

Calvary Comment

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



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Wear Red for Pentecost

May 28th

From the Pastor

On the Day of Pentecost there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And as the disciples spoke in the native language of all who were present that day, the crowd became bewildered, and they kept asking one another **“What does this mean?”** Acts 2:12

There must have been some Lutherans in the crowd that day because the question “What does this mean?” is straight out of Luther’s Small Catechism. Beginning with the First Commandment (You shall have no other gods before me) Luther asks: “What does this mean?” And Luther responds: “We should fear, love, and trust God above all things.”

How appropriate that on the Day of Pentecost, God allowed the Good News to be spoken in the native tongue of all that had gathered that day so everyone could ask the question “What does this mean?” And thanks be to God that He directed the wind to blow where He wills, so that the Holy Spirit could answer the question for us.

And what is the answer? The Second Article of the Creed explanation provides the clue. Luther’s Small Catechism states: “I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, and has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity. This is most certainly true.”

Yes, Pentecost Sunday is Holy Spirit Day. The day when the question “What does this mean?” is answered. The Day when the answer to Martin Luther’s question “What does this mean?” is articulated and spoken in every language under heaven. And what is our response? We respond: **“Come Holy Spirit, Come.”**

Let us pray: God our creator, earth has many languages, but your Gospel announces your love to all nations in one heavenly speech. Make us messengers of the Good News that, through the power of your Spirit, everyone everywhere may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor Paul



Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church *Council Meeting*

March 14, 2023

The Council President Betty Thane called the zoom meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 14th day of March. Pastor Paul gave a devotion. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Betty Thane, Council Vice President Chris Kinsey, Council Secretary Linda Ortegon, Council Education Council Fellowship Leader Dorothy St. Germain, Council Financial Secretary Leon Thane, Council Treasurer Ann Helm, Council Worship Committee Leader Bee Rose, and Pastor Paul Zwarich. Two Guests Joyce O'Connell and John Ulrich were in attendance.

MINUTES: Betty Thane Council President moved to accept the February 16, 2023, Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris motion to accept the minutes. Bee second the motion. The council approved the Calvary Lutheran Church March Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Helm. Ann went over the February 2023 Treasurer's Report. The Council accepted the Treasurer's report as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane went over the February 2023 Financial Report. The Council accepted the February 2023 Financial Secretary's Report as presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Absent.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. There will be donuts served after the Early Easter Sunrise Service. **Reminder.** Mark and Elaine wedding is Saturday April 1st, 2023.

Service and Justice: N/A

Worship: Bee Rose. Pastor, Marie, and Bee will meet on the 24th to choose hymns.

Evangelism: N/A

Pastor's Report: Please refer to the Pastor's February 2023 report for details.

New Business

Nominating Committee. Chris volunteered to lead the committee to fill the positions of people moving off the church council. Linda and Bee will help. Betty and Pastor will attend the meeting.

Church Copier. We may need to replace the church copier soon. We will be contacting a couple of companies for their prices.

Online Streaming. Chris said the purpose of the upgrades is to simplify the on-line streaming platform. The upgrade will make it easier for any person to run. Since the MEF Grant was not approved, Chris and John met and prioritized the upgrade. Chris's company will donate the labor. The total price is \$16,402.00 plus the cost of another computer. Betty suggested that we offer to the congregation the means to help with the remaining cost should they choose. Pastor suggested the microphones be replaced at the same time. Chris said there will be at least a four-month lead time to get the material. Chris abstained from voting. Bee motion to move forward with the discussion to use the funds earmark for this type of need to include replacing the microphones. Linda second the motion. Ann went back over the details, which included adding an \$1,000.00 for the new microphones. During the next service announcement, we will let the congregation know of the online streaming need and the funds that are available and the cost left.

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If anyone in the congregation would like to help, they can mark their offering envelope appropriately. The council approved using the capitol fund to pay for upgrading our electronic equipment plus the microphones. If anyone has any questions, please contact Chris or John Ulrich.

Briarwood. A letter from the bishop's office was received informing us that the board of directors of Briarwood decided to sell the entire property. The buyer said they will keep the facility open to the public to keep Briarwood's history. The buyer also has the means to spend the millions of dollars necessary to repair the property.

Old Business

Harrison Roofing. Harrison Roofing can set up a yearly schedule with us to clean out the rain gutters. The council agreed to have Harrison Roofing clean the rain gutters once in the spring and once in the fall. Chris motion to accept. Bee second the motion. The council approved.

Utility Report. The city did a lead test and discovered our water lines have lead soldering. However, we do not use

enough drinking water to be concerned. The letter from the City Inspector said our water lines can stay in place. The inspector suggested repair issues be addressed as they occur.

MEF. The Mission Endowment Fund Grant was not approved this year.

Debit and Credit Cards. Ann set a limit of \$500.00 on all the debit cards. Except for the Treasurer's card. The Treasurer will receive alerts on every card transaction.

Correspondence. A Thank You note from Salvation Army was received. A report from Project Dignidad showing donations valued at \$309.00 from December to now were received on behalf of Calvary Lutheran Church.

Annual Report. A financial report was made available to the congregation. Chris will be giving a report on the results of Consecration Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Pray.

Linda Ortegon / Council Secretary

| Flowers, Worship Assistants & Altar Guild You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose. | | | | | | |
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| Flowers | DATE | Greeter | Assisting Minister | Reader | Technology | Altar Guild |
| | May 7 Easter 5 | | Joyce O'Connell | Phyllis Zwarich | John Ulrich | Dorothy St. Germain |
| Jill Zuehlke | May 14 Easter 6 | | Bee Rose | Leon Thane | | |
| Al & Rosalee King | May 21 Easter 7 | | Leon Thane | Betty Thane | | |
| Hank & Bee Rose | May 28 Pentecost | | | Bee Rose | | |



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

I know I'm nagging, but it's what I do. Have you noticed that during the in-church service, the same people assist with the service? Did you know that helping with our service is part of Stewardship? Please sign up for volunteering.

Food for thought:

Do you sometimes feel, especially in the morning, that you can't find peace and don't know what to start praying about? I certainly have.

A glance at the clock tells you it's high time to go, but when you glance into your heart, you know you won't make it today without God. If you've ever felt this way, I invite you to pray this prayer with me today...

"Jesus, I place this day into Your hands. Even though I don't know what today will bring, I firmly believe that You are a faithful God who means well with me.

Thank You that You'll be with me today and that I don't have to be afraid, or even stressed, about anything. May I experience Your nearness and Your work clearly. I believe that I will see Your protection and blessing today! And all because You love me, because You are good to me.

To put it in David's words, 'Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him.' (Psalm 62:5, NIV)

I pray I experience that rest today. I ask that You help me see how You're giving me new hope, joy, and strength. Show me today what a blessing it is to trust You, because I do, Lord.

I surrender everything that could trouble me today—all my fears, my worries and doubts—into Your hands. For You have not given me a spirit of fear, but Your Spirit fills me with power, love, and a sound mind.

That is what I want to experience today! Holy Spirit, I ask You to be very active in and through me today! In Your name, amen."

This is an excerpt from one of my daily devotions called A Miracle Every Day.

Questions:

1. Who were the two sons of Naomi and Elimelech?
A. James and John B. Mahlon and Chilion C. Esau and Obed D. Ham and Shem
2. Which Old Testament character was willing to sacrifice his son on an altar?
A. Moses B. Adam C. Isaac D. Abraham
3. Who was the mother of Zimron, Jonathan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah?
A. Naomi B. Adah C. Keturah D. Tamar

Answers below:



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

Answers

1. B. Mahlon and Chilion. The sons married two women of Moab, Ruth and Orpah. See Ruth 1:2-4.
2. 1.D. Abraham. See James 2:21-22.
3. C. Keturah. After Sarah's death, Abraham took Keturah as a wife. She gave birth to six sons, including Midian, ancestor of the Midianites. See Genesis 25:1-2.

Dear Calvary family,

We don't have words to express our gratitude for the grace, generosity, and love you have heaped on us through our wedding. You have given time, energy and work to make our wedding beautiful and holy. You have given beyond anything we could ask or think.

Thank you!

Mark and Elaine Mitchell



Come As You Are

As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they'd have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he'd be serving Holy Communion the next day.

Before distributing the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: "Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, 'Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.'"

We're all unworthy to receive Jesus' body and blood, but that's exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

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TEXAS MILITARY YOUTH OF THE YEAR

For the second year in a row, Myshae Allen has won the Boys and Girls Club Texas Military Youth of the Year award.

“Goodfellow AFB would like to congratulate San Angelo ISD Central High School Junior Myshae Allen for being named the 2023 Boys and Girls Club Texas Military Youth of the Year!” said Theresa Goodwin, Goodfellow Air Force Base School Liaison on behalf of the Goodfellow AFB Youth Programs.



Winning the title of BCGA Texas Military Youth of the Year two years in a row is not the only significance of the award. Myshae is also the first SAISD student and the first military child from Goodfellow AFB to receive the award.

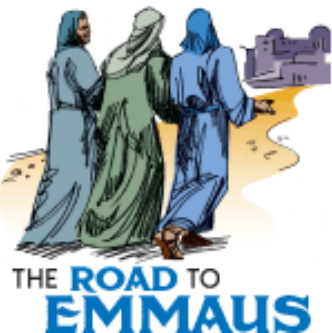
The Youth of the Year awards “Recognize outstanding teens served by BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide,” according to the BGCA website. Teens have to demonstrate commitment to academics, community service, establishing long-term goals and display good character and citizenship qualities to be considered for the award.

“He’s been awarded this for his academics, his character, leadership skills and community service” Goodwin said. “We are really proud of him and we’re glad he is part of our community.”

Myshae will advance to the regional level in June to compete for the Boys & Girls Club Southwest Region Youth of the Year title. “He will now set his sights on competing to be named the Boy & Girls Club Southwest Region Youth of the Year in June,” Goodwin said. “We wish him all the luck in the world as he continues his journey.”

Myshae is the son of Grace & LaMont Allen.

WALK TO EMMAUS



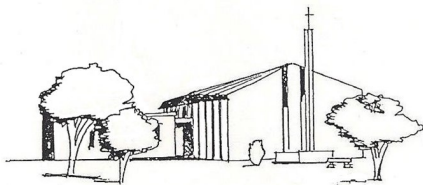
WHAT IS A WALK TO EMMAUS? A Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual weekend we can participate in with others. This weekend is not a physical walk, but rather a spiritual walk. The activities and events of the weekend demonstrate how God intends for His love to be at work in our lives. The events of the weekend are based on Luke 24: 13-35, in which the disciples’ eyes were opened to greater understanding as they walked on the Emmaus Road with Christ. If you are interested in more information, please contact Betty Thane at 325-939-3976.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | AA group 5:30pm | Women's Bible Study 6:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service | AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off | AA group 5:30pm | Women's Bible Study 6:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Mother's Day</i> | AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off | AA group 5:30pm Council 6:45pm | Women's Bible Study 6:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following service.</i> | AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter deadline | AA group 5:30pm | Women's Bible Study 6:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | AA group 5:30pm | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Noisy Bucket Day of Pentecost | AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Memorial Day | AA group 5:30pm | | | | |

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*Wear RED
on May 28th!*



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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.