

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church
October 2019



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

From the Pastor:

On Thursday, October 31, 2019 Lutherans all over the world will celebrate the five hundred and second anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his ninety-five thesis to the doors of the Church in Wittenberg, Germany. We will celebrate Reformation Sunday here at Calvary Lutheran Church on October 27, 2019. The Lutheran Church celebrates on this date because historians use October 31, 1517 to mark the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Luther's original intention

was to stimulate academic discussion and debate regarding many abusive and incorrect practices occurring within the Catholic Church at that time. As this event unfolded however, technological advances enabled the Guttenberg printing press to be invented and this made it possible to create multiple copies of literature and get them into the hands of the common people. As a result, the ninety-five thesis were distributed throughout Germany and much of Europe as well. This sparked a much larger controversy and debate than even Martin Luther could have ever imagined.

Today we live in an age of constant technological change. And just like in Martin Luther's day, new technology brings new qualities to our lives, but it also has side effects. Today we are living in an age where we are trying to figure out what all these changes mean. But this is not new. Can you imagine life before electricity, life before the automobile, life before the telephone, life before the computer, and yes, life before the smart phone? A few years ago, I attended my 35th high school reunion at Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook, Saskatchewan. I remember myself and a few of my classmates talking to some of the current students when a teacher approached us and said to the students, "Can you imagine attending high school without computers, cell phones, and all the electronic devices that exist in our world today? Well, these students did." At first, I was flabbergasted. But then I realized that yes, the world has changed since my high school years.

But the more things change, the more they stay the same, too. As I reflect upon the Church, the more I am convinced that the church needs to be grounded in Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, theology and the liturgy. And as we remain grounded in the basics, then we can be a church engaged in analysis of the culture we live in and the challenges facing us today in the year 2019. As a church, we can be open to change as we live out the gospel and the mission to which God is calling us. But we do not change just for the sake of change. We change because God is calling us to work in His vineyard today.

On Reformation Sunday we celebrate the heart of the Christian faith; the Good News that sets us free. As the Apostle Paul wrote: ***"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."*** Romans 5:1. Come and join us on Reformation Sunday as we thank God for the gift of salvation that God has given to us through His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor Paul



The Luther Rose

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Council's Corner

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

12 August 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on the 12th day of August 2019 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul gave a devotional and a prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kinsey, Fritz Leifeste, Kara Martinez, Linda Ortegon, Teddi Phillips, Betty Thane, Barbara Walker, Marie Williams, John Ulrich, and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Marie Williams motioned to accept the July 08, 2019 Council Meeting minutes as presented and Kara Martinez second the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich presented the Financial Report as of July 31, 2019 and it was approved as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Fritz Leifeste presented a printed report with the weekly and monthly attendance figures and offerings for the current year. Joyce O'Connell was not in attendance.

CORE TEAM REPORTS:

Education – Marie Williams presented the Parish Education Report. The committee approved to provide a \$20.00 gift card Backpack Blessing for each Sunday school student to help defray the cost of supplies. Continued discussion for the 2019 Christmas Program is planned for the next meeting. The cost and best place to have background checks performed on members interested in teaching children is being looked in to.

Fellowship – Kara Martinez went over the lunches served in memory of loved ones provided during May, June and early August. The church picnic was held on June 09, 2019. She discussed the upcoming August 25th Rally Day. Hamburgers will be served. A signup sheet for lunch items will be available next Sunday August 18.

Service and Justice – Betty Thane reported \$55.55 was received through the "Nosie Bucket" mission fund in July and for the year \$467.81. "God's Work. Our Hands" is scheduled for September 8, 2019. Rice and beans will be bagged for Project Dignidad. Pizza will be served afterward. It's OK not to be OK. The NT-NL Synod Public Witness Team was awarded a 2019 Mission Endowment Fund Grant to bring awareness to the Synod on Mental Health Wellness. This may be a good opportunity to bring resources to our Church-Body. Next S & J meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2019.

Worship – Teddi Phillips discussed the contemporary version of the W&P Kyrie used some years ago as part of the contemporary service. This Kyrie had pre-chosen songs and prayers to be sung and said every week. Even though it was enlightening the team felt it would be too much change to be used at this time. Some W&P hymns will continue to be used in the blended service. On Rally Day, August 25, all hymns will be sung from the W&P book in the spirit of Calvary's youth. Teddi is working on the budget and will be using the previous year's budget as a point of reference. The next worship team meeting is scheduled for September 08, 2019.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker said a meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday to discuss ideas.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul went over the Pastoral Acts, Activities, and Upcoming Events. Pastor Paul discussed opening the discussion of a new church directory that would photos of members. Marie Williams is heading up the project. The total financial assistance for the first half of the year, January – July, for Christians in Action, Hotels, gas and other assistance total \$4,293.67. Pastor will be on vacation September 13 – September 22, 2019. Pulpit supply is needed for September 15 and September 22, 2019. The ELCA Church-Wide 2019 assembly was held August 5 – August 10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. The triennial meeting votes on matters of governance and policy. In a key action taken Aug. 7, the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to approve a memorial that declares the ELCA a sanctuary church. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country. The ELCA's initiative, **Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities** ([AMMPARO](#)), is committed to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S. The Calvary Lutheran Council members decided there was a need to make a statement on what that meant to our own congregation.

OLD BUSINESS: The council agreed the storeroom under the stairs needed to be locked since cleaning agents are stored there. John Ulrich thought there was a lock in another area of the church that could be used and would investigate. No action was taken outlining a guideline to be used by members when someone is seeking assistance. Serving hamburgers at the Children's Rally Day, August 25, 2019 is planned. Pastor Paul said the 2019 Confirmation Class will be an accelerant program with mentors. An estimate of \$20,500.00 to replace the church sign was received. Chris Kinsey suggested, John Ulrich check with the insurance company to see if any portion of the cost is covered by our policy. John agreed to. The last sign was paid for through church service donations. A council retreat may be scheduled for late September or early October.

NEW BUSINESS: Committee Budgets are due by the middle of September. The council was reminded of the upcoming Fall Congregational Meeting. This year's Thanksgiving Dinner is planned for Sunday November 17. Barbara Walker presented an estimate from Solid Rock Outdoor Transformations for landscaping with adequate drainage. The estimate included the placement of large stone rocks. The council ask Barbara to get a revised estimate that excluded the large stone rocks. Barbara agreed. John Ulrich said our church insurance would pay \$1,000.00 toward the replace of the digital sign in front of the church and the last estimate he received was \$20,500.00. The funds to pay for the sign is primary received through church donations. Chris Kinsey presented a motion to purchase the new sign once all the funds was received. The council team agreed to the motion.

CLOSING: There being no further business, the meeting duly closed at 8:20 P.M. in peace and harmony with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Linda Ortegon, Council Secretary



Worship

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

Teddi Phillips, Worship Committee Leader

October Liturgical Color(s):

Green - Season after Pentecost (First 3 Sundays) Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ. Green, in a sense, is a "neutral color," used when more festive or more somber color is not appointed. (ELCA.org, 2017)

Red - Reformation Sunday (4th Sunday) Red is the color of the Holy Spirit and of divine power, as at Pentecost, but it also is the color of martyrdom and may be understood to honor the martyrs who died in the terrible religious struggles that followed the turn from Rome (source below). The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. (ELCA.org, 2017)

Hymn of the Month - **ELW 517/LBW 230 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

Consider reading/singing the hymn as a prayer in the privacy of your heart and mind. Don't have access to a hymnal? Check page eight of this newsletter. Or, if you'd like to sing along with YouTube, go to YouTube.com and type "lord, keep us steadfast in your word lyrics" in the search engine. I recommend this one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68IcN9X2AF0>

Luther Quote of the Month: "My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."

News/Information ***Next Altar Guild meeting: Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m. ***Next Worship Team meeting: Sunday, Oct. 13th directly following worship ***Congregants, please consider sharing your gifts by serving in the Worship Service! The signup sheet is in the Narthex. ***See calendar for additional information. *** Teddi's e-mail address and phone number: TeddiLPhillips@gmail.com; 325-277-0797***

Sources - https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/29874.Martin_Luther http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What_is_the_meaning_and_use_of_liturgical_colors.pdf <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2007-oct-27-me-beliefs27-story.html>

Worship Service	Greeter/s	Usher	Acolyte	Assistant Minister (Liturgist)	Communion Assistant	Reader (Lector)	Video Tech
October 6	Jo McCormick	Mitch and Landen Simon	Annalyse Simon	Joyce O'Connell	Ouida Hahn	Kristy Simon	
October 13				Leon Thane	XXXXXX		
October 20			Ashlyn Scott	Ann Helm	Caitlyn Phillips	Betty Thane	
October 27	Phyllis Zwarich		Joseph Phillips	Teddi Phillips	XXXXXX	Phyllis Zwarich	

Please Note: If you are unable to serve on the date listed above, please call Teddi Phillips at 277-0797, or change with another person. Notify Teddi of the change, and she will notify the Church Office. Please do not call the office or send an e-mail.

A Word from the Congregational President:

November 10th is our semi-annual congregational meeting. Please try to be there.

Now that fall is here, we begin to look to the holiday season once again, even if it doesn't feel like fall. On November 17th will be our congregational Thanksgiving meal, and Advent mid-week services will begin on December 4th. It is coming fast.

I would just like to leave you with something that we all need to think about:

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that,
but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do,
what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength.
I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer
changes us and we change things.

St. Mother Teresa

Yours in Christ,
Fritz

Evangelism

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Come see us Saturday, October 5th, at First Saturday at The Chicken Farm, 2505 Martin Luther King Boulevard, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will have a table set up with our banner, and be giving away water, balloons and information about Calvary. Shops will be open, there will be live music, and the Silo House Restaurant will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope to make some new connections in our community!

For More Information, See:
<https://www.facebook.com/thechickenfarmartcenter/>

Do you have a passion to build deeper relationships with others? We have begun planning ways to encourage relationships within Calvary as well as outside of Calvary. Please pray about this. We could use your ideas and help. Let me know if you are interested!

Peace and blessings, Barbara Walker
Email: babswalker07@gmail.com
Cell: (432) 213-5293



Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (GNT)

Service and Justice

“Do justice; love kindness; walk humbly with God.”

SERVICE AND JUSTICE October, 2019

NOISY BUCKET offering from August 4th, 11th, and 25th, 2019, was \$125.71. Total for the year is \$593.52. Our last noisy bucket offering for 2019 will be October 27th. What a blessing it has been to have fun collecting our change to benefit others in the world. Thank you to all who have supported this project including the children who collect our gifts of change.



*Betty Thane,
Service and Justice
Team Leader*

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” What a huge success on Sunday, September 8th, 2019, with the bagging of 440 pounds of rice and beans for **PROJECT DIGNIDAD**. Thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped make this project such a huge success. I wish everyone who helped could have seen the BIG BIG SMILES on the faces of the people at Project Dignidad when the rice and beans were delivered. I know there are many others who receive our gifts of love who smile in thanks when they receive the rice and beans to feed their family. I know God is smiling, too.

COOKIES FOR OUR MILITARY. Our congregation will once again be baking cookies for our military personnel as they travel home for the holidays. The plan is to bake and collect the cookies the first two weeks in December. Please bake a few extra dozen, when doing your Christmas baking, to give to our military to say **THANK YOU** for their service. **WATCH** the bulletins for further updates.

SERVICE AND JUSTICE MEETING will be held on December 2nd, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. We will be baking cookies and putting up the GOOD GIFTS CHRISTMAS TREE. Don’t forget to buy a Good Gift Ornament for that hard to buy for person at Christmas. My grandchildren thought that was a neat yet funny gift. Maybe they’ll do it for someone themselves this coming year. It is such a blessing to see the smiles of those receiving the **GOOD GIFTS** for the gifts to make their lives better.

“GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD.” THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ALL YOUR GOOD GIFTS.

Blessings, Betty Thane
Service and Justice Core Leader

Fellowship

"Building Christian community in love and grace."

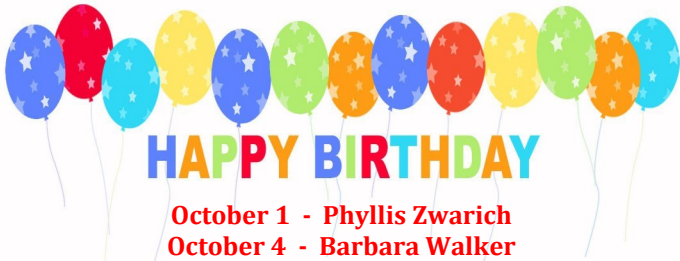


Kara Martinez,
Fellowship Team Leader

Faith & Fellowship

LUTHERAN DINERS will meet at Joe's Italian Restaurant, 1601 S. Bryant Boulevard, on Thursday, October 10th, at 5:30 p.m. Ann Helm is hosting the evening, so please call her at 325-340-6227 to RSVP. We'd love to have YOU join us for an enjoyable evening!

THE MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST will meet on Saturday, October 12th, at 8:00 a.m. at Rosa's Café on Sherwood Way. Please join us!



October 1 - Phyllis Zwarich
October 4 - Barbara Walker
October 6 - Kim Fiveash
October 6 - Manuel Ortegon
October 7 - Mark Heinze
October 7 - Lou St. Germain
October 9 - Dee Prochazka
October 10 - Aubrey Sanford
October 10 - Christopher Riley
October 14 - Sheryl Sad
October 15 - Diane Ross
October 16 - Terry Zak
October 25 - Joyce O'Connell
October 27 - Ervilene Kuhlmann
October 28 - Hudson Storey
October 28 - John Cocuzzi
October 31 - Brent Pfeiffer



October 12, 1985 - Bob and Valerie Bluthardt

THANK YOU!


Thanks to all who sent cards, notes, and phone calls to me on my birthday. I got so many! Great to be 95!!! Love and God Bless, Ida Walter



Calvary Lutheran, I want to send you all a big heartfelt thank you for all your prayers, well wishes, and cards during my recent back surgery. I could feel you with me during the surgery and now with the rehab. Thank you, also, for the wonderful meals you have been providing since we have returned home. Praise be to our God and Father. Pam Ulrich

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		5:30–8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10:00am Exercise Group 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 5:30pm AA Group	5:30pm AA Group	11:00am AA Group
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pentecost 17 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	Pastor's Day Off 2:00pm Exercise Group 5:30pm AA Group	5:30–8:00pm AA Group	6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10:00am Exercise Group 5:30pm Lutheran Diners at Joe's Italian Restaurant 5:30pm AA Group	NTNL Women of the ELCA Retreat 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast at Rosa's Café on Sherwood Way 5:30pm AA Group	NTNL Women of the ELCA Retreat 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast at Rosa's Café on Sherwood Way 11:00am AA Group
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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.



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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Reformation Sunday - October 27
Reformation Day - October 31

