

Calvary Comment¹



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich**

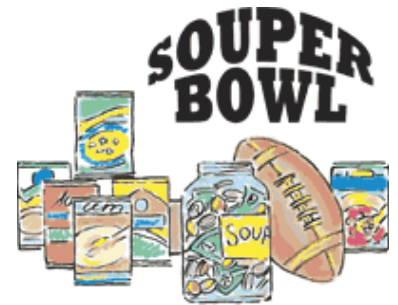
From the Pastor

On February 11, 2024 the Super Bowl will be held in Las Vegas Nevada. This year we will collect canned goods and participate in the National "Souper Bowl of Caring." Since 1990, the "Souper Bowl of Caring" has collected over 193 million dollars in food to benefit soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hungry relief charities in local communities. This year we will donate all food and money given for the event to Project Dignidad to assist them in their hunger relief ministry here in San Angelo.

Did you know that the "Souper Bowl of Caring" started in 1990 with a simple prayer "Lord, even as we enjoy

the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This prayer gave birth to the idea of "why not use the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend for higher good."

The first year 22 congregations joined forces and collected \$5,700 of food for their local charities. Today thousands of congregations collect food on Super Bowl weekend to give to local charities to serve the hungry. Last year \$3,936,125 of food was collected. Please join us on February 11, 2024 as we collect canned goods on Super Bowl weekend so we can bless others with the blessings we have received from God.



Peace be with you. *Pastor Paul*



Tuesday Adult Bible Study will meet Feb. 6.
Wednesday Women's Bible Study will meet Feb. 7.

Both groups will take a break during Lent.

Ladies, do you have a recommendation for our next study? Please share ideas with Joyce or Janette.

JOIN US FOR LENT *all services 6pm*



2/14 Ash Wednesday

Mid-week Lenten Services
5 Wednesdays
2/21 - 3/20

3/28 Maundy Thursday

3/29 Good Friday



Worship News

Bee Rose

Youth if you want to make a resolution, please consider helping the church by volunteering for acolyte or other positions in our services. Adults please search your hearts also. This is not a weekly commitment, mind you, once a month would really help.

Here's something to think about:

There is something calming and restorative about physically moving one's body. The kind of movement I have in mind has less to do with working out and more to do with keeping body, mind, and heart connected. I often experience that when my body is active, my mind can rest. God created us to be embodied creatures who can move, think, and feel, and all three aspects of our beings are important.

In times of change, try connecting to your body, mind, and heart as much as possible. For me, this has looked like taking family walks outside (even in the snow), doing yoga videos in the backyard in good weather, and trying out a bike path near our house. Try moving in ways that feel nourishing to you.

"In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth" (Luke 1:39). Mary took her embodied self for a walk. Mary's heart needed to see Elizabeth, but I imagine the physical movement was also helpful for her head.

This message is excerpted from "Singing, writing, moving, connecting" by Jordan Miller-Stubbendick in the December 2020 Gather magazine.

Q & A

1. Jacob favored his eldest son, Ruben.
A. True or B. False
2. Which women did NOT have children with Jacob?
A. Rebekah, B. Leah, C. Zilpah, D. Rachel
3. Which set of twins wrestled in the womb of their mother?
A. Sampson and Joash, B. Jacob and Esau, C. Manasseh and Micah, D. Isaac and Ishmael?



Answers:

1. B. False. Jacob favored Joseph more than Ruben or any of his other children, as he was the "son of his old age". See Genesis 37:1-3.
2. A. Rebekah. See Genesis 35:23-26.
3. B. Jacob and Esau. When the once barren Rebekah finally conceived, the children "struggled together within her." The LORD told Rebekah that there were two nations in her womb, and the one people would be stronger than the other, and the elder would serve the younger. See Genesis 25:21-26.

Calvary Lutheran Church Minutes

November 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:51 p.m.

Present:

Betty Thane, President

Joyce O'Connell, Vice President

Ashlyn Scott, Secretary

Dorothy St. Germain, Fellowship

Leon Thane, Financial Secretary

Ann Helm, Treasurer

Paul Zwarich, Pastor

Not present:

Bee Rose, Worship

Heidi Wierzoweicki, Education

Joyce moved to accept both of October's minutes with corrections, Leon seconded, motion carries

Treasurer's Report

Ann reviewed October's Treasurers report and was accepted as presented

Motion was duly made, seconded and approved that the ministry compensation paid to Rev. Paul J Zwarich during the 2024 year include a designated housing allowance in the amount of \$20,500.00. This amount shall remain in effect annually until amended or rescinded.

Also, some discussion of trash can dilemma.

Financial Report

Leon reviewed October's Financial report and accepted as presented

Education

Needed housing for some youth during day camp

Worship

Need volunteers for helping with day camp during the week...need before we can schedule day camp

Fellowship

Very successful Thanksgiving feast!

Pastor's Report

Pastor presented report

Unfinished Business

AV/Mic Update: Scheduled for November 6th -10th

Got delegates Fritz and Margaret to represent Calvary April 19-20

Water Leak: Removed the meter, less funds

New Business

Advent Offerings: Joyce motions to fund ASU's food pantry with Advent offerings, Ann seconded, motion passed

UCM Garage Sale: No date established yet

Christmas Worship Schedule- 3 midweek at 6pm,

Christmas Eve @ 7pm, Christmas Day: no service

Spots for reading on Christmas Eve have been filled

Council Meetings: Dorothy motions to have January, February, and March council meetings at 6pm by Zoom, Joyce seconded, motion carries.

Food for Thought: December 6th making the food (Joyce's taco soup) for UCM

Communication

Thank you letter from the Synod Assembly for our benevolence in our donations to them

Joyce motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ann seconded, motion carried

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Secretary,

Ashlyn Scott



Lent

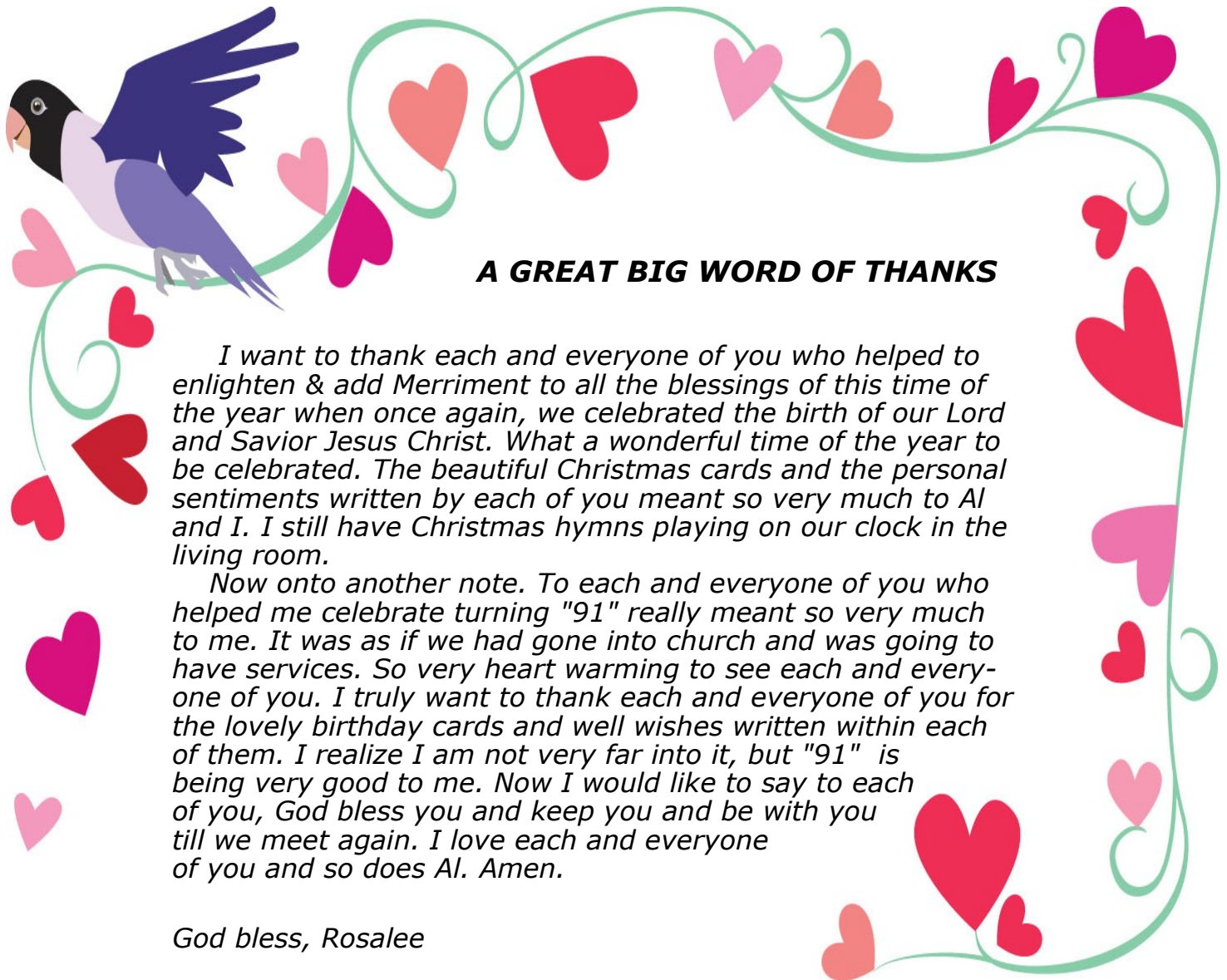
BEGINS

Ash Wednesday
Service
Feb. 14
6pm

ASH
Wednesday

Christian symbol ~ CROSS OF ASHES

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."



A GREAT BIG WORD OF THANKS

I want to thank each and everyone of you who helped to enlighten & add Merriment to all the blessings of this time of the year when once again, we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful time of the year to be celebrated. The beautiful Christmas cards and the personal sentiments written by each of you meant so very much to Al and I. I still have Christmas hymns playing on our clock in the living room.

Now onto another note. To each and everyone of you who helped me celebrate turning "91" really meant so very much to me. It was as if we had gone into church and was going to have services. So very heart warming to see each and everyone of you. I truly want to thank each and everyone of you for the lovely birthday cards and well wishes written within each of them. I realize I am not very far into it, but "91" is being very good to me. Now I would like to say to each of you, God bless you and keep you and be with you till we meet again. I love each and everyone of you and so does Al. Amen.

God bless, Rosalee

QUOTES

"Pray, and let God worry."

—Martin Luther

"Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light."

—Groucho Marx

The realm of the impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom



Campbell.

"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."



ANNIVERSARIES

2/14/1998

Adam & Kristy Scott

2/14/1998

Pedro & Daisy Montanez

2/26/1983

Terry & Arline Zak

BIRTHDAYS

08 Helen Brandenberger

16 Jane Cocuzzi

26 Atre Allen

26 Linda Ortegon





United Campus Ministries (UCM)

Food4Thought

Calvary will be hosting Food4Thought at UCM on Wednesday, February 7. We will be serving lasagna, salad, bread and cookies. We will need food or monetary donations. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to donate.

Worship Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.						
DATE	Greeter	AM	Reader	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild
Feb 4 5 Epiph	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Valerie Bluthardt	John Ulrich	Bob & Valerie Bluthardt	Valerie Bluthardt
Feb 11 Transfiguration		Elaine Mitchell	Ashlyn Scott			
Feb 14 Ash Wed.			Bee Rose			
Feb 18 1 Lent	Jo McCormick		Phyllis Zwarich		None	
Feb 25 2 Lent		Bee Rose			none	




Donations for Project Dignidad

December \$74

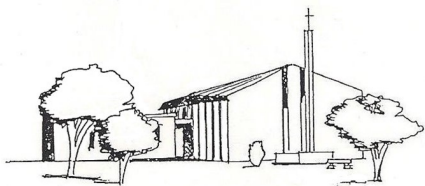


IT'S LEAP YEAR!

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AA group 5:30pm	2 AA group 5:30pm	3
4 Epiphany 5 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service	5 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	6 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	7 Women's Bible Study 6:30 UCM Foor4Thought	8 AA group 5:30pm	9 AA group 5:30pm	10 Men's Bible Breakfast 8am Golden Corral Helen's Birthday Party 2-4 403 Rio Concho Drive
11 Transfiguration 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service	12 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	13 AA group 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday	14 Ash Wednesday 6pm 	15 AA group 5:30pm	16 AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	17
18 1 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service	19 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Presidents' Day Newsletter Deadline	20 AA group 5:30pm 6:00 Church Council Meeting Zoom only	21 Mid-week 1 Lenten service 6pm	22 AA group 5:30pm	23 AA group 5:30pm	24
25 2 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Noisy Bucket	26 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	27 AA group 5:30pm	28 Mid-week 2 Lenten service 6pm	29 AA group 5:30pm		

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Calvary Lutheran Church

We strive to recognize and nurture the Christ in ourselves and each person that we encounter along the way. Our church is a thriving community of believers and lovers of the word of God. Calvary Lutheran has a long tradition of outreach and service to its members and the community. We hope you will join us for service on Sunday to experience for yourself the fellowship of Christ.