

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
June 2020



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

As I write this article it is my hope that soon we will be able to resume some (if not all) of our ministry together in-person at the church. The events of the past few months have been out of our control as we practiced social distancing and avoided physical

contact with one another. But let me ask you this... **"Have we ever been in control?"**

This past month the confirmation students have been studying the Apostles' Creed via zoom and the Third Article clearly highlights that we are not in control. In his explanation of the Third Article, which talks about the Holy Spirit and the church, Martin Luther reminds us that it is not by our own ability that we believe, *"but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith."* Luther's Small Catechism

As we prepare to return for in-person activities, let us remember that it is the Holy Spirit that calls us (and gathers us together) for ministry. And let us also remember that this powerful, uncontrollable, life changing Spirit blows where it wills, just as the wind does. The Holy Spirit is even known for shaking us loose from all those things in our ministry together that are stagnant and empowering us for the Great Commission which our Lord and Savior has given to us.

As I write this article, I am looking forward to the ministry God has in store for us. As the hymn sung at my ordination states, *"Lord, you give the great commission: Heal the sick and preach the Word. Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry."*

As we anticipate our ministry together let us also remember this... *"The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."* Romans 5:5

See You in Church

Pastor Paul



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Council's Corner

Council Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April 2020 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened with a prayer. Eternal GOD help us remember your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Give us the courage and hope to face the future. Allow us to see your presence in all we do and all we say. 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 March 2020 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Joyce motioned to accept and Betty 2nd the motion.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented a printed report. She said there has not been any significant change in the numbers over the last three months.

CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams said the Annual San Angelo Children's Fair held in April was canceled. It is tentatively postpone until August.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez was absence. Kara did submit her resignation. Dorothy St. Germain and Joan McCormick has been nominated to fill that position.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane. Nothing new to report.

Worship – Bee Rose Nothing presented.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker. Women's Bible Study started Wednesday. Per Zoom.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Paul presented the Pastor's Report. All three of Mid-Week Lenten Services were canceled due to COVID-19. Six People were served Holy Communion at Nursing Homes before visitation was suspended. Two Holy Communion were served at homes. Eight office visits and counseling sessions held. Palm Sunday Service, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service were held per Zoom. There were four meetings held with the Bishop and Pastors of the NTNL Synod and 1 COW Conference meeting all held per Zoom. Luther Lunchers did meet March the 12 at the Dunbar Restaurant. Men's Bible Breakfast meet March 14, 2020 at Rosa's Café. The Fellowship Committee meet on March 15th. Most activities were suspended after March 15th. The Synod Assemble April 24 - 25th @ Pat Quin College in Dallas, Texas has suspended. All the following upcoming events are now pending due to COVID-19 restrictions; Pastor Paul's June 01 - June 06 vacation, VBS/Day Camp June 14th – June 19th, Rostered Ministers Gathering Phoenix, AZ July 20th – 23rd and Pastor Paul's September 20th - 26th vacation. Pulpit Supply needed September 20th. Pastor Paul will be on vacation September 25th – October 03, 2021. Pulpit Supply needed September 26th and October 03, 2021. Calvary's s75th Anniversary Celebration Sunday is October 16, 2022.

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Worship

*“Empowering God’s people to worship in grace and truth.”
John 4:23*

Bee Rose, Interim Worship Committee Chairperson

The only thing I have to report is that we are taking it week by week, asking for volunteers for reading and Assisting Minister. Flowers will be determined by the person or family signed up. No one will be required but we will give them the chance to bring flowers in if they choose. This will be status quo until further notice.



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OLD BUSINESS:

The Semi-Annual May 17, 2020 congregation meeting more than likely will be postponed, which would be in violation of our constitution. Pastor Paul will speak to our Bishop and because of the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions he feels it would be acceptable. The nominating Committee is still looking for a Parish Education nominee. Ann Helm has been nominated for Evangelism. Dorothy St. Germain and Joan McCormick are nominated for Fellowship. Marie Williams has been nominated for Service and Justice.

NEW BUSINESS:

The cost of Zoom is \$15.99 a month and it's not necessary to add it to the budget as a line item at this time. Chris Kinsey will meet John Ulrich at the church tomorrow to decide if a wireless signal booster would help the quality of the Zoom Sunday Services or if another solution would be best. Pastor would like to combine the annual church picnic with a Welcome Back Sunday Celebration. He would like to have a big "Welcome Back". Serve hot dogs and hamburgers. Make it a very happy and fun occasion for all. There being no new business, the meeting was closed 6:30pm with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Linda Ortegon - Council Secretary

ZOOM ACTIVITIES:

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays at 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Wednesday, June 3rd, at 6:00 P.M. will be the last Bible Study until after Labor Day. For more information, contact Barbara at babswalker07@gmail.com.

WORSHIP SERVICE - Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

2021 ELCA Youth Gathering

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 29 – July 3, 2021

Open to all youth currently in the seventh to eleventh grades

Contact Pastor Paul for more information

gathering@elca.org

Education

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

Parish Education in June

Dear members,

This had been a stressful beginning of the year. With God's guidance and our continued faith, study, and prayer, we will come through this challenge. There will be no Sunday School this summer, as usual.

We are needing Sunday School teachers this fall. We will have around 12 students this fall, ranging from elementary to high school level. Think and pray about sharing your knowledge, experiences, and faith with the youth of this congregation.

Marie Williams, Parish Education Team Leader



Service and Justice

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

June, 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.

June 25, 2020, is next Service and Justice meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Blessings, Betty Thane, Service and Justice Team Core Leader

Fellowship

"Building Christian community in love and grace." Acts 2:44-47



Kara Martinez,
Fellowship Team Leader

Faith & Fellowship

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

We will have a **WELCOME BACK SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC** when we are given the OK to resume normal activities. Details will be provided as they become available.



June 7, 2014 - Manuel and Linda Ortegon

June 11, 1983 - Mark and Janette Dailey

June 14, 1963 - James and Norma Kahlig

June 16, 1972 - Elwin and Ouida Hahn

June 25 - Chris and Janie Kinsey

June 28, 2002 - Neil and Teddi Phillips



June 2 - Hank Rose

June 5 - Sassy Puckett

June 9 - Leon Thane

June 11 - Steve Tucker

June 12 - Adam Scott

June 15 - Conway Ahrens

June 20 - Jon Kinsey

June 26 - Pam Ulrich

Congratulations to Carly Bluthardt who graduated Magna Cum Laude in May from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies, and a minor in Psychology. Go Carly!



A THANK YOU FROM AL AND ROSALEE KING: Although there was a pandemic that shut down the world, it did not completely take away a little celebration on April 2, 2020, for Al's milestone 90th birthday. Thank you to all of you who sent a card or called to wish him a happy birthday, or left something on our front patio table. He really did, in spite of it all, have a very nice birthday.

We would also like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and sympathy cards at the time of the loss of Al's brother. Al is now the lone survivor of six children. We are bearing up pretty good under the grief. It means so very much to be living among good Christian brothers and sisters as we are. God bless you all. Stay safe. Our love, Al and Rosalee King

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor's Day Off	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study	6:00pm Zoom Women's Bible Study			
7	8 Pastor's Day Off	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> 10:00am Zoom Worship Service	6:30pm Church Council Meeting	6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study				
14	15 Pastor's Day Off	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Pentecost 2</i> 10:00am Zoom Worship Service		6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study			Newsletter Deadline	
21	22 Pastor's Day Off	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Pentecost 3</i> 10:00am Zoom Worship Service Happy Father's Day!		6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study		11:00am Service and Justice Team Meeting		
28	29 Pastor's Day Off	30				
<i>Pentecost 4</i> 10:00am Zoom Worship Service		6:30pm Zoom Adult Bible Study				





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.

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its power over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

From "O Day Full of Grace"

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PLACE
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The Season of Pentecost

