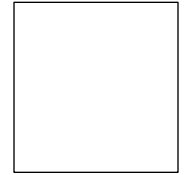


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**Kindred Lutheran Parish – Currents**




*Calvary Lutheran – Antigo*  
*St. John's Lutheran – Birnamwood*



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# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> CONFIRMATION CLASS CLC 3:30 SJL TBA ACT - Fellowship Hall 6-8	<b>2</b> ACT - F HALL 6-8	<b>3</b> ACT - F HALL 6-8	<b>4</b> CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN YOUNG (CLC) ON HIS GRADUATION OF LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY. 1:00 Zion Lutheran Shawano WI
<b>5</b> Church on the Farm  Joint Service at Schairer's Farm Shop Birnamwood 10:00 AM Special Congregational meeting regarding expansion of Property at Calvary 8:30 a.m. then caravan to THE FARM	<b>6</b> CLC Quilting 9:00 – 12:00	<b>7</b> CLC Church Council 4:30	<b>8</b> FOOD WITH FRIENDS Indoor TACO TRUCK 4:30 – 6:00 P.M. 	<b>9</b> Birnamwood Outreach  <b>SJL WELCA 2:00</b> SJL Church Council Meeting 6:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Dan Young – Leading worship At St. Andrew's in Wausau.
<b>12</b> CLC 8:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship And recognition of Dan Young's Graduation from Lay School And Mother's Day SJL 10:30 Worship	<b>13</b> CLC Quilting 9:00 – 12:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CALVARY ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>16</b> <b>CLC WELCA Ladies Nite Out</b> 5:30 social time 6:00 dinner Sign-up sheet posted	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             East Central Synod of WI              Synod Assembly –              Oshkosh WI           </div>
<b>19</b> Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday At SJL & CLC CLC 8:30 Worship SJL 10:30 Worship	<b>20</b> CLC Quilting 9:00 – 12:00	<b>21</b> <b>Worship and Music Committee Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Birnamwood Outreach  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             OFFICE CLOSED           </div>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> CLC 8:30 Worship SJL 10:30 Worship	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Office Closed 	<b>28</b> Stock Box Delivery Day	<b>29</b> Summer Worship At SJL begins  SJL No Sunday Service In the months of June – August	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**Thank you to Glen Gildemeister** for leading Bible Study. The last class for this session was held April 7. What an insightful Bible Study he held on "A Lenten Journey to the Holy Land". THANK YOU, GLEN! We look forward to your next study – to be announced.

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#### **CALVARY ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP – Deadline May 15th**

**Applicants must:**

- be a confirmed member of Calvary Lutheran (Antigo)
- be accepted at an institution of higher learning and provide documentation of enrollment
- be seeking a degree or course of study at an accredited college, university or technical school
- not have previously received a scholarship from Calvary
- complete all sections of application form
- follow the criteria listed on the application cover form

Please pick up your application from Lynda in the church office. Don't miss this opportunity to receive a \$500.00 (unrestricted) scholarship, to use as you deem necessary for your 2024/25 year schooling: books, tuition, dorm expenses, traveling expense, etc.

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**Time Change Update: May Schedule for Calvary and St. John's**  
**We will continue with the current time of CLC 8:30 and SJL 10:30 thru May.**  
**June we will go to a Summer Schedule**  
**9:00 a.m. Sunday for Calvary from June 2 through end of August**  
**7:00 p.m. Wednesday Nights for St. John's – no Sunday Service**

**The Kindred Parish Council has worked to make our worship service times as fair as possible and in the best interest of each congregation and Pastor Jen.**

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#### **OUTDOOR SIGN**



Thank you to **Randy Close and grandson, Deakon** for volunteering to keep the outdoor sign current with times and messages. **Linda Grall** has done this for several years and is so ready for a well-deserved break. She continues to work on our Media Team and Outreach Committees and is so much a part of our Food with Friends Program helping Melissa Ferg in so many ways. Thank you to Randy and Deakon for stepping forward and to Linda for years of keeping the sign current, along with her clever inspirational messages.

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#### **Treasurer Update**

We have a member that has stepped up to possibly take the position of treasurer. We will keep you posted. How can we ever thank **Joann Schmidt** for all the years she has served as Treasurer. She has done a wonderful job. Not only has she served as Treasurer she does our home visits and communion visits, she steps-in when we need an organist (after serving as our main organist for many years), she ties mission quilts at her home (in her spare time), takes people to needed appointments, helps with newsletter mailings, sets up for communion and fills in at other congregations when they are short-handed. She is a true servant of the church.

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# PASTOR'S NOTES

# C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Greetings beloved!

This week marked my one-year ordination-versary. How quickly 365 days flew by, just like that!

The photos taken that day are precious to my heart, in fact the one I included here is the screensaver on my computer.

An ordination is both the fulfilment of a call to full time ministry and an accomplishment of the requirements needed to get there. The greatest contributor to God getting me to this accomplishment? The people I'm standing there with. The presence of those who could not attend was certainly felt, for it was the combined kindness and encouragement of each of you that profoundly impacted my call and my life. I marvel at the faithfulness of heaven! The sorrow of my past gave way to purpose in serving God's people, newness of life and a joy I could never otherwise have known! Thanks be to God.

1 John 4:19, "We love because God first loved us." God initiated relationship with us and asks us to pass that same love and care along to others. Spending only a little over one hour in corporate worship each week means much of the "loving others" is going to happen outside the walls of the church. I'm delighted with the efforts of the Kindred Lutheran Parish in this endeavor, our care center outreaches, Food with Friends monthly meals, quilts, Lutheran World Relief hygiene, sewing and school kits, sponsoring Christmas gifts for kids & camp; seniors in need, as well as the things you do that go unmentioned. God's love makes a difference in the world through each and every one of you. The things you do bring Jesus' light to the world, and that light of love shines bright.

Year one and two days (as of this writing) into being an ordained pastor I look forward to continuing our journey together in this Kindred Parish. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus, our arms outstretched to those who need our compassion and care. May we rely not on ourselves but on God's strength and goodness, knowing God has promised to keep us steady within God's infinite love.

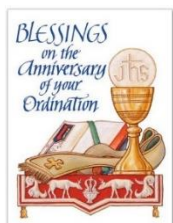
With joy,  
Pastor Jen



## PASTOR'S JOURNEY WITH THE KINDRED PARISH



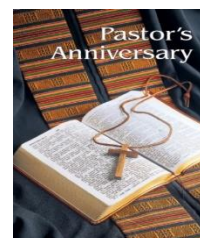
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APRIL 23, 2023



Date of Ordination  
APRIL 29, 2023



Date of Graduation  
MAY 14, 2023



Date of Installation  
JUNE 11, 2023





## CHURCH ON THE FARM

"Blessing of the Seeds"

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

10:00 A.M.

Music Provided by the Lettau Family  
at

SCHAIRER FARMS SHOP

228525 Schairer Rd.

Birnamwood, WI

Bring your seeds to be Blessed

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE SERVICE

St. John's Lutheran Church a member of the Kindred Parish

Pastor Jennifer Sosinski

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This is a joint service for St. John's and Calvary and offered by St. John's Lutheran and The Schairer Family. Calvary will form a Caravan for those who wish to follow or seek a ride to attend this event. If you need a ride, please use the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.



### **FOOD WITH FRIENDS – COMMUNITY MEAL CALVARY LUTHERAN MAY 8 – LAST ONE UNTIL FALL**

*"Come to the indoor Taco Truck"*

*All are invited. 4:30 – 6:00 in Fellowship Hall.*

*Calvary Members – your help is needed and also your delicious desserts.*

*Confirmation Students are needed and expected to help.*

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO MELISSA FERG, LINDA GRALL AND CREW**

*for the dedication to this outreach event. It has been a great success. To all our members that just jump in and lend a hand. . . You are so appreciated!*

*Mark your calendar: Calvary: Men's Brat Fry Women's Bake Sale – June 7*

*Calvary: Music in the Park (Pies and Brats) – August 12*

*Joint Service: Jesus Palooza – August 25 (Heinzen Pavilion – Antigo)*

## Confirmation



**Sunday, May 19, 2024 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**Calvary 8:30 a.m. Zoë Oriana Edwards, daughter of Brian and Eva Edwards**  
**St. John 10:30 a.m. Grady Steven Rew, son of Tim and Amanda Rew**

*Congratulations to these two fine students. At their confirmation we welcome them into full membership in their home congregations.*

What does Evangelical Lutheran Church say about affirmation of baptism?

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** views baptism as a significant part of our faith journey. When we emerge from the baptismal waters, we begin a new life as children of God. Our baptism sets us on a lifelong journey characterized by several key aspects:

1. **Living Among God's Faithful People:** We are chosen not for position or privilege but to live as faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ. In community, we strengthen our faith walk and serve in mission<sup>1</sup>.
2. **Faith Practices:** The liturgy for the **Affirmation of Baptism** outlines faith practices that grow out of our baptism. These practices include:
  - Living among God's faithful people
  - Hearing the word of God and sharing in the Lord's Supper
  - Proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
  - Serving all people following Jesus' example
  - Striving for justice and peace in all the earth<sup>2</sup>.
3. **New Identity:** Baptism marks us with the cross of Christ and seals us with the Spirit. We receive a new identity as followers of Jesus, and His story becomes our story<sup>3</sup>.

So, as we affirm our baptism, we commit to living out these practices and embracing our role as children of God.



April's Noisy Offering was directed to "William's House of Hope". A Nonprofit organization to combat homelessness in Antigo and Langlade County. Total raised \$176.70.

May 19 the Noisy Offering will be directed to the Boys and Girls Club of Langlade County.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL OUTREACH.**

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS ARE GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

**Calvary and St. John's both continue to collect items for LWR Kits.**

**Calvary Lutheran** – Personal Care Kits - we will continue to collect items for these kits thru May 12.  
School Kits will be collected July 1 thru Sept 1.

**St. John's Lutheran** – Personal Care Kits Needs: bar soap, bath towels, and nail clippers will be collected May and June. School Kits will be collected in July (needed items will be listed).



**CLC: BINGO PRIZES:** We will collect small items for BINGO PRIZES for the Nursing Homes in June. Lotions, puzzle books, candy, quarters (yes! Coins!), little stuffies, etc. All work well.

## BIRNAMWOOD OUTREACH

**SJL: May 9th** last soup lunch until fall SJL We need cheese, crackers, and dessert for Mapleview. Sign-up sheet in back at SJL. Thank you for all your help.