

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

From the Pastor



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*

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During our Mid-Week Lenten services this year we will focus on the Book of Proverbs and hear several short sayings that teach us how to live life skillfully from God's point of view. In case you did not know it, proverbs are short sayings that take the place of a long explanation. They are practical, timeless, and relevant.

Proverbs deal with real life day-to-day issues. Benjamin Franklin was so fascinated with the Book of Proverbs that he compiled his own list of proverbs in a book entitled "Poor Richard's Almanac." Today some of us are familiar with many of his proverbs. For instance: "A stitch in time saves nine." "All that glitters is not gold." And "A penny saved is a penny earned."

Sometimes proverbs get mangled if one has not heard them before. One first grade teacher asked her students to complete several proverbs that she thought that they might have heard

before, and their response was hilarious. The teacher asked: "Don't bite the hand that..." and the students responded: "Looks dirty." The teacher then asked: "A penny saved is..." and the students responded: "not much." The teacher inquired: "You can't teach an old dog new..." and the students yelled out "math." The teacher then asked: "It's always darkest before..." and the students answered: "Daylight Savings time."

Not all proverbs are hilarious. Some are very serious. But all proverbs are very helpful to us. The Book of Proverbs helps us discern what is beneficial for this life and teaches us to reflect upon the values/wisdom that God expects from us as we live in this world.

Come and join us for our Wednesday Evening Lenten services which will start on March 2 at 6pm with our Ash Wednesday Service.

Pastor Paul



Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

November, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the 08TH day of November by the Council President Joyce O'Connell. Pastor Paul gave the devotion "Do not repay evil with evil". The congregation in Rome struggled with this as well. Paul told them to, "Love you neighbor as yourself". Loving your neighbor can be invitation to greater understanding. Loving your neighbor begins with understanding them. God's alternative to lashing back. Pastor Paul prayed, "God empower us to work toward peace, choosing understanding. We pray this in his name." Amen.

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

MINUTES: Joyce motion to accept the October 11, 2021, Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Marie moved to accept the minutes. John second the motion. The council approved the October Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane presented the report for October. Facebook attendance and views is listed. We're averaging 100, which is more than our in person attendance. Chris said our Facebook looks really good. The council accepted the report as presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. The Christmas Youth Pageant is coming up in December. Our youth Sunday School Class will start up in January.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. -There is a sign-up sheet for the Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Sunday November 21, 2021. Everything is coming together just fine.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. About two hundred ninety-six dollar was raised for Good Gifts. Volunteers are still needed to work the Soup Kitchen on the third Friday each month. The Christmas tree will be put up this year.

Worship: Bee Rose. Absent.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. The "Halloween Truck & Treat" event held on October 30, 2021 she felt was a big success. Four Hundred pieces of candy was given out with a message, "Jesus loves them" and inviting them to church. Church members dressed up. It was a lot of fun, but it took a lot of work. The next event is planned for April.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor had five in Person, Zoom and Facebook Sunday Worship Services. Eight people received Communion at Nursing Home Communion. Fourteen office visits. Three Sunday Adult Bible Studies on the Book of Philippians. This Sunday will be last Sunday Adult Bible Study. We will take a week off. Then resume with a study of Luke. Worship Hymns were selected up to April 03, 2022. Four Internship Supervision meetings. Pastor attended the Faithful Innovation Meeting, October 14, the COW Conference Meeting via Zoom October 16, the Pericope Study with the Southeastern Synod, October 18, the NT-NL Briarwood Leadership Convocation on Zoom, October 18-20 and the Synod Event, "Leading for God's Future", October 21, 2021. He attended the Trunk and Treat on October 30, 2021. Reformation Sunday was October 31st, 2021. The Texas-Oklahoma Intern Cluster, Zoom event on November 04th. He attended two "Leading for God's Future" events, but one was canceled. All Saints Sunday was November 7, 2021. Coming events; First Communion Class date is yet to be determined. Intern Ann will lead a class here and one in Miles. Pastor will join her in the classes. Tomorrow will be a busy day for meetings. Pericope Study with Southeastern Synod, the 75th Church Anniversary Meeting and Faithful Innovation Meeting are scheduled for November 09. Leading for God's Future Zoom meeting will be on November 12 and November 18th. Men's breakfast bible study will be on November 13, 2021. The Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2021. Our Thanksgiving Meal is scheduled for November 21, 2021. Mid-Week Advent Services begin Decembers 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 6pm. Christmas Youth Pageant will lead the December 12 service, The Council's Christmas Meal is December 13th. Christmas Eve Service is December 24, at 7pm. The Epiphany Potato Luncheon is scheduled for January 08. Ash Wednesday will be March 02, 2022. Pastor will be on vacation January 04th – January 06, 2021. May 15th -May 21st, 2022. Pulpit Supply needed for May 15, 2022. Pastor will be on vacation June 09 – June 22, 2023. Pulpit Supply needed. Calvary's 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for October 16, 2022. Pastor will be on vacation June 11, 2023 and June 18, 2023.

Council News Continued

NEW BUSINESS

Leon suggested that when the 2022 budget is presented to congregation, that he speaks to the money associated with the 75th Anniversary Church Celebration. The council approved. Pastor said he received the 2022 Day Camp Reservation Schedule. Day Camp is designed for campers who have completed grades K through the 5th. The council decided to pay for 24 campers, which includes 3 staff members, for week two of the camp, which will be June 19th – June 24th. Chris motioned to pay the \$1800.00 for 24 youth campers and 3 staffers to attend the day camp. Heidi seconded the motion. The council approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2022 Budget was presented to the council. Marie motion to recommend the budget as presented to the congregation. Leon second the motion. The council approved. The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Agenda was presented to the council. The council approved the agenda as presented. The Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS

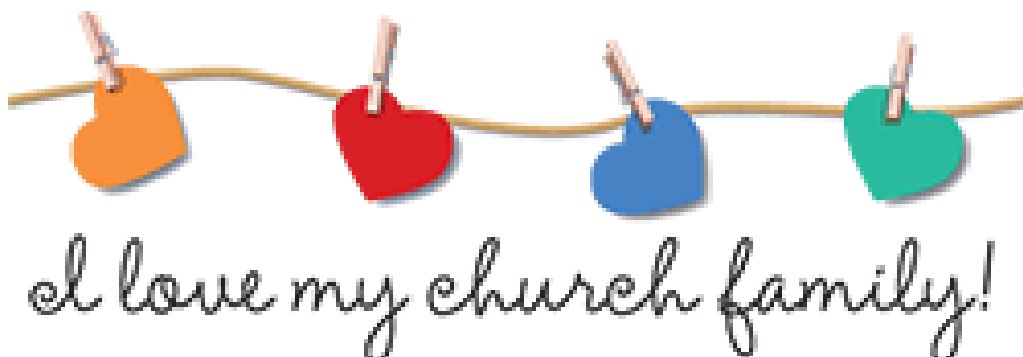
John said we need to train someone who feels comfortable running Sunday's live streaming. Joyce will have an announcement placed in Sunday's bulletin. Dorothy requested that the January and February council meetings be held per Zoom. The council approved. Joyce said we are still looking for a place to have the council Christmas Meal and she will be taking suggestions. Pastor said spouses or friends were welcome to attend. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Worship Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild

You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.

DATE	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	AM	Reader	Technology	Flowers	Altar Guild
Feb 6	Jo McCormick			Joyce O'Connell	Betty Thane	John Ulrich Pedro Montanez		Diane Ross
Feb 13				Leon Thane	Betty Thane		St. Germain	
Feb 20	Marie Williams		Ashlyn Scott					
Feb 27				Elaine Welty	Phyllis Zwarich			





Evangelism

Ann Helm
Team Leader

I received an article from a friend recently that grabbed my attention. The article reflects a conversation between two women. The first paragraph probably draws a chuckle from women and a sneer from men. As a woman, I could see the humor. I thoroughly enjoyed the next paragraph which presents examples of God's coming to women wherever they are in every sort of work they were doing. I'm sure that God comes to men, as well as women, although where He finds them may be very different. In today's world, who changes the diaper and who changes the oil under the car? It could be either the man or the woman or both. That doesn't really matter and misses the point Heather is making. God comes to each of us wherever we are.

Article from Heather F:

I was talking to a friend the other day, saying that as a modern woman I feel like I'm never *free* enough from my responsibilities, never in a *quiet* enough space I want to communicate with God. Her response floored me, 'That is why God comes to women. Men have to climb the mountain to meet God, but God comes to women wherever they are.'

I have pondered on this for weeks and have searched my scriptures to see that what she said is true. God does indeed come to women where they are, when they are doing their ordinary, everyday work. He meets them at the wells where they draw water for their families, in their homes, in their kitchens, in their gardens. He comes to them as they sit beside sickbeds, as they give birth, care for the elderly, and perform necessary mourning and burial rites. Even at the empty tomb, Mary was the first to witness Christ's resurrection. She was there because she was doing the womanly chore of properly preparing Christ's body for burial.

In these seemingly mundane and ordinary tasks, these women of the scriptures found themselves face to face with divinity.

He lives. And he's using a time such as this to speak to women around the world."

Original ✍: Heather F.

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Evangelism Team meeting

February 8 at 1:00 p.m.

In the fellowship hall

All are invited!



Save the Date!

Children's Fair

April 24th



Evangelism Continued

How can we use Heather's message to help us share the good news?

1. **Recognize that God comes to us wherever we are.**
2. **Pray for God, through the Holy Spirit,** to guide us in our ordinary daily lives doing ordinary work.
3. **Accept the Holy Spirit's presence** within us and be strengthened by His power. Engage in conversation with the Holy Spirit often throughout each day. He will guide us.
4. **Allow the Holy Spirit to grow** within us until we begin to feel love of our neighbor and joy in the Lord, knowing we are His children, and then pour that love and joy into our everyday work. Love and joy keep growing we feel a strong desire to share those feelings with others. Our work will become different, perhaps easier in some ways, but certainly more satisfying as we work together with the Holy Spirit. God's work. Our hands.
5. **Allow the Holy Spirit to make our joy visible to others.** Even if we try to hide our joy, our light will shine through! Others will see God at work in us. In John 13:35 we learn from Jesus Christ that our love for others will show that we are His disciples.

A familiar song proclaims, "They will know we are Christians by our love!" When we reflect love and joy, people around us become more receptive to hearing what we share about God's love for us. Now the Holy Spirit has a seed to work with.

6. **Make ourselves available to the Holy Spirit** so that He can work through us to reach those who need to hear how much God loves them. Say "yes" to His call with joy and a willing heart! It should be a joy to share how much God loves us at this point, because we know what that means in every aspect of our lives. We are joyfully filled with His love to overflow. It has to be shared.
7. **Allow the Holy Spirit to bring people across our path.** We don't know when or where this may happen, or under what circumstances, but we know people will cross our paths. I can't begin to describe all the different situations in which the Holy Spirit can work through. But I can say that sharing the good news is only possible because God comes to each of us first, wherever we are and in whatever we are doing.

Blessings to each of you!

Ann





Worship

Bee Rose
Team Leader

Greetings from the Rose house! Yes, Hank and I are quarantined for testing positive for this evil virus. I'm glad it was well after the Epiphany Luncheon. I was honored to be the guest speaker and have a wonderful baked potato meal! I learned about toppings I hadn't heard of before...delicious!

We still need to have people sign up for worship assistance please? That leads to Lent. Lent this year is from March 2nd to April 14th. Lenten Wednesday Services will be determined by what happens with the virus but we will keep you posted. If we are able then we will need more assistants for those services.

Below are some things to Ponder and/or use if you wish:

Bound Together But Not the Same

What brings us and binds us together for ministry? Worship attendance (even pre-pandemic) in mainline denominations is declining. Financial stewardship is not far behind. An unprecedented number of people do not identify with any organized religion. Yet I do not lose heart. God does not forsake God's people. Paul reminds us that resurrected life – whether the church's or our own – will look different: "For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (1 Corinthians 15:52b). In the meantime, we can live boldly into Paul's vision as we gather in our communities of faith. In gathering at the foot of the cross with our many and diverse gifts, we find our common bond. It is at Christ's table, where words and bread are brought together, that we are enlivened and our muscles flexed for ministry. This wonderful "being together, but not the same" makes us the body of Christ.

This message is excerpted from "Be Together, Not the Same," by Twila Schock in the April 2020 Gather magazine.



7 Steps to Follow for New Year

1. Seek God intensely. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33, NIV)
2. Repent for your mistakes and sins of the past. "But if we evaluated and judged ourselves honestly [recognizing our shortcomings and correcting our behavior], we would not be judged." (1 Corinthians 11:31, AMP)
3. Ask for wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5, NIV)
4. Create new goals.
5. Set a plan to achieve those goals and the calling of God on your life.
6. Add value to other people.
7. Have fun!

Bible Questions for this month:

1. What name did Pharaoh give to Joseph?
A) Pithom, B) Potiphera, C) Misrep, D) Zaphnathpaaneah
2. What married couple did Paul become friends with at Corinth?
A) Lambeth and Adah, B) Joseph and Asenath, C) Aquila and Pricilla, D) Felix and Drusilla.
3. Which angel announced the birth of John the Baptist?
A) Michael, B) Raphael, C) Gabriel, D) The Angel isn't named.

See answers on p. 8.



Fellowship

Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader

Valentine's Day is February 14 a good day to remember and remind those special people we know that God loves them and we do, too. Send cards by mail or give in person with a visit. That way the cards will be received on time rather than putting them in the boxes at church.

Sometimes it takes awhile for mail to be picked up at church.

Think of someone who might like to receive a little reminder of love. Call, visit or send a greeting!

God loves you. Share it!



Blessings to you!

Dorothy



Finance

Leon Thane
Team Leader

Dear Friends,

If you have not received a Giving Statement for your 2021 gifts to Calvary, please advise me so I can correct that.

If you do not have Calvary Giving Envelopes and would wish to have them, also please advise me of that.

Thank you,
Leon



We love Calvary!

Thank each and everyone who sent me a birthday card or did anything else to make my "89th" birthday special. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God bless each of you.

Rosalee King



LOVE
YOUR neighbor
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

Answers to bible quiz on p. 6

1.D. Zaphnathpaaneah.

See Genesis 41:45

2.C. Aquila and Pricilla. See Acts 18:1-2

3.C Gabriel. The angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and told him that his wife, Elizabeth, would bear a son named John.



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Adam & Kristy Scott

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08 Helen Brandenberger

13 Camden Sanford

16 Jane Cocuzzi

17 Andrea Sanford

22 Larry Ross

26 Atre Allen

26 Linda Ortegon

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study/Zoom 7pm	2 Women's Bible Study 6pm	3	4	5
6 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service 5 Epiphany	7 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	8 AA group 5:30pm Evangelism mtg 1pm Bible Study/Zoom 7pm	9 Women's Bible Study 6pm	10 AA group 5:30pm	11 AA group 5:30pm	12 Men's Breakfast Bible study
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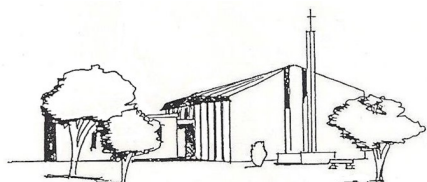
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Calvary Lutheran Church

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.