

Calvary Comment



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich**

Special dates in May

- 01 - National Day of Prayer
- 11 - Mother's Day,
- 17 - Armed Forces Day
- 26 - Memorial Day
- 29 - Ascension Day



**Calvary Lutheran Church
San Angelo, TX
May 2025**



From the Pastor

Salt. We all love salt. Salt brings out the flavor in food, and salt is an essential mineral that we need to stay alive. And get this, our bodies crave salt, because salt is needed to maintain healthy electrolyte levels and a normal fluid balance. Salt can even trigger the release of dopamine in our bodies, a neurotransmitter associated with pleasure and fulfillment.

Salt is indeed a wonderful mineral that brings out the flavor in everything. But salt can also be a bad thing. Too much salt can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and stomach cancer. In our post-modern society salt seems to be in everything. And we need to be careful concerning how much salt we consume. Like everything else in life, too much of one thing can be bad for us.

Even so, salt is an essential nutrient. And humans have known about the benefits of salt for a very long time. Homer declared that salt is divine. Plato believed salt was precious to the gods. Wars have been fought over salt. Empires have been built on salt. Mahatma Gandhi even used salt to rally the Indian people against the British Colonial Government.

So, in Matthew 5:13, when Jesus stated: "You are the salt of the earth," Jesus is informing us that we are essential for the life of the world. The world needs us. And that the world desires the flavor that we bring to the table and the gifts that we have to offer.

The question is, can salt lose its saltiness? And the answer is no. Salt cannot lose its saltiness because its salty taste is inherent to its chemical structure. But salt can be affected by impurities, moisture, or storage conditions. And this can lead to a perceived loss of saltiness.

As a baptized child of God, your saltiness cannot be taken away. You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. But we can be perceived as having lost some of our saltiness.

That is why, when children are baptized, the Pastor states to the parents and sponsors *"In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring this child to the services of God house, and teach this child the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. And as the child grows in years, you should place in your child's hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his/her instruction the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his/her baptism and in communion with the church, this child may live a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ."* LBW page 121

We have been instructed to take care of the gifts that God has given to us. And we need to be reminded on a regular basis that as a baptized child of God, we are the salt of the earth, and without us, the world is flavorless and bland. The fact of the matter is, you are needed, you are essential, you matter. And you are precious in the sight of God.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Paul

Calvary Lutheran Church Minutes

March 11, 2025

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Present:

Betty Thane, President
Joyce O'Connell, Vice President
Leon Thane, Financial Secretary
Manuel Ortegon, Treasurer
Elaine Mitchell, Service and Justice
Diane Ross, Worship
Paul Zwarich, Pastor

Absent:

Ashlyn Scott, Secretary
Jill Zuehlke, Fellowship
Heidi Wierzowiecki, Education

Joyce moved to accept February minutes with correction of Federal Financial Bank to *First Financial Bank*, Diane seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Education: no report

Fellowship: Easter brunch discussed, sign-up sheets needed for foods needed

Worship: oral report: Diane talked w/ Ouida re Project Dignadad help; palms & lilies to be ordered by Valerie Bluthardt; order and payment envelopes in Narthex

Social Concerns: written report

Pastor's Report: Pastor's report was accepted as presented

General Information

COW Conference May 3: 1-4 pm, Miles, Texas

Lenten Services: March 5-April 12, 6 pm, every Wednesday

Holy Week: April 13-19

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services:
6pm

Easter Sunday: April 20, 7 and 10 am services.
Brunch @ 8-9:30 am

Making announcements asking for help in setting up 7am sunrise service

Lenten Offering: UCM to receive our Lenten offerings

Unfinished Business

Church Hail Damage: Harrison roofing to decide on Friday, 3/14, when they will start our roof, a grade 4 roof; Inside work of Library & ceilings to begin in April

Nominating Committee: Leon, Heidi, Betty & Pastor will help locate people to serve as Vice President and Education positions on the council

VBS options ~ 1-2 day VBS for families

Stewardship: Potential stewardship program starting in early fall for January/February program

New Business

Church Picnic & VBS – Rally Day August 17, 2025 @ church

Date of Semi-Annual congregational meeting, May 4, 2025, Joyce made the motion w/ second by Leon, motion passed

Financial Secretary's Report

Leon presented the Financial Secretary report and was accepted as presented

Treasurer's Report

Manuel had no written report but said that amounts match Leon's reported deposits;

Leon asked for a detailed report

Correspondence

Thank you note received from recipients of our benevolence

Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting, Diane seconded, and the motion passed.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Temporary Secretary,

Joyce OConnell



BIRTHDAYS

5	John Fiveash
12	Janette Dailey
13	Jude Hahn
16	Riley Scott
18	Crystal Purington
27	Tyler Hahn
28	Jane Derby

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1

Nicole & Jason
Schwertner



Address Updates

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May 26th

QUOTES

"Life is not measured by how much one owns."

—Jesus (Luke 12:15, NCV)

Congratulations

Rosalee King's granddaughter, Kasey got her Master's in forensics from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. Kasey is the daughter of Tom & Teresa Carpenter.



Thank you to everyone who joined in and participated in our Easter brunch. From the wonderful food to setting up and clean up. The fun fellowship is a true blessing.

In May, we will participate in decorating the cross with flowers for Mothers Day.

Thank you and God bless,
Jill Zuehlke



Worship Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or call the office..						
DATE	AM	Reader	Flowers	Sunday School	Technology	Altar Guild
May 4 Easter 3	Joyce O'Connell		Dorothy & Lou St. Germain	Bee Rose	Adam Scott	Diane Ross
May 11 Easter 4	Elaine Mitchell	Ashley Pokrzywinski		Heather Lehmann		
May 18 Easter 5					Adam Scott	
May 25 Easter 6		Valerie Bluthardt	Marie Williams			

Harrison Roofing installed a new roof on the Education wing & the narthex in April of 2025. Thank you to all that contributed to make this project happen. What a blessing!





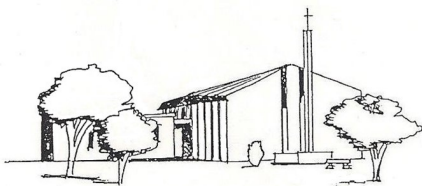
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AA group 5:30pm	2 AA group 5:30pm	3 Altar Guild 10am COW in Miles 1-4
4 Easter 3 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship	5 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	6 AA group 5:30pm	7	8 AA group 5:30pm	9 AA group 5:30pm	10
11 Easter 4 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship MOTHER'S DAY	12 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	13 AA group 5:30pm 6pm Church Council Meeting	14	15 AA group 5:30pm	16 AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	17
18 Easter 5 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Congregational Meeting	19 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	20 AA group 5:30pm	21	22 AA group 5:30pm	23 AA group 5:30pm	24
25 Easter 6 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Noisy Bucket	26 AA group 5:30pm Memorial Day Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	27 AA group 5:30pm	28	29	30	31

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*Sharing God's word & love
within and beyond
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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.