

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
November 2020



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich**

From the Pastor

The fifth chapter in the Book of Matthew is filled with wonderful words from Jesus. Read again the blessings contained in this chapter. *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be*

filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:3-12

Yes, these words are wonderful. The Lord blesses His people. And the Good News is that the word "Blessed" means much more than just being happy. The word "Blessed" in this text means "to be saved." Scripture informs us that Jesus came into the world to save people from sin and death and all that separates us from God and each other. And our response should be one of thanks and praise.

On Thanksgiving, many of us will gather and thank God for the blessings that we have received this past year. And what a year it has been! Even though the corona virus has interrupted our lives, we still have a lot for which to be thankful. The Holy Spirit has been present with us during this time of crisis. The Lord has redeemed us and given us eternal life. And God has daily provided abundantly for all our needs. We all have indeed been blessed. Therefore, let us give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray: Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless, and grant that we may feast in Paradise with Thee. Amen.

Pastor Paul

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Church Council

Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Council Meeting
14th of September 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 14th day of September 2020 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened with a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O'Connell, Chris Kinsey, Fritz Leifeste, Kara Martinez, Linda Ortegon, Barbara Walker, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich

MINUTES: Fritz motion to accept the August 2020 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Marie made a motion to accept the minutes. Chris second the motion. The council approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The August 2020 Treasurer's Report and was approved as presented. John mentioned we were still looking good for the year over all.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell. The Financial Report was accepted as reported. Joyce said we're pretty consistent. Attendance is debatable. The noisy bucket offering hasn't been taken. There was a noisy bucket donation as a memorial for Frieda and a few other ones. There are quite a few people giving on line. Considering we have not met in person we are holding our own.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Marie Williams. Nothing new to report. Most of the core teams are not active right now so most of us won't have anything important. The noisy bucket is Betty's domain, but we might consider once a month allowing a family to drop off as a drive by with the children taken the donation six feet apart. This might encourage everyone to attend church service as well.

Fellowship: Kara Martinez. Nothing new to report.

Evangelism: Barbara Walker. Nothing new to report. Barbara ask the council what they thought about the Women's Bible study trying to start back face to face. The group talked about it last meeting and everyone liked the idea. The council agreed at this point if the numbers stay low like they've been to leave it up to group. Observing social distancing guidelines of course. Barbara said she would bring her laptop to make zoom available to those that couldn't make it to the in person meeting.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor pointed out that he and Bee are selecting hymns for worship at least until advent. He also stated this Sunday, an offering would be included in the service. He wasn't sure how that would be done yet, but he was slowly trying to implement all the different parts of the service. As for the noisy bucket, he would like to have it toward the end of this month, even if it's having coins placed in a bucket. Pastor said he is trying to get us back to normal as much as possible. Pastor went over his pastoral acts. Four zoom Sunday Worship Services, two in-person/Zoom Sunday Worship Services. One led by Joyce. Two Worship Services in Miles. Nine Office Visits. One End of Life Care. Three Home Communion Visits. Pastor said some of our folks haven't seen anyone in a while so he wanted to make sure he saw them. Pastor's activities included; Tuesday evening Adult Bible Study and Confirmation class via zoom. He had nine or ten attend the Adult Bible Study. Pastor took a week off to move Bob to Alabama, then two days off to move to his new home.

Upcoming Events include; The Synod Assembly scheduled for September 26th. Barbara and Margret are delegates and they both have registered. Fritz said the Synod Council meeting is on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Pastor said he had the same thing and he would be attending as a Dean. Pastor said he would miss part of it because Pedro's Navy Retirement Ceremony was the same day and he was asked to do the invocation. Monte will be on vacation September 27th so cleaning will be missed before and after service. The COW Conference meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 03 in Abilene, between 1pm – 3pm. Pastor will touch base with the speakers to confirm if it's going to be held. The Bishop Convocation will be via Zoom, on October 19th and 20th. The cost was \$50.00 to attend. Pastor said he expects his January 2nd – January 08th 2021 vacation will be canceled. He hasn't heard anything about his September 25th 2021 vacation. Hopefully, with any luck, it won't be canceled.

OLD BUSINESS

Fritz said the first item to be discussed was in person services and outside groups using the fellowship hall. In person Sunday Worship Services have started back and he attended last Sunday and felt very comfortable. He said it was nice to be there and see people even from a distance. He enjoyed it very much. The council agreed to let outside groups, the AA Group, use the fellowship hall for in person meetings as long as they cleaned and disinfected before leaving. The council already agreed to let the Women's Bible Study meet in person at the church. Pastor will continue the Tuesday night Bible Study and Confirmation Class via zoom for right now. However, if things seem to stay as they are now, going in to October or November he will consider doing more in person, especially with the Adult Bible Study group. Pastor asked if anybody had any objection to having the next council meeting in person. The council said they didn't. Pastor also stated the agenda for the congregational meeting that comes up in November would need to be discussed in the next meeting. Fritz said Harrison Roofing has not contacted him yet, they have his phone number and said they would contact him when they had time to inspect the roof. Fritz said Bug Express sprayed the church for bugs. The job was very effective. Bug Express has a quarterly service for \$95, which he thought was pretty reasonable and would like the council's approval to sign up for it. Joyce moved to accept the quarterly spray and John second the motion. The council approved. John said the new insurance company and policy would go in to effect December 1st, 2020 and premiums would go down with the new company. He asked for the council's approval to proceed. Chris motioned to authorize John to move forward to change the insurance over as described. Barbara second motion. The council approved.

New Business

John provided a list of the 2021 Budget Committee Members; John Ulrich, Chair, Joyce O'Connell, Leon Thane, Barbara Walker, Margaret Liefeste, Pastor Zwarich and Fritz Liefeste (non-voting). They will be meeting the 21st and 28th via Zoom. Pastor suggested an all committee night in October or November at the church. Pastor felt we all needed a restart right now. Pastor will look at some dates and let us know in the next few weeks. He would like to include all new members coming on as well. Pastor said "Since we've sort of been dormant for the last six months, getting everyone together would help restore life into our committees and feel like we're moving forward again. Pastor will keep us posted. Joyce asked for suggestions on how to handle a substantial donation from Frieda's estate. Fritz suggested creating a specific memorial fund under Frieda's name that is accessible but interest bearing that could be used for many needs and emergencies as they came up. John suggested a mutual fund. The estate isn't closed yet, Joyce said she was just looking for feedback right now, but she will get with John to discuss. Joyce asked that all suggestions be emailed to her. With no farther new business the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.





Worship

Bee Rose
Team Leader

Thank you to everyone who helps with our

services. I don't know where any church would be without the generosity of these helping hands.

If anyone can't make it to church and doesn't have the where withal to partake of Communion during the Zoom service, please let me know or you can let Shelly in the office know and I'll be glad to try and get Communion to you.

And now, I know you all have been waiting for the first installment of the acrostic P.R.A.Y. So without further ado here is P.

PRAISE: The First Step in Effective Prayer

Praying consistently will change your life. In fact, many of the blessings God wants you to enjoy will never be realized unless you pray.

I think all Christians know they are supposed to pray, and all Christians want to pray. But many of God's people, if they are completely frank and transparent about the issue, would have to admit their prayer life is somewhere between mediocre and non-existent.

Over the next few devotionals, I want to share with you four simple points which I have put into an acronym: P-R-A-Y. If you can spell the word pray, hopefully you will be able to remember how to make your prayer life more effective, and you will be inspired to pray more consistently.

Psalm 100 helps us understand the first letter, "P", in the word P-R-A-Y, which stands for praise. Psalm 100:1-4 states it well, Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Verse 2 tells us, Come before His presence with singing. And in verse 4 notice the words "enter into." In other words, praise is how you are to enter God's presence. It is the best way to begin your prayer.

When you want to come to God, you start with thanksgiving. You start with singing. You start with praise. Or, as The Message says, Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

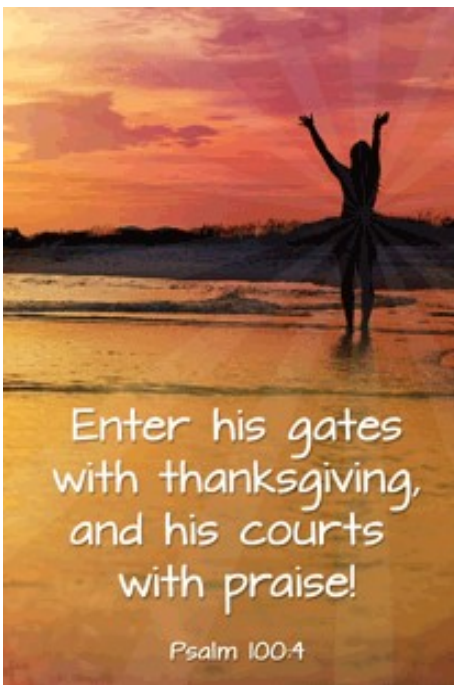
Today, and every day, make praise the starting point of every conversation with God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 100:1-3 NIV

<https://bible.com/bible/111/psa.100.1-3.NIV>

Blessings,
Bee Rose





Education

Marie Williams
Team Leader



**CLASSES FOR
CONFIRMATION**

WINTER BREAK
We will resume
in January.

Please continue to use the children's bulletins that are mailed to you until Sunday School resumes in person. We hope to see everyone soon!



KIDS!
WE MISS YOU!



Evangelism

Barbara Walker
Team Leader



Ladies, Please contact
Barbara for the holiday
Bible Study schedule.

Wednesdays 6pm
In person or Zoom
Resumes Nov. 11th

Every Day, Holy Day by
Alan Moinis

babswalker07@gmail.com

Thanks! Barbara Walker

BIBLE STUDY
with
Pastor Paul
continues
each
Tuesday
6:30 pm via Zoom



*"Go
into all the world*



*and preach the good
news to all creation."*

Mark 16:15



Service & Justice

Betty Thane
Team Leader

GOD'S SWEET BLESSINGS

give so many reasons for a thankful heart. Thinking of our congregation with love and thanks to God for all our blessings. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



NOISY BUCKET has resumed making noise during the fourth Sunday worship service. Don't forget to bring that jingling change in your pocket to help support the Good Gifts program.

GOOD GIFTS CHRISTMAS TREE will be up in the church Narthex on November 29. Remember that hard to buy for friend or relative with a purchase of one of the items from the Good Gifts Christmas Tree. It's fun and a way to support those who struggle with making a living and supporting a family. A Special Merry Christmas to help support our neighbors.

HONEYBEES: A buzz-worthy gift, honeybees have a growing importance as the shrinking honeybee population worldwide is especially worrisome. Beeswax can be transformed into handcrafted soaps, candles, honey and other products to create a small, sustainable business. But that's not all – we know their mere presence on a farm means they are pollinating plants and boosting crop growth far and wide. **Honeybees \$20.**

GOAT: If there is a superhero of the barnyard, it just might be the goat. Why? Because goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's harshest environments – rocky terrain, drought-prone areas, small plots of land, you name it. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. And what's more, offspring can rapidly transform a community when shared with other families in need. **Goat \$50.**

These are a couple of more ideas one can purchase from the Good Gifts Program or Christmas tree.

Blessings to all during this season of giving and Thanksgiving,
Betty Thane, Team Leader

grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness



Kara Martinez
Team Leader

Fellowship

What **ARE** You
Thankful
for?

Friendship Cake

- 1 cup of greetings
- 1/2 cup of smiles
- 1 large handshake
- 2/3 cup of love
- 1 t sympathy
- 2 cups of hospitality

Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly. Add handshake separately. Slowly stir in love. Sift sympathy and hospitality and fold in carefully. Bake in a warm heart. Serve often.

Shared by
Rosalee's kitchen



Thank you for the gifts & acts of kindness I received during Pastor appreciation month.



God bless
you all,
Pastor Paul

We Celebrate the birth of Barbara Walker's first grandbaby.

Nathan
Taron Roby
was born
Oct. 18th .



Happy
Anniversary

November 16, 1973
Al and Rosalee King

November 20, 1973
Steve and Jeannie Mild

NOVEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 - Renae Heinze
- 3 - Annalysse Simon
- 3 - Daniel Williams
- 6 - Caitlyn Phillips
- 7 - James Parry
- 11 - Marie Williams
- 14 - Aymie Portwood
- 14 - Elwin Hahn
- 16 - Kristy Scott
- 17 - Suzy Taylor
- 19 - Joseph Phillips
- 21 - Pat Gavin
- 24 - Valerie Bluthardt
- 28 - Rich Myers
- 29 - Blossom Parry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Worship Service All Saints' Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Day Off	3 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom	4 Women's Bible Study 6pm CANCELLED	5 AA group 5:30 pm	6 AA group 5:30 pm	7
8 Pentecost 23 10am Worship Service 11:30 Pastor in Miles	9 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Day Off 6 pm Church Council Meeting Zoom	10 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom	11 Women's Bible Study Resumes 6pm Veterans' Day	12 AA group 5:30 pm	13 AA group 5:30 pm	14
15 Pentecost 24 10am Worship Service Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting Immediately after worship. Attend in person or via Zoom.	16 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Day Off	17 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom	18 Women's Bible Study 6pm	19 AA group 5:30 pm	20 AA group 5:30 pm Newsletter Deadline	21
22 Pentecost 25 10am Worship Service Christ the King Sunday	23 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Day Off	24 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom	25 Women's Bible Study 6pm	26 AA group 5:30 pm HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27 AA group 5:30 pm	28
29 Advent 1 10am Worship Service	30 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Day Off	DECEMBER 1 AA group 5:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom	2 Women's Bible Study 6pm	3 AA group 5:30 pm	4 AA group 5:30 pm	5

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Danny McLaughlin Glen Skelton Ida Walter's brother Ida Walter Gladys Jones Kara Martinez's mother Carla Wagner Kara Martinez's sister Rev. Moon Grace Allen's dad	Tulisha Bennett Ann Marie's mother Cody Scott Mark Mitchell's nephew Lisa & Eric Erwin illness, Ulrich's daughter & son-in-law Rich Myers broken shoulder	David Van Houten Phyllis Zwarich's son Bill Handley Phyllis Zwarich's brother-in-law Kenneth Hutson Phyllis Zwarich's boss Dave & Debbie Letz Thane's nephew
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In the Military

Jessica Arnold Turner Bickford Ross Bogard Alex Conover	Brandon Cross Zach Fleming Pedro Montanez Austin Seamands	Kristy Simon James Walton Curtis Williamson Adam Zucker
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Our Shut-ins

Conway Ahrens Helen Brandenberger	Barbara Fumagalli Irene Hunter	Travis Raab Lee Rose
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Worship Schedule

DATE	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Communion Assistant	Reader (Lector)	Technology Assistants	Flowers
Nov 1	Jo McCormick	John Ulrich	Annalysse Simon	Joyce O'Connell		Phyllis Zwarich	Pedro Montanez & John Ulrich	Hank & Bee Rose
Nov 8	Phyllis Zwarich			Leon Thane		Betty Thane		Hank & Bee Rose
Nov 15				Ann Helm				Al & Rosalee King
Nov 22	Pam Ulrich	John Ulrich		Joyce O'Connell				Steve & Jeannie Mild
Nov 29				Leon Thane		Betty Thane		St. Germain
Dec 6	Jo McCormick	John Ulrich		Joyce O'Connell				Fiveash
Dec 13				Elaine Welty				Marie Williams
Dec 20	Pam Ulrich	John Ulrich		Ann Helm				St Germain
Dec 24				Elaine Welty				
Dec 27								Thane

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.



Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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