 30

Theme:

Bible: Psalm 98:1-9a, John 21:1-17

Message: Continue the Song

Emergency Pastoral Care

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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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OPEN HOUSE / FAREWELL

There will be an 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 **\$466.78**. 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

June Mission of the Month: JAK's Place

JAK's Place is a program of Lakeshore CAP, Inc. which is a 501(c)3 non-profit that fosters stable, vibrant, poverty-free communities where everyone is inspired to reach their full potential.

JAK's Place is a mental health resource center that provides structured and social resources to those affected by mental illness and to their family members in need of support and information. This "free service" is funded through donations. Mental health illnesses are more prevalent than ever. Many people rely on community resources like JAK's Place to reclaim their ability to deal with everyday life. Providing funding for these resources is beneficial for all of us. Although JAK's Place has fundraisers, it is never enough to fulfill their goals. Donations are needed. You can give your donation to Mission of the Month at Calvary and Zion during the month of June. Be sure to designate JAK's Mission of the Month on your giving envelope. If you shop at Green Door Thrift in Cherry Point Mall in Sturgeon Bay, you can designate JAK's Place as a recipient.

Please consider donating to this program that assists many members of our communities.



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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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Walls

Walls are a feature of Jerusalem. If you walked any distance on just about any street, you would find walls on either side of you. In the Old City (and in some buildings outside the Old City) many of the walls are the outsides of the buildings. This city had learned over the centuries that it must protect itself from the outside world. It was learned that it must build walls and make its buildings out of stone with narrow entrances and metal shuttered windows, to keep out enemies. The history of Jerusalem is one of conquest from without and turmoil from within. This city has been conquered at least 15 times. In each of these conquests parts or the entire city were destroyed. The Romans did the best job of destruction in 66 CE. People had to protect themselves from not only invaders but from the hate of neighbors that might destroy their homes and businesses. An inner courtyard is also a common feature of the city. People learned how to protect themselves from danger from without, yet they still needed to have a peaceful place to live. The courtyard is surrounded by a wall so you cannot see the outside and this gives the homeowner a feeling of safety and peace. The courtyard is usually made to look like a garden. The more we are afraid of the outside world the more we try to make the inside world safe. If our church was just outside of the Old City, it would have been built with an 8–10-foot wall surrounding the whole property. It would have had large iron gates placed at the entrance to the parking lot and any other entrance. Future renovation projects would be to reinforce the walls and beautify the inside of the property. Walls (and gates) are an effort to separate the holy from the profane. A gate is the transition point from the outside to the inside—from the secular to the sacred. Ideally the whole city of Jerusalem was to be a holy place, so a wall was built around it to separate it from the rest of the world. As the reality of the city was seen as less than holy, sections were walled off and called holy. Officially the city had one sacred section- the Temple Mount. Unofficially (at Jesus' time) groups in and outside of the city claimed that their area was sacred because they practiced the Law (in their opinion) correctly. The Essenes and the Qumran community are good examples of groups living separate from the rest of the people. The Temple Mount is built with separate sections, each one is more holy than the other. To even go up to the Temple mount one had to take a ritual bath to wash off the outside and be "clean." When you were clean you could ascend the stairs into the court of the Gentiles, to which any could go. Women could go closer to the Temple itself as far as the court of women. Israelites, Priest, and Levites could go closer to the temple into the court of the priests. Finally, the Holy of Holies to which only the High Priests could go. The Temple mount itself is an example of trying to make something holy by making it exclusive. Walls did provide some safety and were built by various kings throughout Jerusalem's history. The walls around Jerusalem in 66 CE enabled the city to hold out for three years against the Romans. The Romans destroyed the walls around the city and the Temple to prevent Jerusalem being used as a fortress. The current city wall was built by Suleiman around the Old City in the 1500's. Many of the churches walled off their property because there were times when invaders destroyed churches. While it is true the walls were needed for protection yet now it makes the churches uninviting. The church of the Nativity in Bethlehem has a very small entry door so that no one can ride a horse through the door—it's practical but so uninviting. I even have to duck going in the door. Jesus came to Jerusalem with a bold and unwelcome idea; the holy did not have to do

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with a place but with the attitude and the action of loving. Jesus challenges people to reject fear as the primary force that affects their life. Jesus wants us to take down the wall of fear (and hate) and live in the world. Jesus wants us to make places sacred not by separating but by reconciling people to God and one another. We still need time to rest and feel safe (part of the reason of the Sabbath is a time set aside for peace), but we do not need to build a structure (either physical or psychological) to rest in that shuts out the outside world. In this time of Pentecost ask God to reveal to you all of the walls you have built and then to help you take them down. We were not made to live in fear of what might happen. We cannot live in fear of sending our children off to school; we cannot live in fear of losing our jobs, our retirement not being enough or of getting sick. We need to prepare for all these things but things that are out of our control we have to let go. If we live in fear, we will miss some blessing that is coming our way because we are in some pseudo-safe place behind a wall. One of the most meaningful churches in the holy land is on the Mt. of Beatitudes. It is a shrine church that is built in a round shape. There are four windows just at the height of a person. Each window looks in a different direction. Each window is very wide so one can see the entire outside world. The windows are to remind those on the inside that Christ had His message for the world and the world should be in view when we are in worship. Walls can keep us safe for a while, but Christ can make us safe for eternity.

HYMN SING AT ZION

July 7 at 5 pm Zion will be holding their first Hymn Sing of the season. The free will offering that they will be collecting will go to Habitat for Humanity.

ZION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

There will be an administrative council meeting on June 13th at 4 pm at the church.

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 July's Newsletter is Thursday June 20th.

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 May the United Way of Door County. We received a thank you card from Door CANcer.

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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

Year to date through April 30 , 2024

Calvary

Income: \$ 39,448*
Expenses: \$ 41,875*
Net Income: \$ -2,427

Zion

Income: \$ 22,118
Expense: \$ 19,467
Net Income: \$ 2,651

*Includes Shared Expenses



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4. Taylor Dart
- 12. Bruce Fenner
- 16. Curt Mingle
- 19. Karen Sandstrom
- 21. Rosella Trotter
- 24. Donna Koehler
- 25. Lee Basten
- 28. Lu Ann Desotelle
Ralph Taylor
- 29. Chris Fenner



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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Mission of the Month: Jak's Place

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary	3	4 9am Current Events @ Calvary	5	6	7	8
9 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary	10	11 9am Current Events @ Calvary	12	13 Zion Administrative Council Meeting 4 pm @ Zion	14	15 Century Bike Ride Refreshments at Zion
16 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary	17	18 9am Current Events @ Calvary	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 1-3 Open House for Michael and Jolene at Calvary
23 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary Guest Speaker Steve Polster	24	25 9am Current Events @ Calvary	26	27	28	29
30 8:45 Zion 10:30 Calvary Pastor's Last Day						