



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

## From the Pastor

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*



THE LUTHER ROSE

It has now been over six months since covid-19 has changed our world. Masks, social distancing, cancelled events, all are common themes in our lives today. I am thankful (at the time of writing this article) that we are meeting in-person for worship.

The Confirmation students are meeting this fall via zoom and we are studying The Lord's Prayer. Prayer is a powerful resource that we have as Christians. God wants us to talk to Him. There is a saying that is attributed to Martin Luther which states that when asked what his plans were for the next day, Martin Luther is said to have replied "Work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much work to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer."

When the events of our lives seem out of control, prayer is the best thing that we can do to start our day. Any day that begins with prayer always goes better than a day starting without prayer. Yes, I know that prayer does not remove all our burdens and all our cares, but prayer does remind us that the whole world is not on our shoulders but on God's shoulders. And believe me, God can carry the burden far better than we can.

As we continue our journey towards the end of the year 2020 let us remember that we can trust that God will hear us when we pray, and that God promises to answer our prayers to Him.

*Pastor Paul*

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# Council's Corner

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

Council Meeting  
3rd of August 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of August 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, Betty Thane, Bee Rose, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

**MINUTES:** Fritz motion to accept the July 2020 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. John motion to accept the minutes and Chris second the motion. Council Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Ulrich. Overall looking good for the year. The July 2020 Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Joyce O'Connell. The yearly average is pretty consistent. The Financial Report was accepted as reported. Pastor said he was encouraged by this report considering all we've been going through this year.

## CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education – Marie Williams – Nothing new to report.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez. Nothing new to report.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane. Several members of the congregation delivered the items collected for the Family Shelter yesterday. It was a very good donation. There are not any new projects until the fall.

Worship – Bee Rose. Bee ask if more than two people were needed to run ZOOM during Sunday Worship Services? John said he and Pedro had it covered and it was not necessary for Bee to request any others to help. John also said it's wasn't necessary for Bee contact either of them each week.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker. Absence

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Paul presented the Pastor's Report. Two weeks ago he attended the farewell reception for Pastor Diane. Her last day was July 31<sup>st</sup>. This coming Sunday, August 09, will be his first Sunday Serving in Miles. Pastor canceled his July vacation due to travel restrictions. Pastor will attend a Dean Meeting tomorrow with the Bishop and the Deans in the Synod. Sunday after the Miles service he will be leaving for Alabama to take Bob to the University. Joyce volunteered to lead the worship service on the 16<sup>th</sup> and he had already sent her most of the material. There will be a ZOOM Synod assembly. He will have more information on it tomorrow. Pastor said it's his understanding the delegates we elected, Barbara and Margaret, will need to reregister. If they have already registered they will need to talk to the Synod office about it. Pastor's September vacation has been canceled. Pulpit supply will not be needed on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The COW Conference Meeting is scheduled in Abilene on October 3, 2020. Pastor will be on vacation January 02 through January 08, 2021. Pulpit supply will be needed for January 03, 2021. ZOOM worship services are still being held. As most of you've heard there are numerous people in nursing homes suffering from the coronavirus. Some predict an uptick in cases once school resumes, so we don't know what our fall schedule will look like. Pastor said he extended an invitation to Miles and to our congregation to join him in a joint bible study that will start on Tuesday evenings in September. It's a twelve lesson study from the book "Life Lessons from Genesis", a book written by Max Lucado. Confirmation classes will begin after Labor Day via ZOOM. Steve Tucker's mother is not doing well. She has cancer. Pastor did the Commendation of the Dying last Saturday. Keep her and Steve's family in your prayers.

## OLD BUSINESS

The council moved to continue Sunday Worship Services per ZOOM through August. John moved to accept the motion and Bee second the motion. The other church gatherings, the AA Group, will continue to meet outside the building. Music was added to the "ZOOM" Sunday Worship Services and Pastor has received a lot of good feedback. Holy Communion will be given to those in attendance and more music will be added to Sunday Services. Pastor will have more detail on how that will be handled when he gets back from vacation. Replacing the roof is on Harrison Roofing's schedule. The switch to Suddenlink Internet Service is still on going. Shelly will be scheduling the tuning of the church piano when she schedules her piano to be tuned, but she's not ready to schedule hers yet. The AC is working now and it's cooling!

## NEW BUSINESS

The fall adult bible study will meet Tuesday evenings starting the Tuesday after Labor Day in September. It will be a joint bible study with Miles. Confirmation will held on Tuesday as well before the adult bible study also per ZOOM. Pastor said "We should have a better idea if in person Sunday school classes can be held the next council meeting. Marie suggested having the high school and middle school students, who are not in confirmation, attend the adult bible study. Pastor said they could easily participate. Fritz said Bug Express did come and spray. They ask if we wanted to schedule a visit quarterly. A onetime spray is guarantee for thirty days.



## NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

The quarterly spray is guaranteed for 90 days. Fritz will get the prices so the council can make a decision the next meeting. Bee motion to tablet it to next month and Betty second the motion. The council agreed. It's been suggested to move the council elections to the fall congregation meeting the last Sunday of October. All agreed. John said the premiums with our current insurance have been going up. General Liability, Property and Workers Comp. The policy expires the first of December. He wanted to let us know he is getting information and rates from other companies. He will provide information to the council as it becomes available. John said the Budget Committee met and even though our yearly average is pretty consistent overall. The committee suggested we buckle our belts since the cash flow is up and down.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,  
Linda Ortegon - Council Secretary



## Worship

**Bee Rose**  
**Worship Committee Leader**

*"Empowering God's people to  
worship in grace and truth."  
John 4:23*

**Well**, here we are still doing Zoom for some of our congregation who can't attend services. I honestly didn't think it would last this long; so I haven't been reporting anything much since March. I was introduced to the You Version app by Barbara Walker and have found many devotions I think will apply to our present separation situation, as well as daily living. So I thought I'd share some of them in the newsletter beginning next month. Thank you Barbara ever so much for inviting me to use this application.

First, I really want to thank everyone who has volunteered or worked on each service both in person each week or helping on Zoom and for providing flowers to enhance the Sanctuary during this difficult time. My thanks to Pastor Paul and Shelly goes without saying.

Second, Please Sign Up To Assist! We have gotten out of the habit of having greeters, Acolytes, ushers and Communion assistants. We're going to need those positions filled now. 🙏🙏🙏

Something to ponder...  
Ordinary discipleship -

Occasionally people are called to extraordinary discipleship. Abraham and Sarah. Moses. Esther. Almost everyone is called to uncommon faith and obedience some time in life. A child dies, a spouse leaves, a job is lost, or the diagnosis is bleak.

But most discipleship is ordinary and mundane. Most of the time, discipleship is getting up each day and trying to make the best of it. Our spiritual lives, we may feel, are boring or trivial, quite unlike those of people with "real callings."

The words "disciple" and "discipleship" are first cousins to "discipline." I know (and so do you) some people whose lives have been shaped by the discipline of following Jesus. Because they practice, these disciples make it look easy, even though it isn't. Their lives, molded by Christ's own, have warmed and brightened mine.

This message is adapted from "Just a Little Light" written by Karen Melang in the June 1992 issue of Lutheran Woman Today.

Here is a prelude to the next few months input.

"If you're like most Christians you want an effective prayer life but find it difficult to remain consistent. Pastor Bayless Conley challenges you to use the simple acrostic P.R.A.Y. for an effective, fulfilling prayer life. You'll notice a difference in your daily life and discover the great blessings God has waiting for you in the place of prayer."

Now if you can't wait to read a letter a month, you can shoot ahead by downloading the YouVersion app and reading on your own. If you have any questions let me know.

Peace and blessings,  
**Bee Rose**







# Education

**Marie Williams**  
Team Leader

*"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Proverbs*



**CLASSES FOR  
CONFIRMATION**

**Tuesdays**

**5:30 via Zoom**

**Fall**

**for Jesus!**

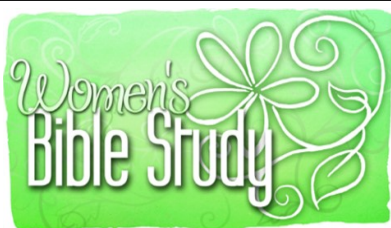
**HE NEVER  
LEAVES.**



# Evangelism

**Barbara Walker**  
Team Leader

*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15*



**Wednesdays 6pm**  
**In person or Zoom**

*Every Day, Holy Day by Alan Moinis*

Ladies, if you are interested please email:  
[babswalker07@gmail.com](mailto:babswalker07@gmail.com)  
Thanks! Barbara Walker

**BIBLE STUDY**  
**with Pastor Paul**

continues each  
**Tuesday**  
**6:30 pm via Zoom**

*"Life Lessons from Genesis".*  
By Max Lucado



**To every thing**

There is a

**Season**

appointed time

**And a time to every**

**Purpose**

good pleasure

**under heaven.**


ecclesiastes 3:1



# Service & Justice

**Betty Thane**  
**Team Leader**

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A background image of a tree with many colorful autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, yellow, and green. The tree trunk is visible on the right side.

**FALL IS IN THE AIR:** We see the season changing with school buses in the area, children on the school grounds, pulling sweaters out of storage, preparing plants for the cooler winter months, and etc. As we prepare for fall, there are many things that are not "NORMAL" as they have been in the past. We need to go to the Lord in prayer and ask for His guidance in the ways that we can help ourselves and our neighbors adjust to these changing times. We need to continue to support **PROECT DIGNIDAD** with our gifts of non-perishable food items, dishes, can openers, utensils, and the simple things that we take for granted every day. Place them in the big box in the narthex and we will see that they are delivered.

A couple of additional suggestions for **GOOD GIFTS** Are: **SEND A WOMAN TO FARMING FIELD SCHOOL.** Women are the force behind half the world's food. But they don't always have the same access to the land, supplies and education that their male counterparts do. It's been estimated that if female farmers around the world had equal access to these resources, their increased food production could reduce the number of undernourished people by as many as 100-150 million. With an opportunity to attend field school, they'll learn the latest advancements in agriculture, marketing and leadership, and help nourish their families and communities. \$75 Farming field school for a woman. **VACCINATIONS FOR A CHILD:** Nearly 5,000 children die each day from diseases like measles, polio, tetanus, and tuberculosis – all diseases that could be prevented with a vaccine. Immunizing a child is one of the best ways to ensure that a child stays healthy – and a family stays free from medical costs associated with treating these illnesses – for years to come. Tickles and bandages are free. \$30 Vaccinations for a child.

Blessings as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

**Betty Thane**, Service and Justice Team Leader





# Fellowship

**Kara Martinez**  
Team Leader

*"Building Christian  
community in  
love and grace."*

God is pure light,  
undimmed by darkness  
of any kind.

1 John 1:5



October 2, 1994  
Stephen & Ervilene  
Kuhlmann

October 12, 1985  
Bob and Valerie  
Bluthardt



**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## OCTOBER

- 1 - Phyllis Zwarich
- 4 - Barbara Walker
- 6 - Kim Fiveash
- 6 - Manuel Ortegon
- 7 - Mark Heinze
- 7 - Lou St. Germain
- 9 - Dee Prochazka
- 10 - Aubrey Sanford
- 10 - Christopher Riley
- 14 - Sheryl Sad
- 15 - Diane Ross
- 16 - Terry Zak
- 25 - Joyce O'Connell
- 27 - Ervilene Kuhlmann
- 28 - Sarah Anderson
- 28 - John Cocuzzi
- 30 - Chloe Kinsey
- 30 - Brent Pfeiffer

**Thank you** for the cards,  
calls, visits and birthday wishes!  
I look forward to seeing everyone  
in church again when my health  
improves.

Love to all,  
Ida Walter

# October

# 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost 18 10am Worship Service	5 AA group 5:30 pm  Pastor's Day Off	6 AA group 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:30 pm Zoom  Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom	7 Women's Bible Study 6pm	8 AA group 5:30 pm	9 AA group 5:30 pm	10
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25 Reformation Sunday 10am Worship Service  Reception of New members	26 AA group 5:30 pm  Pastor's Day Off	27 AA group 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:30 pm Zoom  Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm Zoom  **Pastor's Continuing Education via Zoom**	28 Women's Bible Study 6pm	29 AA group 5:30 pm	30 AA group 5:30 pm	31

## 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.



Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

From "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"  
Text by Martin Luther

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PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

**Reformation Sunday - October 25**

