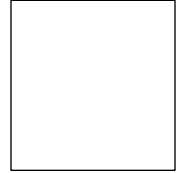


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**Kindred Lutheran Parish – Currents**  
*Calvary Lutheran – Antigo*  
*St. John's Lutheran – Birnamwood*



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W17680 Church Road  
Birnamwood, WI 54414  
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Church Email: [stjohnlutheranchurch54414@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnlutheranchurch54414@gmail.com)

## March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8:30 CLC Worship w/communion 9:30 Bible Study with Glen 10:30 SJL Worship w/communion Coffee Fellowship	<b>4</b> 9:00 CLC Quilting 9:00 SJL Quilting  ACT Fellowship Hall 5:30 -8:00	<b>5</b>  NO MARCH COUNCIL MEETING FOR CLC  ACT Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> Lenten Service at CLC 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Lenten Service	<b>7</b> Birnamwood Outreach 2:00 SJL WELCA 6:00 CLC Council  ACT Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 8:00	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>   ACT Fellowship Hall 5:30 – 8:00
<b>10</b> 8:30 CLC Worship New Member Sunday Coffee Fellowship 10:30 SJL Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>11</b> 9:00 CLC Quilting 9:00 SJL Quilting  6:00 CLC JR. WOMAN'S CLUB In Fellowship Hall	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> FOOD with FRIENDS at CLC 4:30 – 6:00  Lenten Service at SJL 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b>  Pastor on Vacation ACT 5:30 – 8:00	<b>15</b>  ACT 5:30 – 8:00	<b>1</b>
<b>17 PASTOR NATILE</b> 8:30 CLC Worship w/communion NOISY OFFERING  10:30 SJL Worship w/communion  Pastor on Vacation	<b>18</b> 9:00 CLC Quilting 9:00 SJL Quilting	<b>19</b> 6:00 CLC FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	<b>20</b> Lenten Service at United Methodist 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Lenten Service	<b>21</b> Birnamwood Outreach	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 CLC Worship 10:30 SJL Worship	<b>25</b> 9:00 CLC Quilting	<b>26</b> STOCKBOX DELIVERIES	<b>27</b> 9:30 CLC Worship & Music Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:00 CLC Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>29</b> 6:00 SJL Good Friday Worship	<b>30</b>
<b>31 EASTER</b> 7:00 SJL SON=rise Service w/communion Breakfast following 9:30 CLC Worship w/communion	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. ~ Martin Luther</i></p> </div>					

**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!

**MESSAGE FROM THRIVENT:** "Congratulations Calvary Lutheran Church! In 2023 you received \$1,518.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. We are proud to help support the important work you do and hope, together, we can do even more in 2024! We encourage your supporters to direct remaining 2023 Choice Dollars® by March 31."

**DON'T FORGET 2023 CHOICE DOLLARS MUST BE DIRECTED BY MARCH 31.**



### ***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.



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. – 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.



### **Holy Week Schedule**

- 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:  
7:00 am at St. John's Lutheran SON-rise Service with breakfast following  
9:30 am at Calvary Lutheran



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Where: Calvary Lutheran Church ~ Antigo

When: Thursday, April 11, 2024

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Or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](https://llsa.social/hc) (pink fliers are on the info table in the Narthex.)

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Kindred Lutheran Parish Council

Julie Kubiaczyk – President (CLC)  
Sandy Schmidt – Vice President (SJL)  
Alan Bahr – Treasurer (CLC)  
Christy Clark – Secretary (SJL)  
Jan Young (CLC)  
Doug Breyer (SJL)

### Calvary Lutheran Church Council

Angie Close (president)  
Scot Peterson (vice president)  
Dave Wagner (secretary)  
Joann Schmidt (retiring treasurer)  
Melissa Ferg (outreach)  
Glen Gildemeister (worship and music)  
Julie Kubiaczyk (social concerns)  
Ashley Donovan (education chairperson) New to Council:

*We thank **Samantha Smith** for her time shared in this position and, of course **Jan Young**, for all she does for The Calvary Kid's Program.*

### St. John's Lutheran Church Council

Wayne Clark (president)  
Jim Nelson (vice president)  
Jim Schairer (secretary)  
Carol Schairer (treasurer)  
Jeremy Schmidt  
Marvin Uttecht  
Terry Nousan  
Dennis Knaak  
Doug Breyer (newly elected)

*We thank **Jodi Kluck, Pam Reuter, and Andy Resch** for serving so faithfully on our council.*

**As the newly elected president of the Kindred Lutheran Parish Council I** would like to take this time to thank Andy Resch (SJL) for serving as our president for the past 3 plus years. His dedication and the use of his time and talents in the position has been invaluable. Andy's commitment to the position was instrumental in making the parish process a smooth one, from two struggling separate congregations uniting us to being the flourishing Kindred Lutheran Parish that we see today. Again, thank you, Andy!

Sincerely,  
Julie Kubiaczyk,  
Kindred Lutheran Parish,  
council president



### CHURCH COUCIL UPDATE at CALVARY:

- Bid for changing the locks on the 3 main entrance doors was approved. At the same time, we will be having new keys made so if you have a current key you will have to sign in for a new one.
- The hanging lights in the sanctuary are being converted to LED lights. And the issue of the antiquated spot lights is being addressed.
- The broken motion sensor light by the office outside door will be replaced by a hard-wired light instead of a battery-operated light. No more changing the batteries every other month in the cold winter.
- We are still looking for a Treasurer after many years Joann would like to step down from this position. If you are interested in serving your church in this capacity, please speak with Angie Close (president) or any council member or Pastor Jen.

### CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE at ST. JOHN'S

- Just a reminder that SJL still has Shell Gas Cards for sale. They make a great Easter Gift and are a money raiser for the church.
- The flooring will soon be laid in the basement, the painting is done and the area will soon be ready for our precious Sunday school children to have a place to call their own. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication to this project.



### SAVE THE DATE! PLAN TO ATTEND

*John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

#### WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Program will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
709 Weston Avenue Wausau 54403

Additional inform and registration forms will be communicated in Mid-March.  
**All Women of the ELCA are welcome to attend.**



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

#### AT CALVARY

Personal Care Kits Drive - March 3rd through April 30<sup>th</sup>

(School Kits drive will take place in July & August)

Calvary's goal for personal care kits is 120 kits.

Bins will be located in the narthex for the following items:

- LIGHT- WEIGHT Bath-size Towels (between 20"x 40" and 52" x 27")  
Dark colors recommended
- Bath size bars of Soap – preferably 4 oz. bars
- Sturdy Combs
- Metal Nail Clippers
- Adult Toothbrushes in original packaging (multi-packs accepted)
- Monetary donations are also welcomed. Let us do the shopping for you.

#### AT ST. JOHNS

The St. John's Women will be collecting

- Bath Size bars of soap in the month of March for LWR. There will be a box in the back of church for your doantions.
- St. Paul's in Aniwa is having their annual Soup-A-Rama on Sunday, March 10 11am to 1pm come enjoy delicious homemade soups:  
Chili - Chicken Dumpling - Vegetable Beef - Cheesey Broccoli.  
Also: Bread, cheese, crackers, and don't foret the desserts.  
Children 6 to 12 \$5.00 Adults \$10.00 ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

Sunday, March 10, Calvary will be welcoming in New Members to our church family. If you are interested in joining Calvary or have any questions about Calvary please speak with Pastor Jennifer or contact Lynda in the church office.

#### **AMEN! AMEN!**

With Pastor Jen

Remember The Vicar Picker-upper? Well, now that Pastor is ordained the name had to be changed. Watch for the **AMEN!**  
*AMEN! With Pastor Jen on Line.*

*Amen*

**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can.**

## How some of the ways your Mission Support helps others:



Dear sibling in Christ,

**Thank you** for sharing your gifts with our church, and for sharing the power of God's love with the world during 2023. As we look forward to the year ahead, I want to

share with you some of the impact your generosity has made in the past year. We are humbled to work alongside our siblings in Christ around the world, connected by our faith and supported by our faith community. **Your generosity makes incredible work possible.** You have helped build homes and churches, plant crops, nurture future leaders and so much more.

### ❖ ELCA World Hunger

*"With the profits from the shop and funds from the self-help group, I can provide basic needs for my family, such as food, school fees and clothes."* —Hilda, member of a women's self-help group in Malawi. The group was formed with support from ELCA World Hunger.

### ❖ International Women Leaders

*"I feel like, no matter what I do, I'm going to find my way ... because God has my side, and if he gave me this opportunity, I know he has greater plans for me."* —Eduarda Stein Christ, International Women Leaders scholar studying at Texas Lutheran University.

### ❖ ELCA Fund for Leaders

*"When nourished by God, we can grow our capacity to see God's movement around us and share God's love in our daily lives, with neighbors and strangers alike."* —Rev. Colleen Montgomery, a pastor collaborating with the ELCA Innovation Lab to create digital spaces where young adults can meet.

### ❖ Lutheran Disaster Response

*"It's truly been a blessing to us and our family. I don't know where we would be without Lutheran Disaster Response."* —Lashon Turner. After Lashon lost her home to Hurricane Michael, Lutheran Disaster Response helped build her a new house.

### ❖ Global Mission

*"Each day I am reminded of what a gift it is to work with such different demographics of people. I am learning how best to serve each and every person with whom I work."* —Kerry Dolan, Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer in Argentina.

With gratitude

Rachel Wind

Executive for Development ELCA

## March birthdays

### Calvary

01 Jodi Burnett, Destini Jacoby  
03 Ted Clark  
04 Christine Berenz, Leon Buck  
05 Zoe Edwards, Austin Wagner  
06 Jonathan Knight  
11 Rev. Betty Wyatt  
12 Tanya Zimmerman  
13 Kasandra Peterka  
14 Phyllis Cook  
19 Darlene Larson  
22 Judy Theilman  
24 Keegan Edwards  
25 Joleen Davison  
28 Heidi Depies, Gloria Edwards,  
Austin Grall, Misty Knight  
30 Tori Kautza  
31 Jean Guse

### St. John's

11 Earl Schmidt  
12 Norman Behn  
16 Mike Parker  
17 Mark Klumpyan  
20 Christy Clark  
21 Avalyne Fischer  
25 Alicia Resch  
28 Randy Schmidt

March is the **third month of the year** in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It has **31 days** and marks the transition from winter to spring in the Northern Hemisphere and summer to autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. It is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

### Origin of the Word Easter: What does it mean today

*More important than the question of how the word Easter originated is what it means to us today. When you think of the word Easter, what do you see? If you see bunnies and baskets of chocolate eggs, you are missing out on the richness of this day, considered by many Christians to be even more significant than Christmas. Easter, to Christians, is actually Resurrection Day – the anniversary of the day Jesus rose in triumph from the grave, claiming victory over death. Because He lives, so can you and I, through simple faith in Him. God provided Himself the sacrifice.*

*Thanks to Him, you and I have the hope of eternal life with Him.*





## *From the Pastor*



...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Isaiah 61:3

Greetings Beloved!

Lenten season is upon us. For 40 days we choose to remember Christ's temptation in the desert before beginning his public ministry. We follow the footsteps he left for us and draw strength from the example we have been given.

What Jesus did for us has been called the great exchange. He took our weakness, our heartache, our mistakes upon himself and gave to us strength, restoration, forgiveness, peace, hope, and redemption, the chance to begin each day in newness of life!

My role in the Kindred Lutheran Parish allows me to walk beside the hurting, lonely, misunderstood, mistreated, & those who have endured great loss. When the dreams & plans of someone's life are reduced to ashes by heartache, I often think of the great promise of Isaiah 61:3. In love God promises heaven's goodness and mercy will flood into the hurt of our lives with comfort and joy, strength, and peace!

The Lenten journey begins in the desert and ends with a massive stone securing the entrance of the darkened tomb where the broken body of Jesus laid. Jesus went to the cross knowing his suffering was not the end of the story, the ending of his life was the beginning of hope for all the world!

The hope of the world is Jesus! In your Lenten practice God's love can be known if it is shown, so go be a hope factory in the lives of people you touch each day.

In the joy of Christ's call,

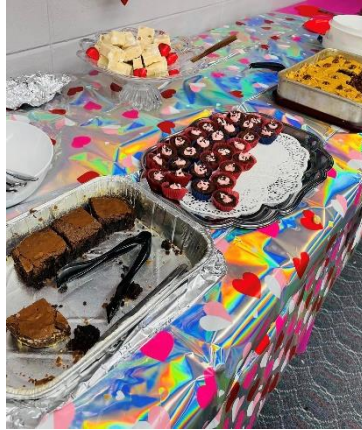
Pastor Jen



*A Journey Through Lent*

## BIRNAMWOOD OUTREACH

Valentine luncheon at Mapleview Apartments was a big hit. Residents really enjoyed the mini salad bar option this month. Homemade chili made by Judi Resch (SJL) & Chicken Pot Pie Soup from Calvary's "food with friends" community meal, made by Melissa Ferg (CLC). Thank you to everyone who donated & helped to serve. Grab bags of goodies with a few surprises were given away, and everyone enjoyed singing a round of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" - then again with kazoos!



Residents loved their Valentine Gift Bags