

Calvary Comment



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich**



Join us!!



- 4 - Altar Guild Meeting
- 8 - UCM Lunch Food for Thought
- 14 - Council Meeting
- 17 - Soup Kitchen
- 14 - Holy Cross Day
- 17 - Soup Kitchen
- 26 - Reformation & Noisy Bucket

Calvary Lutheran Church
3231 S. College Hills Blvd.
San Angelo, TX

October 2025



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From the Pastor:

Wow. The month of October is upon us, & we are already starting to see the beauty of the fall season. The nights are beginning to get a little cooler. My fall garden is full of tomatoes. Halloween merchandise is in the stores. And believe it or not, I have even seen Christmas merchandise in the stores. Autumn is upon us, & it is indeed a favorite time of the year for many people.

In the Lutheran Church, the month of October concludes with the Festival of the Reformation, the day when we remember Martin Luther's famous posting of his 95 Theses on the doors of the Castle in Wittenberg. The actual date of the posting was on October 31, 1517, on the Eve of All Saints Sunday. Luther chose this date because he knew that there would be a good crowd at church that Sunday to celebrate All Saints Sunday, & that many of his colleagues would be present & notice his "Call for Debate."

Luther posted his 95 Theses in response to many of the false teachings taught in the church at that time, especially the official church teaching on the sale of indulgences. Luther was furious that people were being led astray from the truth of the Gospel & insisted that the people be taught that it is through the grace of God that we are saved & not by our own doing or papal authority. This sparked the beginning of the Reformation, & a return to the Biblical standards of faith & practice.

Today, the Festival of Reformation has largely been overshadowed by Halloween. And so the church, in great wisdom, transferred the celebration of the Reformation to the last Sunday in October, & made Red the color of the Season to remind us of the fire & power of the Holy Spirit, & also to remember the blood of the martyrs who lived before us who gave their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

This year Reformation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday October 26th. Come & join us as we sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," as we recall the day when Martin Luther challenged the Church to restore key biblical doctrines (such as salvation by grace through faith alone) in the church, & his call to the church to return to the Bible as the ultimate authority for our Christian faith.

Have a Blessed Fall Season

Pastor Paul

Calvary Lutheran Church Minutes June 17, 2025, 6pm

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Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present:

Joyce O'Connell, Financial Secretary
Margaret Leifeste, Vice President
Ashlyn Scott, Secretary
Diane Ross, Worship
Jill Zuehlke, Fellowship
Elaine Mitchell, Service and Justice
Paul Zwarich, Pastor

Absent:

Betty Thane, President
Marie Williams, Parish Ed
Manuel Ortegon, Treasurer

Joyce moved to accept June's council meeting minutes with corrections, Diane seconded, & minutes were accepted.

Education: No report

Fellowship: Nothing to report

Worship: Will be picking hymns in late August

Social Concerns: God's Work, Our Hands- September 7th

Pastor's Report: Pastor read the report and was accepted as presented

General Information

"Leading the Herd" - once a month

Unfinished Business

Joyce presented the update on ongoing church repairs

Insurance Committee: Leon, Heather, and one unfilled spot

In need of organist on August 3 and 10

Picnic/Rally day: August 17th, 2025

Will start organizing the 2026 Stewardship program in September 2025

New Business

Installation of Church Council on June 29th

Elected New Council Members

Vice President – Margaret Leifeste

Education – Marie Williams

Financial Secretary – Joyce O'Connell

Financial Secretary Report: Joyce presented the Financial Secretary Report and we accepted it as presented.

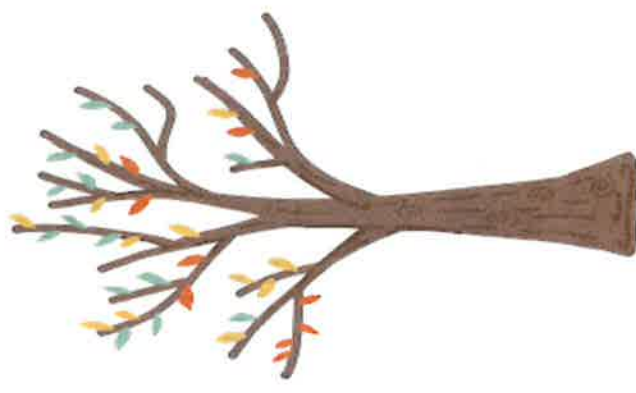
Treasurer's Report: No report.

Ashlyn motioned to adjourn the meeting, Diane seconded, and motion passed.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6:34 pm.

Secretary,

Ashlyn Scott



DATE 2025	Assist. Minister	Reader (Lector)	Tech	Flowers	Sunday School	Altar Guild
Oct 5 Pentecost 17	Joyce	Ashley P.	Marcy	Pastor Paul		Dorothy St. Germaine
Oct 12 Pentecost 18	Elaine	Bee	Adam	Hank & Bee	Blossom	
Oct 19 Pentecost 19	Joyce		Adam	Jo McCormick	Blossom	
Oct 26 Pentecost 20	Bee	Valerie B.		Hank & Bee	Jill Zuehlke	



Jill Zuehlke
Team Leader Fellowship

Hello, Dear Members,

We are looking forward to announcing the date of our traditional Thanksgiving Meal. The date will be decided at the October Council meeting.



We had wonderful Day as we filled the beans & rice bags. Thanks to everyone it was filled with much enjoyment & happiness to know we are making a difference in our community!! We are truly blessed!!

2025-2026 Council Members

President:

Vice-President: Margaret Leifeste

Secretary: Ashlyn Scott

Treasurer: Manuel Ortegon

Education: Marie Williams

Fellowship: Jill Zuehlke

Finance: Joyce O'Connel

Social Concerns: Elaine Mitchell

Worship: Diane Ross



Betty, Elaine, Jill, Joyce, Diane & Manuel are pictured at the installation on June 29th.



Wedding Anniversaries	
10/1/1994	Stephen & Ervilene Kuhlmann
10/12/1985	Bob & Valerie Bluthardt



BIRTHDAYS	
1	Phyllis Zwarich
3	Gary Huffman
6	Kim Fiveash
7	Lou St. Germain
9	Dee Prochazka
14	Sheryl Sad
15	Diane Ross
16	Terry Zak
22	Elaine Mitchell
25	Joyce O'Connell
27	Ervilene Kuhlmann
28	John Cocuzzi
30	Chloe Kinsey
30	Brent Pfeiffer



Elaine Mitchell
*Social Ministries

Scenes from God's Work Our Hands



We had a wonderful turnout for God's Work, Our Hands on September 7th, 2025, to bag beans & rice for the less fortunate in our community! We enjoyed pizza afterwards. Good work & good fellowship!!



Blessed
to Be a
Blessing



Be Kind.... Ephesians 4:32, niv
Serve Others... 1 Peter 4:10, niv
Honor Christ the Lord.... 1 Peter 3:15, esv
Thank you, Calvary!!



October Is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's show our love and gratitude for our pastors this month! Drop off a note of thanks, share a favorite sermon memory or simply tell them how they've made a difference.

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge & understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, & imitate their faith."

Hebrews 13:7



Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently "interrupted" by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

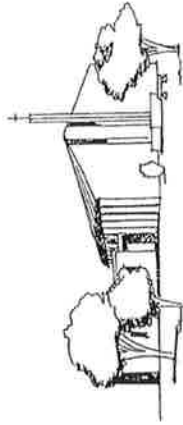
"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm	1	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm SNYOD Counsel Meeting	Altar Guild Meeting at 10:00 am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pent 13 Sunday School for all ages 10am Worship God's Work Our Hands Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Church Council 6pm Zoom	AA group 5:30pm Council Meeting	Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pent 14 Sunday School for all ages 10am Worship Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm Council Meeting	Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-11:30-1 *NL Deadline* COW Conference in Midland	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pent 15 Sunday School for all ages 10am Worship Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off First Day of Autumn	AA group 5:30pm	Budget Committee Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Pent 16 Sunday School for all ages 10am Worship Noisy Bucket Pastor's Day Off Reformation Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	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