

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & School Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Beloved in the Lord.

This letter comes to you with a small, business -sized card entitled "My One." If you were in worship on Thanksgiving Day, you have received one of these already. During this Advent season, I am inviting our entire congregation to pray for *Your One*.

Your One is an individual or family that you have personal contact with who is not in an ongoing relationship with a Church. **Your One** may be making the transition from inactivity to activity, unbelief to faith, or simply not believe that Jesus is his/her Savior. Can you identify **Your One** and write it on the back of the enclosed card? Keep your card in a conspicuous place and pray for **Your One** each day until the end of the year. Ask God to work by the power of the Holy Spirit to open their eyes to the amazing gift of Jesus they were given at the first Christmas.

I'm not asking you to invite, witness, or directly evangelize **Your One**. You can do all of those things, but I'm asking you to pray for them daily. In the coming weeks, I may ask you who **Your One** is. If you don't want to say, I understand, but I do very much want to hear your story.

This message is being sent to you by way of your new mailbox. I hope that this hasn't caused any unnecessary confusion for you. Our plans are to have two items a month sent to the congregation by way of the mailboxes. In order to keep this from becoming overwhelming, we will remove unrecovered items from the mailboxes every two or three weeks. If you can't be in church for a period of time due to travel, health issues, or concerns about the weather, please let the office know and we will save items for you or get them to you another way.

This is all part of our efforts to make the narthex space more welcoming in the broader goal of "radical hospitality." If you have any ideas how to make the narthex more inviting, the Mission and Ministry Council is interested in hearing them.

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Pastor Dan Czaplewski