

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
July 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

“O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Happy Fourth of July! As we approach Independence Day, I am reminded again how much we like to sing. In church we sing a lot as we worship together. Psalm 96:1 reminds us: “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.” During worship we sing hymns,

we sing canticles, and we sing most of the liturgy. It seems like every time we gather for worship we join our voices together and sing.

My friends, there is a very good and simple reason why we sing so much in worship and in our everyday lives; **singing feeds the mind and warms the soul**. Did you know that singing plays an enormous role in people’s lives throughout the world? People sing on birthdays, people sing while in their vehicles, and people sing lullabies to put babies to bed. And we sing during many, many other occasions as well.

In the church we sing to praise the goodness of God, we sing to learn/teach the faith, and we sing to secure a firm foundation of faith in our lives for decades to come. When one stops and thinks about it, we need to sing because singing is sometimes the only way God’s Word can reach us.

As we celebrate the fourth of July, may we lift up our voices and sing **“God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save by thy great might. So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies, on whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!”**

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Independence Day, *Pastor Paul*



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Reverend Kris Totzke, Annalysse Simon, Myley Hariman, Ashlynn Scott, and Pastor Zwarich on Confirmation Day — June 9th, 2019

Council's Corner

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

13 May 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. on the 13th day of May 2019, by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul Zwarich offered a devotional and a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fritz Leifeste, Chris Kinsey, John Ulrich, James Parry, Joyce O'Connell, Betty Thane, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Joyce O'Connell motioned, seconded by John Ulrich, that the minutes of the 8 April 2019, Council Meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented a printed Treasurer's report, dated 30 April 2019. The offerings were very good for the month. However, three major expense items - a new lawn mower, an insurance policy premium, and expenses relating to the Summer Camp program - resulted in a net loss for the month. No exceptions were taken to the report, and it was accepted by the Council.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell submitted a printed report that gave a detailed breakdown of the weekly and monthly attendance and contribution amounts for the congregation. It also shows the monthly averages of the attendance and contributions.

CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams was not present, but she submitted a written report. She indicated that plans were well underway for the Summer Camp program. She noted that background checks will have to be done on everyone working directly with the children in the program.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane reported that the offerings for Habitat for Humanity collected during the Easter Mid-Week Services totaled \$2,202.00. The Noisy Bucket offerings for the Good Gifts Program were \$68.65 for April, and a total of \$293.55 for the year.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul Zwarich reported on the many different pastoral acts, meetings and church activities he had been involved with during the month of April. His schedule for the coming three months is very full, also, with June being consumed by the Summer Day Camp, Confirmation Class Graduation with Rev. Kris Totzke joining with us, and the Church's Annual Picnic on 9 June 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: The Council decided to notify Harrison Roofing that they could proceed with their project to clean the rain gutters on the church and dispose of the trash for their bid of \$500.00. The upgrades for the kitchen will be scheduled for late July or August. The Council is still trying to fill the one upcoming vacancy of the Council Secretary for the coming period of June 2019 through May 2021.

NEW BUSINESS: Fritz Leifeste and Pastor Paul Zwarich reported on the Synod Assembly held at Calvary Lutheran Church, Richland Hills, TX. One of the main items considered was changing the date for the filing of the Synod's annual audit report. It will now be processed in July to lessen the workload on the auditors during the normal income tax filing period. The outstanding cooking skills of Rev. Phil Heinze, which were demonstrated during the assembly, were also discussed. The agenda for the Semi-annual Congregational meeting was approved.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed at 7:30 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*

Worship Committee:

Hello, Calvary and friends! Let me introduce myself. My name is Teddi Phillips and I've recently been elected as the new Worship Team leader. I've been attending Calvary for almost eleven years and have been active in leadership for ten of them. I've been on the Worship Team for about three years. Dorothy has been a wonderful example of what it looks like to lead this team, and I thank her for modeling Jesus in this way. Thank you so much, Dorothy! God is so good!

I'll leave you with an excerpt from 1 Kings. I have always loved the imagery portrayed here: **22** Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. **23** He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. 1 Kings 8:22-23 (NRSV)

In Christ's perfect and everlasting love,
Teddi Phillips

Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Reader (Lector)	Communion Assistant	Video Tech
July 7	Jo McCormick			Joyce O'Connell	Marie Williams	Ann Helm	
July 14	Norma Kahlig		Joseph Phillips	Teddi Phillips	Phyllis Zwarich	XXXXXX	
July 21	Jo McCormick	Mitch and Landen Simon	Annalysse Simon	Ann Helm	Kristy Simon		
July 28	Pam Ulrich	John Ulrich		Leon Thane	Betty Thane	XXXXXX	

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to serve on the date listed above, please call Teddi Phillips at 277-0797, or change with another person. Notify Teddi of the change, and she will notify the Church Office. Please do not call the office or send an e-mail.

Education and Evangelism

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

Parish Education News:

June held many blessings for Calvary and the surrounding community! For starters, on June 9th, Myley Hariman, Ashlyn Scott, and Annalysse Simon were confirmed. Also, we had Day Camp during the week of June 24th. Four counselors came out from Cross Trails Ministries and lead children from our community in worship, education, and fellowship in a camp environment. They sang camp songs, did crafts, and enjoyed outdoor activities. We went swimming on Wednesday and that's always fun! This is the only exposure to Jesus some of these children see during the year, so we are always excited to be a part of discipleship in this way. Thank you, Calvary, for providing this opportunity for the children in our community. Thank you for also providing the opportunity for the older kids to serve. It's so important to step out of self and help others as Jesus calls us to do.

Paul sums it up pretty well in Galatians 5:13-14 (NRSV): **13** For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. **14** For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Thanks again, Calvary! Parish Education Team



Day Campers Having Fun! June 27th



Day Camp Staff Meal on June 23rd

EVANGELISM

Come and See! Have you used this phrase to talk with others about Calvary? Don't forget - bookmarks and cards are available for you to share with others. We will be meeting soon to brainstorm ideas to reach out to the community. **We need your help with ideas!** Call, text, or email me, at 432-213-5293 or babswalker07@gmail.com.

Blessings to you!

Barbara Walker,
Evangelism Team Leader



Come & See
Calvary Lutheran Church

Sunday 10AM @ 3231 College Hills Blvd

www.calvarysa.org

Service and Justice

"Do justice; love kindness; walk humbly with God."

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

July, 2019

THE NOISY BUCKET offering for May was \$53.64. The total for this year is \$352.19. 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., and helping others by ending hunger and teaching those less fortunate how to help themselves.



Betty Thane,
Service and Justice
Team Leader

MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY: Our congregation will be delivering meals to Meals For The Elderly recipients on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. If you could find time to deliver some of these meals, it would be greatly appreciated. Marie Williams, 325-245-5630, has the schedule and routes for us. Please contact her as soon as possible if you can volunteer a couple of hours one or two days to help with this project. It is very rewarding to do this for our elderly, and they are always glad to see us. Who knows, one day we may be in this spot, and appreciate the kindness of others. If you can help, thanks so much

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." is scheduled for September 8th, 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.

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

THE NEXT SERVICE AND JUSTICE MEETING will be held on Thursday, August 1st, 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."

LUTHERAN DINERS will meet at Twin Mountain Steakhouse at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18th, for the Early Bird Special. Leon and Betty Thane are the hosts; please call Leon at 325-213-2535 or Betty at 325-939-3976 to RSVP. Come join us for an enjoyable evening!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST is taking the summer off, and will meet again in October.

Happy
BirthDay
to you!

July 2 - Brooke-Lynn Wamer
July 3 - Demir Demirov
July 3 - Chris Kinsey
July 6 - Kristen Kuhlmann
July 11 - Karla Hariman
July 12 - Vera Itz
July 22 - Betty Thane
July 23 - Bob Bluthardt
July 26 - Gary Griffin
July 27 - Gladys Jones
July 28 - Ashlyn Scott
July 31 - Pastor Zwarich

Happy
Anniversary

July 6, 2013 - John and Kim Fiveash

July 20, 1963 - Lou and Dorothy

St. Germain

July 20, 2002 - Stoney and Karla

Hariman

July 26, 1977 - Gary and Penny Griffin

SAVE THE DATES!

Women's Bible Study is taking off for the summer. Ladies, mark your calendars and join us for some summer fun!

July 13th: Potluck brunch at 10:00 a.m. at my house, 7702 Bison Trail. (I want to share my new patio with you!)

August 17th: Christoval Outing - Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. then we will car pool to Christoval and visit the sites!

We would love to have you join us! Barbara Walker

RSVP to me at 432-213-5293 or babswalker07@gmail.com



July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Looking Ahead	1	2	3	4	5	6
Service and Justice Meeting — August 1	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group			HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! 10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group		11:00am AA Group
7		9	10	11	12	13
Pentecost 4 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 5:30pm AA Group			10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group		10:00am Ladies' Potluck Brunch 11:00am AA Group
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Pentecost 5 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group			10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm Lutheran Diners at Twin Mountain Steak-house 5:30pm AA Group	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pentecost 6 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group					11:00am AA Group
28	29	30	31			
Pentecost 7 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm 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.



**Left: Women's Summer Social at Twisted Root after a walk along the river—
6/22/19. Right: Bob's Graduation Reception—5/26/19**



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