



Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church

July 2021

Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich



From the Pastor

Church Picnic

Immediately following
the Worship Service on
July 18, 2021, Calvary

Lutheran Church will host a picnic for the congregation. This will be our first meal together in 16 months. The last time the congregation hosted a meal was Shrove Tuesday, 2020. Please watch for more details concerning the event.

2022 Youth gathering

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held **July 24-28, 2022**, in **Minneapolis, Minnesota**. Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2021) are eligible to attend. **Please see Pastor Paul if you are interested in attending the event.**

All Committee Day/Congregation Retreat

Please join us on August 14, 2021, at 9am as we kick start the work of the committees of the

congregation. During the past year, the committees have not met regularly due to the pandemic. As life returns to normal it is important that the committees meet and plan our Fall activities. Everyone is invited to attend even if you are not serving on a committee at this time. The event is scheduled 9 am till noon.

Happy Fourth of July

Thank goodness this year looks different than last year, and we can get out and celebrate the Fourth of July in ways that we have done in the past. On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. Blessings to you as we celebrate the Fourth of July.

Pastor Paul



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Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary
10 May 2021

Church Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the 10TH day of May 2021 by the Council Vice-President Chris Kinsey. Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading from Christ in our Homes, called "Eternal Life Now". From 1st Timothy Chapter 6 Verse 12. Take hold of the eternity life to whom you have been called. Eternal life is also about how we live now. Living in Christ so his life shines through us.

"MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O'Connell, Chris Kinsey, Linda Ortegon, Dorothy St. Germain, Ann Helm, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Chris motion to accept the April 12, 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Joyce moved to accept. Marie second the motion. The council approved the April 12, 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. John said April 2021 was a good month. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell. Joyce also said April was a very good month. She said she is learning how to track the attendance watching the worship service live streamed to Facebook.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Open Position. Nothing to report.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to report.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Nothing to report.

Worship: Bee Rose. Absent

Evangelism: Ann Helm. Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor said things are opening now. He made a hospital visit, a couple of home visits and had a lot of office visits. Meetings are picking up. Blessing & Sending of Interns was on April 14th. He attended one Synod Dean meeting with the council. The Synod Assembly was held. This past week there was a council President, Vice-President and Pastor meeting. The adult bible study was completed and it will resume soon. Confirmation was completed. Pastor took three days of vacation in April. The Congregation Church Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday May 16, 2021. On June 20th, Pastor will be in Miles to install the new intern Ann Williams. He's asked Joyce to lead worship service that Sunday and will get permission from the Bishop for Joyce to preside over communion. Miles extended an invitation for us to come celebrate with them on that day also. On May 23rd the Bishop will be here. Cow Conference is scheduled for June 12. It will be Zoom only. Pastor feels the summer picnic suggested for July is a possibility. The Synod wants to have a gathering to gather as a Synod Event. This would gather many different congregations together on September 11, 2021 held at Briarwood. Pastor said he will be there attending the Synod Council Meeting. The next day, is September 12, 2021 which is God's Work Our Hands so we will plan for that. Pastor didn't have a lot of information on the NT-NL Briarwood Leadership Convention scheduled for October 18-20, 2021 yet. That concluded his report.



Church Council continued

Old Business

Live Streaming to Facebook went live last Sunday and there has been a lot of good feedback. Pastor suggested adding a few more mics to pick up the congregation singing. Chris wanted us to know that live mics will pick up background conversations during the worship service so the congregation needs to be made aware so they can be mindful of what they say. The congregation meeting will not be streamed but it will be recorded.

New Business

A Faithful Innovations promotional material handout was given to the council for discussion. This will be a topic for discussion at the Cow Conference on June 12. The Synod has ask for a team of four to seven people to receive training over a twelve month period. Titled "Listen, Act and Share". Pastor suggested opening the training to members of the congregation who might be interested as well. It would be good for those individuals to attend the Cow Conference Meeting on June 12. Pastor thought we would set a good example to the conference by attending the training. The individuals going through the training would share what they are learning. Pastor said there will be an information session on June 12. Marie said there isn't any new nominees yet to fill the council president's position. Heidi Wierzowiecki said she would be a representative for education on the council. Linda Ortegon volunteer to run again for secretary. Ann Helm said the NT-NL is hosting a workshop on racism. She thought it would be an opportunity for us to learn. NT-NL will be

providing the information. Ann thought it would be a good awareness opportunity. The Pastor wanted to share this information with the council since it was going to be in the newsletter. Ann said she would attend and give the council feedback. Pastor said since we never had an all committee night, he thought we could coordinate that event with another event soon. Pastor thought with a few positive changes we could peak more interest. Pastor would like us to start planning the all committee night and carry the discussion forward to the next meeting. John ask the council to approve a three percent pay raise for the pastor and a one dollar per hour raise for the church secretary. Chris motioned to accept. Marie moved to accept. Joyce second the motion. The council accepted. The council ask to add the pay raises and the information on Live Streaming to Facebook to the congregational minutes. Pastor ask the council to approve Joseph Phillips third person to receive confirmation on Confirmation Sunday along with Riley Scott and Anastazja Wierzowiecki. Dorothy moved to accept Joseph to receive confirmation. Marie second the motion. The council approved the motion. This coming Sunday is Chris, Mitch, Annalise and Landon's last Sunday with us. Chris is being reassigned to a base in North Dakota. Pastor will have a God Speed Sending for them. The council thought it would be best to leave the tape up separating the pews for now.

The Meeting ended with "The Lord's Prayer".
Respectfully,

Linda Ortegon
Church Council Secretary



2021 Church Council Members Installation July 11, 2021			
President	Joyce O'Connell	Vice President	Chris Kinsey
Secretary	Linda Ortegon	Treasurer	John Ulrich
Finance	Leon Thane	Worship	Bee Rose
Fellowship	Dorothy St. Germain	Service & Justice	Marie Williams
Evangelism	Ann Helm	Education	Heidi Wierzowiecki



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

Calvary, I'll start by saying a big a Thank You to all who have graciously helped with our worship services! And, I especially want to

thank Phyllis for stepping up to take attendance while we were mainly Zooming services and reading for both Zoom and in person services. Then there is John, Pedro and Chris who have and are making our "televised" services possible. Pam Ulrich and the rest of the Altar Guild for both the Zoom and then also the in person services. Leon, Joyce, Ann and Elaine for Assisting Minister with Betty and Valerie for reading both Zoom and in person. Also, I don't know if many of you have noticed but Lou has been ushering for every in person service since we started them again. These people have really been a Godsend during these trying times.

The sign up sheets are posted and I'm sure there are others out there who wouldn't mind helping out now.

Announcements:

We will be doing something different with the Kyrie on the last Sunday of the month now. We will be using Kyrie Eleison, Hymn Number 81 in the Worship and Praise Hymn Book. I think everyone will recognize it and will have no trouble.

Also, I will be out of town from June 23rd -July 8th. I'm still available by phone and email if anyone needs me.

In closing,

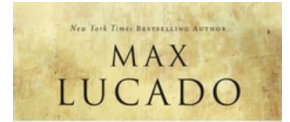
Fight the good fight. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Blessings, *Bee Rose*

Bible Study with Pastor Paul

8:45am
Every Sunday
In the
fellowship hall

**Beginning
July 11th**



LIFE LESSONS from
PHILIPPIANS



We will study
"Life Lessons From Philippians"
Life Lessons Series,
by
Max Lucado

Please call the office or let Pastor know if you would like us to order your copy.



DATE	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	Assist. Minister Com. Assist.	Reader (Lector)	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild
July 4 Pentecost 6	Jo McCormick			Joyce O'Connell	Valerie Bluthardt		Marie Williams	Valerie Bluthardt month of July
July 11 Pentecost 7				Elaine Welty			Jill Zuehlke	
July 18 Pentecost 8				Ann Helm	Valerie Bluthardt		Lou St. Germain	
July 25 Pentecost 9				Bee Rose			Hank & Bee Rose 28 th anniversary	



Ann Helm
Team Leader

Evangelism

Greetings everyone,

Just like you, I visit the hardware store whenever I need to build or plant something or fix something. My experiences are usually positive and successful, but not always. It depends so much on the help I get from people in the store. Recently, I went looking for a replacement bulb with the old bulb in a sack. When I enter the store I start my journey to find just the right bulb. An inexperienced employee greets me with a smile and tells me the Aisle number and points me to it. I go to the correct aisle and feel immediately overwhelmed by WTMC, **way too many choices**. Is it just me or are there really thousands of different bulbs to choose from? Another employee walks by and I show him my bulb. He leads me to the area where I can find what I need and leaves me to consider my choices. I'm still staring at many choices matching my bulb, not really understanding which to choose, when a young man walks by me. About 30 seconds later he

walks back and asks if I need help. He is not an employee, mind you, but he offers to help! He looks at my bulb and asks me questions about where I was going to use the bulb. He then begins explaining the different choices and their

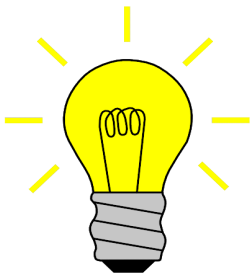
advantages. I learned about wattage and lumens, etc. and together we selected the best bulb, which, by the way, turned out to be **different and better** than the bulb in my sack. What a blessing this young man was to me that day! I could see Christ working through him.

This experience made me think about my interaction with people and how I can be effective in spreading the Good News. Smiles are always good. A smile with a blessing may be better. Asking someone how they are doing, listening to their answer and offering to pray for them if they are troubled may be even better. An invitation to visit my church is good. An offer to bring someone to church with me might be better. Asking someone if they need help, helping them first, getting to know them first, and then sharing my faith works best for me. As they say these days, "**it gives me cred**".

We know that Jesus came to teach and bring us to salvation through his death and resurrection. He made many believers through helping and healing them first. So did the apostles. So can we, each in our own way.

Blessings to each of you as you share the Good News!

Ann Helm



Evangelism Continued

Come and See Mini Event on Juneteenth

Kara Martinez, Mark Mitchell and Ann Helm trekked to MLK Park to join the celebrations for Juneteenth. It started with a parade and music, followed by voter registration, free books for the kids, fun in the playground, ring toss, balloon popping, bbq cook-off, raffles, and a dunking booth. The Blackshear Family Foundation provided all the food and festivities free to everyone. They are an awesome group!

Food, fellowship, fun and Mark met several people who are active in the community. We gave away 8 Bibles and 25 cards. Mark even posed with Spider-Man!

We hope to have more Come and See events later this year. If you know of an event that would be good for hosting a Come and See booth, let me know and we'll check into it.

Ann Helm



Marie Williams
Team Leader

Service & Justice

The year is almost half over. I don't know where it's gone.

Project Dignidad still needs protein items such as Vienna sausages, canned tuna, small or individual containers of peanut butter. You can drop these items into the box in the narthex at church.

We also plan to partner with Trinity Lutheran here in town to prepare and

serve a meal at Wesley United Soup Kitchen (Our Daily Bread) on Friday, July 30. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Williams, Service and Justice chair.

Other plans are in the works to hopefully meet for a meal, fellowship and bagging beans and rice in a few months.

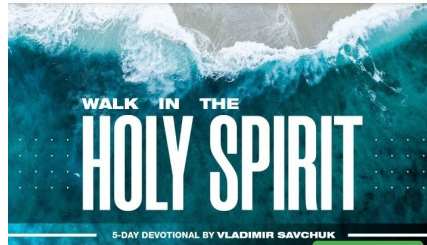
Marie Williams

Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader

Fellowship

Walk in the Holy Spirit: a 5-Day YouVersion Bible Daily Devotional

Starts Monday July 19



"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 14) Dorothy St. Germain is hosting this daily devotional which explains fellowship with the Holy Spirit and how we can "walk in the Holy Spirit".

If you would like to participate, go to the YouVersion Bible App at <https://Bible.com> and sign in or sign up. Invite your friends to walk with you. Call Dorothy St. Germain 325-223-0067 if you need help getting set up or want more information.



2	Brooke-Lynn Wamer
3	Chris Kinsey
3	Demir Demirov
6	Kristen Kuhlmann
7	Todd Walker
11	Karla Hariman
12	Vera Itz
18	Alexzandra Wierzowiecki
22	Betty Thane
23	Bob Bluthardt
26	Gary Griffin
27	Gladys Jones
27	Haley Williamson
28	Ashlyn Scott
29	Grace Allen
31	Pastor Paul Zwarich



**JOIN US
JULY 18
after
church**

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and buns will be provided! Bring side dishes, desserts, or chips and dips of your choice and join the fellowship of church family once again. Sign up sheet for helping to set up and clean up will be in the narthex in July. A special invitation is extended to our confirmation youth and their families.



**7/6/2013
John & Kim Fiveash**

**7/15/2000
Robert & Heidi
Wierzowiecki**

**7/19/1989
Chet & Denise Cooley**

**7/20/1963
Lou & Dorothy
St. Germain**

**7/20/2002
Stoney & Karla Hariman**

**7/26/1977
Gary & Penny Griffin**

**7/31/1993
Hank & Bee Rose**

Sincere Word of Thanks

Thank you to those of you who remembered me with a lovely card, your words of sympathy and prayers in the loss of my sister, Arlene Jones. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank God she did not have to suffer any longer from that dreaded disease. The past six years seemed like an eternity.

Thank you my dear Christian Friends,
Rosalee King



Overflowing With Thanks



**God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night with a light from above**


**From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans white with foam**

**God bless America
My home, sweet home**

**God bless America
My home, sweet home**

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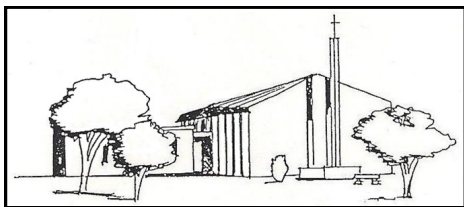


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am Worship Service Pentecost 6 	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Church office is closed.	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10am Worship Service Pentecost 7 8:45am Adult Class bible study with Pastor <u>Installation of Council</u>	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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			Pastor out of the office this week.			
					Wesley Soup Kitchen For info, contact Marie Williams.	

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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.