

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
June 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

On the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the followers of Jesus. Jesus had conquered death by rising from the dead and had ascended into Heaven and now the promised Holy Spirit came upon them with power to send the first Christians out in the world to make new disciples. Earlier Jesus

instructed His followers with these words... *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8

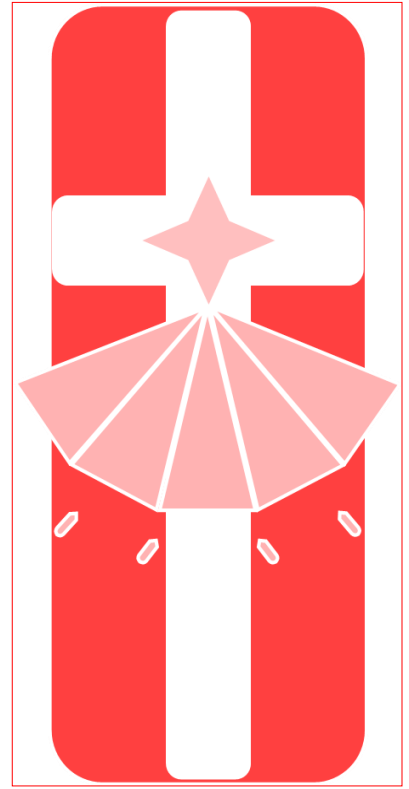
From that first Pentecost right up until today the church has proclaimed Jesus as Lord to the whole world. It is important to note that every generation has had followers who have proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus to the next generation so that they, too, can be witnesses. On June 9, 2019, the church will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. And on the Day of Pentecost Calvary Lutheran Church will witness three confirmation students affirm their baptism and profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

As we rejoice with the confirmation students, we will again be reminded of the events on that first Day of Pentecost and we will again receive the command of Jesus to go out into the world and proclaim the gospel.

Listen again to the event... *"When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability."* Acts 2:1-4

Today we, too, are filled with the Holy Spirit. And we, too, have been told to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and to teach them everything that Jesus has commanded. **Come and Celebrate with us on June 9, 2019**, as we rejoice in the promises of God fulfilled. *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

Pastor Paul



The Baptism of Our Lord
Above image created by
Teddi Phillips

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Council's Corner

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting 8 April 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2019, by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul Zwarich offered a devotional entitled "He Who Has An Ear, Let Him Hear" and a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Paul Zwarich, Fritz Leifeste, Marie Williams, Kara Martinez, Betty Thane, Dorothy St. Germain, Barbara Walker, John Ulrich, Joyce O'Connell, and James Parry.

MINUTES: Joyce O'Connell motioned, seconded by Kara Martinez, that the minutes of the 11 March, 2019 Council Meeting be approved as corrected and amended. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented a printed Treasurer's report as of 31 March, 2019. As no exceptions were taken, the report was accepted by the Council.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented the Financial Secretary's report. The report shows the attendance and offerings on a weekly basis and the monthly averages on a yearly basis.

CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams presented a detailed written report of the scheduled activities and plans for the coming months. The Sunday School classes will continue until 19 May, 2019. The Summer Camp program will be conducted on 23 – 28 June with the help of Camp Chrysalis counselors. Joyce O'Connell motioned, seconded by Kara Martinez, to authorize Marie Williams to sign an agreement with the College Hills Swim and Racquet Club for use of their pool for one of the activities. The motion passed. Next year's Sunday School program is scheduled to begin on Rally Day, the 25th of August.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez reported on the many activities planned for the summer months and the upcoming Easter period. Easter Sunday will be very busy with a Sunrise Service at 7:30, followed by snacks for breakfast, the regular Easter Service at 10:00, and a potluck meal to follow.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane reported that the Noisy Bucket Offering on the 24th of March collected \$81.83. This brought the yearly total to \$224.44 for the Good Gifts Program. Offerings received at the Mid-Week Lent Services will be donated to Habitat For Humanity. We have received Thank You letters for our donations to the ELCA Good Gifts program, Ronald McDonald House, ELCA World Hunger, and Mosaic of San Angelo for gifts they have received from Calvary.

Worship – Dorothy St. Germain reported that the Worship Team will meet on 11 April to select hymns for the next three months. The upcoming Easter services will include waving of palm branches on Palm Sunday, stripping the altar of linens and service items, and draping a black shroud over the cross on Maundy Thursday until the Easter Sunday morning celebration.

Evangelism – Barbara Walker reported on the upcoming Children's Fair. The plans were to hand out free small bottles of water and free balloons with the Church's name on them. However, the helium is now so expensive that we are looking at alternative ways to share the balloons.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul Zwarich's report listed the many distributions of Holy Communion to members in their homes and the nursing home as well as committee meetings. The report also listed the many activities and events scheduled for the next few months. Among these include all of the Easter services, the Synod Mission Assembly, and the confirmation celebration/congregation picnic on the 9th of June.

OLD BUSINESS: John Ulrich reported that the church had received a new Hustler Raptor Zero-turn lawn mower with a 52-inch deck. This unit will replace the unrepairable mower we had been using. Because the oak leaves were still falling, the Council decided to wait until early May to have the gutters cleaned. The up-grade and remodeling of the kitchen was discussed. Fritz Leifeste will head up the committee consisting of Pam Ulrich, Dorothy St. Germain, Kara Martinez, and Betty Thane to research and recommend the equipment for the kitchen project. Joyce O'Connell motioned, seconded by Kara Martinez, that Shannon Carpenter, LLC, dba Classy Cleaning, be selected to do a professional cleaning of the church for \$300.00. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Council discussed the upcoming election of Council Members. Several members who have completed a two-year term agreed to continue for another term. A replacement for the Council Secretary will be needed because of the four-year limitation on the Council. Marie Williams motioned, seconded by Barbara Walker, that the Annual May Congregational Meeting be moved to 19 May to avoid conflicting with Mother's Day on 12 May. The motion passed. Betty Thane requested permission to donate three new sixty-inch round tables to the church. The Council accepted the offer.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed at 7:36 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*

*Dorothy St. Germain,
Interim Worship
Leader*

Worship Committee:

How happy we are to welcome Teddi Phillips as the next Worship Chairwoman. We give God thanks and praise for your willingness to serve Him with your heart, mind and talents of music and leadership. May He bless and guide you through the power of His Holy Spirit.

Let us pledge to Teddi our support and prayers. Thank you for your service.

Dorothy St. Germain
Interim Worship Committee Leader



Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Reader (Lector)	Communion Assistant	Video Tech
June 2	Jo McCormick	Lou St. Germain	Joseph Phillips	Joyce O'Connell	Marie Williams	Steve Mild	
June 9				Leon Thane	Phyllis Zwarich	XXXXX	Steve Mild
June 16	Phyllis Zwarich	Fritz Leifeste		Ann Helm	Margaret Leifeste	Steve Mild	
June 23			Ashlyn Scott	Steve Mild	Betty Thane	XXXXX	
June 30	Pam Ulrich	John Ulrich	Joseph Phillips	Teddi Phillips	Phyllis Zwarich	Caitlyn Phillips	

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to serve on the date listed above, please call Dorothy St. Germain at 223-8347, or change with another person. Notify Dorothy 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:

Dear members, we are starting to get ready for the Summer Day Camp Week, June 24th through 28th. We will have around 48 people taking part in the camp daily. This includes campers, junior counselors, counselors, and other adults.

- 1) The campers will be bringing a sack lunch, as usual. We need help in the kitchen to prep, serve, and clean up snacks, as well as help with lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.
- 2) We will need members to help provide the lunches and dinners for the four camp counselors. Heather Purington has again graciously agreed to house the four counselors and provide them with breakfast, although the church will provide some of the food. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up.
- 3) Some items we need for snacks are Cheez-It, peanut butter crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, cheese crackers, and freeze pops.

Please take part in this outreach program in one of the three ways listed above!




The last day of the 2018-2019 Sunday School year was May 19th.

Marie Williams, Parish Education Team Leader

Bible Study - Retirement: The Good, the Bad, the Blessings. Starting Sunday, June 23, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. At each stage of our lives, we who are disciples of Jesus Christ face unique opportunities for God's continuing transformation. This nine-session study takes a look at the good, the bad, and the blessings of retirement, reflecting on Biblical themes that speak to this season of life. ***This Bible Study is appropriate for all ages.*** The attitudes and ideas that we develop now will stay with us as approach and live out our retirement. **Come and join us...**

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. Thanks to all who helped with welcoming community members during the Children's Fair in April! We have a lot of water and balloons left and hope to participate in other community events to help get the word out about Calvary Lutheran Church. Let me know if you have ideas! Sharing a picture from the Children's Fair... 

Blessings to you! Barbara Walker

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Service and Justice

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

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

June, 2019

NOISY BUCKET offering from April 28, 2019, was \$73.65. Total for this year is \$298.55. We are well on our way to reaching our goal this year to contribute to a water well or accessories for water well needs, such as filters, etc., through the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Helping others by ending hunger and teaching less fortunate to help themselves is a special gift God has given us to do His work.



*Betty Thane,
Service and Justice
Team Leader*

The **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** offering from Calvary totaled \$2202.00. What an awesome way to continue to do “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Helping build homes gives others shelter and builds strength and self-reliance. Thank You, Calvary.

PROJECT DIGNIDAD continues to need our support by supplying food, clothes, household goods or monetary gifts for their outreach to people experiencing hard times. When doing your spring cleaning this year, please remember Dignidad and their help for our neighbors in need.

SAVE THE DATE

Women of the NTNL Bi-Annual Retreat

October 11 – 13, 2019

Butman Methodist Church Camp

Merkel, Texas (west of Abilene)

This would be a great experience for our women from Calvary. A time to share in the study of God’s Word, learn to know each other better, and have some good Christian fun. Put the date on your calendar NOW. Watch the forthcoming newsletters for more details.

THE NEXT SERVICE AND JUSTICE MEETING will be held Thursday, June 6th, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Blessings, Betty Thane, Service and Justice Council Representative

Fellowship

"Building Christian community in love and grace."



Kara Martinez,
Fellowship Team Leader

MEET AND GREET - Sunday, June 9th: On Sunday, June 9th, at 8:45 a.m., we will have a Meet and Greet with Reverend Kris Totzke, who will be here for Confirmation. Please come give her a warm welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC - Sunday, June 9th: Join us after our Pentecost Worship Service and Confirmation for fellowship, fun, and food! Details about what to bring for the picnic will be available in the bulletin on June 2nd. See you on the 9th!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: The group will meet at Rosa's Café on Sherwood Way on Saturday, **June 8th**, at 8:00 a.m. We're hoping you'll join us!

LUTHERAN LUNCHERS is meeting on Wednesday, **June 12th**, at 11:00 a.m., at Dun-Bar East Restaurant, 1728 Pulliam Street. Please call John or Pam Ulrich at 942-9404 to RSVP.

June 5 - Sassy Puckett
June 9 - Leon Thane
June 11 - Steve Tucker
June 12 - Adam Scott
June 15 - Conway Ahrens
June 19 - Curt Storey
June 23 - Lorraine Burklund
June 26 - Pam Ulrich

Father's Day Cross:

On Father's Day, June 16th, we will adorn the cross with flowers in memory of or in honor of our fathers. Please bring a flower if you would like to participate. Thank you.

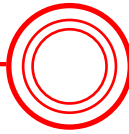


June 7, 2003 - Curt and Julie Storey
June 7, 2014 - Manuel and Linda Ortegon
June 11, 1983 - Mark and Janette Dailey
June 12, 1993 - John and Joyce Rowoldt
June 14, 1963 - James and Norma Kahlig
June 16, 1972 - Elwin and Ouida Hahn
June 28, 2002 - Neil and Teddi Phillips



(l to r) Barbara Walker, Fritz Leifeste, Phyllis Zwarich and Pastor Zwarich at the NTNL Synod Assembly in Richland Hills last month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Easter 7 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Confirmation Class Prepares Confirmation Stoles 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Celebration of Life for Loretta Verpoorten	3 Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	4 5:30-8:00pm AA Group	5	6 10:00am Exercise Group 11:00am Service and Justice Meeting 5:30pm AA Group	7 5:30pm AA Group	1/8 6/1 11:00am AA Group 6/8 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast at Rosa's 11:00am AA Group
9 Day of Pentecost and Confirmation 8:45am Meet and Greet with Rev. Kris Totzke 10:00am Worship Service with Confirmation 11:00am Congregational Picnic	10 Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 5:30pm AA Group	11 5:30-8:00pm AA Group	12 11:00am Lutheran Lunchers at Dun-Bar East Restaurant	13 10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	14 5:30pm AA Group	15 11:00am AA Group
16 THE HOLY TRINITY 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	17 Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	18 5:30-8:00pm AA Group	19	20 10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	21 5:30pm AA Group	22 11:00am AA Group
23 Pentecost 2 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	24 DAY CAMP 5:30pm AA Group	25 DAY CAMP 5:30-8:00pm AA Group	26 DAY CAMP	27 DAY CAMP 5:30pm AA Group	28 DAY CAMP 5:30pm AA Group	29 11:00am AA Group
30 Pentecost 3 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service						



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.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high; living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship for Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry; Quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul;
in communion never ending, You we worship and extol.



Then there appeared
to them divided tongues,
AS OF FIRE
and one sat upon
each of them.
(Acts 2:3)

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PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Day of Pentecost - June 9

The Holy Trinity - June 16

