

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

June 2022



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich*



Summer calls to mind a slower pace and brings excitement for many people. School is out, summer vacations anticipated, swimming pools are open to the public, picnics are happening. It is good to have a change of pace and relax and enjoy ourselves. The longer days and warmer weather do beckon us to experience the season. As we look forward to the summer season, here are some words of advice to ponder.

“When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.”  
*Eleanor Brown – Public Speaker and Educator*

“Sometimes it’s important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it’s essential to make sure that your most important decision of the day is to decide which color of the rainbow to slide down on.” *Douglas Pagels – Author*

“Rest time is not waste time; it is economy to gather fresh strength. In the long run we shall do more by doing less.”  
*Charles Spurgeon - Nineteenth Century Preacher*

“Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”  
*Jesus – Matthew 11:28-30*

## **A Summer Prayer**

Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...  
Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.  
– Author unknown

Have A Blessed Summer,  
*Pastor Paul*

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

## *Calvary Lutheran Church* *Council Meeting*

*April 2022*

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. on the 11th day of April by the Council President Joyce O'Connell. Pastor Paul's devotion ask the question, "What can we compare the Kingdom of God to?" God delights when we discover something works in our lives and the teachings of Jesus were used as our guide. Jesus often used simple images to teach the complex. It's hard to imagine that a small mustard seed would grow into a shrub large enough for birds to nest. "How are we like that mustard seed"? Let us pray.

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

**MINUTES:** Joyce moved to accept the March 14, 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris Kinsey motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Marie seconded the motion. The council approved the March Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Ulrich. The March 2022 Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Joyce presented the Financial Report for Leon. The Financial Secretary's March 2022 Report was accepted as

presented. Pastor Paul said our average attendance including zoom and face book has been 102.

### **CORE TEAM REPORTS**

**Education:** Heidi Wierzowiecki. Children's Sunday School Class is going well. The Education Committee will meet later this week to discuss the upcoming vacation bible school in June.

**Fellowship:** Dorothy St. Germain. On Easter Sunday the church will provide a brunch after early sunrise service and an Easter egg hunt for the kids. Marie volunteer to fill the Easter Eggs. About 150 eggs .

**Service and Justice:** Marie Williams. We served about 196 people at the soup kitchen. As long as people are able to volunteer we will continue to help the soup kitchen.

**Worship:** Bee Rose. Volunteers to help during worship service are always welcomed.

**Evangelism:** Ann Helm. Ann Helm said she and Joyce attended a UCM pray service. They meet three of the students in attendance. Ann said the remodeled facilities were very nice. Joyce, Mark, Gary and Ann volunteered to represent Calvary Lutheran as UCM board members. Ann also let the council know we would not be participating in the San Angelo Children's fair this year, which worked out okay since it's not being held across the street this year.

**Pastor's Report:** The pastor went over the Pastor's Report for March. Please refer to the Pastor's Report for details.

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*Council News Continued...*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Miles – Pastor will be in Miles on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June for Ann’s last service.

Council Structure - Committee Nominations – There are no nominations for Service and Justice yet. Ann submitted the names of two individuals for Joyce to contact.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Housing for our Counselors – Linda and Manuel Ortegon will host the vacation bible school counselors.

Communications. A couple of thank you notes were received. One from the Salvation Army. One from our Synod office thanking us for our benevolence offering.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

*Linda Ortegon*  
Council Secretary

**Worship Assistants & Altar Guild**

You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.

DATE	Lay Minister	Assisting Minister	Reader	Flowers	Technology	Altar Guild
June 5 Pentecost	Joyce O'Connell	Leon Thane	Phyllis Zwarich	Marie Williams	John Ulrich  Pedro Montanez	Norma Kahlig
June 12 Holy Trinity Pentecost 1	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose		Ouida & Elwin Hahn		
June 19 Pentecost 2	----		Bee Rose	Norma & James Kahlig		
June 26 Pentecost 3	----			Pam & John Ulrich		



**Marie Williams**  
**Team Leader**

## *Service & Justice*

### **Joint Activity for Parish Education and Service and Justice Committees**

We are preparing for Day Camp from June 20 through 24. We need help in the kitchen to prep, serve and clean-up snacks as well as help with lunch. The campers will be

bringing a sack lunch as usual. We will need members to help with the lunches and dinners for the camp counselors either by cooking it or donating money toward it. We will only serve water as our drinks. Linda and Emanuel Ortegon have graciously agreed to house the counselors and provide them breakfast. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting in mid-May. Please sign-up. Some items we need for snacks are: apples, Cheez Itz, peanut butter crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, cheese crackers, crackerjacks, string cheese, and freeze pops.

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



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

**LET US BE THANKFUL** and give a pat on the back to these four persons who have served faithfully on church council for the previous four years and now will be finishing their current terms on June 30th. They were all elected on May 20, 2018. Joyce O'Connell who served her first three years as **Finance Chairperson** and then last year as **President**. John Ulrich who has been our **Treasurer** for the entire period of four years and he has been there before. Marie Williams served two years as **Education Chairperson** and two more years as head of **Service and Justice**. Finally, Chris Kinsey has served as **Vice-President** for four years and now has agreed to serve a fifth year in order that the offices of Vice-President and President may be elected in different years allowing continuity of leadership between those two offices. Thanks to all!



And thanks for the council members of Pastor Zwarich, Linda Ortegon, Heidi Wierzowiecki, Bee Rose, Ann Helm and Dorothy St. Germain for the committees you head and all the work you do!

**Leon D. Thane**  
**Financial Chairman**



**Bee Rose**  
**Team Leader**

## Worship

I want to thank Ashlyn Scott for graciously offering to be Acolyte for our May 22nd service. It occurred to me however, that we haven't had a regular Acolyte for over two years. Youth are starting to attend regularly now, so I ask if any of you would consider being an Acolyte. Training would be provided if needed. Please think about it.

Don't forget Adults, we would like to see some new faces for Assisting Minister and Reader. Oh, and Acolytes don't HAVE to be youth if that is something you may be interested in.

### A couple of pearls for you...

Have you ever thought about just trusting in God? I was a Girl Scout, a Navy Hospital Corpsman and a chaperone for a Church Youth Group. I was always prepared... with everything I "may" possibly need. Consequently, I can more than empathize with this lady. I just wish I'd come to the same conclusion 50 years ago!

### Trusting in God's Provision

When packing for a year of service with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program, I stuck with what I knew: Plan for every possibility and use the maximum weight allowance to cover all the bases. Dragging nearly 150 pounds of luggage through Heathrow Airport, through miles of terminals and train connections, was one of the most miserable experiences I've ever had as a traveler.

A man once asked Jesus what he lacked in his faith and was told: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Matthew 19:21). In relying on my own efforts to plan and prepare for everything, perhaps I'd forgotten to fully trust in God's provision.

Each passing month of service taught me new lessons about God's faithful provision. Living simply helped me focus on the meaning of accompaniment and being fully present where I served. Scaling down my possessions allowed me to follow Jesus more closely that year.

*This message is excerpted from "Traveling light" by Vanessa Young in the September 2015 Gather magazine.*

### Hopeful Gardeners

In the merry month of May (or whenever), gardeners (like me) love to stand in our backyards and dream of abundant harvests of delicious flawless vegetables, borders overflowing with vivid blossoms, and lush, thick, healthy green lawns.

Yet by midsummer, the critters will have enjoyed our veggies and flowers immensely and the lawn will be as spotty as ever. The high hopes of May will fade. We will growl that we're going to move to a condo and never grow anything more challenging than a little pot of basil on the windowsill.

But every spring, there we are out in our backyards again, planting seeds and raking mulch, having a wonderful time. Because this year, unlike all the years that have gone before, our gardens will be spectacular! We just know it!

Does this sound like a parable? Is the kingdom of God like a foolish gardener who never gives up hope even in the face of experience? How do you think Jesus would tell that parable? How would you tell it?

*This message is excerpted from "Is the kingdom of God like a foolish gardener" by Audrey Novak Riley from the April 26, 2018, blog of the Women of the ELCA*

Questions of the Month: answers on p. 6

1. In the parable of the Lost Sheep, how many sheep did the shepherd have?  
A) 12 B) 40 C) 100 D) A flock - number not specified
2. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man talked to this person after death?  
A) Lazarus B) An Angel of the Lord C) Moses D) Abraham
3. In the parable of the 10 Virgins, how many were foolish and how many were wise?  
A) Nine foolish and one wise B) Seven foolish and three wise C) Five foolish and five wise D) All were foolish

**Go with God,**

**Bee Rose**





**Dorothy St. Germain**  
**Team Leader**

## *Fellowship*

### **Love for All Seasons**

My Grandmother always cooked tasty food. But one day, she put a burnt pie in front of my Grandpa...Not just a little burnt, but black as coal.

I waited to see what my Grandpa would say...but he just ate it and asked me how my day went.

Then I heard my Grandmother apologize to him for his dinner. I will never forget his response, "Dear, I like your pie."

Later, I asked him if he had told the truth. He put his arm around my shoulder and said, "Your Grandma had a tough day at work. She was tired. The burnt pie didn't harm me, but a sharp word could've hurt her."

We all make mistakes.

We shouldn't focus on the mistakes, but support those we love.

--Unknown Author

Answers from p. 5

1. C) 100. See Matthew 18:12-13 and Luke 15:4-6
2. D) Abraham. See Luke 16:19-31
3. C) Five foolish and five wise.  
See Matthew 25:1-13

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Congratulations to those graduating in May 2022! May God bless and guide you as you begin a new chapter in your life. On May 29th, Calvary will recognize & celebrate these graduates.



### High School

**Atre Allen**  
**Caitlyn Phillips**  
**Steven Tucker**

### Master of Divinity

**Anne Williams**



## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*in June*

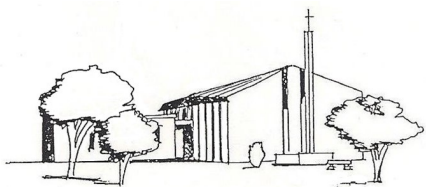
<b>2</b>	<b>Hank Rose</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sassy Puckett</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Leon Thane</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Steve Tucker</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Adam Scott</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Conway Ahrens</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Jon Kinsey</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Pam Ulrich</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Debra Huffman</b>

<b>6/7/2014</b> <b>Manuel &amp; Linda Ortegon</b>
<b>6/11/1983</b> <b>Mark &amp; Janette Dailey</b>
<b>6/12/1993</b> <b>John &amp; Joyce Rowoldt</b>
<b>6/14/1963</b> <b>James &amp; Norma Kahlig</b>
<b>6/16/1972</b> <b>Elwin &amp; Ouida Hahn</b>
<b>6/21/1975</b> <b>Gary &amp; Debra Huffman</b>
<b>6/25</b> <b>Chris &amp; Janie Kinsey</b>
<b>6/28/2002</b> <b>Neil &amp; Teddi Phillips</b>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	Pastor on vacation 3rd-11th
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pentecost	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
	Pastor on vacation 3rd-11th					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Trinity Sunday	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm Flag Day	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 Newsletter deadline	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Father's Day	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Council 6:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Summer Begins	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
SUMMER DAY CAMP 19th -24th ***** SUMMER DAY CAMP 19th -24th						
26	27	28	29	30		
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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.