

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
March 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

The Lenten season begins on March 6, 2019 with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes. In the Lutheran church the purpose of the imposition of the ashes is to call to mind the curse given to Adam by God after the Fall in Genesis 3:19, "By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Change. Lent reminds me of change. Just as the curse given to Adam brought change, sin brings changes to our lives today. Change is a constant theme in our lives. Some changes are good and mark gradual transitions, such as when daytime shifts to twilight or when winter turns to spring. Other changes in our lives happen quickly and can turn our lives upside down; like the sudden death of a family member or the loss of employment.

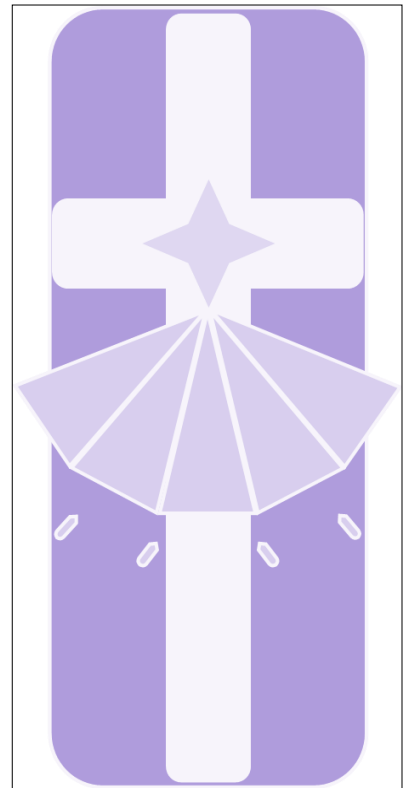
In the weeks leading up to the crucifixion of Christ, the disciples experienced a number of changes that they had not been expecting. On the mountain top Jesus taught His disciples that He must suffer and die, and that if they wanted to be His disciples, then they too must be willing to take up their cross and follow Him. The disciples did not want to hear this. Peter wanted to argue and our Lord rebuked him strongly.

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often we find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We want to control our environment, yet too often we find that we cannot even hope to predict how things will turn out.

I invite you to join us for worship each Sunday and on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for worship during the Season of Lent. The word Lent comes from the old English word for "spring." As I once heard it put, Lent is "spring training" for the Christian as we are tutored in repentance, faith, and holy living. Soon our Lenten journey will begin ... change is in the air. Let us pick up our cross and follow Jesus.

See You In Church

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 14 January 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on the 14th day of January, 2019, by the Council Vice President Chris Kinsey. Pastor Paul Zwarich offered a devotional entitled "Just This One Time" and a prayer.

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

MINUTES: (No official meeting was held in December 2018.) The minutes of the last meeting, held on 12 November 2018, were furnished to the Council. Marie Williams motioned, seconded by John Ulrich, that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented the Treasurer's report. Although offerings were below the amount budgeted, the financial picture was still looking good for the year. No exceptions were taken to the report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented the 2018 Annual Summary Report for the congregation's offerings and attendance. This new report format shows the data by weekly, monthly, and annual totals for the offering and attendance.

CORE TEAM REPORT:

Education - Marie Williams reported that the Elementary Level Class averages four students, the High School Class averages two, and the Confirmation and Adult Class averages 10 per meeting. The Day Camp 2019 is scheduled for the week of 9 - 14 June, 2019 with 30 campers and four counselors from Cross Trails.

Fellowship - Kara Martinez and Dorothy St. Germain reported that they are still working on a system to determine the actual costs and expenses incurred for the fellowship activities in the church. They are trying to set up a system so the members can report the actual cost of the items they donate to the functions.

Service and Justice - Betty Thane reported that \$980.00 generated by the Noisy Bucket program in 2018 was mailed to the ELCA Good Gifts Program, and \$779.00 generated by the ELCA Good Gifts Christmas Tree Ornaments had been delivered. Marie Williams and Betty Thane have been working on the Crises Information booklets for Calvary. As soon as they are completed, the booklets will be passed out to the members. Gary Griffin has been collecting sleeping bags and blankets for the homeless, as well as toys for underprivileged children during the holiday season.

Worship - Dorothy St. Germain reported that Grace Allen had been hired as the new organist/pianist/keyboardist for Calvary. The hymn selections have been made for February, March, and April.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker suggested the church may hand out small bottles of cool water with the church's name and address on them to persons attending the Children's Fair in Unidad Park.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul Zwarich presented a detailed written report of his activities. The 9th of June will be a busy Sunday for Calvary. The Bishop's Assistant, Rev. Kris Totzke, will be joining the celebration of the Confirmation Class and the Annual Church Picnic.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Paul Zwarich presented the "Congregational Report For The Year Ending December 2018" for the Council to discuss and review. The Council then answered selected portions of the report which described the congregation and its relationship with the community. The 2018 Audit Committee submitted their report of the church's financial records and declared "these records comply with standard accounting procedures." No exceptions or discrepancies were noted.

Marie Williams motioned, seconded by Kara Martinez, that the building custodian's duties be expanded to include outside maintenance as well as inside the building. This would include cleaning the rain gutters and downspouts as well as other mechanical repairs which may come to light. The salary would be increased to \$100.00 per month for this adjustment in the job description. The motion passed.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed at 8:18 p.m. in peace and harmony with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, James Parry



Worship

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

*Dorothy St. Germain,
Interim Worship
Leader*

Worship Committee:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Gary Griffin loves to sing, and he's looking for others to share in the fun! Please consider using your gift from God by joining Gary just before church on Sunday morning in the music room. Practice a little and sing praise and glory to our Lord during the Worship Service. Those of us who are not so gifted will be uplifted and add our amens.

March 6th is Ash Wednesday. The service will be at 6:00 p.m. with dispensation of the ashes. Lenten services will follow each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to make it a part of your week.



Dorothy St. Germain, Interim Worship Leader

Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Reader (Lector)	Communion Assistant	Video Tech
March 3	Jo McCormick	John Fiveash	Pedro Montanez	Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich	Myley Hariman	Lou St. Germain
March 6	Phyllis Zwarich		Pedro Montanez	Ann Helm	Betty Thane	Elwin Hahn	
March 10	Terry and Arline Zak		Annalysse Simon	Leon Thane	Mitch Simon	XXXXX	
March 17	Pam Ulrich	John Ulrich		Joyce O'Connell	Ashlyn Scott	Phyllis Zwarich	
March 24	Dorothy St. Germain	Lou St. Germain		Leon Thane	Margaret Leifeste	XXXXX	
March 31			Joseph Phillips	Teddi Phillips	Marie Williams		

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.



A PRAYER FOR COMMITMENT: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*



Evangelism



Don't forget there are bookmarks located in the slots on the back of our pews. You are welcome to take these and share with others. There are also business cards available. We will be setting up a table near our parking lot to visit with community members during the Children's Fair in April. Our plan is to give away small bottles of water and balloons with our name imprinted on them. We will be ordering promotional items soon and will need help putting labels on water bottles to use for the fair. Thanks for helping us get the word out about Calvary! Blessings to you!

Barbara Walker

Service and Justice

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

SERVICE AND JUSTICE MARCH, 2019

The Service and Justice report was submitted for the Calvary Lutheran **2018 YEAR END REPORT**.

THE NOISY BUCKET OFFERING received on January 27th was \$55.37 for the ELCA Good Gifts Program.

MARRIED COUPLES were honored on Sunday, February 17th, during the Worship Service and during fellowship time after the service. The couple who had been married the longest were Dee and Ernest Prochazka, having been married 70 years. The couple who had been married the shortest amount of time were Manuel and Linda Ortegon, having been married five years. We pray God's blessings on all married couples working to have a happy marriage.



*Betty Thane,
Service and Justice
Team Leader*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY builds homes, but more importantly, Habitat builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. On March 24th, Service and Justice will have a guest speaker, Pam Hammer, the Executive Director for **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**. She will speak on how Calvary can benefit Habitat during *San Angelo Gives*, sponsored by *The San Angelo Area Foundation*. *The San Angelo Area Foundation* will amplify, on a pro-rated basis, the total donations made during *San Angelo Gives*. If you wish to help support Habitat with a donation, donations can be given through the Sunday offerings during April. Please make your check payable to Calvary and be sure to earmark it for Habitat on your envelope or on your check. All monies collected will be given to Habitat on May 7th. For more information, contact Betty Thane.

May God Bless You as we spring forward during the month of March. Our team loves and welcomes new members, visitors, and ideas.

Submitted by Betty Thane

Fellowship

"Building Christian community in love and grace."



Kara Martinez,
Fellowship Team Leader

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: See the article below for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: Saturday, March 9th, at 8:00 a.m., at Los Carlos in Miles. Come join us!

LUTHERAN LUNCHERS: Thursday, March 14th, at 11:00 a.m., at The Boat, Oyster Bar and Grill at 2715 Sherwood Way (formerly Peppercorn Grill). Please RSVP to Joyce O'Connell at 374-8515.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Mark your calendar for March 5th, at 6:00 p.m., for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! We hope you'll be joining us in the Fellowship Hall for pancakes and sausage!



Happy Birthday to

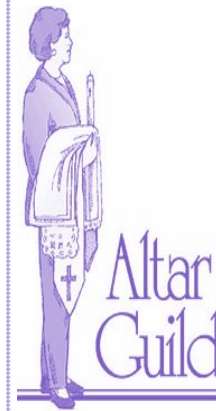
- Joyce Rowoldt
on March 13
- Zoe Mild
on March 22
- Dorothy St. Germain
on March 24
- Jo McCormick
on March 27



Todd and Barbara Walker
were married on
March 14, 2009.

Herb and Vera Itz
were married on
March 23, 1990.


Congratulations!



The next Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. Being on the Altar Guild is such a wonderful way to serve the Lord, and we'd love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Pam Ulrich at 942-9404.

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to spring forward one hour.		LOOKING AHEAD IN APRIL: Palm Sunday-14 Maundy Thursday-18 Good Friday-19 Easter-21			2 9:30am Altar Guild Meeting 1:00pm COW Conference Meeting 11:00am AA Group
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Transfiguration of Our Lord	Pastor's Day Off	6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-8:00pm AA Group	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 11:00am AA Group
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Lent 1 8:45am Confirmation/Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Worship Committee Meeting	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Lenten Service	10:00am Exercise Group 11:00am Lutheran Lunchers 5:30pm AA Group	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Lent 2 8:45am Confirmation/Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Lenten Service	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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.



Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
and from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

From "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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PLEASE
PLACE
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Transfiguration of Our Lord - March 3
Ash Wednesday - March 6

