

# The Calvary Focus

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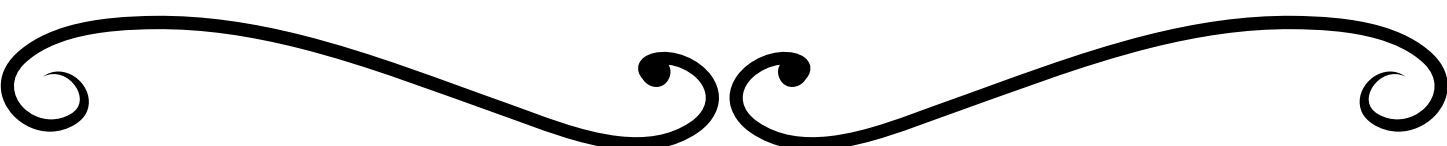
September is here! For many churches, September is a time to kick off a new year of ministry. After the slower rhythms of summer, we have an opportunity to reconnect, renew our commitments, and look forward to all that God has in store for us. This fall, we are beginning with a simple invitation: "Come and See." The Gospel of John contains three different moments when someone extends this invitation. "Come and see" is more than an invitation to show up somewhere. It is an invitation to discover something: to encounter Jesus, to ask questions, to grow in faith, and to see God at work in ways we may not have expected.

This is a wonderful invitation for us as we begin this new ministry year. Maybe you have been away for the summer and it is time to find your way back into the rhythm of worship. Maybe you have been attending faithfully and are ready to reconnect with the life and ministry of the church. Maybe you are new to our congregation. Wherever you find yourself, come and see.

Come and see what God is doing among us. Come and see what it means to be part of a community that seeks to love God and love our neighbors. Come and see how faith can shape the way we live, the way we love, and the way we serve. There is no pressure and no expectation that you have everything figured out. Jesus' invitation has always been an invitation to take a step, to ask questions, and to discover what is possible when we open our lives to God.

As we kick off this new ministry year, I hope you will join us—and I hope you will think about someone you might invite to join you. A friend, a neighbor, a coworker, a family member, or someone who simply has been looking for a place where they can belong. This September, let's come and see together what God is doing and where God might be leading us next.

In Christ,  
Pastor Amanda





- 9 Jackie Mann
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## Ladies! Let's Go to Lunch

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Spicy's Restaurant  
68717 M 62  
Edwardsburg, MI 49112  
12:30pm Carpool from the Church



The Ladies Go to Lunch group will be meeting on Saturday, September 19, to go to Spicy's Restaurant, Edwardsburg, MI. We will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. lunch. All ladies are invited to attend. Please call the church office, 574-293-0783, if you are planning to attend. Come and bring a friend or relative.

All Ladies are Welcome



"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

Psalm 95:7b-8a

We have a tendency to do what we want to do, not what God wants of us. We harden our hearts against His will.

Lord make our hearts so soft, that if a leaf were to fall on it, it would leave an indentation on it.

## Scripture Reader Schedule:

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| 09/06/2026 | Kristen William | Matthew 13:31-32 |
| 09/13/2026 | Jackie Mann     | John 1:35-46     |
| 09/20/2026 | Steve Basse     | John 4:5-42      |
| 09/27/2026 | Janet Dennison  | John 11:17-45    |



Do not forget to mark your calendars. The October Focus deadline is Sunday, September 20!!!

## Charge Conference

October 11, 2026

1:30 p.m. at Warsaw UMC



## ***SUMMER COMMUNITY PICNICS***

Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 pm

Come join us for a time of fellowship, hot dogs, brats, sides and ice cream. There will be indoor and outdoor seating. This is a free meal for everyone.

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