

# Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

March 2023

## From the Pastor



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich*



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The month of March has begun. That means we can look forward to many things. Day Light Savings time will begin on Sunday March 12, the First Day of Spring will occur on Monday March 20, St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Friday March 17, and of course March Madness will start on Sunday March 12 and last till the end of the month.

The Month of March also has another event that has been remembered for over 2,000 years. The event is the "Ides of March." On March 15, 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was stabbed to death in the Roman Senate by 60 conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus and Gaius Cassius Longinus.

The expression "Beware of the Ides of March" derived from the fact that one month earlier before Julius Caesar was assassinated, he had visited a sooth-sayer named Spurinna who predicted that his life would be in danger for the next 30 days. Hence the term, beware of the "Ides of March."

Now, I know that the "Ides of March" may not mean that much to us today, but the Season of Lent does mean a lot to us. During the Season of Lent, we are invited to spend time reflecting upon the life, teachings, and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

During Lent we are encouraged to pray, practice almsgiving, and fast so we can refresh our knowledge of God's great love for us.

And why are we encouraged to do these things? The Prophet Isaiah wrote "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each one of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... He poured out His life unto death... For He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:6,12

Christ died for our sins. We are justified by His sacrificial death. Unlike Julius Caesar, Jesus did not stay dead in the grave. Jesus said: "I have authority to lay (my life) down and authority to take it up again." John 10:18 Julius Caesar, with all his earthly power and might did not have this authority.

In March, we observe Lent and not the "Ides of March." Through Christ we receive the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the gift of life everlasting.

Blessings to you on your Lenten Journey,

*Pastor Paul*





**Linda Ortegon**  
**Council Secretary**

## *Calvary Lutheran Church* *Council Meeting*

January 10, 2023

The Council Vice President Chris Kinsey called the zoom meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 10th day of January. Pastor Paul gave a devotion from Mark 4 verse 41. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Vice President Chris Kinsey, Council Secretary Linda Ortegon, 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.

**MINUTES:** Chris Kinsey Council Vice President moved to accept the November 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes as amended by Linda. Chris motion to accept the minutes. Bee second the motion. The council approved the Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ann Helm. Ann went over the November 2022 and December 2022 balance sheets. The Council accepted the Treasurer's report as presented.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Leon Thane. The Council accepted the November 2022 and December 2022 Financial Secretary's Report as presented.

### **CORE TEAM REPORTS**

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Absent.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. The next fellowship dinner will be on February 05, Consecration Sunday.

Service and Justice: N/A

Worship: Bee Rose. Nothing to report.

Evangelism: N/A

Pastor's Report: Please refer to the Pastor's November and December Report for details.

### **New Business**

Council Retreat is scheduled for June 24, 2023 at the church in the fellowship hall.

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Door Locks – Pastor wanted to remind the council to lock the doors to the building upon leaving the church. He will remind the others that have keys to the building to remember to do the same.

Proposed Council Meeting Date. The February council meeting will be moved to February 16, 2023. Bee motion to accept the change. Ann second the motion. The council approved.

### **Old Business**

Day Camp – The fee has been paid for Day Camp to be held July 09 – July 14, 2023.

Consecration Sunday Date – The council approved Consecration Sunday to be held on February 05, 2023. A meal will be provided after the service. Chris will schedule a virtual meeting with the Stewardship Committee to discuss plans. This coming Sunday Joyce will give a temple talk and the follow Sunday Chris will give a temple talk. Monday January 30, at 3:00p.m. the council will meet with the Stewardship committee to finalize the plans for Consecration Sunday. After the meeting everyone is welcome to go to Golden Coral for meal. The cost of the meal will be Dutch. Bee volunteer to pay for Ralph's meal, who is our guest.

Communications: A thank you note was received from Shelley the church secretary.

Bee motion to adjourn. Ann Second the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Ortegon / Council Secretary



**Bee Rose**  
**Team Leader**

## Worship

*We're definitely moving closer to Spring if this weather is any indication! And, Spring brings Lent. Here's something to consider. We usually think of Lent as a time to give something up or deprive ourselves of. But I've had some discussions that provide other ideas. The object is to bring yourself closer to God, to give yourself time for reflection and introspection. Toward that end, things you can do besides giving up a favorite food or drink are: 1. Start walking so you can have time for talking to God and/or listening for Him. 2. Take some time out of your day (10-15 min) to just sit with God without external distractions. 3. Start doing devotional plans. The point is, it doesn't matter what you do as long as you start something positive that you continue.*

### *Something to ponder:*

#### *Colors and Shadows*

*The colors that we see are actually reflections; that is, our eyes perceive the light that bounces back to us from whatever we are looking at. Not all the light is reflected back to our eye; some is absorbed. The colors we perceive are, in actuality, precisely what they aren't: they are the light that is reflected away.*

*During a summer making art and talking with residents of Phoebe Ministries, which serves people with dementia, I reflected on color and vision, perception and its limitations.*

*Sometimes, as we see people growing older, we see them losing qualities and characteristics that we have loved. We may see them as shadows of their former selves. But Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:12 reminds us that we are fully known by God, even as we struggle to know ourselves and each other. We see through a mirror dimly now, Paul writes,*

*But when we enter life eternal, we will come to know each other as we are fully known by God. (This message is excerpted from "Learning to see God's beloved" by Mary Button in the October 2019 Cafe online magazine.)*



**Questions: (answers below)**

**1. How many prophets of Baal did Jezebel support?**

- A. 62**
- B. 170**
- C. 450**
- D. 1000**

**2. How many men did Moses send to explore Canaan?**

- A. Two**
- B. 12**
- C. 36**
- D. 100**

**3. How many "minor prophets" are there?**

- A. Five**
- B. Seven**
- C. 12**
- D. 14**

**Answers:**

1. C. 450. See 1 Kings 18:19
2. B. 12. Moses was commander to send out one man from each of the 12 tribes of Israel to explore the lands of Canaan. See Numbers 13: 1-16.
3. C. 12. The "minor prophets" make up the final 12 books of the Old Testament. See Hosea 1:1--Malachi 4:6.

# Project Dignidad Easter Blessings

Cans of green beans or peas  
 Can of yams or white potatoes  
 Can of peaches, fruit cocktail, or applesauce  
 Can of tuna or chicken  
 Small bag of rice  
 Small bag of beans or can of refried beans  
 Box of Jell-o  
 Box of crackers  
 Box of macaroni & cheese  
 Box of cornbread mix or biscuit mix  
 Bag of cookies  
 Jar of peanut butter

You can make a monetary donation to help purchase hams.

Send your check to:

Project Dignidad  
 313 W. Avenue N  
 San Angelo, TX 76903  
 ~or~

Leave check at the church with the notation Easter hams. Checks may also be made out to the church with Project Dignidad in the memo.

Deliver items to church by April 2nd.

DATE 2023	Greeter	Assist. Minister	Reader (Lector)	Technology Assistants	Flowers	Altar Guild for the month
<b>Mar 5</b> 2 Lent	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich	John Ulrich	No flowers on the altar during Lent	Valerie Bluthardt
<b>Mar 12</b> 3 Lent		Joyce O'Connell	Valerie Bluthardt			
<b>Mar 19</b> 4 Lent	Jo McCormick	Bee Rose	Bee Rose			
<b>Mar 26</b> 5 Lent			Valerie Bluthardt			



*Dorothy St. Germain  
Team Leader*

## *Fellowship*

Calvary Lutheran, Thank you everyone for your amazing support on Consecration Sunday!

Blessings to you,  
Dorothy



*God's Blessings to all who came to my 99th birthday party on Feb. 6th. It was great to get to visit with everyone!*

*I wish to thank all who sent cards, gifts & flowers. Thank you to Joyce O'Connell for the birthday cake. Also, thank you for the Valentine cards. I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day.*

*Blessings Always,  
Helen Brandenberger*



*Mark Mitchell & Elaine Wetty*

*Invite you to share our  
joy as we join our  
lives in marriage.*

*2 pm Saturday, April 1, 2023*

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| 02 | Mark Mitchell       |
| 05 | Jill Zuehlke        |
| 13 | Joyce Rowoldt       |
| 24 | Dorothy Dt. Germain |
| 27 | Jo McCormick        |





## A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

*Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.*

 plants grow here

 to coil and jump  
(also a season of the year)

 to expand and get bigger

 seeds are planted in this

 when watered, these make plants

 another word for seedling

For as the \_\_\_\_\_ makes the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  come up and a \_\_\_\_\_  causes

\_\_\_\_\_  to \_\_\_\_\_ , so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise \_\_\_\_\_ up before all nations.



ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

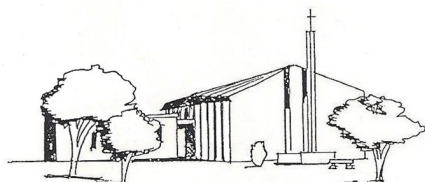
Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



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

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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.