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## Pastoral Search Team Updates

Your pastoral search team is in the midst of studying Paul's letter to Titus. We'll follow that with a look at the letters to Timothy. These give us a great basis for searching for Calvary's next pastor. We hope everyone in the congregation will find time to read these letters as well.

The other resource we are using during the search process is a wonderful book by Pastor Chris Brauns entitled [When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search](#). Larry Bonier will be leading a Sunday morning Bible study based on this book, and we hope many of you will take part in reading and studying with him. We hope to add a second opportunity for this same study with Pastor Cathi during the week. Watch the Calvary Connections or check with the office for details. This is a different approach than we have taken before at Calvary, and we are convinced God is leading us on His path in His time.

You will also be hearing about many opportunities to join in prayer for the search process including the pastoral search team, the pastor God has in His plan for us, and our congregation. We are adopting Pastor Brauns' suggestion that we establish the following priorities for Calvary during the search. We as a church will strive to be:

- Passionately Word-centered
- Humble and teachable
- Discerning
- Diligent
- Persevering

This is a journey that will influence our congregation for the next ten years or more. Just as we spent many many months discerning whether Calvary should leave the ELCA and then what church body we should affiliate with, so we will now spend many many months identifying who we are as God's people, the direction He wants us to go, and the person He has in his mind to lead this congregation.

As always, minutes of all of our meetings are available on the table outside the office. You will also find a suggestion/question box, which is checked regularly, and lists of pastoral search team members' names, phones, and email addresses to take home. These lists were included in the August Crossroads and are available on the Calvary website as well. We would love to hear from you!



We are in the midst of a very important process at Calvary as we search for the next pastor to lead us forward. One of the prime objectives of the pastoral search team is to encourage the congregation to be very intentional about praying for the search team, the pastor God has in mind for us, and the entire congregation. One way being offered up is an hour set aside here at church each week for praying together. We have tentatively selected Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 as that time. If another time is better for you (perhaps an afternoon or evening), please let us know by dropping a note with your preference into the suggestion box on the pastoral search team table outside the office. There's no sign up or commitment. It's just a place and time to know you can always stop in to pray. Check in the office for the location of the prayer room.

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