

The Calvary Focus

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On March 9, 1924, Calvary United Methodist Church was dedicated by its founding families. Stone by stone, story by story, and dollar by dollar, they built a legacy of faith that continues to shape who we are today. As we step into this year's stewardship season, we are invited to think not only about meeting today's needs, but about the *legacy* we're creating for the future of Calvary.

Our legacy is built through worship that lifts joyful praise and reaches beyond our sanctuary walls; through faith formation that helps all ages grow in their understanding of God; through connection that extends care, hospitality, and welcome; and through service that shares Christ's love with our neighbors near and far. These ministries happen through God's grace — and through your generosity.

You will receive a letter in the mail with more details about our stewardship campaign, and that letter will include a pledge card. We will celebrate Stewardship and Gratitude Sunday on Sunday, November 23rd, and you are invited to bring your completed pledge card to worship that day. As you prayerfully consider your pledge this year, ask yourself:

What story do you want your giving to tell? What legacy will we leave for those who come after us?

As we reflect on the legacy we are building, we also pause to give thanks for the legacy we've received. On All Saints Sunday, we will remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us — the faithful saints who shaped our church, nurtured our faith, and helped build the foundation on which we stand today. Their witness reminds us that the story of Calvary is much bigger than any one of us. It is a story still unfolding — one that God invites us to continue writing through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Together, may we honor the saints of the past by living faithfully in the present and continue to build a legacy of faith that will carry Calvary into the future God is preparing.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda



- 1 Louis Scott
- 5 Jennifer Martin
- 6 Mitch Smith
- 10 Jacqueline Rand
Theresa Rand
- 11 Debra Bledsoe
- 21 Wanda Oswald
- 22 Rosalie Taber
- 30 C'nedra Johnson



Traveling Communion

Do you worship from home and live locally? Pastor Amanda has started bringing communion to congregants in their homes on the Monday after a Communion Sunday. The upcoming dates are November 3, December 8, and January 5 . If you would like communion brought to you, please contact the church office by 9:00 a.m. that Monday.



The Ladies Lunch group hopes everyone has a blessed holiday season. They will plan to meet for lunch again in the Spring.



Do not forget to mark your calendars. The December Focus deadline is November 20, 2025!!



He "Jesus" got up and rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet be still!" then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
Mark 4:39

Having a bad day, feeling kind of down? As I was sitting on my patio I noticed how the airplane trails in the sky had crossed over each other and formed a cross. As I watched, it moved very slowly across the sky.

I prayed, "Lord thank you for telling me that everything will be ok and that you have everything under control."

How many times has the Lord calmed the wind and waves in your life?





Do you want to order a Poinsettia for Christmas in memory or in honor of a loved one? Please print the information on the sheet below. Cost is \$6.50 each.

Make checks payable to Calvary UMC. Please turn in your order to the church office by December 7, 2025.

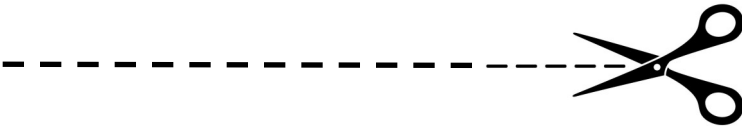
Name _____

Phone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

You may mail your check to Calvary United Methodist Church, 2222 W Indiana Ave, Elkhart, IN 45616.



All Saints Sunday is a time when all who have passed away during the previous year are remembered in our Worship Service.



CCS COLLECTION SUNDAY November 23

We are asking all of the congregation to bring in nonperishable food and hygiene items on Sunday, November 23rd. The specific needs are listed below but there is a great need for soups and peanut butter. We will be collecting monetary contributions the whole month of November, as well. All donations will go to Church Community Services (CCS).

Thank you!!

- Canned meat and vegetables
- Hearty soups and ready-to-heat
canned pasta meals
- Cereals (hot and cold)
- Crackers
- Rice
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Hamburger Helper-like meal helpers
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Boxed potatoes
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers, wipes, baby shampoo and
body wash
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Can openers

5TH SUNDAY

Loose Change Offering

COLLECTING FOR



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

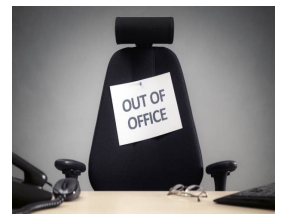
Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 pm

Come join us for a time of fellowship and a Thanksgiving meal of turkey, Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, corn casserole, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pie. This is a free meal for everyone.



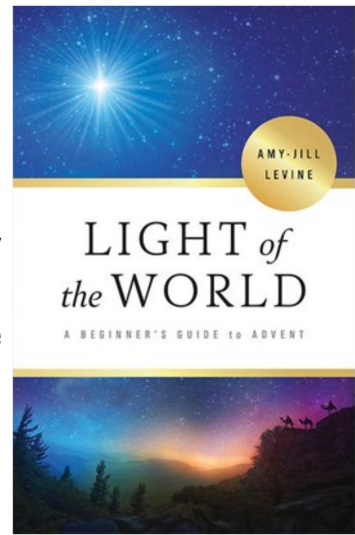
Jennifer will be out of the office November 5 & 6, please plan accordingly.

The church office will be closed November 26, 2025.



Advent Study: Light of the World

All are invited to a four-week Advent study starting on Monday, December 1st at 11:00am. Our book this year will be *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, and we will explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. This study traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. A study book is available but not required to participate. Contact Pastor Amanda to sign up for the study.



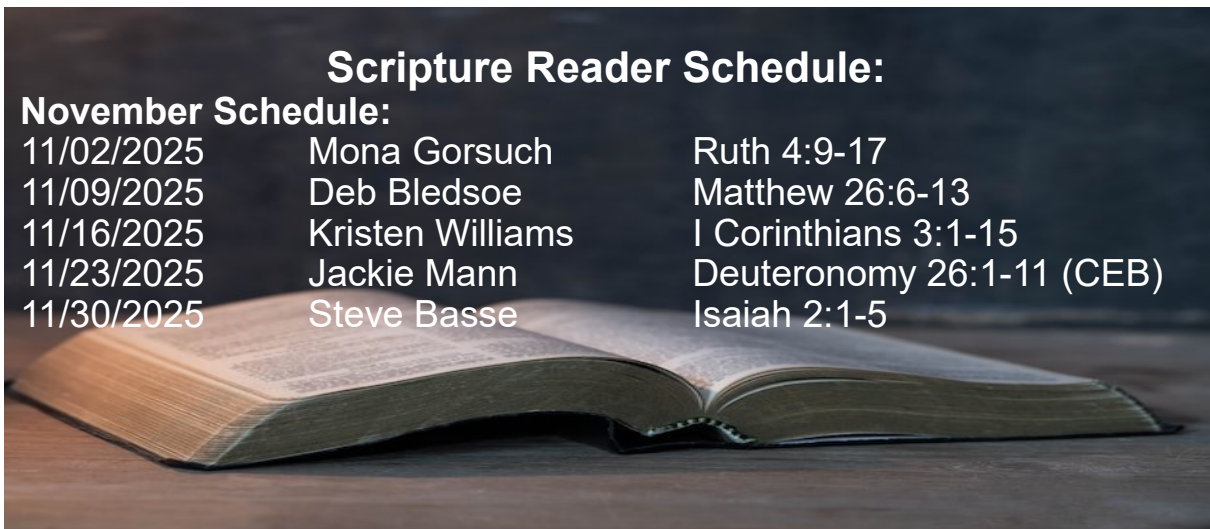
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Harpist Anna Hagen will be
joining us for a special
Advent worship service,
December 14, 2025

Scripture Reader Schedule:

November Schedule:

11/02/2025	Mona Gorsuch	Ruth 4:9-17
11/09/2025	Deb Bledsoe	Matthew 26:6-13
11/16/2025	Kristen Williams	I Corinthians 3:1-15
11/23/2025	Jackie Mann	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (CEB)
11/30/2025	Steve Basse	Isaiah 2:1-5





Bread Collection Update

We are so grateful to everyone who donated loaves of bread! Thanks to your generosity, we collected **75 loaves of sandwich bread**. This will provide enough bread for about **two weeks of making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches**. Your support helps us continue to serve our community—thank you!

Were you unable to make the quick bread class? You are in luck! Below is the recipe that was shared. A big thank—you to Cherish for spending her evening teaching this class!

Cherish PA's Bread

Bread Ingredients:

2.5 cups	sugar	1 cup	melted butter
3 tsp.	Vanilla	3	Eggs
3 cups	flour	3 tsp.	Cinnamon
1 tsp.	salt	1 tsp.	baking powder
1 tsp.	baking soda		
2 cups	shredded Zucchini or Apple, or pureed Pumpkin		

Preheat oven to 325. Mix above ingredients together. Spray and flour 3-9X5 loaf pans and pour in mix.

Martha's Crumb Topping

3/4 cup	flour	1/3 cup	brown sugar
3 TBS	sugar	6 TBS	cold butter
Pinch of salt			

Mix above ingredients with your hands until it is sand consistency. Add to the top of your loaves and bake the loaves for 45-55 minutes.



Jam is Needed

Did you know
that Calvary uses
on average 25
pounds of jam
each week?
Jam is preferred!!



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Return Service Requested



Sharing the love of God through words and actions

**PLEASE KEEP OUR WORLD, OUR NATION, OUR CHURCH AND
THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS**



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- Calvary's Facebook Page: **Elkhart Calvary UMC**
- Prayer Request: **elkhartcalvary.prayer@gmail.com**

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