



Calvary Lutheran Church

San Angelo, Texas

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Calvary Comment



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*

From the Pastor

How are you at keeping promises? I ask this because according to US News, approximately 80% of New Year resolutions fail by the second week of February. There are many reasons for this. According to a recent google search I made on my computer; New Year's resolutions fail for six main reasons.

1. You did not define the resolution well.
2. You did not have a plan.
3. You did not set yourself up for success
4. You did not define long, and short-term goals
5. You tried to do it alone...And
6. You knew deep down you would not do it.

Yes, New Year Resolutions are hard to keep. And yet each year many of us continue to make New Year resolutions and try to start the New Year off on the right foot. What New Year resolution have you made this year? And what are the chances that you will keep your New Year resolution?

I pray and hope that we are better at keeping promises that have a greater impact on our lives than merely going to the gym or staying on the latest Keto diet. Did you know that when we baptize children here at Calvary Lutheran Church **parents, God**

parents or sponsors, and the congregation make promises that are very important to the spiritual life of the person being baptized? Read again the promises made at the font.



On page 229 of the Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship, the rubrics state

"The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves" with these words: *"Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child (children) baptized into Christ."* And the parents reply: *"I do."*

And then the presiding minister addresses the baptismal party with these words. *"As you bring this child (your children) to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's people, to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, and care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace."*

The presiding minister then asks: *"Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?"* And the parents respond: *"I do."* The presiding minister then addresses the sponsors: *"Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?"* And the sponsors respond: *"I do."* And then, the presiding minister addresses the congregation and asks: *"People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for them in their new life in Christ?"* And the congregation responds: *"We do."*

As a Pastor I realize that keeping these promises is not always easy. But when we do keep these promises we are often surprised and amazed at how deeply our children's faith in God grows and flourishes. Our New Year resolutions may not make it past Groundhog Day, but I pray the promises we make when our children are baptized is a vow that we will keep everyday with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Happy New Year.

Pastor Paul



Church Council

Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Council News

The council met for a Christmas meal in December.
There was no formal meeting, so we don't have any
approved minutes for the January newsletter.



I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas &
a Very Happy New Year! Blessings to all!
Helen Brandenberger



Ann Helm.....To the Glory of God
Norma & James Kahlig.....In memory of our parents
Rosalee & Al King.....To the Glory of God &
In remembrance of our parents
Ervilene Kuhlmann.....In memory of Kathryn Kuhlmann
Jo McCormick..... In memory of Bill McCormick & family past
James and Blossom Parry.....To the Glory of God
Bee & Hank Rose (2)..... To the Glory of God &
In memory of sister, Kiki
Dorothy and Lou St. Germain (2).....In memory of our parents,
Annabel & George Crook and Elaine & Ray St. Germain
Leon and Betty Thane (2).....To the Glory of God
Pam and John Ulrich..... In memory of Frieda Stelling
Marie Williams..... To the Glory of God
Jill Zuehlke..... In memory of parents
Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich.....To the Glory of God
Phyllis Zwarich.....In grateful celebration of my sons,
David and Bob



Evangelism

Ann Helm
Team Leader

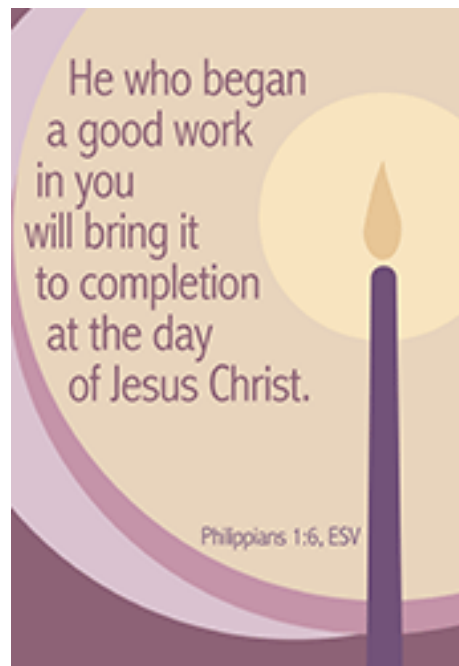
January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, symbolizing beginnings and endings. Janus had two faces, one looking into the past, the other looking into the future. Our new liturgical year began with Advent in November and the calendar year is furiously catching up with new expectations and beginnings for each of us. As we relish the remnants of our Christmas season we are already pressed to navigate the new year. No wonder our heads are spinning, looking back and forward. No wonder January is named for a god with two heads.

At age 71, I struggle at times with the concept of new beginnings, when I feel a need to focus on finishing what I've started or fixing what I've messed up, or remembering what I was supposed to do. New beginnings every January doesn't appeal to me. Like some of you, I've started over, more than once, totally changed my circumstances, walked away from failed expectations, and carried my regrets safely, privately tucked away. What do we do with those failed expectations and regrets? I've heard that I like to compare my life to a priceless piece of fabric. It contains the I am familiar with

comparing our lives with a piece of fabric. The fabric of our life contains beautiful, bold, ugly, fragile, threads all of which are necessary to keep us intact. We can carefully reweave and repair, but never remove the threads that keep us intact. We can make peace with our ugly and not so awesome. We can come to understand and forgive our failings. Jesus forgives, but we can't seem to

forgive ourselves. We remember the expectations for our lives that didn't work out as planned. We rethink old decisions and consequences and dwell on unlimited "what ifs" that might have resulted in beautiful "what might have beens" to hold us together. Throughout my life a friend of mine shared we are God's children, his creation. Psalm 139 says, "For you created my innermost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." God loves each of us completely and without reservation. He's all in. John 3:16 says, "For

God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." And God is not done with us until we take our dying breath. Philippians 1:6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will complete it. " You can only do so much, but God can do the impossible, and he is not through with you yet.



Christmas Program

Thank you to all the youth that participated in the Christmas Program during the service on December 12th. It was wonderful! The congregation enjoyed the presentation so very much!



We appreciate Heidi Wierzowiecki & Phyllis Zwarich for planning and coordinating the program.



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
Jan 2 2 Christmas	Jo McCormick			Joyce O'Connell		John Ulrich Pedro Montanez		Ann Helm 1/1 - 2/14
Jan 9 Baptism of our Lord					Margaret Leifeste			
Jan 16 2 Epiphany	Marie Williams				Phyllis Zwarich			
Jan 23 3 Epiphany				Elaine Welty	Margaret Leifeste		Leifestes 52nd Anniv.	
Jan 30 4 Epiphany			Ashlyn Scott					



9 Doris Wendland

11 Ann Helm

11 Rosalee King

21 Abigail Scott

21 Curt Tucker

23 John Rowoldt

26 Julius Bricker

31 Denise Cooley


1/3/2009

Dave & Sassy Puckett

1/24/1970

Fritz & Margaret Leifeste

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Christmas	3 AA group 5:30pm	4 AA group 5:30pm	5	6 AA group 5:30pm Epiphany	7 AA group 5:30pm	8 Altar Guild 9:30am Epiphany potato luncheon 11am Bring favorite topping
		Pastor out of the office this week.				
9 8:45am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service Baptism of our Lord	10 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Council 6:30pm	11 AA group 5:30pm	12	13 AA group 5:30pm	14 AA group 5:30pm	15
16 8:45am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service 2 Epiphany	17 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	18 AA group 5:30pm	19	20 AA group 5:30pm	21 AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 Newsletter deadline	22 Faithful Innovation @ Bethel Avoca
23 8:45am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service 3 Epiphany Noisy Bucket	24 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	25	26	27	28	29
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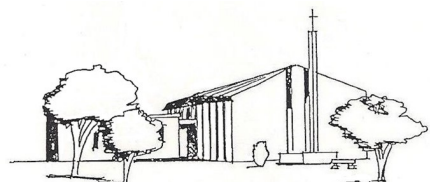
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within and beyond
Calvary.*

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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.