

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church  
August 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

## *From the Pastor:*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **Thessalonians 5:16-18***

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **Philippians 4:6***

A few weeks ago, in June, I was driving to the church on Sunday morning during a heavy thunderstorm and the flood waters began to rise on College Hills Boulevard. I made it safely to the church, but it soon became apparent that it would not be safe for the congregation to travel on College Hills Boulevard, or the surrounding streets, to attend the Worship Service that morning. After talking with the Council President, we cancelled the Worship Service that day. Even though it was the right decision, I don't like surprises like that. In fact, I like it when things go according to plan. But in this life things don't always go according to plan.

As we live our Christian lives, we realize that things don't always go according to our plans. Bad weather can strike at any time. Poor health can come upon us when we least expect it. Frustrations of everyday life can throw us off. But no matter what happens, we know that we are in God's hands.

The more we study scripture, the more we worship together, the more we participate in the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church, the more we believe and trust that God's plans for us are far better than our own. God sent His Son into the world to bring us salvation. Through Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and our spirit has been renewed. God's love is greater than any obstacle that we may face.

The Good News is that our Lord will continue to guide us through every storm and every frustration that we might face. Our Lord will continue to guide us all the way to His Eternal Kingdom. Let us give thanks to God, call upon His Name in prayer and trust in Him above all other things.

See you in church if the creek don't rise...

*Pastor Paul*



**RALLY DAY—  
AUGUST 25TH**

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# Council's Corner

## Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting 10 June 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul Zwarich offered a devotional and a prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fritz Leifeste, Barbara Walker, John Ulrich, Betty Thane, Dorothy St. Germain, Joyce O'Connell, Marie Williams, James Parry, and Pastor Paul Zwarich. The newly elected Council Secretary, Linda Ortegon, and Leon Thane were also present.

**MINUTES:** John Ulrich motioned, seconded by Marie Williams, that the minutes of the 13 May, 2019, Council meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Ulrich presented the Financial Report as of 31 May, 2019. No exceptions were taken to the report, and it was approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Joyce O'Connell presented a printed report which showed the weekly and monthly attendance figures and offerings for the current year.

### CORE TEAM REPORTS:

**Education** – Marie Williams reported that the church was required to have background checks processed on every person who was to have direct contact with children in the Day Camp program. The local police department will be contacted about this matter. The youth have elected to have a calendar sale as a fundraiser project.

**Fellowship** – Kara Martinez presented a written report. She expressed her thanks to Dorothy St. Germain, Pam Ulrich, Diane Ross, Betty Thane, and Joyce O'Connell for helping with the Fellowship programs. Also, it was noted that Pedro Montanez and Lou St. Germain did a superior job of cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs.

**Service and Justice** – Betty Thane reported that the Noisy Bucket collection for May amounted to \$53.64 for the Good Gifts Program.

**Worship** – Dorothy St. Germain reported that she had been working with Teddi Phillips, the newly elected team leader. Teddi has had a lot of experience with the Worship and Music programs and will be a great blessing to the services.

**Evangelism** – Barbara Walker reported that the bookmarks are being well used by the members. John Ulrich motioned, seconded by Joyce O'Connell, to increase the Evangelism budget by \$300.00. The motion passed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Paul Zwarich reported on the many official duties and actions he had conducted in May and June. He told about a stranger coming by his office and asking about a small, sick dog that had been left at the front of the church one morning. He said that he had left his dog there because it was ill, and he did not have money to take him to the veterinarian, and he hoped that someone would care for his dog.

The Pastor told him that someone from the church had taken the dog to the doctor and after it was healed, the dog was adopted to a new home. The stranger was happy that his dog had been well taken care of by some of the church members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Ulrich reported that the rain gutters on the church building had been cleaned out and the trash removed. The Council is scheduled to start planning the kitchen upgrades in July and start remodeling work in August.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The installation of the Church Council for the coming year was set for 30 June, 2019. The problem with dirt and mud washing off the ground by the front doorway and into the parking lot was discussed. Several members stated they would talk to their personal lawn maintenance crew about possible solutions. The council thanked Dorothy St. Germain for her service on the Worship Team and James Parry for his four years serving as the Council Secretary.

**CLOSING:** There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed at 7:36 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*

**Teddi Phillips, Worship Committee Leader**

## \*GASP\* Change???

*"How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb? None. Lutheran's don't believe in change."*

Hello, disciples! We've all probably heard jokes about Lutherans and change. For example, the joke above is one I've heard several times over the years. Although Lutherans hating change is meant to be a joke, Lutherans truly have become known for this. We even joke about it, ourselves!

I can attest, however, that many Lutherans *do* believe in change! Calvary's Worship Service, for one, has changed over the years. One exciting thing that has changed over the years is our slides. Below are examples (look closely!):

I love and trust Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born  
of the virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; He descended to  
the dead.

**August 2012**

I believe in God, the Father  
almighty, creator of heaven and  
earth.

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**September 2016**

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he descended to the dead.

Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor.  
Fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo  
y nació de la Virgen María.  
Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,  
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado.  
Descendió a los muertos.

**July 2019**

Bringing Spanish translation to worship has been a very positive change Calvary should be very proud of. According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2018), San Angelo's Hispanic or Latino population is at around 41.7%. Although this doesn't mean that 41.7% of San Angelo's population speaks only Spanish, it makes sense to minister to those who do. How wonderful it is to embrace and affirm each other's cultures and languages. Thanks be to God!

Keep your eyes and ears open, Calvary. There are more changes a-comin'! For example, we *might* try a different setting soon. For the past decade, we've been using Setting 4 in the ELW most of the time. Shall we try Setting 3 soon? There are some familiar old tunes there! Have a great month in the meantime, friends. Teddi Phillips

### More Words for Worship

\*\*\* Hymns for August - October have been selected. As requested by some of you, look for more "purple book" hymns in our Worship Service. \*\*\* To those who served during worship in July: You were needed and very much appreciated. \*\*\* Thank you, Pedro, for helping us translate much of the service to Spanish. \*\*\* Congregants, please consider sharing your gifts by serving in the Worship Service! The signup sheet is in the Narthex. \*\*\* See calendar for additional info. \*\*\* Source of citation: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/sanangelocitytexas/PST045218>

Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Communion Assistant	Reader (Lector)	Video Tech
August 4	Jo McCormick	Lou St. Germain	Dorothy St. Germain	Steve Mild	Phyllis Zwarich	Margaret Leifeste	
August 11				Joyce O'Connell	XXXXX	Phyllis Zwarich	
August 18	Phyllis Zwarich		Joyce O'Connell	Ann Helm	Caitlyn Phillips		
August 25			Joseph Phillips	Teddi Phillips	XXXXX	Betty Thane	

# Education and Evangelism

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

## Parish Education News for August:

Day Camp met June 24th - 28th from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Counselors from Cross Trails Ministry arrived at 8:00 a.m. and left about 5:00 p.m. most days. Junior Counselors, along with their siblings, arrived at 8:15 and left about 3:45. Exceptions for early drop off were given to one Calvary family due to work schedules and no other family members being available for drop off. One church member arrived at church at 7:30 a.m. to accommodate this family. On Monday, we had 28 campers registered: 8 in first grade, 12 in grades 2 and 3, and 8 in grades 4, 5, and 6. Seven campers did not come due to unforeseen circumstances. That left us with 6 in 1st, 9 in 2nd/3rd, and 6 in 4th/5th/6th. We also had 6 Junior Counselors.

We had more than 300 volunteer hours donated by our church in this outreach project. People donated more than \$300 in money and/or food donations. A couple of the parents/grandparents stated that their child/children enjoyed the program immensely.

The highlights of the week were the times spent at the College Hills Swim and Racquet Club and the closing devotional program. After the swimming, which included jumping off diving boards and sliding down slides, the campers as well as the adults were ready for lunch and a nap. BIG THANKS go to Adam, Heather, Crystal, Neil, and Teddi for facing that time in the pool. Thrivent paid for the rental of the pool, so thanks go to them, also. The campers had daily Bible Study that transferred to the games they played and the prayers they prayed.

My thanks go to all the members who shared the week's toils and pain, as well as the love and laughter. The kitchen helpers shined with their speed, endurance and upbeat mood. Thank you to the secretary and Pastor Paul for putting up with the interruption to their daily schedule as well as their participation when asked. My Junior Counselors in the congregation lived up to the high expectations we set for them in their interaction with the campers younger than themselves, as well as their interaction with the adults around them. My thanks also goes to the members who bought and brought things for Day Camp, as well as the ones who donated money and time in support of Day Camp. And lastly, my thanks go to the whole congregation for the outreach effort to touch children's lives with God's work and our hands.

By the way, campers are already asking if we're going to have Day Camp next year, and those going into seventh grade are asking if they can be Junior Counselors. That is how much they love it!

**Sunday School's Rally Day for all ages — from 3 to 103 — is on August 25th at 8:45 a.m.**

**Hope to see you there!**

Marie Williams, Parish Education Team Leader



## EVANGELISM

Showing compassion and really connecting with people is a powerful action. Think about opportunities you have every day to build relationships with others. This might be at work, exercise class, in your front yard, shopping, club or other organizational meetings, restaurants, walking in your neighborhood, etc. Sometimes it might be with someone you never see again, but other times you will have the opportunity to strengthen the relationship. Regardless, when we connect with others in a loving manner, it can make a difference in lives! Pray for God's direction and help to take opportunities to reach out and touch others. Listen for guidance from the Holy Spirit. One thing I recently read said to "see others as Jesus sees them." Try it, it's not as hard as you might think!

With Peace and Love, Barbara Walker

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**Come & See**  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**

Sunday 10AM @ 3231 College Hills Blvd

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# Service and Justice

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

## SERVICE AND JUSTICE August, 2019

**NOISY BUCKET** offering for June 23, 2019, was \$50.07. Our goal this year is to support the ELCA Good Gifts Program by contributing money toward a water well and/or accessories for water well needs such as filters, etc. Helping others by ending hunger and teaching those less fortunate to help themselves is the goal.



*Betty Thane,  
Service and Justice  
Team Leader*

**MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY:** Thank you to all the volunteers from Calvary who delivered meals on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special thanks to Marie Williams for coordinating it. Here is a letter from a recipient of the meals delivered.

“Dear Meals for The Elderly. I am so very, very, very thankful for the meals you bring me!!!! I do not drive anymore so I have to depend on someone to come to town to take me shopping. Thanks to you , Meals for The Elderly, for the meals you bring me. I have meals to eat!!!!!!!!!! God Bless You, Bless You, Bless You!!!!!!!!!!!!”

“Delivering Smiles...One Meal at a Time”

**“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”** is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service. We will again be bagging rice and beans for Project Dignidad and have pizza when we finish. We’ve had a lot of fun and make a good team doing God’s work. Mark the date on your calendar.

**WOMEN OF THE NTNLI BI-ANNUAL RETREAT** will be held October 11th-13th at the Butman Methodist Church Camp in Merkel, Texas, west of Abilene. Keep an eye on the next newsletters for more information. Keep the date open so we can have good group attend.

**SERVICE AND JUSTICE MEETINGS** will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 1st, and on Thursday, September 5th, at 11:00 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Come join us.

In Christian Love,  
Betty Thane, Service and Justice Council Representative





*Kara Martinez,  
Fellowship Team Leader*

# Fellowship

*"Building Christian community in love and grace."*

## Faith & Fellowship

**LUTHERAN DINERS** will meet at Cotton Patch Café on Sherwood Way on Thursday, August 15th at 5:30 p.m. Fritz and Margaret Leifeste are the hosts. Give them a call at 325-234-2560 to RSVP, and come join us for an enjoyable evening!

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is not meeting this summer, but will begin meeting again in October.



August 3 - Danny McLaughlin  
August 4 - Frieda Stelling  
August 5 - Stephen Kuhlmann  
August 8 - John Ulrich  
August 14 - Arline Zak  
August 14 - Michael Stevens  
August 14 - Teddi Phillips  
August 14 - Janie Kinsey  
August 16 - Nancy Weller  
August 19 - Ernest Prochazka  
August 20 - David Wamer  
August 23 - Pedro Montanez



August 1, 1994 - Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich  
August 5, 1967 - Larry and Diane Ross  
August 6, 1948 - Ernest and Dee Prochazka  
August 19, 1961 - James and Blossom Parry  
August 20, 1960 - Marvin and Doris Wendland  
August 23, 1975 - Mark and Renae Heinze

## SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 17th!

The Women's Bible Study group would like to invite you to an outing in Christoval on Saturday, August 17th. Join us for some summer fun as we meet at the church at 10:00 a.m., and then car pool to Christoval! Please RSVP to Barbara Walker at 432-213-5293 or [babswalker07@gmail.com](mailto:babswalker07@gmail.com).



August

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>Looking Ahead</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Pentecost 8</b> 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship Team Meeting	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	Women's Bible Study Resumes - September 4 COW Conference meeting in Abilene - September 7 "God's Work. Our Hands." - September 8	10:00am Exercise Group 11:00am <b>Service and Justice Meeting</b> 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Pentecost 9</b> 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Committee Meeting	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group <b>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</b> 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group		10:00am Exercise Group <b>5:30pm Lutheran Diners at Cotton Patch Cafe</b> 5:30pm AA Group	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 5:30pm AA Group	<b>10:00am Ladies' Christoval Outing</b> 11:00am AA Group
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Pentecost 11</b> Rally Day/Blessing of Backpacks 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group		10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group

## 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.



**Calvary ladies relaxing  
and enjoying each other's  
company at the Women's  
Summer Social in July.**

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PLACE  
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**Rally Day and  
Blessing of the Backpacks -  
Sunday, August 25th**

