

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
April 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

Alleluia! In a few short weeks our liturgy will again include the word "Alleluia!" During the Season of Lent we refrain from using the word "Alleluia!" Did you know that the word "Alleluia" is a Hebrew word that means

"Praise the Lord"? When I hear the word "Alleluia!" I am often reminded of the song "Praise Ye the Lord... Alleluia!" which I sang as a youth in Sunday School.

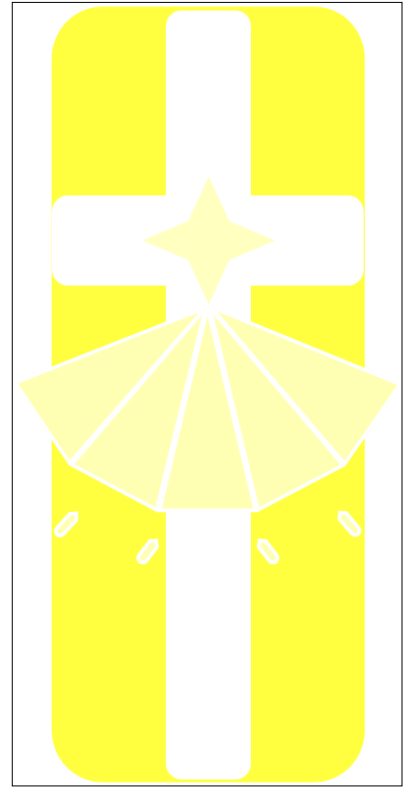
As you have probably noticed, the word "Alleluia" has a joyful overtone to it. Even though it is proper to praise the Lord all year round, during the Season of Lent we withhold a bit of our joy and celebration because we are anticipating Christ's Passion and death. As the Gospel in a nutshell expounds... "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

Yes, during the Season of Lent we withhold our shouts of "Alleluia!" But soon the Victory on Easter morning will be upon us and we will again shout, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, it is our joy to sing and say "Alleluia!" as response to your conquering sin and death. Now, during the days of Lent, we withhold our shouts of "Alleluia!" so that we may take it up anew on Easter when the grave will be empty, and our salvation assured. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

See You In Church

Pastor Paul



The Baptism of Our Lord
Above image created by
Teddi Phillips

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Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting 11 February 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. on the 11th day of February, 2019, by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul Zwarich offered a devotional and a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fritz Leifeste, Chris Kinsey, John Ulrich, James Parry, Joyce O'Connell, Marie Williams, Kara Martinez, Betty Thane, Dorothy St. Germain, Barbara Walker, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 14 January 2019 Council Meeting were furnished to the Council. John Ulrich motioned, seconded by Joyce O'Connell, that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2019. No exceptions were taken to the printed report and it was accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented the Financial Secretary's Report for the month of January 2019. The offering for the first two weeks in February exceeded the amount donated during the first two weeks of January, and the attendance also increased for this period.

CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams reported that the Summer Camp at Calvary will take place from 23 to 28 June this year. The last day of regular Sunday School will be on 19 May, 2019. Currently there are eight youths planning to go to Briarwood Camp this summer.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez reported that plans were in full swing for the Easter season events. A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is planned for 5 March, 2019. All of the Mid-Week Lenten Services are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane reported that the Service and Justice Team is going to honor married couples during the 17 February, 2019, service and have a small reception following the Worship Service. They are asking the congregation to support Habitat for Humanity this year as the group's service project.

Worship — Dorothy St. Germain reported that hymns for the Sunday services through April had been selected. A choir group will be practicing special music in the music room on Sunday mornings before church.

Evangelism – Barbara Walker reported a good turnout for the Come and See event on 20 January. They had 15 volunteers offering to help with the Children's Fair on 28 April. They will monitor parking around the church and hand out bottled water and balloons with the church's name on them.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul Zwarich presented a detailed written report of his activities. Major upcoming dates and events he noted were: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5 March; Ash Wednesday, 6 March; Mid-Week Lenten Services starting 13 March; Maundy Thursday, 18 April; Good Friday, 19 April; and Easter Sunday, 21 April.

OLD BUSINESS: The Council is still trying to develop a plan or process for everyone who prepares or donates food or supplies for social events at the church to make a record of it. This process will help in planning future social meals and activities and be able to budget for the goods which will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Leon Thane will investigate cleaning the gutters on the roof of the sanctuary. It was suggested that a company with trained employees do the cleaning.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed at 7:53 p.m. in peace and harmony with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

James Parry
Council Secretary



Worship

*"Empowering God's people to worship in grace and truth."
John 4:23*

*Dorothy St. Germain,
Interim Worship
Leader*

Worship Committee:

In his article, "The Seasons of the Church," author Dennis Bratcher writes: "The Christian Church Year focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The sequence of festivals from Advent to Resurrection Sunday becomes an annual spiritual journey for worshippers as they kneel at the manger, listen on the hillside, walk the streets of Jerusalem, hear the roar of the mob, stand beneath the cross, and witness the resurrection."

At Calvary Lutheran we continue our Lenten faith walk through April 10th. The liturgical color changes during Holy Week to red. April 14th, Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem. The color is red for Maundy Thursday, April 18th, as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember the night of his betrayal. On this night the altar is stripped bare and a black shroud is hung over the cross as we remember the death of our Lord. All are welcome... Come and see.

Easter, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, is celebrated April 21st with two services: Sunrise Service, followed by a light breakfast, and Easter Service, followed by a potluck meal. All are welcome. Come and See!



Dorothy St. Germain, Interim Worship Committee Leader

Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Reader (Lector)	Communion Assistant	Video Tech
April 7	Jo McCormick	John Fiveash	Ashlyn Scott	Ann Helm	Betty Thane	Phyllis Zwarich	Pedro Montanez
April 14	Terry and Arline Zak	Mitch and Landon Simon	Annalysse Simon	Steve Mild	Zoe Mild	XXXXXX	Pedro Montanez
April 21	Pam Ulrich	Jo McCormick	Joseph Phillips	Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich	Elwin Hahn	Pedro Montanez
April 28				Teddi Phillips	Dave Puckett	XXXXXX	

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to serve on the date listed above, please call Dorothy St. Germain at 223-8347, or change with another person. Notify Dorothy of the change, and she will notify the Church Office. Please do not call the office or send an e-mail.

Education

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Proverbs 22:6

Parish Education News:

A new Sunday morning Bible Study for adults will begin on March 31st at 8:45 a.m. "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" is the title of the study. All are welcome to attend.

The Women's Bible Study is not meeting during Lent, but will resume at 6:00 p.m. the Wednesday after Easter, April 24th. The group will begin something new, and all are welcome.

The Men's Bible Breakfast group meets on the second Saturday of the month. Please look for the times and dates either on the calendar or in the bulletin.

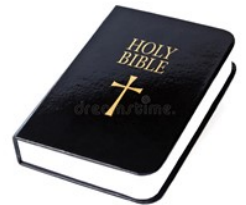
The Confirmation Class, as well as the adults attending that class, average 15 in attendance. The last class is on March 24th.

The lower grades of Children's Sunday School are still averaging four in attendance. There will be a pinata for the children on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School time. The pinata symbolizes the opening of the tomb,

Day Camp this summer is going to be the fourth week in June. Please look in the bulletin or newsletter for further information, or speak with Teddi Phillips or Marie Williams.

Come and enjoy studying with any of the groups being offered!

Marie Williams, Parish Education Team Leader



Evangelism

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Come & See
Calvary Lutheran Church

Sunday 10AM @ 3231 College Hills Blvd

www.calvarysa.org

This is the message included on a banner, water bottle labels, and balloons recently ordered. We will be sharing these with the community at the Children's Fair on April 28th. Do you know of other events this year where we should participate? If so, call or e-mail me with your ideas. Help us reach others in our community. Let's share the blessings of Calvary Lutheran with others! With Peace and Love, Barbara Walker

Email: babswalker07@gmail.com Phone: 432-213-5293.

Service and Justice

“Do justice; love kindness; walk humbly with God.”

SERVICE AND JUSTICE APRIL, 2019

NOISY BUCKET offering from February 24, 2019, was \$82.70. Total for this year is \$143.07. Our goal this year is to contribute to a water well or accessories for water well needs such as filters, through the ELCA Good Gifts Program.

The Service and Justice Team has selected **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** as a project for this year. Special envelopes will be provided during the month of April for your convenience to donate to the cause. The monies for this special project will be given to The San Angelo Area Foundation, who will amplify our money on a pro-rated basis. Our money plus the pro-rated basis will then be given to Habitat. This is such a profitable program to increase our donation and make our gift reach even further. Habitat builds homes, but more importantly, it builds strength and self-reliance through shelter. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile program. Please make checks to Calvary and specify Habitat on the memo line.

If anyone is interested in contributing food products for **PROJECT DIGNIDAD'S EASTER BASKETS** (to provide Easter meals for those less fortunate), please contact Betty Thane or Gary Griffin.

THE NEXT SERVICE AND JUSTICE MEETING will be held Thursday, May 2, in the church Fellowship Hall. Blessings, Betty Thane. Service and Justice Council Representative



*Betty Thane,
Service and Justice
Team Leader*

SAVE THE DATE

Women of the NTNL Bi-Annual Retreat

October 11 – 13, 2019

Butman Methodist Church Camp, Merkel, Texas (west of Abilene)

Our Women's Conference Out West has been asked to host the Women's Bi-Annual Retreat Oct. 11-13, 2019. I have been asked to be the liaison from Calvary to provide you with the information of this exciting retreat. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming newsletters. The rumors are that this will be a special, memorable weekend we won't want to miss. Betty Thane

PECAN PIE MUFFINS

1 Cup Light Brown Sugar

1/2 Cup All Purpose Flour

MIX: Flour and Sugar Together

ADD: 2 Eggs

2/3 Cup Melted Butter or Margarine

1 Cup Chopped Pecans

PREHEAT oven to 350 Degrees. MIX all ingredients in a bowl with a wooden spoon. Pour into greased muffin tins (tins measuring 2 1/2 inches in diameter) or tins lined with paper liners. (I line my muffin tins which eliminates greasing.) Fill each individual tin 2/3 full. **Optional**: I put a pecan half on each muffin for decoration. BAKE 20 (twenty) minutes at 350 degrees. MAKES 12 muffins. ENJOY! Betty Thane



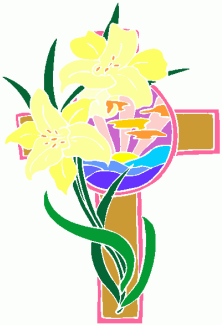
Kara Martinez,
Fellowship Team Leader

Fellowship

"Building Christian community in love and grace."

EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 21ST.

We will be celebrating Easter with two Worship Services. The Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 a.m. and followed by a Continental Breakfast from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for the children will meet at 8:45 a.m. The Easter Sunday service is at 10:00 a.m., followed by our Easter Sunday Potluck. Meat will be provided for the potluck, and you are asked to bring a favorite side dish or dessert.



On Easter morning, please remember to bring flowers to decorate our Easter Cross. Because flowers are used for their symbolism of life, joy, and human frailty, ("All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, and the flower fades..." Isa. 40:7-8), artificial flowers, ribbons and bows should not be used in the worship space. Let's make this Easter cross the prettiest of all. Thanks. Pam Ulrich



April 2 - Al King
April 3 - Dorene Edborg
April 4 - Travis Raab
April 7 - Betty Egan
April 8 - Mark Dailey
April 16 - James Kahlig
April 16 - Norma Kahlig
April 18 - Myley Hariman
April 21 - Neil Phillips
April 22 - Fritz Leifeste
April 22 - Dave Puckett
April 22 - Bob Zwarich
April 23 - Alex Conover
April 25 - Ouida Hahn
April 26 - Steve Mild
April 27 - Barbara Fumagalli



April 14, 1984 -
John and Jane Cocuzzi

April 27, 1963 -
John and Pam Ulrich

April 30, 2011 -
Corey and Andrea Sanford

Congratulations!

LUTHERAN LUNCHERS

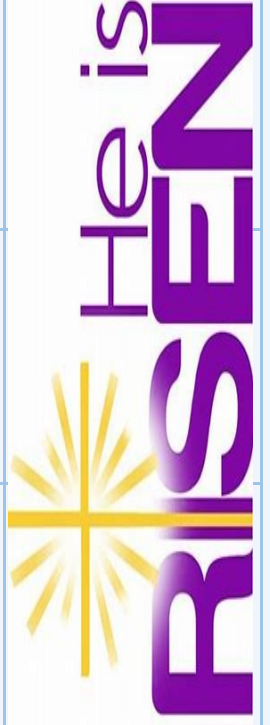
is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 10th, at
11:00 a.m., at IHOP.
For reservations, please call
John or Pam Ulrich at
942-9404.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST:

The group will meet at Golden Corral on Saturday, April 13th, at 8:00 a.m. Sure hope you can join us!

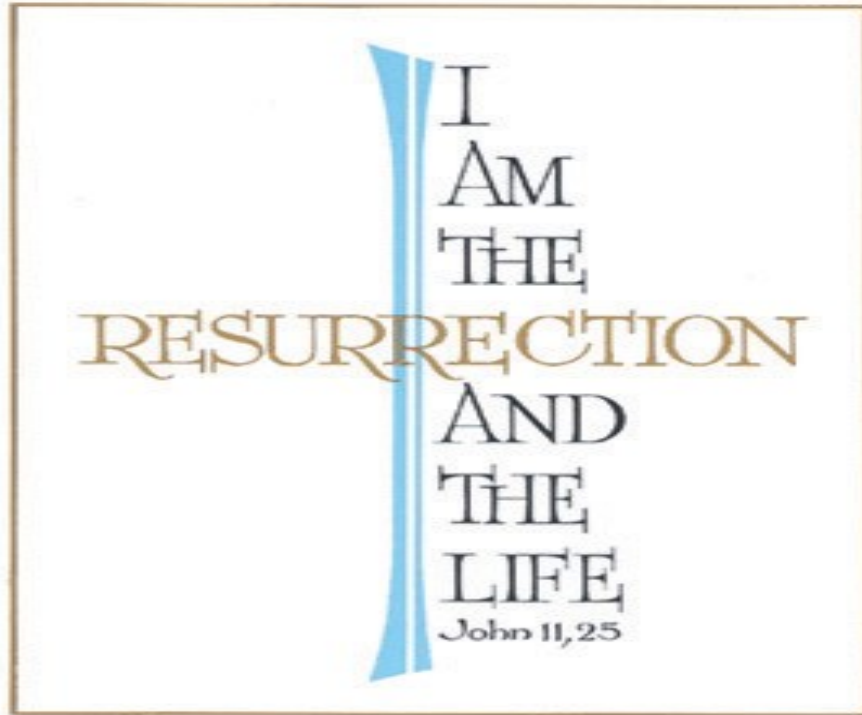
**Faith &
Fellowship**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group		6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lent 5 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	11:00am Lutheran Lunchers 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 11:00am AA Group
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
PALM SUNDAY 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Committee Meeting	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group		MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00am Exercise Group 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service 5:30pm AA Group	GOOD FRIDAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00pm Good Friday Service 5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
EASTER SUNDAY 7:30am Easter Sunrise Service 8:15-9:30am Continental Breakfast 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Easter Sunday Service 11:00am Easter Sunday Potluck	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	Synod Assembly 5:30pm AA Group	Synod Assembly 11:00am AA Group
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.



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PLEASE
PLACE
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Palm Sunday - April 14
Maundy Thursday - April 18
Good Friday - April 19
Easter Sunday - April 21

