

# Calvary Comment



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis**

*Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!  
Christ Is Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia!*

What a great statement. Everything that Jesus did for us was completed on Easter Sunday. Death no longer has the final say. Our sin no longer separates us from God. God's Redeeming Activity in our world has been completed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Did you know that that even though these words are a common statement, they are not the first words spoken that morning? Read what Mary said: *"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."*

John 20:2

Mary was confused and the last thing on Mary's mind was the "Good News" that Jesus had risen from the dead. Instead, Mary was worried that someone had stolen His body and now she would not be able to give Jesus a proper burial.

## Calvary Lutheran Church April 2021



Mary was sad. The events of the past few days had been awful. But then something wonderful happened. Jesus said to Mary "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." Mary turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni! (which means Teacher). Suddenly Mary was filled with joy, and she rushed to tell others that she had seen the Lord.

This Easter Season, may we too be filled with joy and go and tell others the Good News that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depths,

nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. Alleluia!  
Romans 8:38-39

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*Pastor Paul*



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# Church Council

8th of February 2021 Council Secretary, Linda Ortegon

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 08th day of February 2021 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened with a prayer from Hosea Chapter 6 Verse 3.

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

**MINUTES:** Fritz motion to accept the January 11, 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Ann made a motion to accept the after a few corrections were made to the minutes. Joyce second the motion. The council approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Ulrich. The January 2021 Treasurer's Report and was approved as presented. Nothing new to report.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Joyce O'Connell. The Financial Report was accepted as reported. Joyce said January was a good month. Compared to last year's donations the end of January we were up this year. She thought that was pretty good under the circumstances. Fritz said Mark the Synod Treasurer is really pleased with the amount of money that has been given to the Synod this year. He said it's less, but not has much as he thought it might be. Joyce ask if she should continue to separate the total attending the service in person and the total attending by zoom. The Pastor said yes.

## CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Nothing to Report.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to Report.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. The committee meet per a telephone meeting and agreed to send out Valentine Cards.

Worship: Bee Rose. Bee said she didn't have anything to report.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. A Lent Bible Study will be starting this month on the Seventeenth. It will be on a study on the Forty Days "A Journey with Jesus". It's on the Bible App YouVersion.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor went over his January pastoral acts. Five In-Person/Zoom Sunday Worship Services. The Sunday Service in Miles was canceled, but he does plan to be in Miles this Sunday weather

permitting. On February 05th he attend the Dean Synod Council Meeting. The Adult Bible Study resumed and there is a nice size group that attends every Tuesday. The application for the Miles Intern was send out on January 31<sup>st</sup> to Miles. So he hopes to hear something in March. Pastor will be attending a supervisor orientation, but he doesn't know when that will be yet. He does expect it to be over zoom this year so he won't have to travel to Iowa for that. Confirmation will resume tomorrow night. On Saturday we have our COW conference meeting per zoom. On February 17<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. We will have mid-week services throughout Lent. Our Easter Sunday Service will be April 04<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open for the Synod Assembly so our attendees should register now to get the early bird rates. They may go to the Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod and register there. Pastor will be on vacation May 17-20. Confirmation will be on (Pentecost Sunday) Sunday May 23, 2021. This summer we will have a Crowded Table event concerning Briarwood.

## OLD BUSINESS

No changes or discussion to the old business. John motioned to add \$500.00 to the budget for the Salvation Army. Chris Kinsley second the motion. Ann Helm ask if the funds were available to that. Pastor and John said yes. The council approved the motion. Fritz said the council needed to start thinking about the overall makeup of next year's council. Fritz said unfortunately it's been a struggle to fill every council position. Marie and Joyce made a few valid concerns. Marie also suggested consolidating core teams. For example combining Fellowship with Service and Justice. Pastor said he and Fritz wanted to introduce this to the council so the discussion could be opened. Pastor said after meeting with the Synod office he would share any necessary feedback with the council. Pastor said he's very interested to see what our presiding Bishop has to say as well. Pastor said our congregation is pretty stable right now and he is very thankful for that. Before closing Pastor ask John if we had any information on the moving off zoom on to streaming yet, but he didn't. Pastor said streaming will do away with Zoom and offer more opportunities to evangelize with the community and other congregations that may be struggling.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

The mid-week Lent Services and Ash Wednesday will be held. John made a motion to give the mid-week offering to meals for the elderly and Bee second the motion. The council agreed. Ashes will be given on Ash Wednesday with COVID restrictions in mind. Pastor will be tipping a Q-tip in the oil, then in the ashes, so there will be no person to person physical contact. Marie motioned to accept the decision to use Q-tips and Bee second the motion. The council agreed. Pastor said during the mid-week services the older hymns were selected to sing. Since most of our attendees attend the mid-week services by zoom and the number attending in person is low and people are pretty spread out we should be okay to allow singing. Ann said the communion will be given on Ash Wednesday so we will need an assisting minister. Ann will be the assisting minister on Ash Wednesday. Pastor said since adult bible study falls on Shrove Tuesday those attending are your welcome to wear their Marti Gras outfits. The AA meeting posted an email from the Pastor on COVID regulations that strongly suggest wearing mask and practice social distances. Chris Kinsey explained to the council how the proposal for live streaming would work and

the cost. The council had many questions. Joyce did want the council to know the money had been donated to cover the cost of the live streaming. Marie commented in terms of evangelism she thought live streaming would be a good thing, but there are some issues that needed to be discussed. Chris said he will sustain from voting on anything to do with the proposal since he submitted it. It was suggested for the council to review the two proposals and open the discussion again during our next meeting. Bee moved to table the discussion on live streaming and Ann second the motion. The council agreed. Joyce mentioned again she wanted the council to know the money had been donated to cover the cost of the live streaming. Fritz said he received a letter from the audit committee dated January 23, 2021 to the Calvary Lutheran Church Council that read in accordance with financial books and assets an audit was conducted this date with no major discrepancies noted. Signed by Chris Kinsey, James Parry and Lou St. Germain. Chris said thank you to John for making things clean and easy to understand.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Linda Ortegon*



God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

**CHORUS:** Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

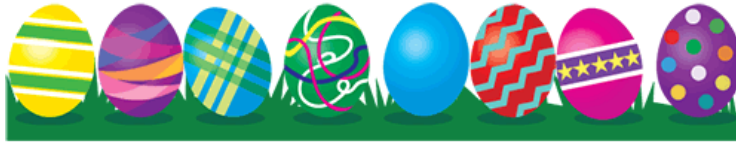
Chorus

BY Bill Gaither



*Bee Rose*  
*Team Leader*

# **Worship**



All of nature seems to know that change is coming, and there are rituals to be performed to prepare. Just as older people sense their humanity and frailties, the trees, grass, and flowers seem to sense a new season's approach.

Seeing the way things happen on God's schedule year after year renews me too. I will try to recognize and act upon life accordingly. In all this beauty, I can see that God is faithful and good.

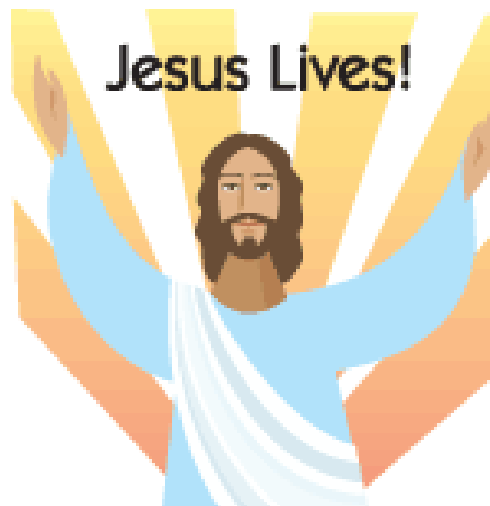
God has set the timing for changes to occur for all things created, and I rejoice to see this play out in nature. New birth in spring, steady growth in summer, a slow closing down in fall, and dormancy and rest in winter. I rejoice as I enjoy my life each day and receive the benefits, all on God's schedule.

This message is an excerpt from "On God's schedule" by Ruby Kelly in the November 2020



# **Education**

**CONFIRMATION**  
**CLASSES**  
**TUESDAYS**  
**5:30PM**  
**ZOOM**







**Ann Helm**  
**Team Leader**

# Evangelism

Greetings everyone,

Remember the "Come and See" message Pastor shared with us on Epiphany Sunday earlier this year? Let's look at that again. Scripture in John 1:45-46, reads "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see'" (John 1:45-46).

In the first chapter of John, the apostle introduces his readers to Jesus. As this chapter unfolds, we read of others being introduced to Him as well. After Jesus called Philip (John 1:43), Philip told Nathanael that they had found the one who was the fulfillment of the prophecies contained in the Law and the Prophets. At first Nathanael was skeptical, so Philip offered a simple invitation: "Come and see." Nathanael came and saw which led him to believe in Jesus (John 1:49).

The simple "Come and See" type of invitation was very effective while Jesus was alive and still is today. Each of us can share our love for God, our redemption in Jesus Christ, our reliance on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, just by inviting others to worship services or Bible studies, or...our infamous Lutheran potlucks. A personal invitation is probably our most effective way to share the Good News.

Over my lifetime I have been invited many times to events by family, friends and acquaintances. It usually involved an event they were planning to attend or something they thought I might be interested in or might enjoy.

Does it make you feel good when someone is thoughtful to include you and invites you to join them for something? It does me. I am grateful and thank them for asking, whether I say "yes" or "no". Sometimes I have to be invited more than once before I accept. But, I always feel good about being asked.

It is important that we try to reach others with the gospel. The most effective way to do this is one of the simplest – invite them to "come and see." This will give them the opportunity to "see" Jesus – the author of salvation (Hebrews 5:9) – and hear the gospel – the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16). And by extending an invitation to someone to join our church family in worship or bible study, we are blessing them and sharing the Good News. The answer might be "no" the first time we ask, but a seed has been planted and the Holy Spirit can make it grow into an acceptance.

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

*Ann Helm*

**JESUS CHRIST IS**

# Risen

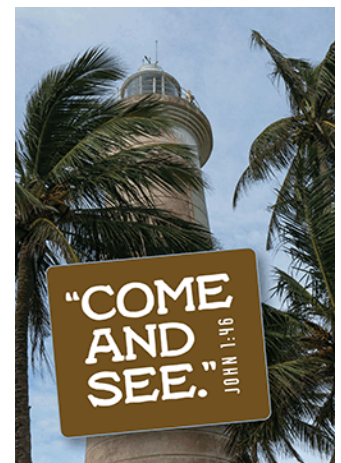
**TODAY!**

Come see what all the excitement is about on Easter Sunday. We are right in your neighborhood, and we have a place for you. Join us as we sing "Alleluia!" worship and celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Calvary Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
Good Friday 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday 10:00 am
3231 College Hills Boulevard 325-944-1116
All services are in person or Zoom

This is Christ's church, and there is a place for you here.

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God's work. Our hands.



# ***Evangelism continued...***

## **Resurrection Cookies**

These cookies are delicious - and making them together as a family is a great way to experience the Easter message. Read the whole recipe before beginning and prepare on Saturday night for Easter morning reveal and enjoyment.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup whole pecans or other whole nuts  
3 egg whites  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp vinegar  
1 pinch salt

### **You need:**

Mixing bowl  
Wooden spoon  
Bible  
Zipper baggy  
Wax paper  
Cookie sheet  
Tape



Place nuts in the baggy and let the children or yourself beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3

Smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life for us. Read 10:10-11

Sprinkle a little salt into each hand and taste it then brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that it represents the salty tears shed by the followers of Jesus and the bitterness of our sin. Read Luke 23-27

So far the ingredients are not very tasty. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of this story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know Him and belong to Him. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat with mixer on high speed for 11-15 minutes until stiff peaks form. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by tsp onto waxed paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus body was laid. Read Matthew 27:65-66

Put cookie sheet in the oven. Close door and turn oven OFF. Give each person a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66

Go to bed.

On Easter morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! Explain that on the first Resurrection Day Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9

**He has risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Marie Williams**  
Team Leader

# Service & Justice

GOOD GIFTS 2020  
Noisy Bucket and Christmas Ornaments

**SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS:** We have all heard how bad 2020 was. It was definitely a very unusual year, but Calvary still exceeds its giving to help our neighbors. Through the Noisy Bucket, Christmas Ornaments, and Memorials we have had the opportunity to make a widespread impact, reaching far and wide to share God's love. Thank you, Calvary.

1 Community Vegetable Garden  
1 School Supplies for a Child  
2 Feed 50 at a Soup Kitchen  
2 Farming Field School  
1 Feed Refugee Family 1 Week  
1 Feed Refugee Family 1 Month  
7 Vaccinations for a Child  
4 Share a Water Well  
6 Fruit Seedling  
1 Where needed most  
2 Farming Tools

2 Bibles  
2 Water Filters  
1 Piglet  
1 Microloan  
3 Chicks  
2 Roosters  
3 Honeybees  
3 Blankets  
1 Goat  
1 Latrine  
1 Fruit Tree Nursery



**TOTAL GIFTS GIVEN \$2,771.73**

Submitted by *Betty Thane*

**Dorothy St. Germain**  
Team Leader

# Fellowship



4/14/1984  
John & Jane Cocuzzi

4/27/1963  
John & Pam Ulrich

4/30/2011  
Corey & Andrea Sanford



2	Al King	21	Neil Phillips
4	Travis Raab	22	Fritz Leifeste
7	Betty Egan	22	Dave Puckett
8	Mark Dailey	22	Bob Zwarich
14	Kylee Williamson	23	Alex Conover
16	James Kahlig	25	Ouida Hahn
16	Norma Kahlig	27	Barbara Fumagalli
18	Myley Hariman		



*Given by*

*In Honor/Memory*


Hank & Bee Rose	To the Glory of God and In Memory of Family passed
John & Pam Ulrich	To the Glory of God
James & Blossom Parry	To the Glory of God
Dorothy & Lou St. Germain	In Memory of our Parents: George & Annabel Crook Ray & Elaine St. Germain
Joyce O'Connell	In Memory of Werner & Celia Gerlach and Frieda Stelling
Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich	To the Glory of God
The Bluthardt Family	To the Glory of God
Ervilene Kuhlmann	In Memory of Kathryn Kuhlmann
Marie Williams	To the Glory of God and in Memory of Parents
Jill Zuehlke	In Memory of Parents
Leon Thane	In Honor of Family
Linda Ortegon	In Memory of Bea Fenner and Chris Heath
Ann Helm	To God's Glory for sending his only Son



**NEW CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE  
STUDY COMING SOON!**



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				AA group 5:30pm 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	AA group 5:30pm 7pm Good Friday Service	
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EASTER SUNDAY 10am Worship Service 	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm 5:30pm Confirmation class on Zoom 6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study Zoom	6pm Women's Bible Study resumes on Zoom.	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
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10am Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Easter 11:30 Pastor in Miles	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off 6pm Church Council Meeting	AA group 5:30pm 5:30pm Confirmation class on Zoom 6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study Zoom	6pm Women's Bible Study Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
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10am Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Easter	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	6pm Women's Bible Study Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
Pastor out of the office 4/19 - 4/22						
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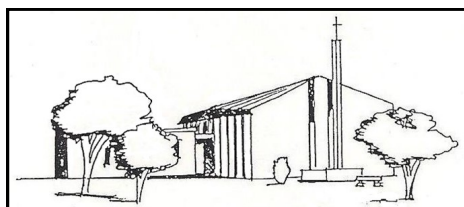
SYNOD ASSEMBLY 23 & 24

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PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Happy  
EASTER!



### 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.