

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

September 2022



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich*



**FROM OUR  
PASTOR**

Well, here we are at the cusp of fall. I pray that you were able to recharge your spiritual, emotional, and physical batteries these last few months and that the summer season has brought you closer to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, 1 Kings chapters 18 and 19, we hear the story of the prophet Elijah. At the start of the story Elijah is mighty and strong, who even brought down fire from heaven upon the priests of Baal. But suddenly Elijah loses his energy, and confidence, and he experiences a major burnout.

Threatened by the evil Queen Jezebel, he runs out into the desert to hide where God sends angels to him as he seeks refuge in a cave on God's holy mountain. And to his surprise, Elijah finds God while hiding out in this rocky sanctuary.

No matter where we are in the world, it can be noisy. Natural sounds, human shouting, and everyday commotion can wreak havoc in our lives. And to top it all off, we hear so much information that we cannot fully understand what it all means. And when this happens, stress abounds. And anxiety begins to set in.

The same is true as we approach fall. If we have not taken time to refresh ourselves in the calm of summer, September can arrive like a hurricane, and it can be hard to cope with it all. It can even happen here in our congregation as fall activities begin to take place.

Committee meetings, budget meetings, Rally Day, Tuesday night Bible Study, Wednesday night Women's Bible study, Confirmation classes, Sunday School, Sunday morning adult Bible study, Synod events, COW Conference Gathering, Calvary 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Sunday morning worship, the list goes on and on.

To survive in this chaotic world, we need to take time to silently wait for the Lord even as we live in the whirlwind of activities. So, as you start your fall routine, remember to build in time for silence and prayerful reflection. And as you patiently wait for the Lord, remember that God will give you direction just as He gave Elijah direction when he sought refuge on God's holy mountain.

May God's holy angels tend to you like they did to Elijah, nourishing you with God's love, peace, and grace. And may the peace of the Lord be with you all.

*Pastor Paul*

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**Linda Ortegon**  
**Council Secretary**

*Calvary Lutheran Church*  
*Council Meeting*

*July 12, 2022*

The Council President Betty Thane called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on the 12th day of July. Pastor Paul's gospel reading comes from 1<sup>st</sup> John. He laid down his life for us, so we should lay down our lives for one another. Today's devotion comes from "Christ in Our Homes." Living in love does not always go over well in this world. Sin, death, and the powers of evil in this world can often react in hate for those who cry for justice. For ourselves we have experienced love. Christ's love fuels us through family and friends, kind words of forgiveness, a neighbor's help in our time of need.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Helm, Chris Kinsey, Linda Ortegon, Dorothy St. Germain, Leon thane, Betty Thane, Heidi Wierzowiecki, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

**MINUTES:** Betty moved to accept the June 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris Kinsey motion to accept the minutes as amended. Leon second the motion. The council approved the June Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ann Helm. The Council accepted the June 2022 Treasurer's report as presented.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Leon Thane. The Council accepted the June 2022 Financial Secretary's Report as presented.

**CORE TEAM REPORTS**

**Education:** Heidi Wierzowiecki. Sunday school and Rally Day coming up in August.

**Fellowship:** Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to Report.

**Service and Justice:** n/a

**Worship:** Bee Rose. Absent.

**Evangelism:** n/a

**Pastor's Report:** Please refer to the Pastor's June Report for details.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**On-line Equipment – Streaming** has evolved. We need a platform that interfaces with "You Tube" and "Facebook" at the same time. We may need to buy a new computer and the hardware that will create more input and output channels. This will simplify the process for the folks that work the system during Sunday Worship Service. Chris will write up a proposal.

**Maintenance:** The rain gutters need cleaned. Leon and Ann will get a bid.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tree Trimming –** Betty is waiting on an estimate to trim the trees in the courtyard. Council suggested having the trees trimmed every other year. The council agreed.

**Proposal to Lease Space for Angelo Virtual Academy.** After intense investigation and discussion, the executive committee agreed our church was not set up to meet the needs of Angelo Virtual Academy. Ann motion to inform Neil that we could not lease space to Angelo Virtual Academy at this time. Heidi second the motion. The council approved. Betty will inform Neil Phillips of our decision.

**Summer Church Picnic and Rally Day –** The Church Picnic and Rally Day will be together on Sunday August 21st.

**Communications - Wartburg Seminary Theological Program** send a letter requesting funds to move their program from Austin to the Dallas area. NTNL send a letter announcing a "Get to know the Mission Endowment Fund" explaining what the endowment fund is. Betty asks that we appoint a representative from the congregation to find out the guidelines of the Mission Endowment Fund.

Betty will discuss the letter with Joyce.

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Dorothy second the motion. The council approved.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Ortegon / Council Secretary



# Worship News

**Bee Rose**

Welcome to Autumn in a very few weeks! We look forward to some cooler weather and the Fall monsoons. Ahh but we live in west Texas so that may be iffy. I do thank The Lord for dropping temps out of the three digits though!

We continue to have good turnouts for the Soup Kitchen for which I have the pleasure of cooking. Our last time feeding we served around 230 if memory serves. It is very gratifying, although it cannot be done without the volunteers. Some volunteers are regulars and some are one timers. We love them all.

### Some reading for you:

African American theologian Howard Thurman (1899-1981) suggests that true prayer has very little to do with bringing something external to pass; rather, it has to do with the relationship between God and those who pray. "The essence of prayer is that God answers the pray-er, which is far more important than answering a thousand prayers," Thurman says.

As evidence, Thurman points to Jesus in the garden on the night of his arrest. Jesus does not want to die; indeed, he prays that the cup (arrest, trial, and crucifixion) would pass by him. But God does not let it pass. Instead, Jesus suffers the worst that people can do to one another, "even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

Thurman's insight suggests that God's answer to prayer – whether or not a particular prayer is granted – is akin to God saying, "I see you. I love you. I am with you. No matter what."

*This message is excerpted from "Closer to God" by Audrey West from the July/August 2018 Gather magazine.*

### This one hit home for me;

"You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you." — Song of Solomon 4:7

I went to a wedding with two close friends. Once at the church, another friend took our photo. Even though I felt confident in my sparkly dress (I know! Almost never happens!)—I critiqued the way my arms looked in the photo.

My friend replied: "Wow. I'm so sorry. It must take up so much energy to constantly be so critical of yourself. You are beautiful."

I hadn't realized it, but I do this a lot when I see photos of myself. And I do know better but sometimes my mouth moves faster than my brain. I have to change my thinking. Maybe we all do. What if our first thought was automatically something positive?

We are loved by God and called beautiful. So when we encounter our neighbor or view ourselves in the mirror or in an Instagram photo—let's remember that our first thoughts and words can be about love.

*This message is excerpted from "You are altogether beautiful" by Elizabeth McBride from the February 10, 2020, blog of the Women of the ELCA.*

### The following came from a devotional a couple of us are doing.

God in times that I might lack the desire for Your Word please give me the thirsting and hungering for it! Let me always long to listen to it, to savor it and love it. In Jesus name... **Bee Rose**

DATE	Greeter	Asst. Min.	Reader	Flowers	Technology	Altar Guild
Sept 4 Pent 13	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose	Hank & Bee Rose	John Ulrich  Pedro Montanez	Jo McCormick
Sept 11 Pent 14		Bee Rose	Phyllis Zwarich	Robert Wierzowiecki		
Sept 18 Pent 15	Jo McCormick	Leon Thane	Betty Thane			
Sept 25 Pent 16		Bee Rose	Tori Redman	Pedro Montanez		



### *Fellowship News* **Dorothy St. Germain**



The 75th Calvary Lutheran Church Anniversary will be Sunday, October 16, 2022 at the church. Church services will be led by our Bishop. A BBQ dinner will follow in the fellowship Room. Due to the size of our room we would like for all who plan to attend to make a reservation.

This will facilitate the setting up of the room for the dinner. If you have “ a round-to-it”, Dorothy St. Germain would appreciate help with making these arrangements and the clean up following afterwards.

For those who do not know what a “Round-To-It” is, ask an old timer!!!

### *Meetings Resume for Altar Guild*



We will resume having Altar Guild meetings on Saturday, **September 3rd** at 9:30am. If you are interested in participating in our church in this way, please join us to learn more and serve our Lord and church. For more information call: Pam Ulrich at 942-9404.

## United Campus Ministry Food 4 Thought

Calvary Lutheran Church is signed up on **September 28th** to provide a meal to the students and faculty of ASU that attend the UCM hosted Food 4 Thought ministry at the UCM facility on campus. All members of the congregation can help with this project with food prep, cooking, delivering, or donating food or funds to purchase ingredients. We are tentatively planning a meal of spaghetti or lasagna, a salad and a dessert. Very easy and economical. One person could probably provide the dessert.

This is a great way to support Calvary's ministry partnership with the other churches that participate in the UCM program at ASU and Howard College. If you would like to participate, contact Joyce O'Connell at 325-374-8515 for more information.

Thank you for supporting  
United Campus Ministries!



Calvary Lutheran Church  
in San Angelo, Texas  
will celebrate its  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



You and family are invited to the 10am morning service, meal and gathering which follows. Please RSVP the number of persons from your family so that we may be adequately prepared!

Remember  
to **RSVP**

Your response is requested to  
**Leon Thane.**

You can tell Leon at church on a Sunday morning,  
email him at [lthane@yahoo.com](mailto:lthane@yahoo.com)  
or call/text his cell phone: 325-213-2535.  
**Please respond by September 15, 2022.**

### **Anniversary committee**

Joyce O'Connell  
Dorothy St. Germain  
Betty Thane  
Leon Thane  
Pam Ulrich  
Pastor Paul Zwarich



9/3/1988 Mark & Sheryl Sad
9/9/1972 Brian & Crystal Purington
9/13/2008 Mitch & Kristy Simon



2	Evelyn Puckett
5	Carlly Bluthardt
5	Bee Rose
6	Joy Allen
11	Robert Wierzowiecki
12	Margaret Leifeste
14	Heather Purington
16	Brian Purington
16	Aubrey Hariman
19	Irene Hunter
19	Ida Walter
20	Daisy Montanez
26	Chet Cooley

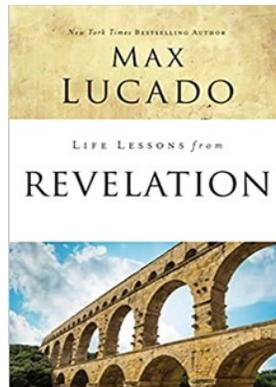


## Lutheran Lunchers

**September 8th**  
**11:30 am**

Meet at Mathis Café at the airport.  
Pastor Paul, Host

Call the office at 944-1116  
& leave a message  
if you plan to attend.



**JOIN US!**

Pastor's 12 week  
Bible Study

**TUESDAY**  
**6:45 pm**

In person or Zoom

We will study Max Lucado's  
*Life Lessons from Revelation.*

*We do not meet the 2nd Tuesday  
of each month. Council meets on these days.*

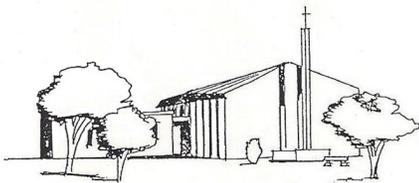


# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	Altar Guild 9:30am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 13	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off <b>Labor Day</b>	AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 In person or Zoom	Budget Committee Mtg 10am	AA 5:30pm Lutheran Lunchers 11:30 Mathis Café @ airport Pastor Paul, Host	AA 5:30pm	Synod Council
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 14	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Council 6:30pm Adult Bible Study does NOT meet.	Budget Committee Mtg 10am	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 15	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 In person or Zoom	Budget Committee Mtg 10am	AA 5:30pm 1st Day of Autumn	AA 5:30pm Newsletter deadline	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 16 <b>Noisy Bucket</b>	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm	UCM-ASU Food 4 Thought 10am	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	

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GOD IS GOOD



*Sharing God's word & love  
within and beyond  
Calvary.*

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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.