

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

April 2022

## From the Pastor



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich*

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As we continue our journey through Lent, the Shadow of the Cross looms larger. During His final days, Jesus tried to foreshadow His death and brace the disciples for what was coming. The thought of His death was incomprehensible. For the disciples, this would have been the mark of ultimate failure. There was no way that they were going to accept that the One whom they had followed and claimed as the Messiah would die. This was not the outcome the disciples had prepared themselves for as they participated in the earthly ministry of Jesus.

But then it happened. What Jesus had tried to explain to His disciples materialized when he died a gruesome death on the Cross. Imagine the fear that they must have felt. Picture the chaos and confusion His disciples experienced as they tried to comprehend the passion, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. In their minds, it was not supposed to end this way.

As the disciples huddled together in fear of what they imagined would happen to them, news arrived on the day after the Sabbath that the tomb was empty. "How could this be?" they wondered. And "What does this mean?" The One whom they had watched die on the Cross was rumored to be alive. Now nothing was making sense. Nobody had survived death on the Cross before, at least not to their knowledge.

But the rumors were true. The gates of death did not prevail, and Jesus rose from the grave. And suddenly life looked different. No longer did people need to live in fear of death because the Easter event was not just for Jesus but for all of us, too. St. Paul wrote "If we have been united with Him in a death like his, we will certainly be united in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:5

Come and join us as we complete our Lenten journey, and then as we celebrate the gift of life that the events of Easter morning bestow upon us. On Easter morning (April 17, 2022) we will gather for worship at 7 am, then enjoy breakfast together between the two services, the youth will participate in an Easter Egg hunt at 8:45, and then we will assemble for a traditional Easter Worship Service at 10 am.

*Yes; "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. In death his love shall never die."*

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

*Pastor Paul*







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

## Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

*February, 2022*

The "Zoom" meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 21st day of February by the Council President Joyce O'Connell. Pastor Paul gave the devotion from Isaiah 65, verse seventeen. For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. God speaks a word of hope in Isaiah to people who have known much suffering. God gives them "Hope", through the words of Isaiah. The promises of God gives us hope. Hope is a gift from God. Hope keeps us working on relationships. Hope encourages the farmer to plant seed once more. Hope gives leaders the resolve to settle conflict. So we give thanks for the marvelous gift of hope.

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

**MINUTES:** Joyce motion to accept the January 10, 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Marie motioned to accept the minutes as amended. John second the motion. The council approved the January Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

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

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Leon Thane. The Financial Secretary's January 2022 Report was accepted as presented.

### CORE TEAM REPORTS

**Education:** Heidi Wierzowiecki. Nothing to report. Looking forward to Sunday school starting hopefully in a couple of weeks.

**Fellowship:** Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to report. Pancake Supper will be our next event.

**Service and Justice:** Marie Williams. 180 people were served through the Soup Kitchen, 7 volunteers from our church helped served.

**Worship:** Bee Rose. Requested help selecting hymns. Marie said she would help.

**Evangelism:** Ann Helm. Ann submitted a request to rejoin the ASU United Campus Ministries through funding and running a "Food for Thought Program." United Campus Ministries doesn't limit any faith, non-faith, race or gender from attending or speaking at any of the events. Marie said she withdrew the church because the speakers that were being selected to speak were never Christian speakers. Ann will find out how speakers are selected. Leon also wants to know if our church would need to fund the meals and how many. The council agreed to table this discussion. The Children's Fair will be April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 12pm to 5pm. Our application for a booth has been submitted. An activity is required to have a booth.

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

### New Business

Council Structure – Focus will be on replacing the Executive Committee for now. Worship time for all Lent Services will be at 6:00pm. The Lent Offering will be addressed next council meeting.

*Continued on P. 3*



Easter Blessings



## Council News Continued

### Old Business

The audit committee completed the audit on January 15, 2021. Lou St. Germain and James Perry signed off on the Treasurer's records. Ann was not able to attend.

The nominating committee reported that Betty has accepted the position of Council President. Ann Helm accepted the position of Treasurer and will receive training for John's position. The Vice President's position is still open. Leon suggested since the positions President and Vice President were needing to fill at the same time that if Chris volunteered to stay on as Vice President for another year the terms would come open in alternate years. Pastor said he did speak to Chris and he has agreed to stay another year. Marie made a motion to ask the congregation to extend Chris's term to serve in the position as Vice President for one more year. Bee second the motion. The council approved. Chris sustained from the vote. Chris

made the recommendation to add Betty Thane to the ballet as President and Ann Helm in the position as Treasurer. The council accepted. The nominating committee will meet to discuss filling the position Service and Justice and Evangelism positions. Pastor would like to resume Children's Sunday school the start of Lent. He will meet with the education committee to finalize those plans. Leon reported that Pam booked Charlie Blanek to cater the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meal scheduled for this coming October.

Communications: Joyce said very nice thank you notes were received from Meals for the Elder and from Shelly and Monte and Concho Valley Regional Food Bank. Pastor reported receiving a letter from the Bishop thanking us for the support we gave last year to missions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Linda Ortegon*  
Council Secretary

<b>Worship Assistants &amp; Altar Guild</b>					
You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.					
DATE	Greeter	AM	Reader	Technology	Altar Guild
April 3 5 Lent	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose	John Ulrich  Pedro Montanez	Dorothy St. Germain
April 10 Palm Sunday	Kara Martinez	Bee Rose	Phyllis Zwarich		
April 14 Maundy Thursday	Marie Williams	Leon Thane	Betty Thane		
April 15 Good Friday	Kara Martinez	Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich		
April 17 Easter	Kara Martinez	Elaine Welty	Bee Rose		
April 24 2 Easter	Kara Martinez				





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

## *Service & Justice*

**Heads-up:** Calvary provided \$1824 to the Good Gifts project. We provided chicks, bees, school supplies, food backpacks, Bibles, clinic visits for children, etc. \$1520 of the money given for the drilling of a water well.

### **Coke Tabs:**

Calvary will no longer be collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Service and Justice Committee is looking for another way to support this project.

**Easter Baskets:** We are still in the midst of preparing Easter Baskets for Project Dignidad. You can provide a basket as a family, work with another family, or provide some items for the Service and Justice members to assemble: can of green beans or peas, can of white potatoes, can of peaches, fruit cocktail, or applesauce, can of tuna or chicken, small bag of rice, small bag of pinto beans or can of refried beans, box of Jello, box of macaroni & cheese, box of cornbread mix or biscuit mix, bag of cookies, instant coffee, tea, or powdered drink mix, a 3-4 pound ham, Christian gift under \$6.00 (Resurrection eggs, Cross, Bible, stuffed animal).

Please continue to support the need to provide daily food for those less fortunate through the giving to either food donations put into the Dignidad box at church or monetary donation through the church labeled for Dignidad.

**Soup Kitchen:** If anyone is interested in helping Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on the third Friday of the Month from 9:30am - 1:00pm. Please let the office know or call Marie Williams.



We wish to advise everyone that in this calendar year 2022, Calvary Lutheran Church will be 75 years old and a celebratory service and get-together with meal is planned for Sunday October 16, 2022. The service begins at 10:00 that day.

Calvary Lutheran was formally organized on March 9, 1947.

We wish to celebrate with visiting former pastors and their spouses, etc. along with our bishop, our congregational families plus their children and interested persons who read this newsletter. **As we approach that day later this summer, we will request all persons interested in attending, to RSVP your intentions to be here, in order that we may properly prepare.**

**Leon Thane email: [lthane@yahoo.com](mailto:lthane@yahoo.com)**  
**325-213-2535 [text-enabled cell phone]**

### **Anniversary committee**

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





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

## Worship

We're now in the middle of the Lenten season. Get ready because Easter is coming faster than you think. Keep your eyes on the bulletin announcements or you can read this newsletter through to find out about events happening for the season.

This is a joyous season to be in, right up there with Christmas! I often wonder if Easter was planned for springtime since both are times of awakening; the plants rise from dormancy to the light and Jesus arises from death as the light. Things that make you go hmm.

As always, please sign up for worship assistant positions, there are several openings through May... No pressure though ; -)

### Points to Ponder

#### Peace in Uncertainty

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me" (14:1).

In my little circle, we're stressed out right now. We're anxious about a friend's health. We're worried about projects getting done on time. We're uneasy about the state of the world.

And Jesus says not to let our hearts be troubled? Yes, he does. And he says a few verses later: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (14:27).

This kind of peace doesn't mean that all the worrisome things outside of us are changed—it doesn't mean that suddenly our friends are healthy, our computers are cooperating, and our world leaders are wiser. No, it means that we are changed. Our hearts are changed. This is the peace Jesus gives us. This is the peace of Christ.

*This message is excerpted from "Peace. Pass it on" by Audrey Novak Riley from the June 28, 2017, blog of the Women of the ELCA.*

### Thank God for Spring

The meteorologist on the morning news proclaimed, "Spring is here!" And she reported the rain mixed with snow that I saw out my window. Yes, spring is here with snow, rain, low and high temperatures, sunshine and the lack of it, and with every emotion engaged (Trust me, folks in warm climates experience this too). Just as this contradiction of connecting our feelings to nature's seasons affects how we act and react, the same is true on our spiritual journey through the seasons of life. No season is so constant that we will

experience only one emotion through it. No matter where we live there are seasons. Whether distinct or blurred, every season, every month, every week, every day calls us to journey down our winding roads of weather conditions and emotions with joy and thanksgiving to God.

*This message is excerpted from "Connecting our feelings to the weather" by Valora Starr from the March 25, 2019, blog of the Women of the ELCA.*



### Biblical Questions:

*See answers on p. 8*

1. The second-oldest man in the Bible lived to be 962.

- A. True
- B. False

2. Which king went insane and ate grass?

- A. Jehu
- B. Hezekiah
- C. Nebuchadnezzar
- D. Zechariah

3. What is the longest name in the Bible?

- A. Bashanhavothjairi
- B. Kibrothhattaavahneah
- C. Mahershalalhashbaz
- D. Abelmethmaacha

Go with God,  
**Bee Rose**







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

## *Fellowship*

### **Easter Morning Breakfast and Fellowship**

Join us for Easter Morning Breakfast!

**8:30-9:30 am**

Donuts, biscuits and sausage, assorted fruit,  
coffee and juice will be served.

**Blessings to you!**

**Dorothy**



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

## *Evangelism*

### **United Campus Ministries (UCM) Angelo State University and Howard College**

Calvary Lutheran was recently invited to rejoin  
United Campus Ministries at Angelo State University.

After hearing a presentation from UCM at our Council meeting March 14, council members discussed the program and voted to participate again. Some of you may remember in the past serving as a trustee on the UCM board and/or helping prepare and serve Food4Thought meals for the students and staff.

UCM is a cooperative Christian ministry located on Dena Drive across from ASU which exists as a registered campus ministry to provide an environment where faith and knowledge and their relationship can be explored. UCM encourages spiritual and ethical development through programs of worship, study, outreach, and fellowship. It is open to all students, faculty, staff and administration of ASU and Howard College regardless of race, color, nationality, sexual orientation, or faith background.

UCM was formed in 1968 as a partnership between United Methodist, Episcopalian and Disciples of Christ churches. Presbyterian and Lutheran churches joined in the early 70's. UCM is governed by a board of trustees of up to 4 trustees from each of the five church disciplines who actively participate.

Members of Calvary Lutheran have an opportunity to participate in campus ministry through:

- \*serving as a trustee on the UCM board which governs student member activities. Calvary can have up to 4 trustees. Meetings are monthly;
- \*preparing and serving lunch at UCM, rotating with other churches. Roughly one Monday a month;
- \*working directly with students under direction of the director/chaplain of UCM in worship, bible studies, discussions, retreats, theater, etc.; and
- \*supporting financially through Calvary. Calvary's Lenten offerings this year is designated for UCM. Other donations can be made anytime.

Working with UCM is a wonderful way for Calvary to minister in outreach to young adult students at ASU. You can help UCM as much or as little as your time permits. This may be of special interest to alumni of ASU or Howard College, but all are invited to participate. Please call Ann Helm at (340-6227) or Joyce O'Connell at (374-8515) if you would like to participate.

Visit the website: <https://ucm4asu.net>



## ***T-Shirts Available for Calvary Lutheran***

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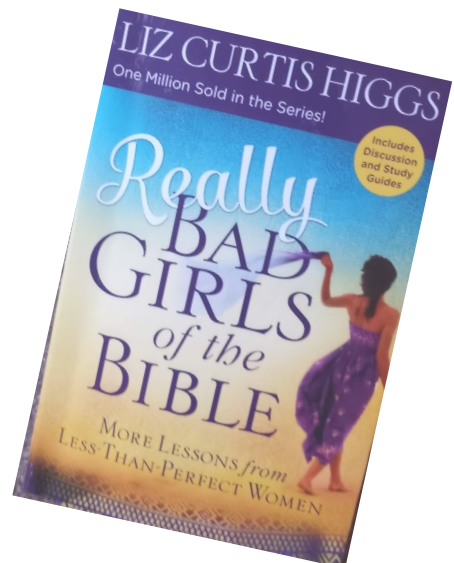


We are going to develop a re-order for Calvary t-shirts. Several members didn't get a chance to order one last fall and have asked for them. They are especially ideal for use during service projects, such as Meals for the Elderly, Food Kitchen, Project Dignidad, evangelism outreach, etc. to say who we are and what we do. They are colorful and fun to wear for other events and for everyday.

Shirts will be ordered from GandyInk by special order for \$21. The order period will be April 1 through Easter Sunday. Shirts will come in sizes small to 3X in either gray or teal. Shirt in picture is teal. They must be ordered in lots of 12 or more in each color to qualify for this price, so the more orders we have the better.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Evangelism bulletin board in the narthex. Payment is required at the time of the order and may be submitted to the office during the week, placed in Sunday or Wednesday collections, or to Ann Helm after church. Checks should be payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and earmarked for shirts. For more information, please contact Ann Helm at 325-340-6227.

***Women's Bible Study*** begins again Wednesday April 20 at 6:30. Janette Dailey and Joyce O'Connell will lead our discussion in-person and zoom. We will be discussing Really Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. With great insight into the challenges faced by ten women from the Bible who have gone before us, the author analyzes the driving forces in women's lives that can cause them to make bad decisions. Join us every Wednesday as we discuss the issues presented in this fascinating book. Contact Joyce O'Connell at (325) 374-8515 for book information.





Thank you to everybody at Calvary for the Valentine cards & birthday cards. I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day. God's blessings be upon everyone!

*Helen  
Brandenberger*



To the Wonderful People of Calvary Lutheran,  
Thank you so much for the cards & the PRAYERS!  
I am blessed to have your prayers, and I'm well on  
the road to recovery!



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

Grace + Peace,  
Intern Anne Williams, Miles



4/14/1984

John & Jane Cocuzzi

4/27/1963

John & Pam Ulrich

4/30/2011

Corey & Andrea Sanford



2 Al King

4 Travis Raab

7 Betty Egan

8 Mark Dailey

14 Kylee Williamson

16 James Kahlig

16 Norma Kahlig

18 Myley Hariman

21 Neil Phillips

22 Fritz Leifeste

22 Dave Puckett

22 Bob Zwarich

23 Alex Conover

25 Ouida Hahn

27 Barbara Fumagalli



Join us Easter Sunday!

Sunrise Service 7am

Easter Egg Hunt 8:45am

Breakfast 8:30-9:30am

Answers from p 6

1. A. True. Jared the second-oldest man in the Bible, lived to be 962. See Genesis 5:20.
2. C. Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from men and ate grass "like oxen" See Daniel 4:33.
3. C. Mahershalalhashbaz. See Isaiah 8:1.





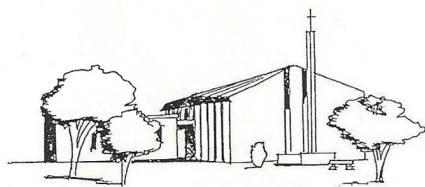
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... just as Christ was raised from the dead  
dead through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a new life. ROMANS 6:4



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

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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.