

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church  
July 2020



*Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich*

## *From the Pastor*

As I write this Newsletter Article, Calvary Lutheran Church has just resumed in-person worship. On June 21, 2020 thirty-seven individuals gathered for worship while many others participated via zoom. Unless the

pandemic forces us to close in-person worship, we will continue to observe the guidelines the Congregation Council implemented for in-person worship. The guidelines are as follows: Block Off Every Second Pew with Crime Scene Tape, No Shaking Hands, No physical Sharing of the Peace, Offering Plate Placed by Narthex Door, Masks/Gloves for Communion Servers, Masks Highly recommended for All Worshippers, Plenty of Hand Sanitizer in Narthex and Sanctuary, Disposable Cups for Communion, Wafers (Not bread for Communion), Music but No Singing, Speak Liturgy, No Bulletins (Power Point Only), Dismiss by Rows, Continue to Zoom all Worship Services and No Coffee/Meals Served at This Time. The Council will continue to monitor the on-going situation and will adjust the guidelines as needed.

Please welcome Shelly Salling to our family as our new Church Secretary. Barbara retired at the end of May and Shelly answered the call to come to Calvary and replace Barbara as the Church Secretary. Please stop by the office and introduce yourself when it is safe to do so and you have time. The office hours will be as follows: Monday to Friday 10 am to 2 pm. As life returns to normal over the next several months committees and ministries will resume, and Shelly will be an important contact person to assist you in your missional activity.

In the meantime, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and stay safe. And may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Pastor Paul*



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# Council's Corner

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
11th May 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th day of May 2020 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened with a prayer. As we gather together we pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you show us how to conduct our work in a spirit of joy. May your spirit guide our discussions in all we say and do for the sake of the ministry? Amen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O'Connell, Chris Kinsey, Fritz Leifeste, Linda Ortegon, Bee Rose, Betty Thane, Barbara Walker, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Fritz motioned to accept the April 2020 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Marie motioned to accept and John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The April 2020 Financial Report and was approved as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented a printed report. January – March average worship collections have been consistent. She received several checks the last week of April so the month ended higher than usual.

## CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams said Day Camp has been canceled.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez was absence.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane. In July a collection of items for the Family Shelter will start. Items will be delivered in August. A list of items needed will be posted and an email send.

Worship – Bee Rose. There is nothing new to report. She has been asking for volunteers each week for reader and assistant minister. Joyce volunteer to be worship assistant on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker. Nothing new to report.

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Paul presented the Pastor's Report. Worship services are being conducted per ZOOM. This coming Sunday will be the sixth worship service since Easter. There have been a few office visits, but no inside meetings are being held at this time. The AA Group started meeting outside underneath the tree. Every Thursday Pastor meets with the Bishop per Zoom to gain information on what's happening in the synod, and also to keep current on the synod guidelines and recommendations. One Dean "Zoom" meeting was held and there will be another meeting in two weeks. Pastor is already taking on more duties of the Dean. Every Tuesday Confirmation Class and Adult Bible Study are being conducted per Zoom. Confirmation Class at 5:00pm and Adult Bible Study at 6:30pm. The Women's bible study meets per Zoom Wednesdays at 6pm. All the following upcoming events have been canceled. Pastor Paul's June 01 - June 06 vacation, VBS/Day Camp June 14<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>, Rostered Ministers Gathering Phoenix, AZ July 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor's September vacation is pending.

## OLD BUSINESS

Fitz was able to confirm according to the current Synod COVID-19 guidelines we would not be in violation of our constitution if we postponed our May 17, 2020 Semi-Annual meeting. There are eight upcoming positions to fill. The current members will stay on until the new members become official. The nominating committee is still looking for a Parish Education nominee. So far everyone who has been ask said they could help occasionally, but could not take on the full responsibility. Betty suggested nominating one chair-person, but have several co-chairs for Parish Ed. The council liked the suggestions and thought it would be worthwhile to pursue. Hhchw

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Dorothy St. Germain is the fellowship chair nominee and Joan McCormick the co-chair. Ann Helm is the Evangelism nominee. Marie Williams is the Service and Justice nominee. Last week Pastor sent out the Synod guidelines for re-opening and it states no food should be served for a good while. Also, before the next first official in person worship service our insurance company needs to be contacted to make sure we are covered.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Our Day Camp has been canceled and there are several choices in regard to the deposit paid to Cross Trail Ministries. Ask for full deposit back, donate the full deposit or part of it, have it applied to the camp being held this year at Cross Trail Ministry camp site or to allow Cross Trail's to hold the deposit for next year's day camp. John and Betty recommended we request the full deposit back. Joyce motioned to get a full refund, John second the motion. The council agreed. Marie will request a full refund of the deposit. The secretary of the AA group called to ask if they could meet under the trees outside church. The council members didn't see a problem as long as they met the city and county COVID-19 guidelines. Betty Thane said there was a note on a pray chain for communion to be given in front of a nursing home. Unfortunately, under the COVID-19 guidelines we are not allowed to and giving communion per Zoom is not recommended as well.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Linda Ortegon - Council Secretary

## A Word from the Congregational President

As we begin our journey back into face-to-face services, our hope is that everyone takes all the precautions necessary to keep all our congregation safe. We do have a large number of at-risk members that need the consideration of every person who attends our services.

We will continue to do everything we can to stop the spread of Covid-19 in our congregation. May God bless our members and allow us to continue to meet together.

We are planning to have our semi-annual congregational meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>. At this time, we are recommending that we do not serve meals at church, so the picnic will be postponed to a later date. Hopefully we can get good attendance at this meeting since we are electing or re-electing 8 new council members.

**ALSO HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS IS –  
Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm,  
And a Positive Attitude**

**Don't wait to catch it from others  
Be the Carrier**

Unknown

**Yours in Christ,  
Fritz Leifeste**



# Worship

*"Empowering God's people to worship in grace and truth."  
John 4:23*

**Bee Rose**  
**Worship Committee**  
**Leader**

I hope this newsletter finds people in our congregation healthy and for those who were, still employed. If not, that is another subject and if you need help, please contact me... I'm in the directory.

On the 21st of June we can finally meet as a congregation for services again. We do have those who can't for whatever reason, but we will be with you all in (and in the) spirit. Your presence will be sorely missed but our prayers and well wishes will be sent from the heart.

The sign-up sheet for assisting positions will be posted again so please help the church and volunteer for what you feel led to assist with. We appreciate any and all help. Don't forget to check on the Flower Chart. You may have signed up for them in December and forgotten because we haven't gotten to be in the church, so you don't see the chart every Sunday.

I've been doing some devotions from "The Bible app" application that Barbara Walker introduced me to. I have found some passages that have resonated with me during this separation period and found some keepers that I will continue using, no matter what the future holds. I will share one of them with you.

## **The Secret Place**

Where do you pray? Is where you pray really that important? Evidently it is; Jesus specifically mentioned where we should and shouldn't pray.

Where not to pray: in a location chosen so others can see you (Matthew 6:5).

Where to pray: in private in your room (Matthew 6:6).

While Jesus was in Capernaum, Mark indicated that Simon and his companions went to look for Jesus. When they found Him, they exclaimed, "Everyone is searching for You" (Mark 1:37, MEV). Jesus often went away in seclusion to pray, and everyone was trying to find Him. Obviously, He didn't stay close, and He wasn't easy to find.

We see this pattern of the Lord's early-morning prayer beginning at the start of His ministry. He repeatedly departed to a solitary place, either in the hills, out of town, or in a remote garden. Here He showed us the power of prayer in a secret place.

Here's the deal. If you don't have a familiar place, a quiet place away from others, you probably don't have a habit of praying often. It is the great secret to prayer—you must pray in secret.

We live in turbulent and violent times. Uncertainty seems to loom around every corner. Raising children, working, challenges in relationships, and our quest for unity in our Christian fellowship are all under assault from the world. Yet the Lord has made provision for us in this tempest. God's Word provides a way for us. He entreats us to enter the refuge where His watchfulness leads us to a place of safety (Matthew 11:28).

The marvelous truth about the secret place is that it is not so secret. And we all are eligible for entrance. It requires but two things from us to enter: time and a love for Jesus. Put these two together, and we are given an opportunity to gain understanding into the nature of God (John 14:21).

For a moment right now take a deep breath and meditate on the enormity of what Jesus speaks to us. "If a man loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him" (John 14:23, MEV). Did you see and feel that word We? The eternal God, three in one, will meet us in the secret place.

Blessings to you all,

Bee Rose

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex, or call Bee Rose at 360-908-8789. If you cannot serve on your scheduled date, please call Rose, or please change with another person.

Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Reader (Lector)	Communion Assistant	Video Tech
July 5	John Ulrich	Jo McCormick					
July 12						XXXXXX	
July 19	John Ulrich	Phyllis Zwarich			Phyllis Zwarich		
July 26						XXXXXX	

*Thank You*

Thank you, Calvary members, for your kindness and support during these past three years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you as your Church Secretary, and will miss each of you. May God richly bless you all, individually and as a congregation.

**With much love,  
Barbara Montgomery**

# Education and Evangelism

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

## Parish Education in July

Dear members,  
Look to the bulletins and Newsletters for Sunday School information in the future. Exciting new things will be happening this fall! I hope you are all having a great summer.

**Marie Williams**  
**Parish Education Team Leader**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will not be meeting for the rest of the summer, but we hope to have a couple of summer social activities. We would like to do something in late July and late August. If you are interested in the Women's Summer Social Activities, please contact me.

**Barbara Walker**  
**432-213-5293**  
**babswalker07@gmail.com**

## ZOOM EVENTS

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 7/7 & 7/14

6:30 P.M.

*The study is Embracing God's Future without Forgetting the Past— a conversation about loss, grief, and nostalgia in congregational life.*

### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays 10:00 A.M.

## 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 29 – July 3, 2021

Open to all youth currently in  
grades 7-11.

Contact Pastor Paul for  
more information  
[gathering@elca.org](mailto:gathering@elca.org)



# Service and Justice

*“Do justice; love kindness; walk humbly with God.”*

**July, 2020**

## **THE WOMEN’S SHELTER HOPE KIT LIST JULY 5 TO AUGUST 1**

The next Service and Justice project for our congregation will be to collect items needed by the Family and Women’s Shelter. We will collect items through the month of July and deliver them the first of August. Listed below are the items they need:



*Betty Thane,  
Service and Justice  
Team Leader*

**Deodorant**

**Shampoo/Conditioner**

**Lotion**

**Toothpaste/Brush**

**Hair Brush/Comb**

**Kotex/Tampons**

**T-Shirts**

**Ladies Panties, sizes 6 to 12**

**Kleenex**

**Stuffed Animals**

**Foundation Make-up**

**Lip Gloss/Mascara**

**Bus Passes**

**Monetary Donations (make  
checks to Calvary earmarked  
Family Shelter)**

**Cloth Bags (suitcase type)  
to carry clothes and personal  
items**

Please leave your gift on the bench or in the Project Dignidad box in the Narthex. Thank you for your love and participation.

Blessings,

Betty Thane, Service and Justice Team Core Leader

# Fellowship

*"Building Christian community in love and grace."*

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST & LUTHERAN LUNCHERS** are suspended until further notice.

We will **Welcome Back Church Picnic** have when normal activities resume. Details will be provided as they become available.

**Kara Martinez,**  
Fellowship Team Leader

Happy  
birtHday  
to you!

07/02 Brooke-Lynn Wamer  
07/03 Chris Kinsey  
07/03 Demir Demirov  
07/06 Kristen Kuhlmann  
07/07 Todd Walker  
07/11 Karla Hariman  
07/12 Vera Itz  
07/18 Alexzandra Wierzowiecki  
07/22 Betty Thane  
07/23 Bob Bluthardt  
07/26 Gary Griffin  
07/27 Gladys Jones  
07/27 Haley Williamson  
07/28 Ashlyn Scott  
07/29 Grace Allen  
07/31 Pastor Paul Zwarich

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

7/6/2013 John & Kim Fiveash  
7/15/2000 Robert & Heidi Wierzowiecki  
7/19/1989 Chet & Denise Cooley  
7/20/1963 Lou & Dorothy St. Germain  
7/20/2002 Stoney & Karla Hariman  
7/26/1977 Gary & Penny Griffin  
7/31/1993 Hank and Bee Rose

## RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Honoring

**DIANE EGGEMEYER**

July 18th 5-7 pm @

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran in Miles

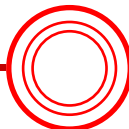
The reception will be outside and in the fellowship hall. If you prefer, stay in your vehicle for social distancing. After 17 years at Trinity, Diane is retiring & moving to a new home in North Carolina.



July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
				5:30pm AA Women's Group	5:30pm AA Group	<b>HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!</b> 11:00am AA Group
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Pentecost 5</b> 10:00 am Zoom Worship Service	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b> 5:30pm AA Group	6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study 5:30 AA Group		5:30pm AA Women's Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Pentecost 6</b> 10:00 am Zoom Worship Service	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <b>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</b> 5:30pm AA Group	6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study 5:30 AA Group		5:30pm AA Women's Group	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 5:30pm AA Group	<b>Retirement Reception for Diane Eggemeyer @ Trinity Lutheran Miles 5-7 pm</b> 11:00am AA Group
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Pentecost 7</b> 10:00 am Zoom Worship Service	<b>Pastor's Day Off</b> 5:30pm AA Group	5:30 AA Group		5:30pm AA Women's Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Pentecost 8</b> 10:00 am Zoom Worship Service	<b>Pastor out of the office 27th-30th</b>					
	5:30pm AA Group	5:30 AA Group		5:30pm AA Women's 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.



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PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
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