

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

July 2022

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*



How many times as a child were you asked what you wanted to be when you grow up? As a young kid, I usually responded that I wanted to be a policeman, or fireman, or when I was being silly a fire truck. It wasn't until I was much older that I responded that I wanted to be a Pastor.

When one stops and thinks about it, the question is not a bad way to start a conversation. What I find fascinating though, is that the response to the question "what we want to be" is often linked with what type of employment we see ourselves participating in as an adult and not the many other roles we will find ourselves in as an adult.

Lutherans use the word "Vocation" to describe God's calling. In the Middle Ages, vocation meant being a church professional – a priest, nun, or monk. However, Martin Luther emphasized that a person can serve God in whatever kind of work or office you do or hold.

In other words, who you are is more than the occupation you hold. As Christians, our most important calling is to be God's holy people. In baptism, we were given a responsibility to love and serve our neighbors. And we were told to let our light so shine before others that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. As Christians, everything we do is to be done in a way that brings glory to God.

Vocation then, is about how we live out our lives as the body of Christ. Your vocation may include things as being a friend, mowing your lawn, teaching Sunday School, being a student, spending time with grandchildren, time spent on the payroll at work, and in any other role you have in life. Any task or role can be a vocation if it is done to glorify God and serve others in Christ's name.

Think about it. God is at work in all areas of life, and God's work is done through us, God's people. So, whether we are at work, on vacation, volunteering, or spending time with our family, God is at work. Being the church and living as children of God does not stop after worship on Sunday morning. As we live out each day, may we all keep an eye open for the ways God is working in and through us in our many and various vocations.

Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July!

Pastor Paul

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Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting

May 09, 2022

Joyce called the May 09, 2022, council meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Pastor Paul's reading was from the Gospel of Mark. To be compassionate means to suffer with another person. It is a form of love. This character trait represents our Lord throughout the Gospel as one who came to teach, serve, and to heal. His compassion for us took him to the cross and his death was our life. This is the good news for us today.

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

MINUTES: Joyce moved to accept the April 11, 2022, Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris Kinsey motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Marie seconded the motion. The council approved the April 11, 2022, Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes as amended.

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

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

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Day camp is coming up in June. Registration is now open online. She and Marie are working toward contacting the parents. The date, time and location will be on Facebook and the local television station. The College Hills Swimming pool will be available Wednesday morning for an hour to hour and half.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. The church will recognize our graduates the last Sunday of May.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. We served 240 meals at the soup kitchen. Service and Justice will have a short meeting this Thursday.

Worship: Bee Rose. If you would like to help with Sunday Worship Service, please contact Bee.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. Please contact Ann Helm if you would like to place order a T-shirt.

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

New Business

Joyce received a letter from Lutheran Sunset Ministries requesting all churches part of their ministry participate in a vote to have a piece of property they own switched to a non-profit status. Pastor, Joyce, and Elwin signed the form and emailed it back to them.

Pastor said we have a member going to the church wide assembly. In the past the church has helped with expenses the Synod did not cover. The member will let us know soon what expenses she may need covered. Bee moved to table the discussion. Ann seconded the motion. Council Approved.

The June Council Meeting will be on June 20th.

A "Save the Date," invitation went out to pastors inviting them our 75th Church Anniversary Celebration this October. A formal Invitation will go out sometime in July.

Committee Nominations – Anyone interested in filling the council positions Service and Justice and Evangelism to contact Joyce.

Communications – Thank you notes from the "ELCA," and the Soup Kitchen. A letter of transfer from 1st Lutheran Church of Longview, requesting to move Barbara Walker's membership.

Old Business

No old business.

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. The council approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

| 2022 Church Council Members Installation July 2022 | | | |
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| 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 | --- |

| Worship Assistants, Altar Guild & Flowers | | | | | |
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| 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 |
| July 3 Pent 4 | Joyce O'Connell | Valerie Bluthardt | Joyce O'Connell | John Ulrich Pedro Montanez | Dorothy St. Germain |
| July 10 Pent 5 | | | | | |
| July 17 Pent 6 | | | Marie Williams | | |
| July 24 Pent 7 | | | Lou & Dorothy St. Germain | | |
| July 31 Pent 8 | | | Hank & Bee Rose | | |



The power of kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Amelia Earhart



Thank you, everyone for your prayers, cards, calls and texts after the passing of my brother, Mark Struempf and his wife, Velicia. Your care and concern are very much appreciated. Love to you all!
Ann Helm



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



Marie Williams
Team Leader
Service & Justice



Thank you
 for your generosity to
 Project Dignidad!
 Please continue to remember
 them in the future.

Calvary, It has been a joy
 & a blessing to meet you
 and to work with Pastor
 Paul!

Grace + Peace,
Intern Anne Williams





Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

Living in the farming and ranching communities of West Texas we fully understand the need for water. In Alpine we have an aquifer providing water. Back in the sixties that aquifer started running low and the whole town had to start conserving water until the problem was figured out. And now, with the problem in Odessa combined with this heat, low water has come to the forefront of people’s minds. The following gives pause for thought when you see water running down the street from over or improperly watering a lawn or landscape.

Saving Water

The United Nations commission that coordinates the U.N.’s work on water and sanitation says, “Water is complex because it is linked to almost everything in the world...water is a precondition for human existence and for the sustainability of the planet.”

In the word of God, water was before all else. It means something that water is named in the second verse of the very first book of our Holy Scripture. Water is the source of all life. Water’s sacredness and transforming power is named throughout the Bible.

The water that nourishes us, cleanses us, baptizes us, and restores us does not come from an endless faucet. Water comes from a loving, merciful God – a God who has instructed us to be caretakers of this life-giving resource. We are not called to disrupt the flow of water, but to honor it, respect it, and teach our grandchildren, children, and even our peers to have the same reverence for it through the water habits we model each day.

This message is excerpted from “Our sacred waters” by Venice R. Williams in the May 2018 Gather magazine.

Monthly questions: *answers on p. 7*

1. How many children did Adam have?

A) Two, B) Three, C) Four, D) Unknown number

2. When the Lord appeared to Abram to make the covenant of circumcision and change his name to Abraham, how old was Abram?

A) 90 years old, B) 99 years old, C) 100 years old, D) The Bible doesn't say.

3. Genesis 5, which lists the descendants of Adam through Noah, says, “And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” How old was Enoch when this happened?

A) 365 years old, B) 930 years old, C) 969 years old, D) The Bible doesn't say.

Go with God,

Bee Rose



Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom’s place
Is really in God’s will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems P. 3



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

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| 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 |

Answers: from p. 6


1. D. An unknown number. Cain, Abel and Seth are the only named children, but Genesis 5:4 says, "And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were 800 years and he begat sons and daughters."
2. B. 99 years old. See Genesis 17:1.
3. A. 365 years. See Genesis 5:21-24.



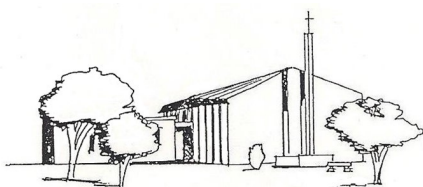
"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity."
–Joseph Addison

"A life without love is like a year without summer."
–Swedish proverb



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | AA 5:30pm | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 4 | 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 | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 5 | 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 Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 Newsletter deadline | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 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 | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 7 <i>Noisy Bucket</i> | 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 | Pat Gavin Memorial Service 11am |
| 31 | August 21 Rally Day & Church Picnic | | | | | |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 8 | | | | | | |

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