

Calvary Comment



Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich

Calvary Lutheran Church
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From the Pastor

All candidates for ordination are required to complete an internship according to standards set by this church and outlined in ELCA/ELCIC Internship Standards and Guidelines adopted in 1992.

Internship is an educational program of the ELCA for candidates preparing for the ordained ministry in the ELCA. The program provides for extended and thorough involvement in the work of ministry. Normally serving in a congregation of this church, the intern is supervised jointly by a pastor and the seminary in co-operation with members of congregations, other pastors, and other interns. Through the internship the candidate engages in the full range of ministerial work and is guided simultaneously in developing attitudes, understandings, and skills vital to the pastoral office.

On June 20, 2021, a Service of Beginning will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles at 10:00 a.m. Normally I do not encourage the congregation to attend a worship service Sunday morning at another congregation, but I would like to invite you to attend the Service of Beginning in Miles as Trinity Lutheran Church and Calvary Lutheran Church welcome the intern to our community.

We will have our normal worship service at Calvary Lutheran Church at 10 am also.

As the internship year progresses, we will keep you informed of the exciting ministry and opportunities God is developing and leading us into in the Concho Valley.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Paul





Church Council

12th of April 2021 Council Secretary, Linda Ortegon

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 12th day of April 2021 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a devotion "A promise is a promise." The covenant God makes with in baptism is solid. God always keeps his promise even when we do not. Let us always be thankful for the promises he makes with us and this congregation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O'Connell, Fritz Leifeste, Chris Kinsey, Linda Ortegon, Dorothy St. Germain, Ann Helm, Bee Rose, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Fritz motion to accept the March 08, 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Pastor Paul requested a statement be placed in the minutes acknowledging a correction to the minutes in the last newsletter was made. The reference to the new presiding Bishop was in error. It was corrected to the presiding Bishop. The word new was removed. John moved to accept the minutes. Bee second the motion. The council approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The March 2021 Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. John said overall we are looking good.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell. The Financial report was approved as reported. Joyce said the March average is much better than January and February, so things are looking up.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Open Position. Nothing to report.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Dorothy ask about having a picnic in July. The council liked the idea but thought it best to discuss it again in May or June to see how things were going. No food will be served at the confirmation in May due to social distancing guidelines the church still has in place.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Marie ask when we could start having meetings with our committees

in person. Pastor said she could schedule them to meet in person now.

Worship: Bee Rose. Fritz shared this information with Bee. Each delegate that will be attending the Synod Conference per Zoom was given their own unique sign on Id. Pastor Paul said the worship committee selected hymns through July. Bee and the Pastor will meet with Pam this coming Friday in order to coordinate activities.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. Ann and John have been updating the church website with little changes each day. The biggest change is on the Pastor's Corner. A link to Bible Studies has been added. As it gets developed she will be adding information that relates to those.

Next week Joyce plans to meet with Chris on the features within Facebook, then meet with Ann. Ann would like to incorporate The Bible App "YouVerse" in an organized manner. She suggested assigning months. January and February would be Evangelism, March and April would be an Easter Theme, May and June would be Service and Justice, July and August would be Fellowship, September and October would be Worship, November and December would be open for Thanksgiving and advent themes. Team members would come up with those themes. Ann ask the members if they would like to start having the children's message again during Sunday Worship Services. She suggested rotating it between team leaders and members of the congregation with a signup sheet. Marie offered to provide the material for those messages. Ann said the children's message would only be given if children were there. Bee ask if children watched per zoom? Bee said a lot of people like to hear the children's message. John suggested we wait a month then address it again. The council agreed. Ann reminded us that San Angelo Gives was coming up.

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CONTINUED...**Pastor's Report:**

Five In-Person/Zoom Sunday Worship Services. Pastor said we had good attendance in Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services and really good attendance on Easter Sunday. He had two Wednesday Evening Lenten Services. One Worship Service in Miles and two home visits. One Intern Zoom Meeting. The worship committee picked hymns through July. Tomorrow's Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study will be finishing up for this session. There are two more Confirmation Classes. One tomorrow and one the last Tuesday of the month. On Wednesday April 14 10:30 am per Zoom he will be attending the Blessing & Sending of Interns. Pastor re-scheduled his vacation to April 19-22, 2021. Synod Assembly will be on April 23 – April 24, 2021. A Zoom Event. He will be attending the Internship Conference & Training on May 17 – May 19 per Zoom. The Bishop will join us on Confirmation (Pentecost Sunday) May 23, 2021. The Intern Anne Williams arrives Mid-June 2021. Pastor will need to install her the last week in June or early July. When he does Pulpit Supply will be needed @ Calvary Lutheran Church. COW Conference June 12, 2021 @ 10 am per Zoom. Summer 2021 Briarwood Programming "Crowded Table". NT-NL Briarwood Leadership Convention October 18-20, 2021. Then just some long range things are listed on my report.

Old Business

Nothing needed to be discussed again.

New Business

Pastor will attend the Internship Conference & Training

on May 17 – May 19 per Zoom. The Intern Anne Williams arrives Mid-June 2021. Pastor will install Anne the last week in June or Early July. He's ask Joyce to lead the Worship Service that day. He will also get approval for Joyce to give communion. We have two candidates for confirmation. Riley and Anna. Bee moved to accept them. Ann second the motion. Dorothy volunteered to buy them gifts. The council approved. Live Stream update. Chris said a training session is scheduled for this coming Friday. He and John decided they may not go live this Sunday. It all depends on the training and how comfortable everyone felt using it. Joyce and Marie have joined Fritz on the nominating committee and are scheduled to meet this Thursday at 10am at the church. The council president position, the council secretary position and the council education position are open. Linda Ortegon agreed to serve a second term. Fritz will put together the agenda for the May 16 congregation meeting. The new Live Streaming System will be an informational item on the agenda. Bee ask if we wanted to discuss starting a thank offer and if it needed to be on the agenda. Fritz and Pastor said it needed to go before the council first. Marie will discuss with her committee about starting the noisy bucket offering and the best way to handle it. Pastor announced the May council meeting would be in person.

The Meeting ended with "The Lord's Prayer".

Linda Ortegon



2021 Church Council Members Installation June 27, 2021			
President	Joyce O'Connell	Vice President	Chris Kinsey
Secretary	Linda Ortegon	Treasurer	John Ulrich
Finance	Leon Thane	Worship	Bee Rose
Fellowship	Dorothy St. Germain	Service & Justice	Marie Williams
Evangelism	Ann Helm	Education	Heidi Wierzowiecki



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

It has been very exciting to see more and more people attend services in the church home. I was almost in despair wondering if we were ever to see this insidious disease start going away. At least for right now, we here in Texas, can take comfort in knowing that our numbers of deaths, positive tests, and hospitalizations are on a decline. You may know where this is going... More people coming back to church means we need to fill our assisting positions. Please sign up, or contact me or Shelly in the office. Stewardship now needs to be on the upward swing. Please consider it.

Something to think about:

In this age of social media and technology, not only to see what your family and friends are doing but watching videos on all sorts of topics (I like the recipes) like sports plays, new song releases, funny animal videos, etc. There are unfortunately, also people out there that don't necessarily have your best interests at heart. I want to talk about those people who prey on Christians. It's in our nature to want to believe someone who sounds like they are talking

or prophesying, especially if they are saying things we want to hear. Towards that end, in my devotional meanderings I found at least one person's litmus test for what may be billed as prophesy:

1. Does the revelation edify, exhort, or comfort?
2. Is it in agreement with God's written Word?
3. Does it exalt Jesus Christ?
4. Does it bear good fruit? Does the character of the prophet bear good fruit?
5. If it predicts a future event, does it come to pass?
6. Does the prophetic word turn people toward God or away from Him?
7. Does it produce liberty or bondage?
8. Does it produce life, or bring death?
9. Does the Holy Spirit bear witness that it is true?

In keeping with numbers, here is a little arithmetic for you.

To believe in Jesus requires: knowledge + conviction + trust. All of these things together = faith.

Lastly, (should you decide to do it) think of something you do regularly as part of your everyday life. How can you consciously make it an act of worship? Do it for a week and then reflect on your experience. Mine is caring for my plants, what is yours?

"As some of you may, or may not, have noticed about me is that I am self admittedly shall we say, a little more boisterous than most Lutherans during what I feel are uplifting songs for worship. If anyone has major problems with that then please let me know soonest because y'all have me for a whole 'nother year as worship coordinator, Check out what I found (yes I feel vindicated ;-)

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Psalm 134:2.

And that's all I'm gonna say about that!"

Bee Rose

DATE	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	Assist. Minister Com. Assist.	Reader (Lector)	Technology Assistants	Flowers	Altar Guild
June 6 Pentecost 2				Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich	John Ulrich & Pedro Montanez	Marie Williams	<u>Diane Ross</u> month of June
June 13 Pentecost 3							Thanes	
June 20 Pentecost 4				Ann Helm			(father's day)	
June 27 Pentecost 5							John & Pam Ulrich	



Ann Helm
Team Leader

Evangelism

Greetings everyone,

When Andrew, the apostle, encountered Jesus, he understood that Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah, the One for whom his people had been waiting for centuries. Andrew couldn't keep this great news to himself, it was too good not to share. So, Andrew shared news of the Messiah with his brother, Simon Peter, who he loved dearly. As a result, Peter was changed forever.

Andrew saw a soul whose life could have a completely different destiny because of Jesus. Sometimes we focus on the masses. We believe that if we do not reach hundreds or thousands with the Good News our service in sharing the good news isn't important or meaningful. When he shared with his brother Peter, he did not know that through Peter, thousands of people would come to faith. That's not why he shared. Andrew knew the value of a single soul and he loved his brother. Andrew is known in the Bible for bringing individuals, not crowds, to Christ. Most of us are like Andrew, sharing the Good News one person at a time.

This single act of sharing the Good News with one person who is important to us, one person we love, shows our understanding of how valuable each person is to Jesus. *"And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered"*. **Matthew 10 NIV** I have a special soul that I yearn to help in their stagnant faith. I call this person my #1. I pray for #1 every day. I keep plugging away to bring #1 to a greater faith. Do you have a #1 in your life? Is it always on your mind how much that person's life could change by hearing about and coming to know God? By experiencing grace and mercy through Jesus Christ?

Like me, you may find the task of trying to reach your #1 to be arduous, tedious work. You pray, you work, you wait. Progress appears slow or doesn't appear. Sometimes you feel like giving up. Sometimes you just let it go for a while. How do you manage? We are not alone in our journey, though we may feel that way. We can help each other through prayer, sharing stories, studying the Word. Be assured that God knows the efforts we make. He hears our voices and he is working too. We are not alone. Take heart in that. Blessings to each of you as you share the Good News!

Ann Helm

Marie Williams
Team Leader

Service & Justice

As we welcome the chance to gather together, our mission field work can move slowly out into the area with more confidence of safety for everyone. One program that has gone on even while under the pandemic was Project Dignidad. We can show our support of this mission by donating items for the individuals/families who have insufficient funds to meet their needs: they may have to choose between food or paying the rent.

Project Dignidad allows people from the area to get food items and other items at no cost. The program at this time needs protein items such as Vienna sausages, canned tuna, small or individual containers of peanut butter. You can drop these items into the box in the narthex at church.

We also plan to partner with Trinity Lutheran here in town to prepare and

serve a meal at Wesley United Soup Kitchen (Our Daily Bread) on Friday July 31. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Williams, Service and Justice chair.

Other plans are in the works to hopefully meet for a meal, fellowship and bagging beans and rice in a few months.

Marie Williams

Fellowship

Our Confirmands
May 23, 2021

Joseph Phillips
Riley Scott
Anastazja Wierzowiecki



Bishop Gronberg, the confirmands & Pastor Paul



JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Hank Rose
5 Sassy Puckett
9 Leon Thane
11 Steve Tucker
12 Adam Scott
15 Conway Ahrens
20 Jon Kinsey
26 Pam Ulrich

6/7/2014
Manuel & Linda Ortegon

6/11/1983
Mark & Janette Dailey

6/12/1993
John & Joyce Rowoldt

6/14/1963
James & Norma Kahlig

6/16/1972
Elwin & Ouida Hahn

6/25
Chris & Janie Kinsey

6/28/2002
Neil & Teddi Phillips

I want to thank the members of Calvary for allowing me to serve as your president for the last three years. It has been a pleasure to serve with our council. They have been a wonderful group of people to work with.

Pastor Paul is a great leader and shepherd for our flock. He has helped me grow a tremendously in my faith.

I look forward to watching our church grow under Joyce O'Connell's leadership. May God continue to bless this church and all its members.

"In this life we cannot always do great things,
But we can do small things with great Love."
(Mother Teresa)

Fritz
Leifeste



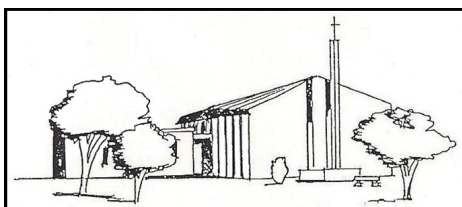
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am Worship Service Pentecost 2	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	COW Conference 10am Zoom
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10am Worship Service Pentecost 4 10am Pastor @ Miles Beginning of Service & Welcome for Intern Anne Williams Summer Begins Father's Day	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
27	28	29	30	June 1	2	3
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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.