

Calvary Comment

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



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
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Here we are again in the “dog days of summer.” Yes, it has been a hot summer. On June 20, 2023, San Angelo set a new record high temperature with a daytime high of 114 degrees. Whew. That’s hot. No doubt a few of us pictured in our mind’s dogs lounging beside the pool, wearing sunglasses, sipping on a cold drink.

The “dog days of summer” do invoke in us images of people floating down a river in an inner tube, sitting under an oak tree for shade, and of course dogs panting in the heat. And that is why the “dog days of summer” are often thought of as days not fit for a dog.

But despite our association with the “dog days of summer” with heat struck canines, originally the “dog days of summer” had nothing to do with dogs. According to the Old Farmer’s Almanac, the “dog days of summer” are traditionally the 40 days between July 3 and August 11, which coincide with the rising of the Dog Star “Sirius” in the morning sky.

In ancient Rome, a commonly held view was that since the dog star rose with the sun, the star’s presence with the sun made temperatures hotter. The stars’ brightness added to the heat of the sun, which created hot and sultry weather.

Of course, today we know that this is not true. Sirius, the dog star, is in fact half a million times further away from us than the sun. So, Sirius has no effect upon our weather. The Romans did not know this, so when they blamed the “dog star” for creating hot weather they were barking up the wrong tree.

Even so, the “dog days of summer” are real. And this year we have in fact experienced very hot temperatures. And for many of us this has caused us to slow down and take it easy. But things have not slowed down here at Calvary Lutheran Church.

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On June 22, 2023, the congregation council met in retreat to prioritize and map out our ministry together. Since then, the worship committee has met and chosen hymns for the rest of the calendar year. During the week of July 17 thru July 21, I attended the Rostered Leaders Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona. On July 29 we gathered to celebrate the life of Larry Ross. And at the July Council Meeting, four youth expressed their desire to attend the Youth Gathering that will be held in New Orleans next summer.

As we look ahead, on August 20 we will celebrate Rally Day and enjoy a church picnic. Watch for a sign-up sheet for things that you can contribute to ensure that the event is a success. Confirmation Instruction and Sunday school will soon begin, and in a few weeks adult Bible study will resume also. Even during the “dog days of summer” things are happening here at the church.

Our Lord has been very busy too. The “dog days of summer” have not slowed Him down. During this time of the year, the Lord has continued to call us together for worship, calling us to come and receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Have you heard His call and responded to His call, or have the dog days of summer” caused you to withdraw and take it easy?

Do not despair. Much of the Lord’s work is done behind the scenes. It happens when our faith grows quietly. It occurs when prayers are said for the Church and people in need. It takes place when we long for the fulfillment of God’s promises.

God’s work transpires even when we do not see it in our daily lives. St. Augustine once said that the soul is not at rest until it rests in God. God’s work may be stirring up in you right now and you do not even know it.

As we continue to enjoy the “dog days of summer,” may we find our rest in God. And may our faith grow as we continue to pray for the church and for each other.

See you in Church,

Pastor Paul

Worship Assistants, Altar Guild & Flowers

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the Office at 944-1116, or contact Bee Rose.

DATE	Greeter	Asst. Min.	Reader	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild
8/6 Pent 10	Jo McCormick	Joyce O’Connell	Bee Rose	John Ulrich	Pam Ulrich	Jo McCormick
8/13 Pent 11			Phyllis Zwarich		Marie Williams	
8/20 Pent 12	Jo McCormick	Bee Rose			Parry	
8/27 Pent 13						



Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church *Council Meeting*

May 16, 2023

The Council President Betty Thane called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 16th day of May. Pastor Paul opened with a devotion and prayer.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: 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 April Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Bee motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Leon second the motion. The council approved the Calvary Lutheran Church March Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Helm. Ann went over the April 11, 2023, Treasurer's Report. One item we don't see often is the 1499 un-deposited funds of \$2,926.00. That's our offering for Sunday the 30th of April. Since it fall on the last day of the month, the funds were deposited on Monday May 1st. On page two under our Savings Restricted Funds, the Capital Fund, has a total of \$16,955.14, which puts us very close to the \$17,000.00. Ann said the electric bill is over budget. Pastor Paul ask we investigate what's causing the increase in usage since we're under a fix rate. Leon said the fan is set at auto, but it seems the fan is always running when he walks in the building. Leon will call Bowles to find out what might be causing that. On April 2nd, Palm Sunday, a check for \$600.00 was received from AA. It was posted to General Funds. Bee moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Leon second the motion. The Council accepted the Treasurer's report as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane went over the April 11, 2023, Financial Report. Chris Kinsley will present the results of Congregation Sunday Results on Sunday May 21st, 2023. The Council accepted the Financial Secretary's Report as presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Sunday school will be wrapping up at the end of the school year. Plans are being made for VBS in July.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. The church picnic and rally day will be held on August 20th this year.

Service and Justice: N/A

Worship: Bee Rose. Nothing to Report. Still need more volunteers to read, etc.

Evangelism: N/A

Pastor's Report: Please refer to the Pastor's April 2023 Report for details.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Retreat: The council retreat will be on Saturday June 24, 2023. The retreat will begin at 10:00am. A short June Council Meeting will be held before the retreat officially begins. We will be discussing Chapter 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Constitution, which basically covers the congregational council and meeting times. A lunch will be served.

Church Security: The alarm went off and when Pastor Paul and John came up they found the front door unlocked. Pastor Paul said the door was locked when he left that day. Ener-Tel can tell us which door set the alarm when off. When the alarm goes off John is the first contact, then James, Joyce and Pastor.

Cameras: Placing good cameras in the church could be expensive. Pastor said finding the doors unlocked has not happened often. Bee motion to table the church security and cameras. Dorothy second the motion. The council approved.



Online Giving: Pastor said online giving has to be as simple as possible. Chris said they discussed using an app made for churches used for online giving. The name of the app is called "Tithe.ly". Chris and Pastor is meeting with our website person to see if they can automatically stream to the Tithe.ly website from ours. John, Pastor and Ann will research. Ann will create an account on that app to see how it works.

VBS: Still need a Host Family. Marie will be reaching out to the Junior Counselors to see how many will attending and sending out signup letters.

Web Page: Pastor and Betty suggested we use an ASU college student that specializes in web page design and updates. Pastor Paul will reach to one of our members who used to work for ASU to ask how best to do that. Heidi suggested we have our youth upload photos from activities to our website. Heidi will open the discussion with the youth about creating a group that updates social media and content.

OLD BUSINESS

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda - The council discussed and made a few changes to the agenda.

Nominating Committee Report

1. Vice President: Joyce O'Connell
2. Secretary: Ashlyn Scott

Chris motioned to accept the Congregation Meeting Agenda as revised. Ann second the motion.

The council approved.

Church Copier. The copier isn't working right now. Ann said she gets an error code. Pastor said it needs adjusted, but because of its age needs to be replaced soon. Pastor ask Ann and Shelly to contact at least two providers for a quote to lease a copier and a quote to purchase a copier. Ann will report back in our next meeting. Ann motion to table the discussion. Dorothy second the motion. The council approved.

AV and Mic Systems: Chris said the new changes will make running the AV much easier to run. The current Mic is not amplified and doesn't work with the current mixer. Chris is going to add two belt Mics to the order.

Correspondence: Report from Project Dignidad. For the month of April we gave 450lbs of food and nine Easter baskets. Thank you from Meals for the Elderly. A Thank You letter from NTNL Synod for our generous gift of \$2,176.67 to the ELCA Good Gifts ministry. The NTNL also send a thank you letter for the donations we made throughout the year for \$3,860.26 for mission support. Leon motion to adjourn the meeting with Lord's Prayer: Bee second the motion.

Council Secretary

Linda Ortegon

Church Council July 2023			
President	Betty Thane	Education	Heidi Wierzowiecki
Vice President	Joyce O'Connell	Fellowship	Dorothy St. Germain
Secretary	Ashlyn Scott	Finance	Leon Thane
Treasurer	Ann Helm	Worship	Bee Rose
Evangelism	---	Service & Justice	---





Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader
Fellowship

RALLY DAY AND CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 20TH AFTER THE SERVICE

Hotdogs & hamburgers will be provided.

Bring favorite toppings & side dishes.

See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

JOIN US FOR
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!



God's Work Our Hands Special Project

For the month of August, Calvary will collect & deliver canned goods & paper products to Project Dignidad. Please leave your donations of green beans, corn, carrots, paper products etc. in the narthex. THANK YOU

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

It is noted that our current disaster relief plan is outdated and has fallen into disuse. However, there is an active alternative.

The San Angelo Fire Department has an emergency alert service to contact you in the case of various emergencies.

You'll need to sign up to make use of this free service and you can do that via the Internet or downloading the appropriate app to your electronic device.

Text messaging rates and other charges may apply.

Other options to register include downloading the AlertSense myAlerts app or texting your zipcode to 38276. Get it on Google Play or Download on the App Store.

Or go to the following hyperlink to sign up directly on that Internet page!

<https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionID=1533>

For assistance contact Leon Thane.

325-213-2535

lthane@yahoo.com



AUGUST

ANNIVERSARIES
8/1/1994 Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich
8/8/2016 William & Sarah Anderson
8/19/1961 James & Blossom Parry

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



Thank you to everyone for your cards and kind words of sympathy and encouragement during this difficult time of loss. Our family is blessed to have a wonderful church family at Calvary Lutheran Church. Larry is greatly missed, but he is at rest now with no more pain.

Diane and Laura Ross, and Kim McKee

Tuesday Night Bible Study
Starting Tuesday September 5, 2023
Consider the Years:
A Thirteen-Session Bible Study for Mature Christians

by Rev. Brad Hales

As the subtitle indicates, this Bible study was written for mature Christians. That is, it bears in mind the unique perspective of those who have seen many years in their relationship with God and may wonder how faith can speak anew to their daily lives. The study offers thirteen brief sessions on issues we all must navigate, emphasizing how God's Word can bring strength and comfort in the unknown.

If you wish to purchase the Book for \$12.99, please let the office know.

Email: secretary@calvarysa.org

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Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love 31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37

A present 1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30

To take a long walk 14 2 9 38

A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

United Campus Ministry (UCM) at Angelo State University

In July, Mark, Joyce and Ann attended a special meeting of the UCM Board of Trustees and guests from various churches who support UCM to participate in a discussion about campus ministry at ASU. Participation in the programs of UCM has been low in general since the pandemic and UCM like many organizations in ministry has been slow to come back. The discussion resulted in several ideas for making the UCM facility on Dena St. more relevant to ASU students.

The following ideas are being pursued for launch in September:

*Review of available study space at the UCM facility and how to promote it.

*Sunday night meals followed by live music, in addition to Food4Thought Wednesday meals.

*A Hygiene Pantry (shampoo, deodorant, etc.) stocked through quarterly donations from local churches and made available to UCM student members who have a need.

Details on Calvary's participation will follow in the September Newsletter, but any input or questions you have can be discussed with Mark, Joyce or Ann.





Ladies, the altar guild will meet in the fellowship hall September 2nd at 10 am.

We welcome new members! We encourage you to join us & to learn about the altar guild's service at Calvary.

For information:
Pam Ulrich
942-9404



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

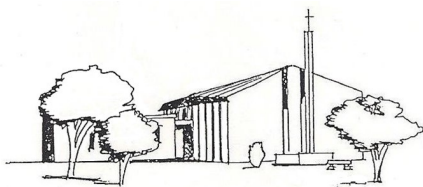
Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA 5:30pm	2	3 AA 5:30pm	4 AA 5:30pm	5
6 10am Worship Service Pent 10	7 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	8 AA 5:30pm Council 4pm	9	10 AA 5:30pm	11 AA 5:30pm	12
13 10am Worship Service Pent 11	14 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	15 AA 5:30pm	16	17 AA 5:30pm	18 AA 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	19
20 10am Worship Service Pent 12 Church Picnic & Rally Day	21 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter deadline	22 AA 5:30pm	23	24 AA 5:30pm	25 AA 5:30pm	26
27 10am Worship Service Pent 13 Noisy Bucket	28 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	29 AA 5:30pm	30	31 AA 5:30pm		

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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.