

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

March 2022



From the Pastor



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*

What is Lent? The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word “lengthen,” which simply means “spring” – when the days lengthen and new life springs forth. Lent is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. During the season of Lent, it is my prayer that as you/we journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, you/we would be reminded of the reality of our broken humanity, but as days grow brighter, you/we would also experience with greater abundance the reality of **God’s Redeeming Activity** in our lives.

I invite you to join us as we begin our Lenten Journey this year starting with Ash Wednesday on March 2, 2022 at 6 pm and then continue to walk with us as we worship Wednesday Evenings until our Easter Celebration on April 17, 2022. On Tuesday Evenings we will also have a Zoom Bible Study Series at 7 pm and we will look at the book “Growing Older and Wiser.” If you would like a copy of the book, please notify the church office.

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. Joel 2:12-14

Blessings to you on your Lenten Journey,

Pastor Paul

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Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 10, 2022

The "Zoom" meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 10th day of January by the Council President Joyce O'Connell. Pastor Paul gave the devotion from Isaiah 43, verse one. Many things in life can threaten ourselves worth. God doesn't say if we go through trouble, but when. God reassures us no matter what we are going through, he is with us. God cares for us. We can trust that when God says, "Do not fear, you are mine" he means it. Holy God helps us to trust you in all our troubles. Help us know that you are always there. Amen.

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

MINUTES: Joyce motion to accept the November 11, 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Marie motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Bee second the motion. The council approved the November Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Giving is down, but we are doing okay to start the New Year.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane presented the November and December reports. Pastor suggested adding an attendance column for you-tube viewers. The council accepted the report as presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Sunday school has been postponed due to the increase in COVID numbers. We will discuss again in a couple of weeks.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. The potato luncheon was enjoyable.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Still need volunteers to work the Soup Kitchen on the third Friday of each month.

Worship: Bee Rose. Worship Coordinator will start attending the Altar Guild meetings.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. She is attending the bible study through YouVersion, and is enjoying the study on Sharing the Gospel.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastoral Acts

6 In-Person/Zoom/Facebook/U-Tube Sunday Worship Services
2 Supervisor / Intern Meetings
1 Baptism Joy Allen
3 New Members Received (George Mennenga, Debra Huffman, Gary Huffman)
1 Hospital Visit--1 Home Visit--12 Office Visits
Led 4 Tuesday Night Bible Study Series on Half Truths in the Bible by A. Hamilton

Activities

Staff Appreciation Sunday February 13, 2022
Completed Bishop Annual Report
1 Zoom Meeting with Bishop & Bishop Assistant
1 Zoom Meeting with Intern Anne and Brian (Miles)
1 Zoom Meetings with Wartburg Seminary
Men's Breakfast Bible Study Feb 12, 2022
COW Conference Zoom Meeting Feb 19, 2022
Zoom Pericope Study with Southeastern Synod January 24, 2022
Faithful Innovation Meeting @ Avoca Jan 22, 2022
Faithful Innovation Field Trip to Next Level Fitness after Sunday Worship Feb 6, 2022
1 Service & Justice Committee Meeting
2 Evangelism Committee Meetings
Synod Council & Dean Zoom Meeting February 5, 2022
Zoom Pericope Study with Southeastern Synod February 17, 2022

Upcoming Events

New Tuesday Evening Zoom Bible Study "Growing Older & Wiser" Starts March 8, 2022

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Hosted by Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group March 1, 2022

Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022

Mid-Week Lenten Services March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Holy Week April 10- April 16

Easter April 17

Synod Assembly April 29 - 30

I will be on Vacation May 15, 2022 – May 21, 2022 **Pulpit Supply Needed May 15, 2022**

I will be going to Canada to Visit Family June 3 – June 11, 2022

Pulpit Supply Needed June 5, 2022

Day Camp with Cross Trials Ministry June 19 – June 24 @ Calvary Lutheran Church

I will be on Vacation September 24 – September 29, 2022 **Pulpit Supply Needed September 25, 2022**

Calvary 75th Anniversary Celebration Sunday October 16, 2022

I will be on Vacation June 9 – June 22, 2023, **Pulpit Supply Needed June 11, 2023, and June 18, 2023.**

Council News Continued

New Business

Audit Committee will meet Saturday, January 15, at 10.00am. James St. Germain, James Perry, Ann Helm and John Ulrich committee members to be seated. The Council approved the seating of the audit committee. The Nominating Committee will meet to discuss what our council will look like going in to the future. Four people will be going off in May since they have served four years. Three of them are part of the executive committee as well. Please give any suggestions to the Pastor or Joyce. Leon motioned to table the discussion and Bee second the motion. The council approved. Grace Allen has been with Calvary for three years and Pastor would like the council's approval to give her a gift card in appreciation for her fine addition to our services. John recommended we recognize all the staff members. The council approved to give gift cards to all the supporting staff, five employees total. Bee and Hank volunteered to give a donation to cover the cost of the gift cards. Chris motioned that we recognize all

those employees during an upcoming service and that a gift card in the amount of \$50.00 in appreciation for their service be given to them then. Bee second the motion. The council approved. Last of new business, John said he will get an estimated cost to repair the plumbing problem.

Old Business

Delegates to Synod/Mission Assembly – Election of Bishop. Mark Mitchell and Elaine Welty. VBS will be this spring/summer 2022.

Communications: Wesley Soup Kitchen send a thank you in appreciation of the \$552.50 donation and a thank you from Wartburg Theological Seminar for \$125.00

Ann motion to adjourn. Marie second. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

| 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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| DATE | Greeter | AM | Reader | Technology | Altar Guild |
| Mar 2 Ash Wednesday | Jo McCormick | Joyce O'Connell | Bee Rose | John Ulrich Pedro Montanez | Jo McCormick |
| Mar 6 1 Lent | Kara Martinez | Ann Helm | Phyllis Zwarich | | |
| Mar 13 2 Lent | Marie Williams | Leon Thane | Betty Thane | | |
| Mar 20 3 Lent | Kara Martinez | Bee Rose | Valerie Bluthardt | | |
| Mar 27 4 Lent | | Elaine Welty | | | |



Ann Helm
Team Leader

Evangelism

31ST ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FAIR

Save the Date

Calvary will have a booth at the Children's Fair!

Sunday, April 24

Noon - 5 pm

Unidad Park or Kirby Park

Technology News



Church WI-FI Usage

When you arrive at the church for a service that is being livestreamed, please turn off or disable your WI-FI function on your smartphone. We are having a bandwidth problem that is causing our iPad to lose communications with the camera. You will still be able to use the cell-phone and text. If you need assistance, please see John Ulrich or Pedro Montanez. Thank you!



Marie Williams
Team Leader

Service & Justice



We are still serving meals on the third Friday of the month at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen from 9:30 until 1:00. We served over 200 males in January. If anyone is able to help either call Bee Rose or Marie Williams.

With Easter approaching, we will provide baskets for Project Dignidad to those less fortunate than we may be. You may do a whole basket, partner with someone else, or just bring an item or two to add to a basket. Here is the list of items needed: can of green beans or peas, can of white potatoes, can of peaches, fruit cocktail, or applesauce, can of tuna or chicken, small bag of rice, small bag of pinto beans or can of refried beans, box of Jello, box of macaroni & cheese, box of cornbread mix or biscuit mix, bag of cookies, instant coffee, tea, or powdered drink mix, 3-4 pound ham, Christian gift under \$6.00 (Resurrection eggs, Cross, Bible, stuffed animal).
Thank you!



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

Lent is a comin'... sooner than we may expect. So I 'spect you know what's comin'. We have service assistant positions available for you to choose from, please do. Also, if you haven't the ability to attend then maybe consider making a small Lenten Worship Offering.

As usual I have some things to ponder. I hope you are as moved as I was when reading them.

Pray Anything

Prayer is much more than words. It is an expression of the heart toward God. It is an experience, a relationship, not an activity. As a child of God, you are invited to come boldly before God's throne. "Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God," Paul writes, "let us . . . then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:14, 16).

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes it possible for each of us to have access to God. Have you utilized your boldness in prayer? Just say the word: Talk to God, tell God your joys and concerns, give God thanks and praise, confess your sins and your needs before God in prayer. It is both that simple and that difficult.

This message is excerpted from "I Am She," a 2009 Women of the ELCA resource.

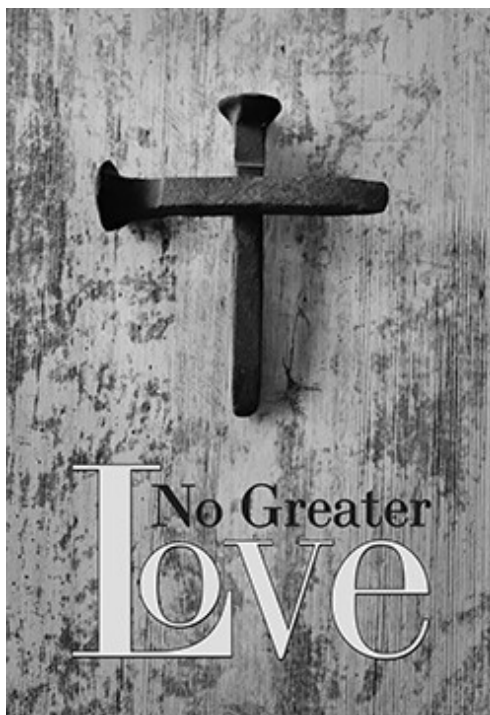
I have been doing a devotional plan named Into the Light, a four day plan in YouVersion. I am on day four and am amazed at how God works... again. I just got an email this morning with the following story. I'm not

sure what it means for me exactly yet, but God has a plan for me and possibly you, to learn something from it beyond the obvious. The first part of that, I believe, is sharing it with you.

SS DORCHESTER AND THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Shortly before 1am on February 3, 1943, 79 years ago today, a torpedo slammed into the side of the transport SS Dorchester (pictured below), and she started to sink.

The torpedo was fired by U-223, a German Type VIIC U-Boat on her first combat patrol under her commander, Kapitänleutnant Karl-Jürg Wächter.



The Dorchester was part of a convoy heading for Greenland, and was off Newfoundland when she was struck.

As the ship started going down, she lost power and the more than 900 soldiers and sailors on board were left to try to make it to the life boats in the dark.

Through the chaos, four men worked to calm down the panicking men and help them escape the doomed ship:

Reformed Chaplain Clark Poling, Methodist Chaplain George Fox, Jewish Chaplain Alexander Goode, and Catholic Chaplain John

Washington directed men to the lifeboats, helped them up out of the depths of the ship, and handed out life-jackets.

When the stores of lifejackets ran out, each of the four chaplains removed his own, and they handed them to other soldiers trying to escape the ship. All four chaplains chose to remain behind to help the stragglers.

As Dorchester slipped beneath the waves, the four chaplains were seen praying together for the safety of the survivors, and were heard singing hymns.

Then they were gone.

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Worship Continued

Only 230 survivors were pulled from the frigid waters, and the chaplains were not among them.

As the news of the sinking of the Dorchester began to spread, so also did the story of chaplains' sacrifice, which has been commemorated since in songs, memorials, stamps, programs, art, and documentaries.

Each year, the American Legion designates the first Sunday in February as "Four Chaplains Sunday" to keep alive the story of their heroism, selflessness, and interfaith cooperation.

Each chaplain was awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart.

U-223 completed five combat patrols during the Second World War, and was on her sixth when she was sunk in the Mediterranean in 1944.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

~ John 15.13

Questions:

1. Samuel was brought as a child to Shiloh to serve with this person.

A) Eli, B) Simon, C) Paul, D) John

2. Which king of Israel ruled for only seven days?

A) Zimri, B) David, C) Ahab, D) Cyrus

3. What's the name of the family member who raised Esther?

A) Naboth, B) Enosh, C) Lamech, D) Mordecai

See answers on p. 8



Hymn selection

We need to pick hymns for the next quarter. We will meet sometime in the first two weeks of March. Please contact Bee Rose or call the office if you would like to participate in choosing hymns. Thank you!



Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader

Fellowship

Calvary Lutheran

Members have a new opportunity for fellowship. We are getting together on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Wesley Soup kitchen at 9:30 to 1:00 preparing and packing meals to give out on that day. Join in the fun fellowship we have as we share God's love.

Blessings to you!

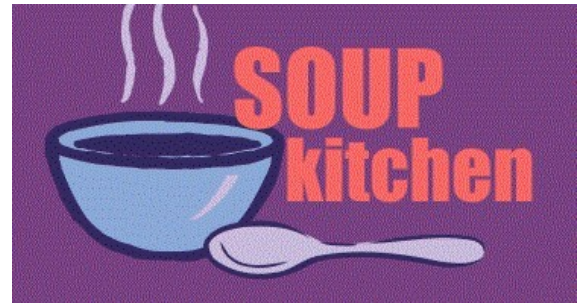
Dorothy



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 13th



On Feb. 6 Calvary was blessed with the addition of 3 news members.

George Mennenga

Debra Huffman

Gary Huffman

We rejoice with you! Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the Good News to all the world.

WELCOME to Calvary!

Calvary recognized & celebrated staff members on Feb. 13.

David Cox- guitarist
Grace Allen-pianist/organist
Monte Montgomery-custodian
Karla Sturm-nursery
Shelly Salling-secretary

It is notable that Monte & Karla have both been with Calvary for 43 years!

AMAZING!



Thank you to everyone at Calvary for the calls, cards, flowers, & prayers during this difficult time at the loss of my granddaughter, Camille Denton. God bless you all.
My love to everyone, **Ida Walter**



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Joseph Randolph Correll

December 16, 2021

8 lbs 5 oz

Parents

Matt and Hayley Correll

Grandparents

Karla and Stoney Hariman

Aunt

Myley Hariman

Uncle

Aubrey Hariman

Great grandparents

Fritz and Margaret Leifeste

Blessed



3/14/2009

Todd & Barbara Walker



02 Mark Mitchell

05 Jill Zuehlke

13 Joyce Rowoldt

24 Dorothy Dt. Germain

26 Corey Sanford

27 Jo McCormick



Answers from p 6

1. A. Eli. His mother Hannah brought him.
See 1 Samuel 1:24-25.

2. A. Zimri. He died in his burning palace.
See 1 Kings 16:15-18.

3. D. Mordecai. Her older cousin Mordecai
took her in. See Esther 2:7.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 AA group 5:30pm Shrove Pancake Supper 6pm | 2 Ash Wednesday 6pm | 3 AA group 5:30pm | 4 AA group 5:30pm | 5 |
| 6 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service 1 Lent | 7 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off | 8 AA group 5:30pm Bible Study/Zoom 7pm | 9 Mid-week Lent service 6pm | 10 AA group 5:30pm | 11 AA group 5:30pm | 12 Men's Breakfast Bible study 8am |
| 13 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service 2 Lent Daylight Saving Begins | 14 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Council 6:30pm | 15 AA group 5:30pm Bible Study/Zoom 7pm | 16 Mid-week Lent service 6pm | 17 AA group 5:30pm St. Patrick's Day | 18 AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 | 19 |
| 20 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service 3 Lent Spring Begins | 21 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter deadline | 22 AA group 5:30pm Bible Study/Zoom 7pm | 23 Mid-week Lent service 6pm | 24 AA group 5:30pm | 25 AA group 5:30pm | 26 |
| 27 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Noisy Bucket Lent 4 | 28 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off | 29 AA group 5:30pm | 30 Mid-week Lent service 6pm | 31 AA group 5:30pm | | |

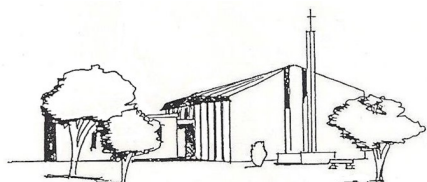
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within and beyond
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Calvary Lutheran Church

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.