

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

April 2023

From the Pastor



Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

On the first Easter Sunday morning, the two women were in for the shock of their lives. As they approached the tomb where Jesus had been laid, the women found an empty tomb, and an angel greeted them.

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he is risen, just as he said.'" Matthew 28:5-6

Suddenly the woman's lives were changed. Sorrow now turned to joy. Sadness was replaced with hope. Death had been defeated. The One who had given them such inspiration was alive. And now life for the women and for all humanity would never be the same.

No wonder we sing with such joy at Easter. One of my favorite hymns at Easter is "Thine is the Glory." Read the words again to the hymn.

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!"*

Come and join us for our Sunrise Easter Service at 7am and for our Traditional Easter Worship Service at 10am. Coffee and doughnuts will be served between the two services. Sunday school will have an Easter egg hunt at 8:45.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Paul

**He Is
RISEN
INDEED!**





Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 16, 2023

The Council President Betty Thane called the zoom meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 10th day of January. Pastor Paul gave a devotion from Exodus. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Betty Thane, Council Vice President Chris Kinsey, Council Secretary Linda Ortegon, Council Education Heidi Wierzowiecki, Council Fellowship Leader Dorothy St. Germain, Council Financial Secretary Leon Thane, Council Treasurer Ann Helm, Council Worship Committee Leader Bee Rose, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Betty Thane Council President moved to accept the January 10, 2023 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Ann motion to accept the minutes. Bee second the motion. The council approved the Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Helm. Ann went over the January 2023 Treasurer's Report. Ann noted that \$74.00 will be paid annually to cover the cost of a copy right license on our streaming platform. The Council accepted the Treasurer's report as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane. The Council accepted the January 2023 Financial Secretary's Report as presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Nothing new. Continuing on with Sunday school.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to report.

Service and Justice: N/A

Worship: Bee Rose. Nothing to report.

Evangelism: N/A

Pastor's Report: Please refer to the Pastor's January 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

City Inspection: The city inspected our building and identified five small items that need to be repaired or replaced. The official notice from the city has not been received from the city yet. Leon spoke to city about our current sewer system and it would be was very expense to replace it. The city suggested we just handle any issues on a situation bases.

Shrove Tuesday February 21, 2023 the men bible class is providing pancakes. Dorothy ask if we should purchase carry out boxes instead of using paper plates covered with foil. The council decided not to purchase the carry out boxes at this time.

Release Consecration Sunday Committee – Leon motioned. Linda second the motion.

Consecration Sunday – Next Sunday Betty Thane will give the congregation a thank you for their participation.

Adjust Budget to Show Increase – MEF Grant and Facebook Link for on-line giving. Pastor was not real encouraged about receiving the full amount requested on the grant. Chris will be testing a method to given on line. Pastor will keep every-one posted on the grant.

Financial Audit Report 2022 due in February – Joyce the chairman of the Audit Committee wrote an official letter to the council. 1) Consider use of credit cards instead of debit cards. There is more liability using a debit card. Ann will discuss with the executive committee. 2) Place offering checks received in the mail during the week should be placed in the secure filing cabinet to be locked.

Alarm Permit Application received from the City of San Angelo ask for two contact numbers of who they would contact in the event the alarm goes out. Continued on p. 3...

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Pastor will talk to John and James. Pastor is contacted if the first two contacts can't be reached.

November 2022 Minutes Correction of Restricted Fund was incorrect. The correct amount should have been \$10,359.65. Bee motion. Heidi second the motion.

Two people need to be elected to the nominee committee to fill two positions on the council. Two year terms.

Designate Lenten Service Offering – Ann motion to give to the weekly Lenten offering to United Campus Ministry. The council approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Harrison Roofing – Should we get a cost to clean the rain cutters every six months? Left open for further discussion.

UCM Annual Report – Betty will give make sure a copy goes in to the minutes.

Correspondence – Received a Thank You from Meals for Elderly for our \$62.50 donation and a statement showing our yearly contribution. A thank you from Wesley Trinity United Methodist Church for our donation to their soup kitchen. A thank you from NAMI, for our donation last year. Received gift of \$700.00 from Thrivent. The Bishop send a letter from the Synod office telling us thank you for our 75 year anniversary.

Bee motion to adjourn. Leon Second the motion.

The meeting was adjourn.

The meeting ended 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	Flowers	Greeter	AM	Reader	Technology	Altar Guild
April 2 Palm Sunday	Palms	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose	John Ulrich	Ann Helm
April 6 Maundy Thursday	None		Bee Rose	Bee Rose		
April 7 Good Friday	None		Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich		
April 9 Easter	Lilies	Jo McCormick	Ashlyn Scott	Bee Rose		
April 16 2 Easter	Joyce O'Connell	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell			
April 23 3 Easter	Pastor Zwarich		Bee Rose	Betty Thane		
April 30 4 Easter						



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

We need readers! Please!!! This is for Good Friday... We need six readers. We already have one and I'm the second in line. Please let me or Pastor Paul know by Friday, March 31st so we can get you on the list.

Something to ponder:

Every week, I am privileged to preside over communion. It is during communion, when I recall the saints in all times and places, that the gift of Christ's body becomes most evident to me. Hands that are withered reach out. Hands that are young reach out. Those who are married, divorced, single, poor, rich, educated, uneducated, differently abled, able-bodied—all different people, all different stories—and every one of them is reaching out, ready to receive God's grace. It is a glimpse of heaven; a foretaste of the feast to come.

If I take a moment to notice that, I can almost feel the presence of the many others, all over the world, who are reaching out in the very same way. I can almost see those we have lost there with us, surrounding us with their witness and love. Uniting us all is Christ, filling our lives with love, and reminding us what a wonderful gift it is to be the church.

This message is excerpted from "Honoring our saints" by Michelle Terry in the October 2015 Cafe online magazine.

Q&As

1. Who was Hannah's firstborn child?
A. Miriam, B. Joseph, C. John, D. Samuel
2. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
A. Micah, B. Shem, C. Abel, D. Seth
3. Which woman gave birth to Moses?
A. Miriam, B. Jochebed, C. Zipporah, D. Dinah

Answers on p. 7



Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader

Fellowship

Calvary, please note the following address change & directory update.

Al & Rosalee King
903 N. Main #2
Apt. 304E
San Angelo, TX 76903
Phone number: 325-656-4430.

Easter is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's victory and love with our loved ones and friends. Cards, emails, visits, and phone calls are great ways to share. Remember to mail cards early especially if you don't see them often in person or at church.

Blessings to you!
Dorothy





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Dear NT-NL Community and Friends of Briarwood:

Since 1995 Briarwood Lutheran Ministries (Briarwood) has been a part of the life of the NT-NL Synod. Providing opportunities for individuals and communities to encounter God in an outdoor setting at its site in Argyle as well as Synod Assembly, meetings, and leadership content for all ages through its online presence.

During those almost 30 years, Briarwood has frequently struggled financially to maintain adequately its facilities and to cultivate and retain program staff. Despite many attempts to get Briarwood in a positive operating position, financial sustainability has been a consistent concern year after year. The Leadership Center Building, completed in 2015, provided for increased revenue-generating events. However, this revenue was offset and often eclipsed by increased costs of maintenance and staff.

This situation was further amplified by the Covid-19 pandemic and exacerbated by the February 2021 winter storm. Storm damage necessitated significant repairs to every building on property and revealed deferred maintenance (particularly in the wastewater system) that required attention. Post-Covid changes in retreat and camping patterns have put smaller camp operations, like many small businesses, in a difficult position. Operating programs onsite with reduced staffing, while bringing in revenue, resulted in net operating losses due to the costs of operating the facility and the wear and tear on the facility.

The Briarwood Board has been weighing these realities for several years now and particularly in the last 12 months. Last fall, the Board discerned to look for potential partners as well as assess the value of the property in the real estate market. No operating partners came to the surface with an adequate plan to run operations along with Briarwood. However, several entities that desired to acquire the property for a variety of purposes.

After considering multiple options the board has voted to sell the entirety of the Briarwood property, including the Leadership Formation building, and a contract has been signed. This decision was made prayerfully and with a desire to continue the ministry of Briarwood as well as steward the facility. The buyer has stated their intention to maintain the facility as a park/retreat open to the public and preserve Briarwood's history. The buyer also can spend the several million dollars needed to get the facilities into proper working order.

The NT-NL Synod Council has also been apprised of this potential sale and provisions for the synod offices to relocate are being made. With the changes in staffing, work style, and office culture, a downsized office space will both suit the needs of the staff as well as enable good stewardship of the synod's resources. Reducing the financial burden of office space on the synod by eliminating debt and the costs of maintenance. This move should take place by the end of May. Your prayers for the staff as they facilitate this are appreciated.

Briarwood's ministry has been and always will be about the development of people, growing disciples, and providing opportunities for mission and ministry in our communities. Briarwood's constitution outlines nine purposes for the ministry. In that list of purposes, the maintenance and upkeep of a facility is listed sixth. Just as with our congregations, the church is not the building but the people of God who utilize that facility for worship and discipleship.

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This difficult and faithful decision means Briarwood Lutheran Ministries will continue as an incorporated body of the NT-NL Synod. The proceeds of the sale will pay off all debts and costs related to the sale. The sizable remainder from the sale will then be invested to create the Briarwood Legacy Endowment. This endowment will continue the purposes of Briarwood as constitutionally outlined by providing funding for camping, leadership formation, mission, and to help sustain our Lutheran witness here on the territory of NT-NL.

It is important to recognize that there is also grief from this decision. Many have labored and given generously to support Briarwood over the years. I believe that through this decision that labor, and those gifts, have not been in vain. Briarwood's mission can now continue in perpetuity without the continual struggle of maintaining a facility. Investing not in buildings, but in the people God calls us to equip to share the good news of Jesus with God's world.

As I reflect on Briarwood, its past and future, I am reminded of the words of Dag Hammarskold, a Swedish Lutheran who served as UN Secretary General from 1953 until his death in 1961. In his book Markings, published after his death, he wrote "For all that has been Thanks, for all that will be, Yes!"

Briarwood's legacy will live on to serve and for that we say Thanks and Yes.

In Mission Together:



Bishop Erik Gronberg



As Briarwood transitions, it will continue to fulfill its mission. And it is important to take time to give thanks for all the years and memories on the property at

**670 Copper Canyon Rd,
Argyle, TX 76226.**

Sunday, April 16 - Worship begins at 3pm

Rain or Shine.
Bishop Erik Gronberg preaching.
Aaron Colwick and others providing music.

To RSVP by April 10:

[CLICK HERE](https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6960593) or visit <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6960593>

Call Shelly at the church office for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of Project Dignidad. Donations of miscellaneous and food items from December 2022 through today are valued at \$309.

Dignidad is in need of the following items:
Instant oatmeal packets

Gritts packets

Spaghetti noodles

Canned soup

Crackers

Vienna sausages

Tuna fish



Thank you, Calvary!!
You make a difference!



4/14/1984

John & Jane Cocuzzi

4/27/1963

John & Pam Ulrich



- 2 Al King**
- 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**



Answers from p. 4

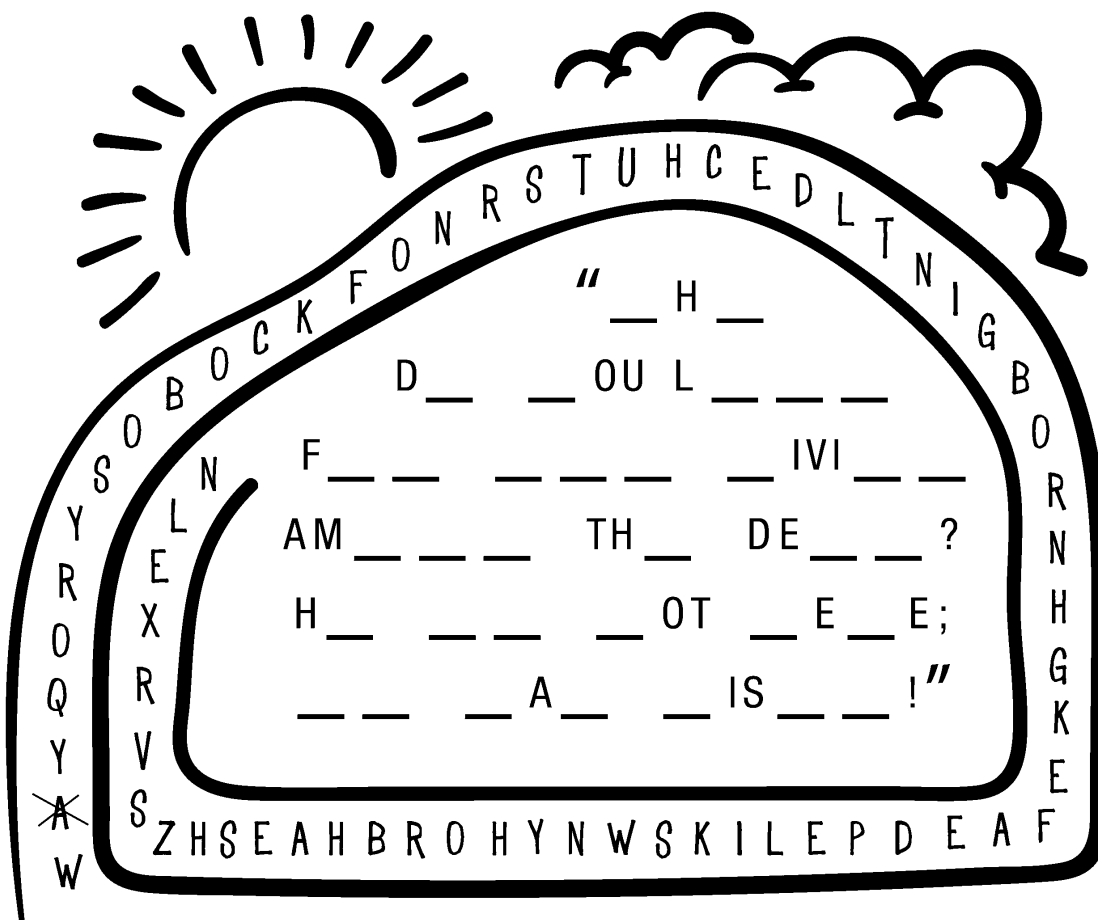
- 1. D. Samuel. See 1 Samuel 1:20.**
- 2. D. Seth. Everyday said God "appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. " See Genesis 4:25.**
- 3. B. Jochebed. After hiding him for three months, Jochebed put Moses in an "seek of bulrushes" by the river. When the Pharaoh's daughter found the basket, Miriam, Moses' sister, stepped forward and offered to find a Hebrew nurse for the child. Jochebed was paid to nurse her own son until he was weaned. See Exodus 2:2-10.**



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



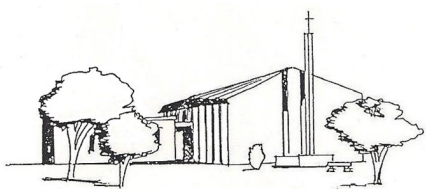
LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Mitchell & Welty Wedding
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Palm Sunday	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm Maundy Thursday 6pm	AA group 5:30pm Good Friday 6pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7am sunrise service 8-9:30 Donuts & Coffee Easter Egg Hunt 8:45 10am Worship Service EASTER SUNDAY	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm Council 6:45pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Easter 2	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Noisy Bucket Easter 3	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Synod Assembly 28th & 29th	
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8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Easter 4						

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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.