

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
May 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

As Christians we celebrate the Easter Message each Sunday and proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. And that is why the Easter Greeting is "Alleluia! Christ Is

Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Have you ever noticed that we always use the verb "is" to highlight the present reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? Yes, the Resurrection is an event that happened in the past, but the reality of His Resurrection is ongoing and real to us right now. The Lord Jesus has conquered death and brings us with Him into the victory. You and I are included in the celebration. Our children and their children are also included. The Joy of Easter is Forever. Life with our Lord is forever.

We who have been baptized have been joined to Christ's Death and Resurrection. As Romans 6:3-5 instructs us: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."

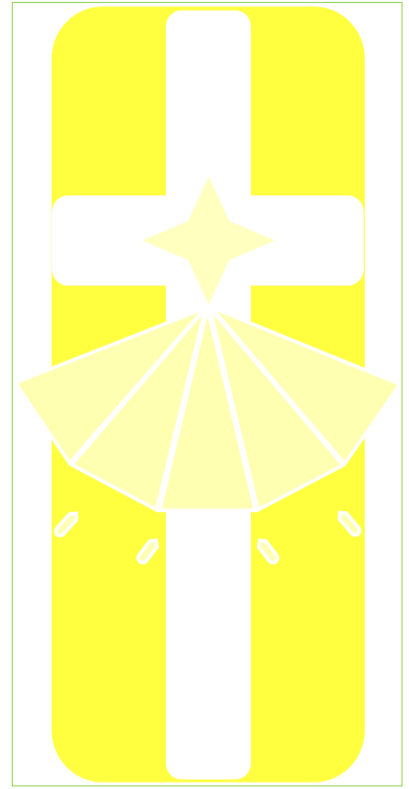
I love the last verse in hymn #382 in our Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship entitled "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" which states "*Christ is risen! Hence-forth never death or hell shall us enthrall. We are Christ's, in Him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast.*"

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and raise you to newness of life, now and forever. Amen

Pastor Paul



The Baptism of Our Lord
Above image created by
Teddi Phillips

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Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting 11 March 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. on the 11th day of March, 2019, by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul Zwarich offered a devotional entitled "Holy Hunger" and a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fritz Leifeste, Chris Kinsey, John Ulrich, James Parry, Joyce O'Connell, Kara Martinez, Betty Thane, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 11 February, 2019, Council Meeting were furnished to the Council members. John Ulrich motioned, seconded by Joyce O'Connell, that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2019. As no questions or exceptions were taken to the report, it was accepted as written.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell presented a printed report showing the attendance and offerings to the church on a weekly basis for the current calendar year.

CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams – No report was given.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez reported that between the Sunrise and Regular Service on Easter morning, plans were to have a brunch of donuts, fruit, coffee, juice, etc. An Easter Potluck Dinner is scheduled after the Regular Service. As the meat will be provided, the members were asked to bring side dishes, cakes, pies, or sweets.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane reported that the Noisy Bucket Program collected \$82.70 for the Good Gifts program. The Lenten Service offerings this year will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. The Ash Wednesday Service collected \$115.00. Ms. Pam Hammer from Habitat for Humanity will give a temple-talk on 24 March.

Worship – Dorothy St. Germain – No report was given.

Evangelism – Barbara Walker mailed a report to the Council members. Her team plans to set up a table at the Children's Fair on 28 April with a banner to identify it as a Calvary Lutheran Church activity. They plan to visit with attendees of the fair and hand out free balloons and small bottles of water with new labels attached to advertise our church.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul Zwarich presented a detailed report of his many activities scheduled for this Easter season. Besides the regular Sunday services, there are several church conferences and synod mission assemblies to attend, in addition to the Lenten Mid-Week Services until Easter Sunday on 21 April. The Council also authorized Pastor Zwarich to attend the Rostered Ministers Gathering to be held in Phoenix, AZ, on 20-23 July 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported that the lawnmower had become unrepairable, and the Council agreed that it was now time to purchase a new one. The church had received a bid of \$500.00 from Harrison Roofing Company to clean out the leaves and trash in the gutters around the church. The debris will be cleaned up and hauled off. The bid was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The Council discussed having a Spring Clean-Up Day inside and around the church. The options mentioned were to contact a local commercial cleaning company or to set a date and time for church members to meet and handle the project.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting was duly closed at 7:33 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:

Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever. This is how we worship and serve the Lord daily. Let us also remember to give thanks for all who have so generously given time and talent to assist in Worship Services on Sundays. All are welcomed and encouraged to help serve. May God bless you.

Dorothy St. Germain
Interim Worship Committee Leader



Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Reader (Lector)	Communion Assistant	Video Tech
May 5	Norma Kahlig		Ashlyn Scott	Ann Helm	Phyllis Zwarich	Pedro Montanez	Pedro Montanez
May 12	Jo McCormick	Mitch and Landon Simon	Annalysse Simon	Joyce O'Connell	Kristy Simon	XXXXX	Pedro Montanez
May 19					Margaret Leifeste	Pedro Montanez	Pedro Montanez
May 26	Pam Ulrich	John Ulrich	Joseph Phillips	Teddi Phillips		XXXXX	

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, President's Message, 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. 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 will be on the table in the Narthex starting in May.
- 2) We will need members to help provide the lunches and dinners for the 4 camp counselors. Heather Purington has again graciously agreed to house the 4 counselors and provide them with breakfast, although the church will provide some of the food. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex starting in May. Please sign up.
- 3) Some items we need for snacks are Cheez-Itz, 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 will be May 19th.

Marie Williams, Parish Education Team Leader

A Word from the Congregational President:

It is hard to believe we are already moving into May. Where does the time go? We will have our Bi-Annual (Semi-Annual) Congregational Meeting on May 19th. The council decided on this date in order to not interfere with Mother's Day on May 12th.

Confirmation is coming up on June 9th. NT-NL Associate Bishop, Pastor Kris Totzke, will be with us on that day. We will have three confirmands reaching this milestone in their faith.

A new lawnmower has been purchased to replace the old one that was falling apart. We have a committee established to begin to plan and work on refurbishing the kitchen. We are planning to purchase new dishwashers and a new stove, as well as replace the countertops. All of this was approved in the 2019 budget.

A parting thought:

"Accept what is,
let go of what was,
and have faith in what will be."
Unknown

Yours in Christ, Fritz Leifeste

EVANGELISM

This is the message we want to share with the community. I need your help identifying opportunities to do so. Do you know of events this year where we might participate? Are you planning an outreach activity where we might help? Call or email me with your ideas. Help us reach others in our community. Let's share the blessings of Calvary Lutheran with others!

Don't forget there are bookmarks and business cards available for you to share with others in your daily life.

With Peace and Love, Barbara Walker - Email: babswalker07@gmail.com, Phone: 432-213-5293.



Come & See

Calvary Lutheran Church

Sunday 10AM @ 3231 College Hills Blvd

www.calvarysa.org

Service and Justice

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

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

May, 2019

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA. Thank you to Pastor Paul, the Altar Guild, the Worship Team, Fellowship Team, the Congregation, the Musicians, and ALL who worshiped and contributed to the Lenten Services and the beautiful Easter Services and meals during this Lenten and Easter Season. What a meaningful time and celebration we experienced. Let us go forth in renewed grace and praise. **ALLELUIA.**

NOISY BUCKET OFFERING from March 24, 2019, was \$81.83. Total for this year is \$224.90. What a loving and giving congregation we have. Our emphasis to the ELCA Good Gifts program this year is WATER. Many farmers around the world rely on rainwater to nourish their crops. (We in West Texas can relate to this.) But when the rain doesn't fall, drought can cause an entire community to face hunger. An irrigation canal piped directly to remote villages and fields along with ongoing training and maintenance can help ensure that there is enough to eat, even during the most challenging seasons. This is just one way we can help end hunger.

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the HABITAT FOR HUMANITY project. We still have the last Sunday in April to donate, so do not have a total yet. Watch in the next newsletter for a total. We can be proud that we, as a congregation, have helped someone not only build a home for shelter, but also build strength and self-reliance in their daily life.

Please continue to support **PROJECT DIGNIDAD** with your gifts of canned food, non-perishable foods, used clothing, kitchen supplies and home articles (no furniture, please). These items help feed and care for those less fortunate, who have lost jobs or hit on hard times. There is a box in the Narthex for these things. If you have questions, please contact Gary Griffin.



Betty Thane,
Service and Justice
Team Leader

SAVE THE DATE

Women of the NTNL Bi-Annual Retreat

October 11 – 13, 2019

Butman Methodist Church Camp

Merkel, Texas (west of Abilene)

The next **Service and Justice Meeting** will be held on Thursday, May 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. The **June meeting** will be on June 14th, also at 11:00 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

In Christian Love, Betty Thane



Kara Martinez,
Fellowship Team Leader

Fellowship

"Building Christian community in love and grace."

Faith & Fellowship

LUTHERAN LUNCHERS is meeting on Thursday, May 16th, at 11:00 a.m., at Newk's (by the new HEB on Sherwood Way and Loop 306). Please call or text Barbara Walker at 432-213-5293 to let her know if you can make it.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: The group will meet at Rosa's Café on Sherwood Way on Saturday, May 11th, at 8:00 a.m. Hope you'll join us!

MEET AND GREET — 9:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 5TH!

Reverend Irma Banales, Director of Evangelical Mission for the NT-NL, will be with us on May 5th. You are cordially invited to come meet with her at 9:00.




May 5 - John Fiveash
May 12 - Janette Dailey
May 16 - Riley Scott
May 18 - Crystal Purington
May 20 - Loretta Verpoorten
May 28 - Jane Derby



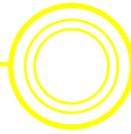
The next Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th. Being on the Altar Guild is a wonderful way to serve the Lord, and we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Pam Ulrich at 942-9404 for additional information.

There are no anniversaries this month.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				10:00am Exercise Group 11:00am Service and Justice Meeting		9:30am Altar Guild Meeting 11:00am AA Group
			6:00pm Women's Bible Study	5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter 3 9:00am Meet and Greet with Rev. Irma Banales 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 11:00am AA Group
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter 4 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	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 Women's Bible Study	10:00am Exercise Group 11:00am Lutheran Lunchers 5:30pm AA Group	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Easter 5 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Easter 6 8:45am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship Team Meeting	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30-8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	 10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group





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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.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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From "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



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PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
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Ascension of Our Lord - May 30

