

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

August 2022



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*



I hope everyone is enjoying the warm days and time spent with family and friends during this summer season. Summer is a time for us all to be refreshed and renewed in our work, in our play, and in our interactions with each other. Yet, summer does not last forever. In a few weeks school will resume, and our rhythm of life will change as we approach the Fall Season.

Our ministry will change too. On August 21, Calvary Lutheran Church will celebrate Rally Day and serve hamburgers and hotdogs after the worship service. Come and join us as we look forward to another year of Christian Education.

Tuesday night Bible study will also resume on August 23. For twelve weeks we will study the Book of Revelation and use Max Lucado's book "Life Lessons from Revelation." We will meet in-person at the church and on zoom at 6:45pm. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact the office.

Confirmation Class will also be offered Sunday mornings at 8:45 am. If you are in 7th – 9th grade and have not attended Confirmation, please contact the office. This fall Confirmation will be held in-person at the church.

The worship assistant sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex, and you can now sign up for assisting minister, lector, greeter, usher, and acolyte for all worship services for the remainder of the year. The flower chart is also posted, and there are still Sundays available to volunteer to provide flowers for Sunday Worship.

I look forward to our ministry together as we kick off another season of life together here at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Pastor Paul

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Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting

June 20, 2022

Council President Joyce O'Connell called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on the 20th day of June. Pastor Paul's devotional came from Psalms 81, verses 5-6. For one minute, just stop and listen. Listen to nature, listen to the voice within you, and listen to the person that just happens by. Listen to the world as its stubbles through another day. You may hear a voice you barely recognize or hear one that is so familiar, so near, and dear to you, you cannot image a day without it. God speaks in all things. The voice of love speaks every moment, eager for you to hear and know loves holy gift in every breath. The Divine Voice persuades you to delight in every beauty and to relish very love and to savor every grace that frees and feels you with joy. Do not believe the lie that God is far off or silent. God speaks in every situation. To heal and to bless. Inviting us to share this work. Just listen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O'Connell, Ann Helm, Chris Kinsey, Linda Ortegon, Bee Rose, Dorothy St. Germain, Leon Thane, Dorothy Thane, John Ulrich, Heidi Wierzowiecki, Marie Williams and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Joyce moved to accept the May 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris Kinsey motioned to accept the minutes. Marie second the motion. The council approved the May Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The council accepted the May 2022 Treasurer's report as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane. The council accepted the May 2022 Financial Secretary's Report presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Heidi mentioned they had a good turnout for Vacation Bible school that started this week.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to Report.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Nothing to Report.

Worship: Bee Rose. Worship Committee will pick hymns before August.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. Nothing to report.

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

New Business

Special Guest Neil Phillips. Neil presented a Proposal to Lease Space for Angelo Virtual Academy. Angelo Virtual Academy aims to facilitate home school instruction by providing a safe environment for homeschool secondary students to independently pursue online instruction. Hour's operation could be as early as 7 a.m. to as late as 5 p.m., Five days a week through the school year. After hearing the proposal, Chris Kinsey made a motion to refer further investigation to the Executive Committee. Bee Rose second the motion. The council approved.

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Council Meetings: Joyce made a request to move the monthly council meeting from Monday to Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Marie motion to accept the request. Chris second the motion. The council approved.

Installation of council members will be this coming Sunday. Bishop Letter – Concerning Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles. My office has approved Mr. Brian Swecker to serve as a symbiological authorized worship leader in the role as supply preacher and persuader of Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles, Texas. This is not a permanent status and will expire on December 31st, 2022. Pastor Paul will not be meeting with him on a regular basis and Pastor Paul will not be involved in Trinity Lutheran’s day-to-day activities. Pastor Paul is only a contact person and a resource person for Mr. Swecker.

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

Tree Trimming – Leon will get bids to have two trees in the courtyard.

Old Business

Church Wide Assembly – Ann will relay the message to our Church Wide Assembly Delegate to contact Joyce, Betty, or the Pastor to discuss financial help for their trip.

Communications – Thank you note from Project Dignidad for the Easter baskets. A thank you from Project Dignidad for food and clothes.

Pastor Paul wanted to personally thank Joyce, Marie, and John for serving on the council.

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

Closed with the “Lord’s Prayer.

Linda Ortegon / Council Secretary

2022 Church Council Members Installation July 2022			
President	Betty Thane	Education	Heidi Wierzowiecki
Vice President	Chris Kinsey	Fellowship	Dorothy St. Germain
Secretary	Linda Ortegon	Finance	Leon Thane
Treasurer	Ann Helm	Worship	Bee Rose
Evangelism	---	Service & Justice	---



“Life is for service.”

—Fred Rogers

Worship Assistants, Altar Guild & Flowers					
You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.					
DATE	Assisting Minister	Reader	Flowers	Technology	Altar Guild
Aug 7 Pent 9	Joyce O'Connell		Marie Williams	John Ulrich Pedro Montanez	Norma Kahlig
Aug 14 Pent 10		Phyllis Zwarich	The Parrys		
Aug 21 Pent 11	Ashlyn Scott	Tori Redman	Jill Zuehlke		
Aug 28 Pent 12			Mark Mitchell		



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

Points to Ponder:

Captive and Liberated

“Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves,” I say aloud with my worshiping community. We can’t pick this lock. Our freedom comes with a Christ-shaped key.

Even though I know this, I’ve often tried to fix a problem by changing something – a mistake that sticks out as the cause, one element that perhaps might change the course of action. It’s tempting to pin a problematic situation on this or that misplaced word, action, or moment.

But this goes against everything we confess when we gather to worship God! We confess that we are not suffering from a single, temporary mistake, or even a series of mistakes that we can control. We are living in captivity – in bondage – to sin and can not free ourselves. Captivity is systemic. When something is systemic, we can’t liberate ourselves. God’s love and justice free us, giving us room and permission to delight in the gifts of vulnerability, authenticity, service, and God’s unconditional love.

This message is excerpted from “Just freedom” by Elizabeth Hunter in the June 2021 Gather magazine.

Everyone can relate but those of musical backgrounds will appreciate this next one.

Ear Training

There’s listening – and then there’s listening. A wise priest explained his journey in prayer as the movement from talking to listening. As a young, earnest priest, he began his prayer by talking at God, the way you’d talk at an infant or a pet. Gradually he found himself talking to God, the way one talks to a seatmate on a long flight. Then he found himself talking with God, the way one speaks with a friend. Finally, he said, “I stopped talking altogether and started listening, listening to God and lately listening for God.”

With my early piano lessons came hours of ear training. Over time, I recognized patterns; I could anticipate where a composition was heading. Something like ear training happens in Christian worship, as the daily rhythms of Scripture, prayer, and silence tunes disciples’ ears to the cadence of God’s voice. Over time and in community, that divine cadence etches itself on disciples’ hearts, so that they recognize God’s voice outside of these familiar structures.

This message is excerpted from “Listen! God is calling” by M. E. Stortz in the July/August 2019 Gather magazine.

Bee Rose



Join us for food,
fun &
fellowship
on August 21st!



Noisy Bucket

**Remember your coins
on the 4th Sunday of
each month.**



Dear Calvary family,

August 8-13, 2022, I will be attending the Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio as a delegate from the NTNL Synod. I am excited by this opportunity and

overwhelmed by this responsibility. I am absolutely committed to the mission and ministry of the ELCA but I need to comprehend almost 30 pages of proposed amendments to the Constitution which will be discussed and voted on. In addition, I need to read reports and recommendations from various committees to vote intelligently. With that in mind, I am asking you to pray for the Assembly in general and me specifically to have godly wisdom and understanding as we conduct the business of the church. Pray that I will be alert and clear minded through 5 days of business meetings. Through your contributions to ELCA, you are paying all my expenses and I don't want to waste your money! I will send daily reports as well as a detailed final report. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Elaine Welty



2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio



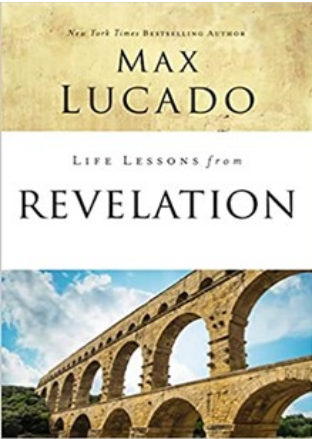
8/1/1994 Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich
8/5/1967 Larry & Diane Ross
8/8/2016 William & Sarah Anderson
8/19/1961 James & Blossom Parry
8/23/1975 Mark & Renae Heinze



Calvary Lutheran Church's
75 anniversary
will be celebrated with
a service & a meal on
Sunday, October 16, 2022.



3	Danny McLaughlin
5	Stephen Kuhlmann
8	John Ulrich
14	Arline Zak
14	Teddi Phillips
14	Janie Kinsey
21	Anastazja Wierzowiecki
23	Pedro Montanez



JOIN US!

Pastor's 12 week
Bible Study
begins on
August 23rd.

6:45 pm
In person or Zoom

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

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

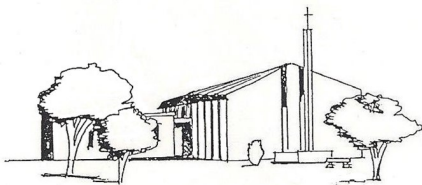


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 9	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Council 6:30pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 10	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Anniversary Committee mtg 4pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 Newsletter deadline	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 11 <i>Rally Day & Church Picnic</i>	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study Begins 6:45 In person or Zoom	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	
28	29	30	31			
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JOIN US
Aug. 21st!



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.