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Kindred Lutheran Parish – Currents

Calvary Lutheran – Antigo

St. John's Lutheran – Birnamwood




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 CLC Quilting 1:00 SJL Women's meeting and Bible Study	2 6:00 CLC Council Meeting	3 5:30 CLC Confirmation and Calvary's Kids	4	5	6
7 8:30 SJL Worship w/communion No Bible Study in Nov. 10:30 CLC Worship w/communion	8 9:00 CLC Quilting No Jr. Women's Meeting	9	10 5:30 CLC Confirmation and Calvary's Kids	11 6:30 SJL Council Meeting	12	13
14 8:30 SJL Worship w/communion 10:30 CLC Worship: Chicago Folk w/ comm.	15 9:00 CLC Quilting	16 6:00 CLC Friendship Circle	17 5:30 CLC Confirmation and Calvary's Kids 7:00 pm - SJL Deer Hunter's Service	18	19	20
21 SJL NO Sunday Worship No Bible Study in Nov. 10:30 CLC Worship w/communion	22 9:00 CLC Quilting	23	24 NO Confirmation Class NO Calvary's Kids	25 	26 Office closed	27
28 8:30 SJL Worship 10:30 CLC Worship	29 9:00 CLC Quilting	30	<i>Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.</i> <i>-Charles Dickens</i>			

We have been blessed with so many willing to share their talents with Calvary and St. John's. Vicar Jen has needed help with services over the past few weeks, due to class schedules and a bout with COVID. We thank **Edd Hill** and **Andy Resch** for providing lay ministry leadership for St. John's and for **Rev. Betty Wyatt**, **Alan Bahr** and **Jim Hartleben** for leading worship at Calvary. They all did a wonderful job.

During Alan's message he reflected on a previous message by the late Pastor Girod, former pastor of St. John's (Polar). The following was inserted into our bulletins at Calvary and is worth repeating:

This is true isn't it? . . .

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows - not good unless pushed. Some are like canoes and need to be paddled. Some are like kites - if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away. Some are like kittens - contented when petted. Some are like footballs - you can't tell where they will bounce next. Some are like balloons full of air and ready to blow up. Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled. Some are like neon lights - they keep going on and off . . . But some are like a good watch - open of face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works!

Honestly now, which are you?





Calvary CROP Hunger Walk Participants - Oct. 3, 2021

What a great group from Calvary – they really did WALK the TALK to feed the hungry. 25% of the funds raised remain in Langlade County and are directed to our local food pantries in Antigo, Elcho and White Lake.

CROP Hunger Walks are community based walk events held in cities and towns across the United States, raising funds to support the global mission of **Church World Service (CWS)**, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

Vicar Jennifer would like to thank everyone for their gracious love and support during her time of illness. Your cards, texts, phone calls, and prayers made all the difference and brought such encouragement to me. I am truly blessed to serve such thoughtful and caring people in the Kindred Lutheran Parish



Congratulations. . .

. . . to Lorra Metko on the birth of her grandchild, Abel James, Parents are Lauren Walton (Lorra's daughter) and Kenneth James Strong.
And. . . Congratulations to Andy and Judi Resch on the birth of their grandchild Kinslee Pamela, born on Thursday, October 7, to parents Matt and Nicole.

Condolences. . .



. . . to the James LeVeque family upon the death of Jim's wife Gail LeVeque and son Robert LeVeque, Jr. Vicar held a private service for the family on Saturday, Oct. 16th.
. . . to Barry (Kathy) Stockhaus and family upon the death of Barry's father, Norm Stockhaus (Ohio).

. . . to Dan Buck and Leon (Linda) Buck upon the death of their mother, Jessie Buck. Jessie was a former member of St. John's (Polar) and service was held at Bradley Funeral home with Vicar Pam Werth officiating. Please keep all families and friends of Gail, Robert, Norm and Jessie in your prayers during this difficult time.

Happy Birthday

Calvary

03 – Adam Zimmerman
04 – Garrett Grabowsky
05 – Molly Brown
07 – Blake Kautza, Shirley Loehrl
08 – Julie Kubiaczyk
11 – Craig Nelson
13 – Linda Grall
14 – Faith Bussiere
15 – Robin Gardner
17 - James LeVeque, Sr.
19 – Laura Clay
25 – Joanne Nelson

St. John's

07 – Rhonda Nousen
10 – Terry Nousen
14 – Jeremy Schmidt
16 – Trisha Schmidt

SHELL GAS CARDS: St. John's is holding a Shell Gas Card Fundraiser. Cards can be purchased in \$25, \$50, or \$100 increments. **Andy Resch** and **Jeremy Schmidt** have the cards so please contact them or any council member for more information. Funds will be used towards redoing the church parking lot so please consider purchasing a card! Everyone uses gas! They also make great birthday or Christmas presents or stocking stuffers.



Rev Julie Barger

Calvary Lutheran Church, Two Rivers & St. Paul
Lutheran Church, Manitowoc
Final Day: October 10, 2021

Pastor Julie has been called to Grace Lutheran
Church in Tomahawk
First Day: October 19, 2021



Rev Betty Wyatt

October 3, was Pastor Betty's last day at St. Paul's Lutheran, in Aniwa. A special celebration was held in her Honor to recognize her years of spiritual leadership at St. Paul's. Pastor Betty is officially retiring. . .but we are sure her talents in ministry to others will be felt for a long time.

Both Pastor Julie and Pastor Betty were long time members of Calvary, entered the ministry as members of Calvary and were ordained at Calvary. We wish them the very best as each enters a new phase in their life of ministry.

Calvary is planning a reception for Pastor Betty, in her honor, sometime in November.

Notes from St. John's (Birnamwood)

- Please consider volunteering for upcoming opportunities: church council and a 3 year term for Kindred Parish Council in 2022 have openings. If interested, please contact a council member.
- We are also encouraging you to consider volunteering for weekly church opportunities. We are looking for greeters, readers, and someone for weekly church service duties. Sign-up is in the back of church. Everyone is welcome to volunteer.
- Christmas is fast approaching – we are need of a Christmas tree donation.
- Do you know about Thrivent Action Teams? The Thrivent "Action Teams" program is an **opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects** that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. More information is available on the Thrivent Financial Action Team Website or please speak with a council member or Vicar Jennifer.
- **St. John's will hold a Deer Hunting Service on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be NO Sunday Service at SJL, but Calvary will offer at 10:30 Sunday Service on Nov. 21. Remember we are one Parish – you are welcome to attend either service.
- **We continue to hold a Shell Gas Card Fundraiser.** Cards can be purchased in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments. Andy Resch and Jeremy Schmidt have the cards so please contact them or any council member. Funds will be used for redoing the church parking lot, so please consider purchasing a card. Everyone uses gas.
- **Treasurer's Report: Ytd our finance's through September are:**
\$33,909.57 income \$39,503.13 expenses (-\$5,593.56) loss ytd

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



ECSW
Women of the ELCA
Nineteenth Biennial
Convention

Call to Convention

The Biennial Convention of the
Women of the ELCA
Will be
Saturday, November 13, 2021
At St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Neenah.

Celebrate Generations of Sisters in Christ at the Nineteenth Biennial Convention!

Who among us hasn't asked herself, "Just what exactly happens at the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA East Central Synod Wisconsin (ECSW) anyway?"

Find out for yourself on November 13th! We will elect new board officers and members, have breakout sessions featuring the following topics and special guests:

- LOPPW by Reverend Barb Girod and Shirley Paulson (Lutheran Office for Public Policies in Wisconsin)
- AMMPARO by Paul Edison-Swift (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities)
- Thrivent representative Laura Gruender
- Human Trafficking advocacy by Lisa McCormick
- Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Jenn Pockat!

Morning beverages and snacks will be served in addition to a delicious lunch.

Throughout the day, a quiet room will be available for prayer and reflection. You may leave a prayer request in the basket. Or invite a friend or small group to pray together.

Enjoy reading? Do you have a book or two or a dozen you wish to share? A "Book Exchange Table" will be offered. Browse the selection and take home some "new to you" books for your reading pleasure.

Saturday, November 13th, 2021 from 8 am to 3:30 pm
St Mark's Lutheran Church
140 S Green Bay Road, Neenah, WI 54956

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT CALVARY.



Look what I found in the Pumpkin Patch!!

Confirmation Students and families of Calvary's Kids had a great evening Wednesday night. Pictures are posted in the Narthex and on Facebook. Fun food (pizza, salad, bags of bones, spooky cupcakes, punch and Halloween Munch) were part of the fun items served. Vicar Jennifer carved a pumpkin that ended with the showing of God's Love. A creative Scavenger Hunt was held leading to the pumpkin patch.



Message from Vicar Jennifer

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.” Isaiah 43:13. I have this verse on my desk this week as a heavenly reminder. If I keep looking into the rear view mirror of life it’s going to make it difficult for me to move ahead.

“Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way...” Isaiah 43:19.

“It is coming.” We can rest in the fact that God is always at work in and around us. He is at our side, lovingly walking with us step by step. We do not have to feel hopeless because our God is a God of hope. God hears us. God cares. We can trust in his love for us. That is why we must resist the temptation to look to the past in order to know what our future may be. God is the greatest author. Often rewriting the endings of our stories, bringing the events of our lives into a tapestry of his faithfulness. We must look in trust to him.

How powerful to know Jesus experienced life as we do. He had heartaches, frustrations and great loss. When you go to him in prayer, he listens with an understanding heart, empathizing in your times of trial. On Easter morning Jesus rose triumphantly from the grave. But first Jesus endured Good Friday and three long days when all seemed lost. His closest friends had given up and were locked away in fear. But Mary drew near to him, bringing spices to anoint his body. The disciples were looking at the past things that Jesus had suffered. Mary was looking ahead, to the next thing that needed to be done. Her great love for Christ giving her boldness to care for him in death as she had done while he was alive. Her emotions went from complete devastation to overwhelming joy when he first said her name. Jesus was alive! It was the woman Mary who was given instruction to go and preach the good news to the disciples. Hope had come!

A Prayer for Letting Go:

Dear Father,

In these difficult days we are all living through, grant us the grace to let go of what doesn’t serve us well, those things which hinder our progress and cause us added strain and stress. In the brave surrender it requires, may we be at peace in the letting go, knowing we will receive so much more from you than we ever let go of. As we come with our arms wide open, ready to release and receive, may we be freed from our fears and given the means to live more lightly than before. Amen.



Go in peace beloved, and serve the Lord in the letting go.

Vicar Jennifer