

Calvary Comment



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During the month of October, we in the Lutheran Church celebrate and recall the origins of the Lutheran Reformation. As you may well know, the title "Lutheran" goes back to Martin Luther who, as a Roman Catholic priest, sensed, after studying scripture, that something was wrong in the church and that further clarification was needed to describe the Christian faith and how we are saved.

Hence, after much study, Luther stressed three main points. 1. **Grace Alone:** We are saved by the grace of God and not by anything that we do. 2. **Faith Alone:** Our salvation is through our faith in God and the salvation we receive through Christ's death and resurrection. 3. **Scripture Alone.** The Bible is the standard by which all teachings and doctrines of the church are based.

It was these three points that ignited the Reformation. But these are not the only truths that Luther spoke about during his ministry. In fact, Martin Luther said a lot of things, and to help you understand the man better I now include several quotes from Him.

About Prayer: To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

About Faith: Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

About Family Life: Let the wife make the husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry to see him leave.

About the Reformation: I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023, come and join us as we thank God for the gifts that God gave to Martin Luther which he shared with us. And remember to wear RED on Reformation Sunday as we celebrate the fact that God's Word is our Great Heritage.

The Peace of the Lord be with you Always, *Pastor Paul*

Calvary Lutheran Council Minutes

August 8, 2023

Betty called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Every council member was accounted for:

Betty Thane, President

Joyce O'Connell, Vice President

Ashlyn Scott, Secretary

Heidi Wierzowiecki, Education

Dorothy St. Germain, Fellowship

Leon Thane, Financial Secretary

Ann Helm, Treasurer

Bee Rose, Worship

Paul Zwarich, Pastor

Bee moved to accept previous minutes as presented. Joyce seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Ann reviewed July's treasurer report and corrected June's. Report accepted as presented.

Financial Report

Reviewed Financial Report and accepted as presented

Fellowship

Hamburgers and hotdogs have been donated and sign up sheet is going well for the church picnic on Rally Day.

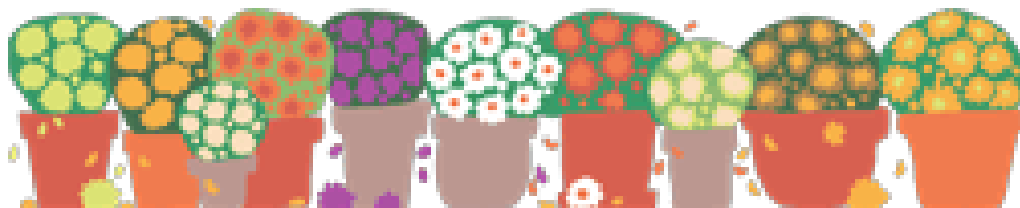
Worship

Nothing to report

Pastor's Report

Read over report

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Old Business

Newsletter: Bee makes a motion to go to monthly newsletters instead of quarterly.

Dorothy seconded and motion passed

Rally Day: PowerPoint presentation before Rally day at 8:30 and everyone else at 9am.

Rice and Beans will be on September 9th

AV/Mic update: Waiting on one more part to come in

New Business

UCM: Hygiene drive for less fortunate students at ASU during first 2 weeks of September and they are continuing to do cooking

Thanksgiving Feast: November 12, 2023

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: November 5, 2023

Delegates: Need new appointments for the Synod Assembly in April

Communications: Received Thank You letters from the NT-NL and Project Dignidad

Bee motioned to adjourn the meeting and Joyce seconded.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary
Ashlyn Scott



One-way Ticket

While on a red-eye flight from California to Philadelphia on a stormy night, evangelist Tony Campolo sat near someone who wanted to chat. Upon learning that Campolo was a Christian, the seatmate said, "I believe that going to heaven is like going to Philadelphia," meaning you can get there by various modes of transportation. "We all end up at the same place."

When Campolo woke from a nap and saw that the descending airplane was circling Philly in the fog, he told his neighbor, "I'm glad the pilot doesn't agree with your theology." Confused, the man asked what Campolo meant.

"The people in the control tower are giving instructions to the pilot: 'Coming north by northwest, three degrees, you're on beam, don't deviate from the beam.' I'm glad the pilot's not saying, 'There are many ways into the airport. There are many approaches we can take.' I'm glad the pilot's saying, 'There's only one way we can land this plane, and I'm going to stay with it.'"



Scenes from the soup kitchen



Leon, Bee, Betty & Kara have a good time assisting in the kitchen.

Daily Bread
Soup Kitchen
301 West 18th Street



Join us the 3rd Friday
of each month from
9:30-1.



Dorothy, Kara & Ann greet guests with a meal & a smile!

Starting a Ripple Effect

Shortly before his death, 80-year-old farmer Hody Childress asked his daughter to continue a practice he'd quietly conducted for years: taking a \$100 bill to a local pharmacist on the first of every month. For years, Childress anonymously came to the aid of neighbors in Geraldine, Alabama, who couldn't afford medications. "Don't tell a soul where the money came from," he instructed store owner Brooke Walker. "If they ask, just tell them it's a blessing from the Lord."

Thanks to the farmer's generosity, Walker could fill prescriptions for about 24 uninsured or underinsured people each year. "I was honored he allowed me to do that," she said, "and it really encouraged me to do the same in my life."

Childress wasn't wealthy but "always gave what he could," said daughter Tania Nix. "I think he felt like he couldn't not give," she added. "Giving that way, that just got on his heart." After word spread about Childress' generosity, other people were inspired to perform stealth outreach and a fund was established in his name.

A man in Oklahoma who shares Childress' surname said a story about the farmer caught his attention. They're probably not related, he wrote, but he'd feel proud if they were. "A man like that surely tried to follow the example of Jesus," the Oklahoman wrote, and "[his] story inspires me to be a better man."

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Worship

Bee Rose

We will be coming upon Advent sooner than we think. Yes, this leads me to bring up Advent services. Please consider attending these services. Please as you consider attending, also consider signing up for assisting with them.

Some things to ponder:

Pray and Ponder Yourself Into Sync with Paul's Sense of Wealth:

When the apostle Paul thinks about "wealth" or "riches" what springs to his mind? What should spring to ours? Where should our efforts at enrichment be invested?

Here are all the uses of Paul's favorite word for "riches" (Greek: ploutos). Taste and see what he lives for.

- *The riches of God's kindness and forbearance and patience. (Romans 2:4)
- *The riches of God's glory for vessels of mercy. (Romans 9:23)
- *The riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33)
- *A wealth of generosity on their part. (2 Corinthians 8:2)
- *The riches of God's grace. (Ephesians 1:7)
- *The riches of God's glorious inheritance in the saints. (Ephesians 1:18)
- *The immeasurable riches of God's grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:7)
- *The unsearchable riches of Christ. (Ephesians 3:8)
- *The riches of God's glory. (Ephesians 3:16)
- *God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
- *The riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)
- *The riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ. (Colossians 2:2)
- *The rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (1 Timothy 6:17)

In Ephesians 1:14, God is saying, "My great desire for those who believe in me is that you feel secure in my love. I have chosen you before the foundation of the world. I have predestined you to be my children forever. I have redeemed you by the blood of my Son. And I have put my Spirit in you as a seal and a guarantee. Therefore, you will receive the inheritance and praise the glory of my grace forever and ever.

And I tell you this here in Ephesians 1 because I want you to feel secure in my love and my power. I don't promise you an easy life. In fact, through many tribulations you must enter the kingdom (Acts 14:22). Let me say it again: I have chosen you. I have predestined you; I have redeemed you; I have sealed you by my Spirit. Your inheritance is sure because I am passionately committed to magnify the glory of my grace in your salvation."

Questions:

1. Which of the following was a mother-son pair?
A. Rebekah and Moses, B. Leah and Esau, C. Jochebed and Seth, D. Bathsheba and Solomon
2. Lot was the father of his grandchildren? A. True, B. False
3. Which child was born to a maid of Abraham's wife? A. Esau, B. John, C. Ishmael, D. Isaac?

Answer on p. 7



4th ~ Altar Guild

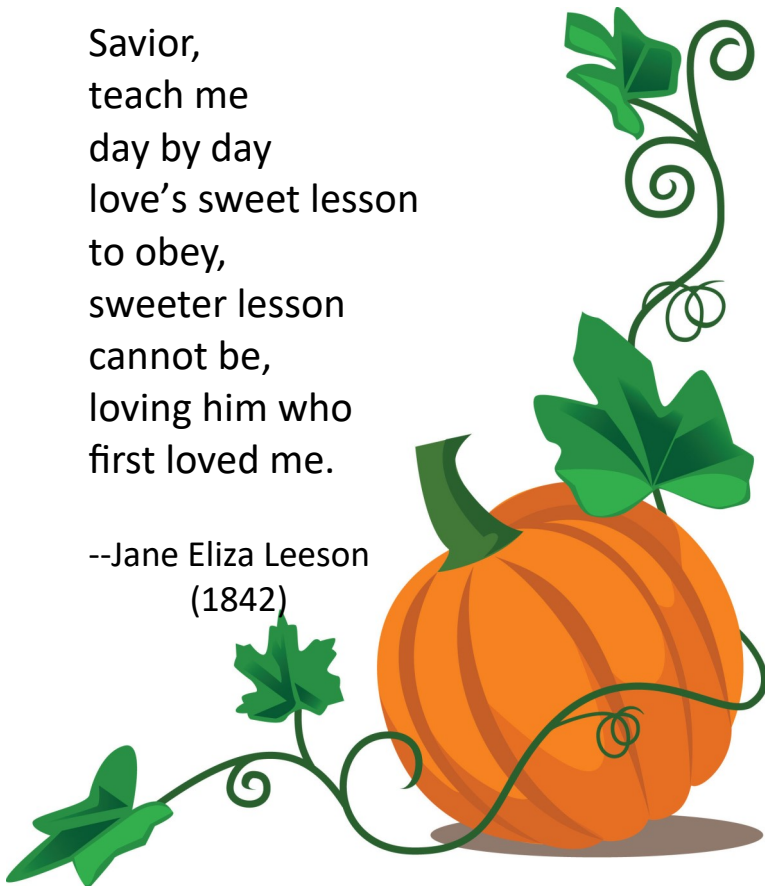
5th ~ All Saints Sunday & Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting

11th ~ Men's Bible Breakfast

12th ~ Thanksgiving Feast

Savior,
teach me
day by day
love's sweet lesson
to obey,
sweeter lesson
cannot be,
loving him who
first loved me.

--Jane Eliza Leeson
(1842)



ANNIVERSARIES

10/1/1994
Stephen & Ervilene Kuhlmann

10/12/1985
Bob & Valerie Bluthardt

BIRTHDAYS

1 Phyllis Zwarich

3 Gary Huffman

6 Kim Fiveash

6 Manuel Ortegon

7 Lou St. Germain

9 Dee Prochazka

14 Sheryl Sad

15 Diane Ross

16 Terry Zak

22 Elaine Welty

25 Joyce O'Connell

27 Ervilene Kuhlmann

28 Sarah Anderson

28 John Cocuzzi

30 Chloe Kinsey

30 Brent Pfeiffer

Service Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild						
DATE	Greeter	Asst. Min.	Reader	Flowers	Technology	Altar Guild
Oct 1 Pent 18	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose	Pastor Paul	John Ulrich	Norma Kahlig
Oct 8 Pent 19		Ashlyn Scott	Ashlyn Scott	Hank & Bee Rose		
Oct 15 Pent 20	Jo McCormick	Elaine Mitchell	Phyllis Zwarcih			
Oct 22 Pent 21		Bee Rose		Mark & Elaine Mitchell		
Oct 29 Reformation		Leon Thane	Betty Thane			

United Campus Ministries (UCM) Food4Thought



Calvary will be hosting Food4Thought at UCM on Wednesday, October 4, which is just around the corner. We will be serving lasagna, salad, bread and homemade cookies. We will need food or donations and help serving the food. Join us as you can from 10am until 2pm. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to participate.



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday October 14, 2023

Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory
4235 Sherwood Way at 8am



Answers for p. 5:

1. D. Bathsheba and Solomon. See 2 Samuel 24:24. Later, in 1 Chronicles 3:5, Solomon's mother is called Bethshua.
2. A. True. Lot was the father of two of his grandchildren--Moab and Benammi. To preserve the seed of their father, both of Lots daughters each has a son by him. See Genesis 19:36-38.
3. C. Ishmael. Because Abraham's wife Sarah could not have a child, she offered her maid, Hagar as a surrogate. Hagar gave birth to Ishmael. See Genesis 16:15.

Joy in the Word of God

Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.



--The Table Talk of Martin Luther

Reformation Sunday

Therefore, since we have
been justified through
faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we
have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we
now stand.



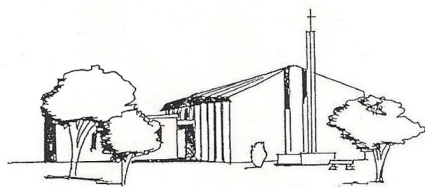
Romans 5:1-2 NW



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 18	2 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	3 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study #4 6:30pm	4 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm UCM Food4Thought 10-2	5 AA 5:30pm	6 AA 5:30pm	7
8 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 19 Pastor Appreciation Sunday	9 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10 AA 5:30pm Council 6:45pm Adult Bible Study does NOT meet.	11 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	12 AA 5:30pm	13 AA 5:30pm	14 Men's Bible Breakfast 8am Rosa's on Sherwood Way
15 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 20	16 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	17 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study #5 6:30pm	18 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	19 AA 5:30pm	20 AA 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	21
22 8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 21 Noisy Bucket	23 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter deadline	24 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study #6 6:30pm	25 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	26 AA 5:30pm	27 AA 5:30pm	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 22	30 AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	31 AA 5:30pm Adult Bible Study #7 6:30pm				

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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.