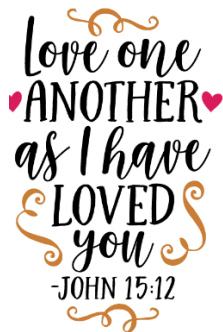
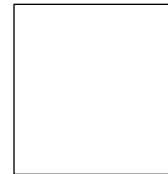


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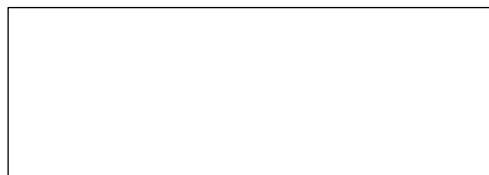


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**Kindred Lutheran Parish – Currents**

*Calvary Lutheran – Antigo*

*St. John's Lutheran – Birnamwood*



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## February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No Birnamwood Outreach Today.	2 	3
4 CLC 8:30 Worship w/communion 9:30 Bible Study With Glen SJL 10:30 Worship w/communion	5 CLC 9:00 Quilting SJL 9:00 Quilting SJL EMT/Vol Fire Dept Soup Supper	6 CLC 3:00 Church Council	7 CLC Confirmation 3:30 SJL Confirmation 5:00 CLC Calvary' Kids 5:30	8 SJL WELCA 2:00 SJL Council 6:00	9	10
11 CLC 8:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship SJL 10:30 Worship SJL 9:30 Sunday School	12 CLC 9:00 Quilting Jr. Woman's Club Mtg @ CLC 6:00	13	14 CLC Food w/Friends Community Meal SJL 4:00 Ash Wed Serv. Followed by Soup Supper CLC 7:00 Ash Wed Serv.  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 Birnamwood Outreach Valentine Themed  CLC 4:30 Media Tech Meeting  6:00 Kindred Parrish Council @ CLC	16	17
18 CLC 8:30 Worship w/communion CLC 9:30 Bible Study With Glen SJL 10:30 Worship w/communion	19 CLC 9:00 Quilting	20 CLC 6:00 Friendship Circle	21 Lenten Service @ United Methodist 5:30 Soup Fellowship devotions  CLC Calvary's Kids 5:30	22 Birnamwood Outreach	23	24
25 CLC 8:30 Worship SJL 10:30 Worship SJL 9:30 Sunday School	26 CLC 9:00 Quilting	27 <b>CLC MAKES STOCKBOX DELIVERIES TO WHITE LAKE and ELCHO</b>	28 Lenten Service @ SJL 6:00  CLC Calvary's Kids 5:30	29	<b>Confirmation Students are Expected to attend the Lenten and Holy Week Services.</b>	

**STOCKBOXES** Stocking your pantry for better choices! **Typical items:** juice, cereal, canned/dry milk, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, canned soup, peanut butter and rice, instant potatoes or pasta and American cheese.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Age 60+ AND Household income per month (before taxes and deductions):as follows:
- \$1,580 or less for 1 person household
- \$2,137 or less for 2 person household
- Add \$567 for each additional person in the household.

**REGISTRATION:**

- Senior Center 715-350-4388 – Antigo Public Library 715-623-3724 – Langlade County Clerk: 715-627-6200

A special thank you to our members that help with the deliveries: **Dick and Bonnie Strasser** (Elcho drop-off) and **Dale and Pat Peterson** (White Lake drop-off) our back-ups are **Scot Peterson and Bill Eschmann**. THANK YOU!

## February Birthdays

### CALVARY MEMBERS

- 03 – Julie Gass
- 04 – Addison Nelson  
Randy Williams
- 06 – Bill Eschmann  
Penny Schumitsch
- 08 – Mark Noskowiak
- 09 – Meghan Bussiere
- 10 – Robert Noskowiak  
Joann Schmidt
- 18 – Beth Gass  
Penny Summ
- 21 – Tristien Kuenzli  
Connor Langseth
- 22 – Steve Smith
- 23 – Denise Schmidt
- 24 – Deakon Longo  
Rachel Noskowiak
- 26 – Jamie Brown  
Kattie Conant
- 28 – Laurel Monson



### ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

- 05 – Hunter Parker
- 12 – Leonard Pingel
- 16 – Kurt Hafferman
- 21 – Derek Breyer  
Zachary Reuter

### February facts

February isn't all about Valentine's Day.

This month is also about purification. It's a month to prepare for spring: bringing the promise of longer days in the Northern hemisphere.

February is the only month of the year to have only 28 days (with the exception of leap years, of course).

It's also the only month that can go without having a full moon.

Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release!

### MEDIA TEAM MINISTRY

Who does the Power Point for Worship?

We owe a huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers that do the Power Points for Sunday Services.

**Justin Ferg (CLC)**  
**Linda Grall (CLC),**  
**Rhonda Nousen (SJJ)**  
**Shirley Theix (SJJ)**

All take turns doing the ppt for both churches, usually a month at a time. They also help and proof read each others work. This takes time but is necessary and so appreciated.

We also need to thank **Dan Young, Angie Close,** and **Melissa Ferg** for running the power point & live stream at Calvary.

***Our young students are learning to advance the slides on Sunday morning. Please be patient with them as they learn this new skill.***

*Overthinking will destroy your happiness and your mood. It will make everything worse than it actually is - take a deep breath, exhale and have "faith." What is meant to be will be.*



### Your Help Wanted. . .and needed

For the last several years **Linda Grall** has changed the information on our outdoor sign board. Besides this, she helps with Food with Friends and also serves on the Media Team and Outreach Committee. She needs help with the sign. If you are willing to help maintain current messages on the sign please speak with Linda Grall or Lynda Eschmann (church office). You would be surprised at the comments we receive about the messages and quotes on the sign.

# FOOD WITH FRIENDS

Thanks be to God 192 precious ones were fed at the community meal in January. Leftovers fed the Antigo rescue workers who received them with joy. Thank you to all who donated baked goods, cooked, served, prayed, invited people to come, and came out for the meal. How beautiful when God's people come together to love & serve neighbors and friends.



Our next Food with Friends will be held on February 14 which will also be Valentine's Day And Ash Wednesday. Calvary's service with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7:00 following the Food with Friends Community Meal.



**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – February 14.**

**SJL will hold a 4:00 Ash Wednesday Service followed by a Soup Supper.  
CLC will still offer Food with Friends Community Meal from 4:30 – 6:00 with an Ash  
Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. All are Welcome.**

This year United Methodist, St. John's (Birnamwood) and Calvary will share the Lenten Wednesday Service. You are invited to all services. The Theme for Lent will be "The Traveling Tool Box".

Wed. – Feb 21 gather at United Methodist at 5:30 – 6:00 for a Soup Fellowship and 6:00 – 6:30 for a Time of Devotion

Wed. – Feb 28 all are invited to St. John's Birnamwood at 7:00 for a Traditional Lenten Service

Wed. – March 6 gather at Calvary Lutheran at 5:30 – 6:00 for a Soup Fellowship and 6:00 – 6:30 for a Time of Devotion

Wed. – March 13 Food with Friends at Calvary 4:30 – 6:00 (All Welcome)

Followed by service at St. John's Birnamwood at 7:00 for a Traditional Lenten Service

Wed. – March 20 gather at United Methodist at 5:30 – 6:00 for a Soup Fellowship and 6:00 – 6:30 for a Time of Devotion

The Lenten Devotional Time at UMC & CLC will follow the theme "The Traveling Tool Box" with the introduction of a tool from the Tool Box during each period of Devotional Time.

- Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Calvary 6:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Service will be held at St. John's at 6:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Service on March 31 will be 8:30 am at Calvary and 10:30 am at St. John's Lutheran.

# From the Pastor



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

~ Psalm 107:1

Greetings beloved,

We've almost made it through the first month of the new year! Did you make some resolutions? Or break some? Change can be difficult! How thankful I am for our good and gracious God who does not change. You can count on that!

"His love endures forever" the Psalmist proclaims. In other translations it reads: God's mercy endures forever, God's devotion endures forever, God's lovingkindness is everlasting. My favorite comes from the literal standard version; God's kindness is for all time. God has resolved to love and care for you always, through every season and every storm. Let us resolve to keep mindful of the faithfulness of God! We must keep mindful, for there are many things that falsely try to convince us otherwise. God's kindness never leaves you, no matter what!

Each January, compilations are needed for the past year's visits, services, baptisms, etc. for the annual report. I call these "fingerprints of God", and the numbers never cease to amaze me! Within these numbers, however, are moments. Moments, I have kept in my heart created by watching God work through each of you! From up in the pulpit, seeing people moved by the hymns or choir songs being sung. Watching folks going out of their way to show kindness during the sharing of the peace, which is one of my "favorites" of service! Appreciating parents doing the difficult work of getting kids to church early Sunday morning and the happiness I feel from seeing them worship together. The jubilation of the 3rd annual Jesus Palooza! Watching the kindred parish grow with new members that God has gifted to us! The joy radiating from volunteers at the care centers and community meals. (Which by the way, have now fed over 1,700 people thanks be to God!) The grateful faces of the rescue worker and precious ones in the senior apartments enjoying the luncheons provided by the overflow of the community meals. There is truly so very, very much to be thankful for in our fellowship of faith.

There are times, however, when it is more difficult to find the fingerprints of God. It is then that I encourage you to turn Psalm 107 into a prayer of hope. God, the Holy Spirit can spotlight the things God wants to remind you about. You can pray with confidence, for eyes to see God's lovingkindness and mercy in your situation no matter the outcome. God's reassurance, devotion and comfort are available to you through prayer. God's love for YOU endures, today, tomorrow and forever. Lean upon God's love with confidence, know that it is there. Amen!

In the joy of Christ's call,

*Pastor Jen*





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When: Thursday, April 11, 2024

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount please call 1-800-640-6307  
Or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC) (pink fliers are on the info table in the Narthex.)

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### AT CALVARY

## **“A LENTEN JOURNEY TO A HOLY LAND”**

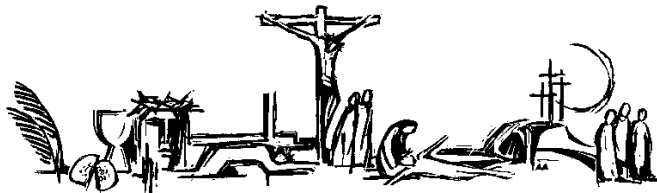
**Bible Study Lead by Glen Gildemeister**

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 16 and Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

**And if necessary, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study will start again in February and run through Lent on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of February and March. We will gather in Fellowship Hall following Calvary's Worship Service (approx. 9:30).

The focus will be on the Biblical history of the Holy Land—especially on Jerusalem—and will bring into the conversation the problem of the three Abrahamic faiths all claiming the same space as sacred. This will not be an easy journey for most people but with the never-ending war in the Middle East and the rise of antisemitism in this country we need to study the Biblical texts to see how we got where we are today. Lent is a good time to do that, so please join us.



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**Welcome  
New  
Member**

We welcome **Chris Berenz** into membership at Calvary Lutheran. Chris and husband Jerry are currently living in Antigo and building a home in Elcho. She has already been a very active member of our Calvary Quilters, participated in the Calvary Choir and even shared her musical talent with us on Christmas Eve, serving as our organist. We welcome Chris and look forward to seeing husband Jerry as a frequent visitor to Calvary. Jerry is a member of the Catholic faith, but is a very familiar face at Calvary

# A LETTER FROM SALLY HULL

(with her invitation for people to attend a meeting that was held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Antigo Town Hall)

Hello. My name is Sally Hull. I am the Secretary for the Town of Antigo Volunteer Fire Department. I have been a member of the fire department for 28 years, previously a firefighter/EMT.

As many of you know, a homeless individual named William DeHart passed away on Monday, January 15, from being out in the frigid below-zero temperatures. This is a tragedy that should never happen. While there are some resources available in this community, many people don't know about them or have never had to utilize them. Now with the death of an individual because of homelessness, it is time to raise awareness of this and take steps to prevent this from happening again.

On Monday, January 8, I only had the opportunity to meet William for one brief moment in his life, one brief moment in mine. And because I had this brief interaction with him, he has so touched my life. I did not know his name at the time, only that he said he was homeless and had no place to go. And that is where my knowledge of William's circumstance ends and the purpose of this meeting begins.

This is not MY meeting. It is YOUR meeting. Every one of you who attends. This is YOUR meeting. Your chance to make a difference in this community. I can think of no more terrible death. The cold, the shivering, the huddling under a blanket. A human being is dead because he had no place to go. His family has been very supportive of this meeting. They would like everyone to know that William had mental health issues and did not communicate to them that he was out on the streets.

Never did I think that my Facebook post about having a meeting would generate the positive response that it did. A few negative comments and a few political ones; there is one that stands out to me. "The homeless had all summer to take care of their problems. Why are you catering to them?" Let me tell you this. This is NOT catering to anyone. This is COMPASSION for another person. Compassion, the core of humanity, helping each other out in a time of need. Now if there's anyone out there who has never had to ask another human being for help, then you are indeed unique. Because at one time or another, everyone needs some kind of help. William did not tell his family he needed help. But he did tell me by saying he was homeless. For a brief minute, he reached out to me. I can only hope he can see the impact his passing away has had on this community and why we are coming together as a group to look for a solution to homelessness. It will be a long road before we have the steps in place to start some sort of homeless shelter, but I hope the passing of William DeHart is the catalyst to spark the change needed to see that a tragic death like his does not happen again. William is not here to share his story so I beg you, be HIS VOICE and work toward a solution to the tragic situation called Homelessness!

*Our Pastor Jennifer attended this meeting and plans on attending future meetings to be held in the community and will keep us posted on updated information regarding this need in our community.*

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## Help for the Homeless



**Kindred Parish** will be collecting personal care items for AVAIL's Help for the HOMELESS DRIVE. Starting on Sunday, February 11, a collection box will be placed in the Narthex for collection of your donated items. Donations will be accepted thru March 3.



Certificate received from:

The Salvation Army  
Of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan  
In Grateful Appreciation

Calvary Lutheran Church is hereby recognized for dedication and service to the 2023 Red Kettle campaign for compassion to others and generous support that has eased human suffering and changed lives through the work and ministry of The Salvation Army.

Letter received from Salvation Army  
Service Extension Office

On behalf of the Salvation Army, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$255.02 from Noisy Offering; and added to the 2023 Bell Ringing season. Your donation will be used to assist someone in need. 86% of all funds raised in Langlade County will stay in Langlade County.

*“Social service is not an alternative to the Gospel, But rather an expression of it” General Arnold Brown 1979*

*Dear Quilting Sisters:*

*You really helped put the “happy”  
in the holiday!  
Thank you so much for the  
beautiful quilts!  
They Will be distributed to needy  
hospice patients  
where I also do chaplaincy work.  
Barb Simmers  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Slidell, LA*

*Calvary Lutheran Ladies,*

*We thank you for your donation of the  
Handmade quilts and bedding!  
We appreciate You!  
~ AVAIL*



Dear Calvary Lutheran Church, (letter dated 12/21/23)

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in October 2023.

*And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:46 – 53).*

During this Advent time of waiting, we discover again within ourselves a longing for Jesus. We are reminded anew that God comes to us, incarnate, bringing forth God’s love, justice, and mercy.

Thank you. May our spirits, like Mary’s, rejoice in God for the great things God has done for us all.

In Christ,  
Amanda White,  
Director, Congregation Generosity ELCA

**Date: 9/30/2023**

**Gifts were designated for: U.S. Wildfires**

**Amount: \$1,162.24**