Calvary Comment



Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich



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Can you believe its November already?
Where has the year gone? When I think of
November I think of cooler temperatures
and the time of the year when leaves begin
to change color and fall from the trees.
For me, the month of November signals
that a change is about to occur and it is
time to begin to prepare for the year-end
holiday season. For all of us November is
the month to be thankful and the month
where we eat turkey and spend time with
families and friends and the month where
we watch football. November is indeed a
special time of the year as we give thanks
for all our blessings.

But being thankful is not just for Thanksgiving or for the month of November.

When we stop and think about it, we should be thankful all the time. Throughout the past year I have been thankful for my family, my ministry, my good health, your good health, our congregation, our faith, and time that we get to spend together. I am thankful for the times we have shared our faith stories and for the ministry that God has entrusted to us. I am thankful that the Corona Virus has not been worse than it has been in our ministry setting.

And I am thankful for Jesus and the salvation we have only through Him.

As we journey through the month of November, I encourage you to spend a moment each day reflecting upon what you are thankful for and write it down.

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You may want to start a journal so you can read it when you are having a not so pleasant day. If you are part of a social network such as Facebook or Instagram, write something that you are thankful for and tag a friend to do the same so they too can reflect upon what they are thankful. But always remember: "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His mercy is everlasting." Psalm 107:1

Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, for all things living, you have made good. Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 Lord, bless the labor, we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor, we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you; harvesting, milling, for daily bread.
 - 3 Father, providing, food for your children, your wisdom guiding, teach us to share one with another, so that rejoicing sister and brother, may know thy care.
- 4 Then will thy blessing, reach every people; each one confessing, your gracious hand. When you are reigning, no one will hunger, your love sustaining; fruitful the land.

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Holy Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Paul





Church Council

Linda Ortegon Council Secretary September 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting



The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the 13TH day of September by the Council President Joyce O'Connell. Pastor Paul gave the devotion from Mark 9. Whoever wants to be first must be last. Jesus always called on his followers for always putting themselves first. Jesus wants us to serve others. When we give up pushing other people out of the way we discover that God's grace makes room for us all. Pastor opened with a prayer.

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

MINUTES: Joyce motion to accept the August 09, 2021, Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. John moved to accept the minutes. Chris second the motion. The council approved the August Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Thane presented the report for September. The council accepted it as presented.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Absent. Per Ann Helm. The Women's Bible Study is being held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the evening. It has been very well attended.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Nothing to Report.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Noisy Bucket collection was \$72.70. Last month on the 20th we

helped serve 200 meals with Trinity Lutheran at the Soup Kitchen. We will continue helping this month on the 19th going through the 17th of October. Donations of personal items for the Family Shelter can be brought up to that date. Most families that arrive at the Family Shelter come in with just the clothes they are wearing. The collections can be dropped off at the church.

Worship: Bee Rose Absent.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. An Evangelism meeting was held on the 8th. They got the bulletin board done. They put together visitor bags and three are ready to be given out. They would like to have a "Come and See Event" the last day of October as a Halloween trunk and treat. Invitations will go out to Bowie Elementary. A message that invites them to come to the church will be included in each bag.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had four in Person, Zoom and Facebook Sunday Worship Services. One Funeral at Miles for Naomi Joy Dillion, September 09, 2021. Sixteen people received communion. Seven office visits. Four Sunday Adult Bible Studies on the Book of Philippians. Four Internship Supervision meetings. Pastor attended the "All Committee Gathering" w/ congregation August 14, 2021. Blessing of the backpacks was held on August 15, 2021. Noisy Bucket collection was on August 22, 2021. Evangelism Meeting was held September 08, 2021. The Synod Council Meeting with Deans was held on September 10, 2021. Pastor attended the Gathering Together Event September 11, 2021. He was recognized for his 20th anniversary ordination. Budget Committee Meeting will be held on September 14th, 21st and 28th.

Church Council continued

The Faithful Innovation Meeting will be held on September 18th, 2021. Our attendees will be Joyce O'Connell, Pedro Montanez, Mark Mitchell, Betty Thane, Pastor Paul. The COW Conference Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2021. NT-NL Briarwood Leadership Convention is scheduled for October 18-20, 2021. Reformation Sunday is October 31st, 2021. Wear Red. All Saints Sunday is November 7. 2021. Thanksgiving Meal is to be TBD. Mid-Week Advent Services begins Decembers 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Pastor will be on vacation September 25th-October 03rd, 2021. Pulpit Supply will be needed September 26th and October 03rd. Pastor will be on Vacation May 15th-May21st, 2022. Pulpit Supply needed for May 15, 2022. Calvary's 75th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for October 16, 2022. Pastor will be on vacation June 09 – June 22, 2023. Pulpit Supply needed.

NEW BUSINESS: On-Line giving. Chris handed out some information that talked about adding a button to our Facebook page live screen and calling it contributions. He wanted to talk to the council about it since it would take a group effort to get working if we chose to proceed. The council like the idea and gave Chris the go ahead. The council was asked to approve the Budget Committee members to be installed: Fritz, John, Leon, Manuel, and Ouida. Pastor Paul and Joyce are non-voting members. Chris moved to accept the members and Marie second the motion. The council approved. The Semi-Annual Congregation meeting will be held November 14, 2021. The pastor will ask the congregation for

delegates to attend the Synod/Mission Assembly. It's an election year of the bishop. Office coverage is needed September 24th – October 05, 2021. John will check the answering machine and emails. Ann the Miles intern will be available to address any emergency. More technical information will be given to the evangelism team. Evangelism Team ask if we should respond to on-line comments? Chris said we need to be very careful and make sure the decision to reply comments is well thought out before making decision to proceed. The evangelism team will submit suggestions to the council for approval at a later date. The 75th anniversary budget. Leon said the budget committee would like input on what the overall budget should cover. Dorothy said \$200.00 for banner, \$150.00 flowers, \$150.00 table clothes and \$50.00 for miscellaneous. Catering \$2000.00. Total Budget \$2550.00. Pastor suggested the cost of a room for the bishop be added into the cost. Leon will have it added as a line item. The anniversary budget committee will continue to meet and when the budget has been finalized will submit it to the council.

OLD BUSINESS: Rally Day has been postponed. Since the kids are not coming, we will try again in October. A personal invitation will be sent out to the parents of the kids if it's scheduled. Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for the November 21, 2021. Donations of clothes, food and school items for Project Dignidad was received in August.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Línda Ortegon

Council Secretary

Pick up a copy of the PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET from the table in the narthex. Please review this before the congregational meeting on Nov. 14th. Contact John Ulrich,

Treasurer if you have questions or for more information. Thank you.



Evangelism

Ann Helm Team Leader

I'm retired now, but like many people I spent most of my working life with my left foot at work and my right foot at home, often with difficulty maintaining balance between the two. Like many of you I was so busy trying to navigate and survive the ever-changing work world and also take care of my family, that my faith was often absent. There was no time for socializing, no water cooler sessions, no faith sharing. I enjoyed what I had learned to do and what I could accomplish, but beyond a paycheck my workdays were tiring and often unrewarding.

I thought back through my life and remembered one particular person that I worked with that was different from other employees, including me. She should have been named Joy, for she had a peace about her, so kind and sweet. Joy was never rattled, never had an unkind word, very dedicated, worked hard. Why was she different? She usually got to work early, like I did, but she didn't rush in like me. Every morning she sat alone in her car for a little while before entering the building. I wondered why and one day I stopped and asked her if she was okay. Joy was not alone in her car, she was praying with the Holy Spirit. Joy told me that her few minutes with the Holy Spirit helped her do her work more meaningfully, more purposefully, more lovingly, throughout the day. She saw the world and everyone in it as a creation of God. She believed her work within the world given through the Holy Spirit was to the glory of God. Perhaps she was following apostle Paul's advice in Corinthians 15:58, "Get on with your work in as much as you know that it is not in vain in the Lord." Each person Joy encountered through her work had a life story and whatever she said or did with each person became part of their story and her own. What if I had listened and taken the examples of Joy and the apostle Paul to heart. My work would have been more meaningful, more purposeful, and more loving. No regrets.

Thinking of my work and spiritual life during those years, I believe I could have found joy in my work and infused my work with Christ's love if I had not worked so hard to separate my faith from my work. What if I had worked with all my heart, *as working for the Lord*. Colossians 3: 23 says "Whatever you do, work at it with

all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..."

The apostle Paul was an extraordinary minister of the gospel and a great example of ministering in his work. He was a successful tentmaker long before he was dramatically changed forever into a new life in Jesus Christ. As a missionary, Paul could have discontinued his work as a tentmaker and become a fully "donor-supported" missionary, but he didn't. Instead, as he journeyed all over the region to preach about Jesus, he continued working as a tentmaker, alongside other tentmakers. They learned to respect him in his work and he became their friend, teaching them about Jesus as they worked together. In Acts 18 we learn that when Paul went to Corinth, he met Aquila and Priscilla, fellow tentmakers who had fled Rome. He stayed and worked alongside them as he continued his ministry. When Paul left Corinth for Syria, his new friends, Aquila and Priscilla trusted him enough to follow him.

What if we minister through our work like Joy or Paul? What if we pray every morning, asking the Holy Spirit to lead us into opportunities to minister to the people we work with? What if we become the one at work who notices others who are stressed or struggling or upset and we are kind, listening, supportive, and helping where we can? What if we have an opportunity to remind someone that God is our refuge and our strength in times of trouble or tell someone that God loves each of us today and always? I regret not letting the Holy Spirit lead me in my work life for so many years. All that workplace opportunity to share Jesus was wasted.

Like me, you are also doing your life work, whether that is in a job, volunteering, serving God's church, raising children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren or helping your neighbors and friends. I pray for no more regrets in my daily work. I pray for each of us to seek the Holy Spirit every day and allow Him to enter our hearts as we work. I pray His guidance and blessing makes our workdays matter in a spiritual way, full of opportunities to share Jesus's abounding love with

people while we work. May our work be *joyful* in the Lord and to his glory. Amen.

Ann Helm



T-Shirts Available!!

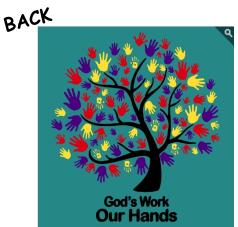
It has been a while since we have ordered t-shirts at Calvary Lutheran. Many of us don't have one and have wanted one for when we participate in outreach projects such as Meals for the Elderly, Food Kitchen, Project Dignidad, evangelism outreach, etc. to say who we are and what we do. They are colorful and fun to wear for other events and for everyday.

Shirts will be available from Gandy Ink by special order for \$25. The order period will be from November 1 through November 14th. Shirts will come in several adult sizes in either gray or teal. Shirt in picture is teal. They must be ordered in lots of 12 or more in each color to qualify for this price, so the more orders we have the better. Repeat orders also require lots of 12 or more, so it might be a while before we can re-order.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Payment is required at the time of the order and may be submitted to the office during the week or to Elaine Welty, Mark Mitchell, or Ann Helm after church. Checks should be payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and earmarked for shirts. For more information, please contact Elaine Welty at 817-372-8295.

FRONT







TRUNK OR TREAT

The Evangelism Team thanks all of you for donating candy (also

pretzels, pencils, stickers, erasers); for tirelessly stuffing the 400 treat bags on Sunday after church; and for handing out Halloween gift bags to the Bowie kids for the "Come and See Trunk or Treat" event October 30. Thanks to Shelly Salling for helping us with our Halloween flyers and our decorative bag ties.

We hope to report how many kids attended and share a few more pictures on Facebook, but here's a few.

From your Evangelism Team: Gary Griffin, Kara Martinez, Elaine Welty, Mark Mitchell, and Ann Helm



Worship Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild

You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.

DATE	Greeter	Usher	Acolyte	АМ	Reader	Technology	Flowers	Altar Guild
11/7 All Saints	Jo McCormick	Lou St. Germain		Joyce O'Connell	Phyllis Zwarich	John	Hank & Bee Rose	
11/14 Pent. 25				Bee Rose	Valerie Bluthardt	Ulrich Pedro Montanez	The Parrys	??
11/21 Christ the King					Valerie Bluthardt	Wiontanez	Al & Rosalee King	
11/28 Advent 1				Leon Thane	Bee Rose		Marie Williams	



Fellowship

Dorothy St. Germain Team Leader

Let's Celebrate THANKSGIVING with a THANKSGIVING DINNER NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Calvary Lutheran Church Family is gathering at Church after worship service to fellowship with A Thanksgiving meal. Turkey, ham, and gravy will be provided.



Plan to attend and bring your favorite side dish!

A sign up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex.

Help will be needed in setting up on Saturday, Nov. 20th at 2:00 pm at church and cleaning up after the meal. Thank you. If you have questions, please call Dorothy at 223-8347.



Finance Leon Thane Team Leader



From the Financial Committee:

Friends, We will in December 2021, be issuing, for your use, the 2022 issue of Calvary Giving Envelopes for our congregation. Perhaps you might not have one and would desire the same. Would you let us know by text, email or phone call?

Also, there is available on Facebook, a hyperlink where individuals may contribute to Calvary if they so choose.

Thank you so much! Leon Thane



Worship

Bee Rose Team Leader

Here we are in Autumn with a bit cooler weather! We have so many ways to thank and worship God! Like, if you have recovered from or never got this insidious virus, you have ever so much to thank and worship God for.

It is also time to start thinking about all of the extra worship services we will be having in the next couple of months and get them in your schedule. If this virus didn't do anything else, it gave us choices. You may worship in person, via Zoom or Facebook.

As always, please consider volunteering to assist with worship services, picking Hymns or you can think about helping at the soup kitchen on the third Friday of each month.

I will be out of contact from the 4th to the 13th of November. Hank and I are going on our first cruise, that is, not on a Navy ship. Shelly should be able to answer any questions in my absence.

Points to Ponder

Faith May Differ

Your children's and grandchildren's faith does not need to be exactly the same as yours. My husband and I have four grown children and nine grandchildren, and their involvement in their congregations enriches our own faith as we talk about our faith experiences. What a blessing to have a God who is larger than just one denomination. This excerpt is from "Ten Tips for Grandmas" by Else Shardt in the December 2011 issue of Gather magazine.

Complaining and Grumbling - Numbers 20:1-13

Do you think Moses sometimes felt like a parent trying to herd a pack of squabbling children (the Israelites)? One of parenting's greatest challenges is to lead and discipline without giving in to frustration or anger. Children do not always respond to parental authority in reasonable or obedient ways. Being a good mother or father, teacher or leader, requires God's help!

Moses failed in this area in today's reading. Israel's habitual complaining became a matter of pride. If he took their grumbling personally, he was stepping into the place of God and essentially taking the credit or glory for himself. Normally, he recognized that the people were in fact complaining against God and resisted this temptation.

But not this time. The people were irritable about a lack of water (vv. 2–5). Their constant complaint was, essentially "Why did you bring us here to die?" Moses and Aaron inquired of the Lord, and He told them to speak to a rock and it would pour forth water. Moses, however, spoke and acted in anger, striking the rock instead of speaking to it. Perhaps Moses was depressed about the nation's failure at the border. Perhaps he was upset over the recent death of his sister (v. 1). Whatever the reason, there was no excuse for this sin of pride. "Must we bring you water?" was both a complaint and a boast (v. 10; see Ps. 106:32–33). That's what made his sin of striking the rock so heinous.

Though the punishment of not being permitted to enter the promised land seems severe, it fit the sin (Num. 20:12). Moses had publicly disobeyed the Lord. It was a failure of faith—"you did not trust in me enough"—as well as a failure of obedience and worship. He had failed to honor God as holy.

To us, complaining or grumbling might seem like a mild sin. But Scripture doesn't agree! Let us ask God to help us fight this temptation and "become blameless and pure". (Phil. 2:14–16).

Prayer

In many churches today, reverence is not always emphasized, but we ask You to check our every complaint with a reminder of Your holiness. Silence our complaining with joyful reverence for Your majesty.

From Today in the Word Daily Devotionals for Oct 20 2021 - Moses Fails.

Bible knowledge questions: answers on p. 9

- 1. The word Jezreel sometimes refers to a:
- A. Mountain B. Valley
- 2. This valley is condemned several times in the Old Testament as a place of child sacrifice.
- A. Gibeon. B. Beersheba. C. Hinnom. D. Jezreel.
- 3. Mount Zion is mentioned in multiple places in the Bible. Where is it located?

A. Jericho. B. Jerusalem. C. On the edge of the Sinai Peninsula. D. It's location is unknown.

Blessings to all, Bee Rose





Service & Justice

Marie Williams Team Leader



The Service and Justice team would like to invite the members of Calvary to take part in donating for the Thanksgiving baskets Project Dignidad is providing for people in need. Here is a list of items needed:

Can of vegetable
Can of yams or white potatoes
Can of tuna or chicken
Can of fruit
Small bag of rice
Box of Jello
Small bag or can of beans
Box of macaroni & cheese

Bag of cookies
Coffee, tea, or Kool-aide
Box of cornbread or biscuit mix
Jar of Peanut butter
Dressing
Turkey gravy
Jar of jelly
Can of cranberry sauce

Drop items by the table in the narthex. They are accepting donations for turkeys.

November, 2021

We finished the project for the Family Shelter with over 100 pieces of clothing donated as well as a carload of other household needs.

THANKS!



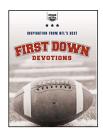
WOW! Noisy Bucket for
October collected \$88.61.
Bring your coins on the 4th
Sunday of each month.
Donations go to the
Good Gifts Fund.



Education

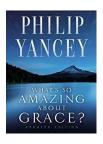
Heidi Wierzowiecki Team Leader





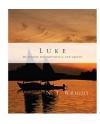
Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, November 13, 2021 Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory 4235 Sherwood Way at 8 am.



Women's Bible Study

We meet Wednesday nights at 6:00 Nov. 3, 10, & 17. We will take a break during the Advent & Christmas seasons until January.



Coffee and Conversation

On Sunday November 28 we will begin the Gospel of Luke Bible Study by N.T. Wright. Free used books will be available, or you can order new copies or Kindle on Amazon.

Coffee will be ready at 8:30. Study begins at 8:45

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ on p. 7

- **1. B. Valley.** The Bible uses the word as a place of valley, But never as a mountain. For example, see Joshua 17:16 and Judges 6:33.
- **2. C. Hinnom.** Jeremiah 32:35 states, "And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnomto cause their sons and daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech." This valley was just outside ancient Jerusalem.
- 3. **B. Jerusalem.** It also (more aptly) described as a hill, as in Palm 2:6: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." It has been the site of fortifications and settlements for centuries.



11/16/1973 Al & Rosalee King



2	Renae Heinze
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



Calvary, thank you for all the wonderful birthday wishes, cards & prayers! I am so grateful for your kindness.

God bless you all! Diane Ross



John & I deliver meals for the elderly. Last week our very last person on our route didn't answer the door. We are instructed to call the office and let them know so someone will check on them. We did that and headed home with this one meal. We looked for a homeless person to give it to. Finally we saw a woman walking down the street carrying a pillowcase of belongings! Yes, perfect for this one meal.

We turned the car around and headed back. She was gone. John thought perhaps she had gone into the San Angelo Lodge motel. We drove in there and didn't see her. We went to the office with this one meal and asked the desk clerk if she could give it to someone. She said, "Oh, yes...we have many hungry people here". She turned to the phone and called. "Mr. Smith, someone, just dropped off a meal for you." If you have some extra food, they could definitely use it.

Pam & John Ulrích



Daylight Savings comes to an end.

Remember to turn your clock back on Sunday, Nov. 7th!



Altar Guild

Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, November 6 at 9:30am. If you are interested in participating in our church in this way, please join us to learn more and serve our Lord and church. For more information call Pam Ulrich at 942-9404.



Calvary, thank you for the cards & recognition that I received during pastor appreciation month. Sincere thanks to everyone. Pastor Paul

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	2	9
			Women's Bible Study 6pm	Evangelism 1pm Intern Supervisor Meeting 12-4 Online Council	AA group 5:30pm	Altar Guild 9:30am
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8:45am Adult Class bible study with Pastor 10am Worship Service	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm Pastor-online text study 12-4	Women's Bible Study 6pm	AA group 5:30pm Veterans' Day	AA group 5:30pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8am Rosa's on
All Saints Sunday Daylight-saving Time Ends	6:30pm Church Council	/stn anniversary com mtg. 3pm Faithful Innov 4pm		Online Council Training 7pm		Sherwood way
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am Adult Class bible study with Pastor 10am Worship Service Pentecost 25 Congregational Meeting Following the service	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm	Women's Bible Study 6pm break until January	AA group 5:30pm Online Council Training 7pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 Newsletter deadline	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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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.