

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church

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August is here. August has always seemed to me to be a bit of a “reset” button where people start to reflect on the summer they just experienced while looking ahead to the Fall. Even though our lives are returning to “normal,” this past summer has been different. Most notably, VBS was suspended this year. But we look forward to hosting VBS next year. I hope that you were able to resume some of your normal summer activities as the covid restrictions were lifted and we were once again free to move about our community and nation. I am looking forward to the restrictions concerning international travel being lifted so I can visit my family in Canada.

This year it is important to note that both Summer and Fall have their blessings and we, as Christians, should count our blessings that God bestows upon us throughout the whole year. As we begin to make a shift to our Fall activities, let us move forward in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. As I write this article, I am reminded of the Hymn “**Great Is Thy Faithfulness.**” The second verse is as follows: “*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above. Join with all nature in manifold witness, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand has provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*” Thanks be to God.

Some important dates to add to your calendar include **All Committee Gathering with Congregation** August 14, 2021, **The Synod Gathering Event** September 11, 2021, **God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday** on August 29, the **COW Conference Meeting** on October 16, 2021, and the Resumption of **Men’s Bible Study** in October. Please watch future bulletins and Newsletters for more information concerning these events and other events that will be announced.

Even as we look forward to our Fall Events, let us be mindful that nothing surpasses what we are looking forward to in Christ. As we remember the past, and look ahead to the future, may we never forget the greatest future event we have in Christ – His Second Coming and the joy of meeting our Savior in person. As 1 Corinthians explains “For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:12

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Paul



Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary
June 2021

Church Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the 14TH day of June 2021 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened with the devotion “What can we compare this Kingdom of God to?” Small Congregations do not need to be big to be faithful. Small Congregation are a little bit like the small mustard seed. Germinating faith quietly. Pastor opened with prayer.

“MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O’Connell, Fritz Leifeste, Chris Kinsey, Linda Ortegon, Dorothy St. Germain, Ann Helm, Bee Rose, Leo Thane. Heidi Wierkzowiecki, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Fritz motion to accept the May 10, 2021, Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Joyce moved to accept the May minutes. Chris second the motion. The council approved the May Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT: John Ulrich. John said a payment due in April was made in May. Otherwise, May would have been an average month. The Treasurer’s report was accepted as submitted.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT: Joyce O’Connell. Joyce said over all May was an average month. Joyce made the comment that tracking the attendance on Zoom and Facebook was a challenge. Chris suggested that a comment for those attending via Facebook be posted requesting the attendee to post a comment if they were a member or a visitor. If they were a member to give their name as well. The Financial Secretary’s Report was accepted as submitted by the council.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierkzowiecki. Nothing to report. Ann will lead the adult bible study this fall. Blossom and Linda will assist Heidi as needed.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to report. Dorothy said she would enjoy having a church picnic again.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Absent. Fritz said

the only thing Marie had to report was Eighty-seven dollars was collected in our first noisy bucket collection.

Worship: Bee Rose. The worship music was selected earlier in the year all the way through July and that has worked at well. Next month the worship committee will meet to select music for the upcoming months. It was also mentioned that on the last Sunday of the months June, July and August the “Kyrie” for “The Chosen People” will be done.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. Nothing to report.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor had four in Person/Facebook Sunday Worship Services. One Worship Service in Miles. He had a couple of home visits and nine office visits. He attended the Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting as well as the Internship Conference and Training Zoom Event during May. He had two internship Zoom meetings and one Youth Gathering meeting per Zoom. The Youth Gathering is scheduled to be held 2022 in Minneapolis. If there are three or less attendees, they will go with the Bishop’s group. The cost is \$1200.00 per attendee. The Bishop was here on May 23, 2021, for Confirmation. Pastor attended the Cow Conference on June 12. The Summer 2021 Briarwood Program will be the “Crowded Table”. God’s Work Our Hands is the same weekend as the Gathering Together SYNOD event that Fritz and the Pastor will be attending. We may need to discuss moving God’s Work Our Hands to another date. Pastor would like to have three or four people to attend the Faithful Innovation Meeting on September 18, 2021. The next COW Conference Meeting will be October 16, 2021. The NT-NL Briarwood Leadership Convention will be October 18-20, 2021. Pastor will be on vacation July 27-31, 2021, September 25 – October 03, 2021, and May 15, 2022 – May 21, 2022. He will also be on vacation June 09 – June 22, 2023, Calvary’s 75th Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday October 16, 2022. Leon said since the restrictions have been lifted the committee will move forward with arranging a location.

Church Council continued

Old Business

This Sunday is the Service of Beginning for the new intern in Miles. Joyce has been approved by the Bishop to precede over communion in the Pastor's absence. Also, Miles has invited anyone who would like to attend their service at 10:30am that Sunday is welcomed. Pastor had one person volunteer, so he will be asking three people who he thinks would be able to commit to the Faithful Innovations Education training schedule. New mics will be installed in the church sanctuary so the people attending on Facebook will be able to hear the singing coming from the congregation. Pastor will inform the congregation before the mics are installed; the mics are extremely sensitive and will pick up background conversations. The council would like to create a new church directory of our members. In order to reduce the cost of creating the directory it was suggested our church secretary could take photos of the members. We could have a schedule of time slots the members could sign up for. The council felt there was still a lot to discuss so left it as an open item on old business. Ann Helm said she has been attending the NT-NL workshop on racism every Tuesday. She said fifty-seven people have been attending from all over the Synod. They meet in breakout groups. The meetings have not been emotional

story telling sessions but are purely academic. The study is from books or excerpts. Ann said she was learning a different perspective from what she knew. Ann also said each session is independent of the others so if anyone wanted to join, they could.

New Business

The council agreed to move forward with the church picnic. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers will be served. Fritz motioned to have the picnic on Sunday July 18. Bee motioned to accept the motion. Joyce second the motion. The council approved. The council agreed to have "An All-Committee Meeting" on Saturday August 14th 9:00 a.m. at the church. The council also agreed to install the new council members on Sunday July 11, 2021.

The Meeting ended with "The Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully,

Linda Ortegon
Church Council Secretary



First Communion Instruction

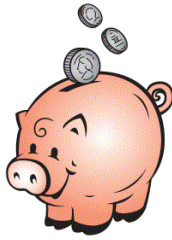
will begin in September.
If you would like your child
to participate, please visit
with Pastor Paul.

Thank you!



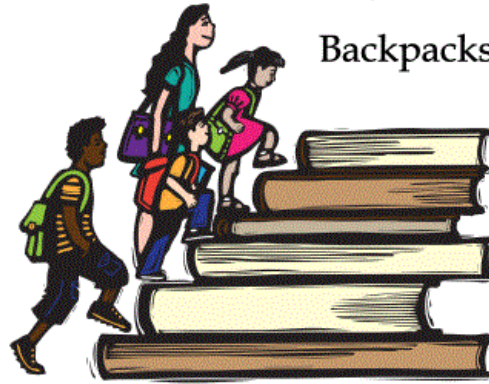
Noisy Bucket

**Remember
your coins
on the 4th
Sunday of
each month!**



Sunday, August 15th

Blessing of the
Backpacks



DATE	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	AM	Reader	Technology	Flowers	Altar Guild
8/1 Pent. 10	Jo McCormick		Riley & Ashlyn Scott	Joyce O'Connell	Ashlyn Scott	John Ulrich Pedro Montanez	Pastor Paul	Ann Helm
8/8 Pent. 11					Bee Rose		Marie Williams	
8/15 Pent. 12				Ann Helm	Phyllis Zwarich		John & Pam Ulrich	
8/22 Pent. 13					Gary Griffin		Gary & Penny Griffin	
8/29 Pent. 14							Ida Walter	



Worship

Bee Rose
Team Leader

August is in the 3rd month of Pentecost.

What a great picnic and fellowship we had, hamburgers, hot dogs and fixin's oh my! Ya shoulda been there! (if you weren't) ☺

Pastor Paul, Gary and I met to pick hymns and got hymns picked through November. If anyone would like to help pick hymns, please let me know.

I am going to try adding some by the month, things like Scripture of the Month and stuff. So, if you would like for me to feature something special that you have read, are moved by, or just think needs to be shared in this format, then email, text or call and let me know by the 15th of the month.

Points to Ponder:

Do you ever think you just worship by rote? I know I did for far too many years! I thought, because I had memorized different parts of the service, ie. The Apostles Creed, Kyrie, etc., I was being a good worshipper. The problem I found was that I was reciting by rote. I wasn't actually paying attention to what the words meant. We attend church to worship the Lord. This means to actually listen to what we are saying, understand and adhere to what they say and the rituals we have in place. Until I read the article below I never thought about it like that.

Rituals Mark Us For Healing

One of the most powerful ways that can be incarnated, and stories can be told is through ritual. We know and understand that water, bread and wine, together with the word of God, tell God's story and sacramentally bring us forgiveness, life and salvation. We know that oil touch and prayers draw us into God's healing mercy. We know that candles lit

in prayer help us to more fully understand light defying despair. We know that marking ourselves with the cross of Christ reminds us, sometimes against all external data, who and whose we are.

Excerpt by Charlene M. Rachuy Cox from the June 2016 issue of Gather magazine.

Prayer of the Month:

Apply God's Word

God, thank You for giving me Your Word. As I continue to study what Scripture says, please help me to apply it to my life. I don't want to be foolish—I want to be wise. Show me what it means to apply Your Words daily to my life, and then help me to eagerly follow Your example. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Verse of the Month:

Psalm 98 The Worship Psalm

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. 2. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. 3. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! 5. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! 6. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! 7. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! 8. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together 9. before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Peace,

Bee Rose



Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader

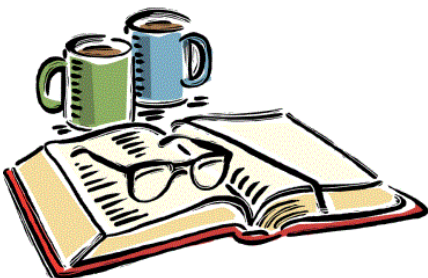
Fellowship

Church Picnic 2021
was a tremendous
(& delicious)
success! It was a
special day!



**Men's Breakfast
Group
will resume
in October.**

**Details
coming soon.**



8/1/1994
Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich

8/5/1967
Larry & Diane
Ross

8/8/2016
William & Sarah
Anderson

8/19/1961
James & Blossom
Parry

8/23/1975
Mark & Renae
Heinze



3	Danny McLaughlin
5	Stephen Kuhlmann
8	John Ulrich
14	Arline Zak
14	Teddi Phillips
14	Janie Kinsey
21	Anastazja Wierzowiecki
23	Pedro Montanez



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45am Adult Class bible study with Pastor 10am Worship Service Pentecost 10				AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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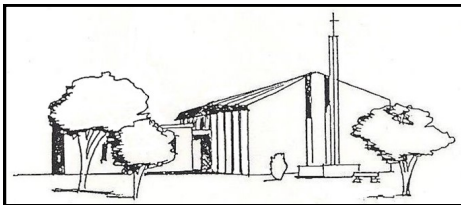


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We strive to recognize and nurture the Christ in ourselves and each person that we encounter along the way. Our church is a thriving community of believers, and lovers of the word of God. Calvary Lutheran has a long tradition of outreach and service to its members and the community. We hope you will join us for service on Sunday to experience for yourself the fellowship of Christ.