

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

November 2022



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*



“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1 ESV

As we come to November, Thanksgiving is what instantly comes to my mind. This is true for most people. We anticipate this day, we plan for this day, the day when we will watch football and offer thanks for all the blessings, we have received this past year.

I want to thank you for the gifts given to me during Pastor’s Appreciation Month and for all the support and prayers I have received as we journey together in ministry. I am thankful that I have been “Called” to serve such a wonderful congregation and for the dedication and support I receive from our staff (Shelly, Monty, Grace, David & Karla) Thank You.

As I reflect upon Thanksgiving, I am reminded again of Luther’s explanation of the First Article of The Apostles Creed. The first Article states *“I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.”* Luther then asked: *“What does this mean?”* He responded *“I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this He does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore, I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.”* Luther’s Small Catechism

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we make sure that we are properly giving thanks and that we direct our thanks to the One who has provided each and every one of our blessings. And then let us share with others the blessings we have received from God our Father.

Have A Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Pastor Paul

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Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 13, 2022

The Council President Betty Thane called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 13th day of September. Pastor Paul opened with a devotion and a pray.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Ann Helm, Council Secretary Linda Ortegon, Education Committee Leader Heidi Wierzowiecki, Fellowship Committee Leader Dorothy St. Germain, Financial Secretary Leon Thane, Council President Betty Thane, Council Vice President Chris Kinsley, Worship Committee Leader Bee Rose, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Betty Thane Council President moved to accept the August 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris Kinsey motion to accept the minutes. Bee second the motion. The council approved the August Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ann Helm. The Council accepted the August 2022 Treasurer's report as presented.

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

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. Sunday started.

Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. The church picnic was genuinely nice.

Service and Justice: N/A

Worship: Bee Rose. Communion started on the rail.

Evangelism: N/A

Pastor's Report: Please refer to the Pastor's August Report for details.

New Business

Cleaning of the Church. Before our 25th Anniversary Celebration the Altar Guild will meet to clean the church. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Dorothy, Betty, and Leon will meet to organize any movement of chairs or furniture the Saturday before. The council said thank you to Joyce for covering twenty-four chair seats in preparation for our anniversary celebration.

Variance Letter from the City. The church received a variance letter from the City of San Angelo. The letter was letting us know of a plan to build a Gazebo next to the dog ran. Since the location of the Gazebo was not being build next to our property the council agreed it would have no effect on us.

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Annual Congregational Meeting. Bee made a motion to move the Annual Congregation meeting from the 13th of November to November 06. Heidi second the motion. The council approved. The Annual Congregation Meeting will be on Sunday November 06, 2022.

Thanksgiving Meal. Bee made a motion to move the Thanksgiving Meal from Sunday November 20, 2022, to November 13, 2022. Heidi second the motion. The council approved. The Thanksgiving Meal will be on Sunday November 13, 2022.

Budget & Staff Raises – The budget committee will meet the first three Wednesdays of September. The new proposed budget should be ready by October. Chris made a motion to accept the proposal to increase the Pastor annual salary by five percent. The council approved. Chris made a motion to increase the church secretary’s hourly wage by \$1.00. The council approved.

Offering Envelops for Confirmed Youth. The council all agreed they did not see the benefit in providing offering envelop booklets to the confirmed youth.

NTTL Delegates. The NTTL delegate nominees need to be submitted to the council.

360 Microphone for Zoom. The council approved the purchase of a 360 microphone for Zoom.

Live Streaming – In order to improve operator accessibility to our Live Streaming platform – Chris Kinsey will submit a detail cost to improve that platform. A grant will be submitted to the Mission Endowment fund to cover the cost.

Old Business

Steward Consecration Sunday –Steward Consecration Sunday will be on June 4, 2023.

Trees. Still waiting on a bid.

Roof – Rain Cutters. The council approved the cleaning of the rain cutters as part of the annual maintenance budget.

Communications – Salvation Army.

Betty moved to adjourn the meeting. The council approved.

The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Linda Ortegon / Council Secretary

Service Volunteers, Flowers & Altar Guild						
DATE	Greeter	Asst. Min.	Reader	Flowers	Technology	Altar Guild
Nov 6 All Saints	Jo McCormick	Joyce O’Connell	Phyllis Zwarich	Hank & Bee Rose	John Ulrich Pedro Montanez	Ann Helm
Nov 13 Pent 23		Leon Thane	Betty Thane	Robert Wierzowiecki		
Nov 20 Christ the King	Jo McCormick	Elaine Welty	Bee Rose	Al & Rosalee King		
Nov 27 Advent 1		Bee Rose	Tori Redman	Hank & Bee Rose		



Worship News

Bee Rose

Well, some rain and cooler weather is here... for a time anyway. Thank you, Jesus!

I have to get to the point first. We are in great need of volunteers for church services. When we were not allowed to worship together due to the virus, we had to make do with a select group who volunteered week after week. We are now almost back to normal, and I would really love to see some new faces every once in awhile. We will also be picking Hymns in the next month or so. Please think about filling one of these positions.

Here are a couple of things for your reading our devotional pleasure:

Simple Objects Contain the Holy

I have a purple vase, a yellow mixing bowl, and a hedgehog – simple objects. But if we let them, our objects can tell a powerful story of faith and belief – a story of our lives and of the God who created us and the world.

This is the lesson we learn at church over and over: Simple, tangible objects can and do contain the holy. We touch and taste the bread and wine. We feel the water on our foreheads marking the sign of the cross. Bread, wine, and water show us what it means to be transformed by our objects. Bread, wine, and water that are never just bread, wine, and water. They remind us that God comes to us in the most intimate, personal, and tangible ways. With each bite of bread, we proclaim that Christ is with us. With each sip of wine, we trust that forgiveness is ours. With every splash of water, we teach that grace is unending.

What are the stories behind your most precious items?

This message is excerpted from "Sacred objects" by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller in the September 2017 Gather magazine.

I Shoulds...

"I should be going over the flow of my evening performance right now. A few people are urgently waiting for me to respond to their emails, so I should respond. I should also make that quick call to my insurance company..." Should, should, should...

But instead, I was sitting backstage and had opened the Bible to be with the Lord and ask Him what He was up to. At that moment, my eyes fell upon the following verse:

"...those who seek the LORD lack no good thing." (Psalm 34:10, NIV)

Reading this verse touched me very much because, honestly, there was so much to do! In particular, I wanted to plan more details for my upcoming performance. But I also knew that the evening could only be a blessing if I didn't overlook what was most important: seeking the Lord.

Take a moment to allow this verse to really sink in: "...those who seek the LORD lack no good thing." What "good" might you be missing right now?

That afternoon, I personally was missing a full night's sleep; good ideas for the evening's performance; and helpful feedback for solving the problems waiting for me at home.

But what does this verse say again? What are we to do so that we lack no good thing? Yes, "seek the Lord." It almost sounds too simple to be true! Yet it is true. Have you already planned time in your daily life to seek the Lord, or are you still caught in neverending "should"s?

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Today or tomorrow, before tackling all your other responsibilities, I encourage you to say "I choose to seek You, Lord, first!" Set a boundary so your "should"s don't crowd out your time with the Lord. When you do, you will see your everyday life in a totally different light!

I can reassure you of this: it is absolutely worth it. That evening of my concert, I didn't go on stage with a perfectly thought-out plan, but I did go on stage with my mind and heart close to Him. I was then able to love and minister to others much more effectively! :-)

I pray this promise resonates in your heart today: as you seek first His Kingdom, all the rest will be added unto you as well! (see Matthew 6:33).

I got this as a daily devotional from Jesus. Net You Are A Miracle.

Would you like to select hymns? We need volunteers to help pick hymns for the next quarter of the church year. Contact Bee Rose if you are interested. Thank you!



Anniversary Banner

Thank you to **Joyce O'Connell** for the church banner which she created for our Anniversary. Please see the labels in the photo on the left which explain the meanings of the 4 symbols. Calvary is blessed by Joyce's talents & generosity.

The banner currently hangs in the sanctuary. Thank you, Joyce!!

Bow Making Party



Decorate the Church

When we were putting away the Christmas tree last year I noticed that most of the bows are suffering from wear. Therefore I bought many rolls of wired Velvet ribbon and Mark Mitchell made bowmakers. Anyone interested in making bows for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas is invited to a bow making party Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. Bring munchies, & we'll have coffee and fun as we make new bows for decorating the sanctuary. **Elaine Welty**



Anniversary Thank you!

"Thank you! to all who came and participated in 75 years of celebration of the church and congregation of Calvary Lutheran, San Angelo. Thank you! to Pastor, Bishop, Pam, John, Dorothy, Joyce, Betty, Shelly, Grace, LaMont, David, Ashlyn, & the Thane singers. Bless our sister, Frieda, who was there from the beginning. And especially Thank you!!! to our congregation!"



Anniversary committee

Joyce O'Connell
 Dorothy St. Germain
 Betty Thane
 Leon Thane
 Pam Ulrich
 Pastor Paul Zwarich







Fellowship News
Dorothy St. Germain



Our Thanksgiving Meal will be Sunday, November 13 following the worship service. The meat will be provided by Pam and John Ulrich. We need members to make the dressing, gravy and other side dishes. A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex. Please help to make this a real Thanksgiving celebration!



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday November 12, 2022
Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory
4235 Sherwood Way at 8am



Daylight Savings comes to an end.

Remember to turn your clock back on Nov 6.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, November 5 at 10 am. 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.



T-shirt Sales

If anyone would like a teal Calvary t-shirt for \$21, contact Ann Helm. Sizes available are M, L, XL, & 2X until gone. Get your before the price goes up!



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

Pastor Paul



11/16/1973
Al & Rosalee King



6	Caitlyn Phillips
7	James Parry
11	Marie Williams
14	Aymie Portwood
14	Elwin Hahn
16	Kristy Scott
17	Suzy Taylor
19	Joseph Phillips
24	Valerie Bluthardt
28	Rich Myers
29	Blossom Parry

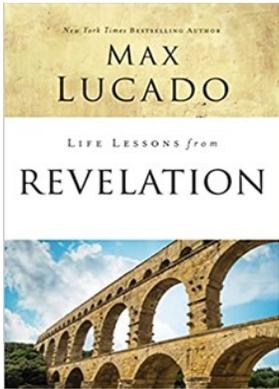


**Lutheran
Lunchers
(at night)**

**November 3rd
6:00 pm**

Nacho's Restaurant
2502 Loop 306

Pam & John Ulrich, Hosts



JOIN US!

Pastor's 12 week
Bible Study

**TUESDAY
6:45 pm**
In person or Zoom

We will study Max Lucado's
Life Lessons from Revelation.

*We do not meet the 2nd Tuesday
of each month. Council meets on these days.*



The Service and Justice team has planned an activity for the end of October and the first two weeks of November. We will provide items for

both the Family Shelter and Project Dignidad. We have been provided a Thrivent grant to help with the project. Thank you!



Family Shelter

laundry soap
dryer sheets
dish washing soap
(not dishwasher soap)
disinfectant wipes
paper plates
plastic cups
plastic silverware
individual bottled water

Project Dignidad



Items needed to complete the Thanksgiving baskets:

Box of Stuffing Mix
Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Vegetables
Canned Yams
Canned Fruit
Canned Milk
Canned Pumpkin
Cranberry Sauce
Jello
Cake Mix & Frosting
Vegetable or Canola Oil
Rice
Dried Beans
Turkey Gravy Mix

Turkeys will be provided by monetary donations to:

Project Dignidad
313 w. Avenue N
San Angelo, TX 76903

Please write your church/organization in the memo section,
~or~

Checks can be made out to your church/organization with Project Dignidad written in the memo section.

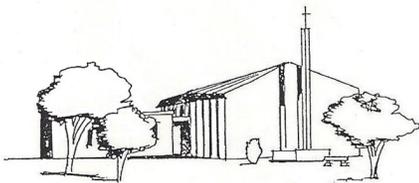
Please help with your continued support of this mission for our community.

NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:45pm In person or Zoom	2 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	3 AA 5:30pm Lutheran Lunchers At Night! Nacho's 6pm Ulrichs, hosts	4 AA 5:30pm	5 Altar Guild 10am
6 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> <i>Congregational Meeting</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	7 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	8 AA 5:30pm Council 6:45pm (No Bible Study)	9 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	10 AA 5:30pm Bow Making Party 10am	11 AA 5:30pm	12 Men's Bible Breakfast 8am Rosa's on Sherwood Way
13 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Thanksgiving Cong. Meal</i>	14 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	15 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:45pm In person or Zoom	16 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	17 AA 5:30pm	18 AA 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	19
20 8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	21 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	22 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:45pm In person or Zoom	23 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	24 AA 5:30pm HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 AA 5:30pm	26
27 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Noisy Bucket</i> <i>Advent 1</i>	28 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	29 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:45pm In person or Zoom	30 UCM ASU Food 4 Thought 10am Mid-Week Service Advent 1 6pm	Mid-Week Wed. advent services 6pm Dec. 7, 14, 21 Christmas Program-Dec. 11 Council Christmas Meal-Dec. 13		

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*Sharing God's word & love
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.