

# Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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## TAKE NOTE!

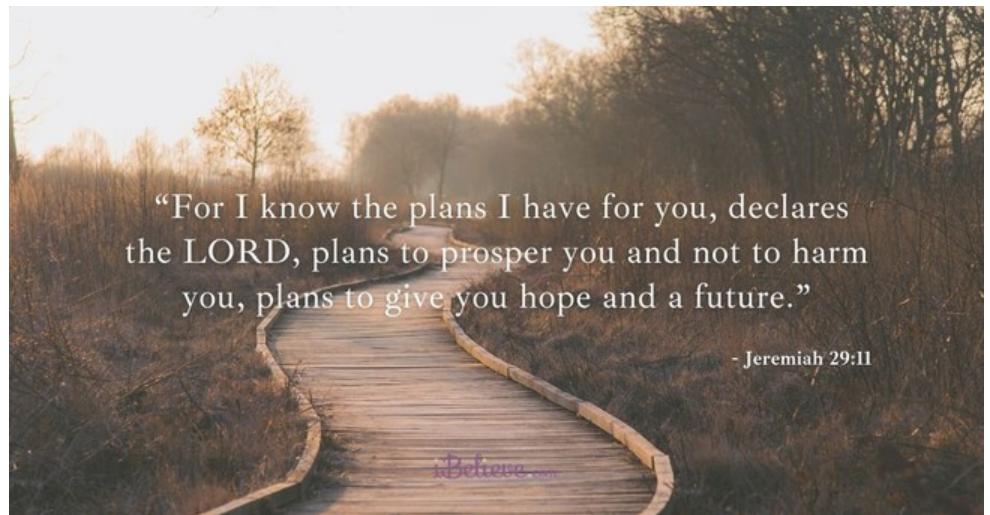
- We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 6:15 p.m.
- Annual committee reports need to be submitted to Laura by February 2.
- Annual Congregational meeting will be on March 8

*Then Jesus began to tell them that he, the Son of Man, would suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the leaders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, and three days later he would rise again. As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and told him he shouldn't say things like that. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples and then said to Peter very sternly, "Get away from me, Satan! You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." Mark 8:31-33*

We know that each of us will die. But almost none of us knows just when or where this will happen. The time for our death is in God's hands. But Jesus did know when and where he would die. He knew that in Jerusalem people would kill him for saying things that they didn't want to hear.

Jesus told his disciples about the hard times that lay ahead for him—and for them. But when he said these things, Peter scolded Jesus! Peter didn't want to think about Jesus suffering and dying. When Peter scolded Jesus, Jesus answered,

"Get away from me, Satan!" He meant that Peter was making it even harder for Jesus to do what God wanted. Peter was trying to pull Jesus off God's path instead of helping him on it.



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11

Living as a follower of Jesus is not always easy. To serve God well we must follow Jesus wherever he leads and help others also to follow him on God's path. Sometimes Jesus will lead us into hard places. Will you follow Jesus where he leads?

Prayer: Jesus, I know that I will need your help to follow you in hard times. Help me to stay on your path and to remember that you are always with me. Amen.

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# Shout to the Lord!

This month we are sending a “shout out” to the Quilters who make baby quilts for infants under one year who are baptized. They are stitched with love and wrapped in His love. Those who embroidery or piece the tops, those who quilt the tops and those who finish the quilt work together to provide a special remembrance to the family on the baptismal day. The quilters are seeking more help with this mission.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”  
Mathew 25: 23

Our theme for Lent is Live Lent with Love, Calvin’s Kids are collecting non-perishable breakfast food items for the Sparta Area Food Pantry and the Backpack Ministry.

On February 18, Calvin’s Kids will participate in our Ash Wednesday Service. The service will begin at 6:15 in the Sanctuary and conclude at 6:45. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey. The cross of ashes is a sign of two things: that we have sinned and that God has forgiven us.

Lenten devotionals can be found In the Foyer and Eva Beaver Hallway.

The nursery and k-4 Faith Formation classes remain in Worship when we have sacraments: Communion and Baptism.



## Treasurer's Report

### For the Month Ending December 31, 2025



	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$201,040.22
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$161,548.02
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$39,492.20

## Acolyte Schedule

Feb. 1—Henry & Hayden Montroy

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Feb. 8—Addie & Breckon Lauer

March 8—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna

Feb. 15—Hadley & Lennon McMaster

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Feb. 28—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk

March 22—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely

March 29—Alana Ethington & Parker Klausing



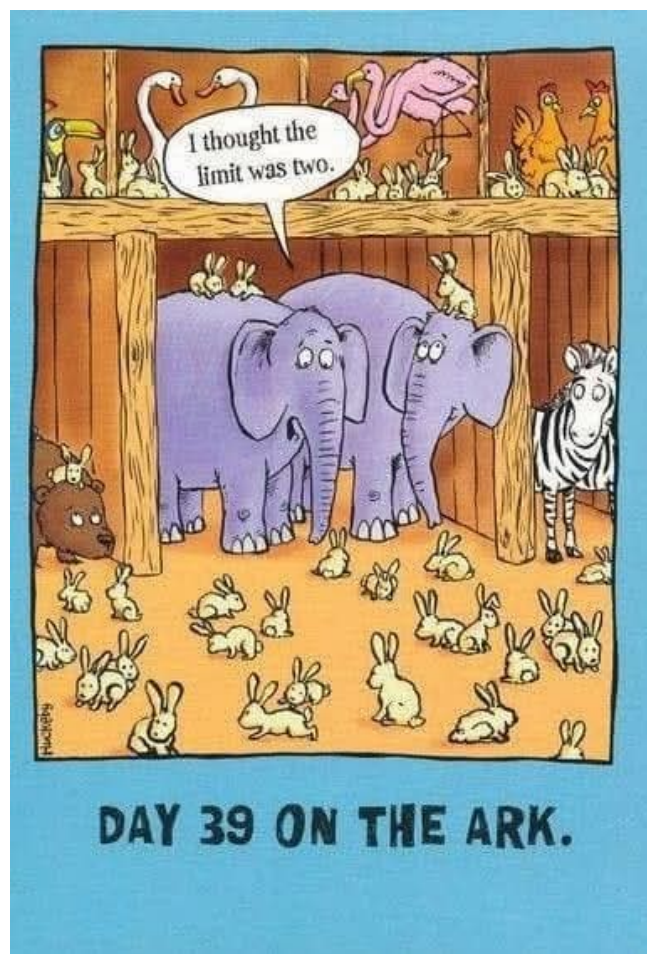
## February Birthdays

## February Anniversary

- Feb. 1—Mary Dahlem
- Feb. 3—Kathy McConachie
- Feb. 9—Rogene Boyd, Josh Hanna
- Feb. 10—Steven Johnson, Leila Feld
- Feb. 11—Candace Sternberg,  
Lance McMurtry, Tyler Kiefer
- Feb. 15—Barb Brown & Jeffrey Farris
- Feb. 18—Zachary Adams, Beryle Ethington
- Feb. 27—Julie Hanna

February 10—Bob & Beryle Ethington

## Comedy Corner



*Thank You...*

We want to send out a great big “Thank you!” to everyone who volunteers to help out in the kitchen for Calvin’s Kids! We could not have the great program we have without you, and you are so appreciated God’s blessings to all of you! Anne, Kay & Laura

## Parent and Family Corner

Our family time focus this year is on memorizing scripture. Memorizing Bible verses gives us a foundation of faith, planting seeds of truth that offer **comfort, guidance, purpose, and strength** to navigate life's challenges, helping us understand God's will and develop a Christ-like character, while also boosting cognitive skills like memory and comprehension. It equips us with an internal, portable source of wisdom for prayer, decision-making, and sharing our faith, creating a lasting spiritual compass.

One way to memorize is to:

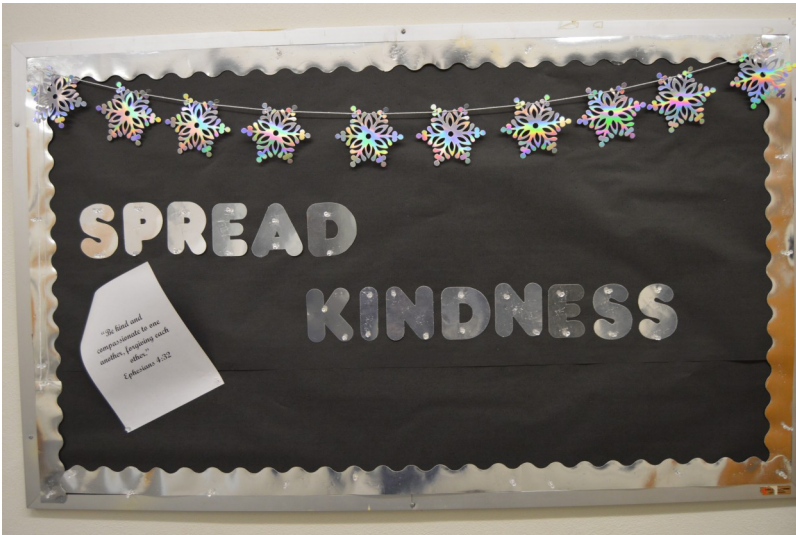
- Daily take turns saying one word or phrase of a verse, then have your child say the next word, back and forth.
- Post the verse in a spot visible by all such as refrigerator door or a mirror.
- Practice while in the car going somewhere.

**February Memory Verse:  
“Love one another,” 1 John 4:7**

## Notes from Session

- Sunday School has started taking up offerings during class time.
- There will be an Ash Wednesday service held on February 18 with Clint Borcky leading us.
- The Communion Schedule for 2026 is as follows: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Maundy Thursday), June 7<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct 4.<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- February pulpit fill will be: Feb. 1—Rev. King, Feb, 8 & 22— Clint Borcky, Feb. 15—Rev. Wagner.
- The piano needs to be repaired. On Jan. 23, a representative will come to repair it.
- The lift at the front of the church on the East side needs to be repaired. It will be repaired.
- The scholarship committee will pay those that have fulfilled the requirements for the next semester.
- David Sternberg, Ken McConachie and Randy Bertetto will be the trustees of the trust fund.  
Doris Lehman—Clerk of Session

# Out and About at Westminster



Left: Thank you to Anne and Kay for keeping our bulletin boards decorated so beautifully, and for the great messages they put on them! Be sure to walk around the hallways and see the results of all of their hard work!

Right: The Food Pantry usage has greatly increased recently. They can always use donations of canned goods, boxed meals or cash, and if you have spare time on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30-noon, feel free to stop by and volunteer some time to help out!



The kids were happy that Calvin's Kids started up again on January 14. They all showed up with lots of energy! A huge "Thank you!" to our volunteers who help us come up with ways for them to burn off their energy!

# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Vallerie King preaching</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Annual reports due</i> <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	<b>3</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>4</b> <i>5-6:30 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 Choir</i>	<b>5</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>6 pm Deacons</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	<b>9</b> <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	<b>10</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>  <i>5:00 Session</i>	<b>11</b> <i>6:30 Choir</i>  <i>7:00 Trustees</i>	<b>12</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Don Wagner preaching</i>	<b>16</b> <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>  <i>10 am Christian Ed mtg (VBS)</i>	<b>17</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>  <i>5 pm Session</i>	<b>18</b> <i>5-6:15 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:15-6:45 Ash Wednesday Svc</i> <i>6:45 Choir</i>	<b>19</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	<b>23</b> <i>9 am Prayer Circle</i>	<b>24</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>25</b> <i>5-6:30 Calvin's Kids</i> <i>6:30 Choir</i>	<b>26</b> 10-12 <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>