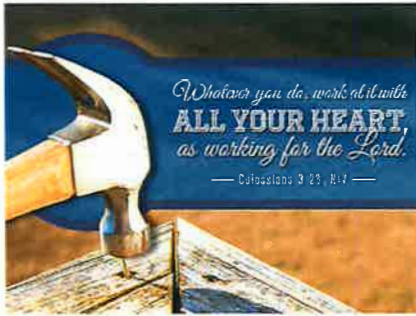


Calvary Comment



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich**



Join us!!

SEPTEMBER

1 - Labor Day
7 - God's Work Our Hands
7 - National Grandparents Day
11 - Patriot Day
14 - Holy Cross Day
22 - First Day of Autumn

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San Angelo, TX

September 2025



From the PastorOn Sunday September 7, 2025, we will celebrate “**God’s Work. Our Hands**” Sunday. Along with thousands of other congregations in the ELCA, we will seek to live out the connection between God’s Work of Grace and our hands as we prepare rice and beans for Project Dignidad. Come and join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship, pizza, and service in our community.

In the meantime, please stop by the office during office hours and say “Hello” to our new church secretary. Amy Chapa has joined the office team and will be the contact person in the office. I am looking forward to working with Amy and I know that Amy is looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you as we live our life of faith together.

On July 30, 2025, Bishop Yehiel Curry of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod was elected to serve a six-year term as the ELCA Presiding Bishop. He will be installed on October 4, 2025, at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Please include him in your prayers as we welcome our new Presiding Bishop of the ELCA.

Please review the Sunday School sign up chart in the Narthex and sign up to teach Sunday School one Sunday this Fall. There are still lots of openings and the youth would love to meet you and study scripture with you as we explore several Old Testament stories and lessons during the Fall Sunday School year. If you have any questions, please talk to Marie Williams or come and see me.

As we begin the fall season of the calendar year, let us remember the song based on Isaiah 40 verse 31 which states: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles; They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint. Help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

May the grace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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
Sept 7 Pentecost 13	Joyce	Ashley P.		Miller's	Heather Lehmann	Diane Ross
Sept 14 Pentecost 14	Elaine	Bee		Hank & Bee	Blossom	
Sept 21 Pentecost 15	Phyllis	Ashley P		Joyce	Phyllis	
Sept 28 Pentecost 16	Bee	Valerie B.		Pastor Paul	Blossom	



Jill Zuehlke
Team Leader Fellowship



Hello, Dear Members,

Another successful & wonderful Rally Day & picnic are in the books!! It's always so fun & exciting to hear voices & laughter in our fellowship hall. A huge thank you to everyone who brought food to share. Of course thanks to Fritz for grilling the burgers & hotdogs. Thanks to Fritz for grilling the burgers and hotdogs!!

Upcoming in September will be pizza!! After, we fill the beans & rice bags. Please join us if you can. We are blessed.

2025-2026 Council Members

President...Betty Thane
Vice-President...Margaret Leifeste
Secretary...Ashlyn Scott
Treasurer...Manuel Ortegon
Education...Marie Williams
Fellowship...Jill Zuehlke
Finance...Joyce O'Connell
Social Concerns...Elaine Mitchell
Worship...Diane Ross



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



SEPTEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 9th
Brian & Crystal Purington



BIRTHDAYS

5	Carly Bluthard Sandford
5	Bee Rose
6	Joy Allen
11	Robert Wierzowiecki
12	Margaret Leifeste
14	Heather Purington
16	Brian Purington
16	Aubrey Hariman
19	Irene Hunter
19	Ida Walter





Elaine Mitchell
**Social Ministries*



Called to Serve



God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

We will be participating in the ELA Day of Service on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Immediately after church, we will fill bags of beans & rice for Project Dignidad. This year we will also write notes to our members serving in the military & to our homebound members. We will have serve pizza, drinks, & Mark's cookies. Plan to join the fun!!

Calvary,

It has been an honor & a privilege to work with this congregation. My time as Secretary has been a blessing.

I will always be grateful for the people of the Calvary Lutheran Church. Blessings to you all!!

Shelly Salling

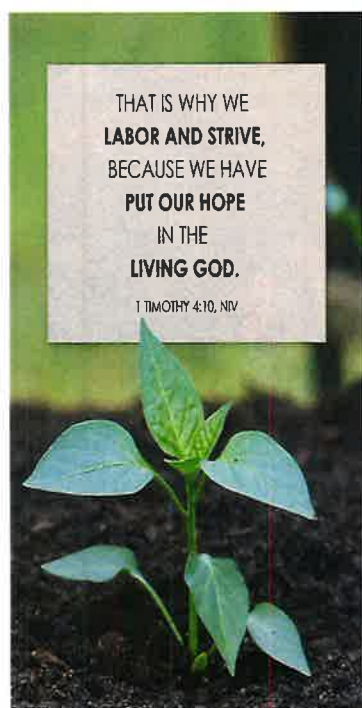
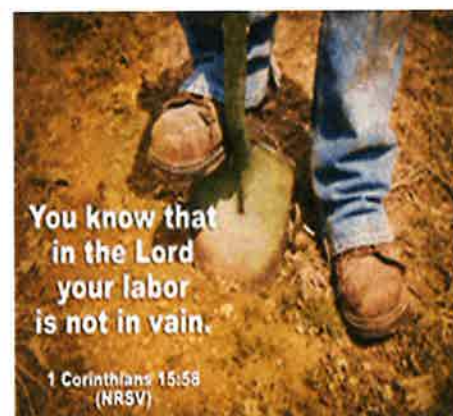
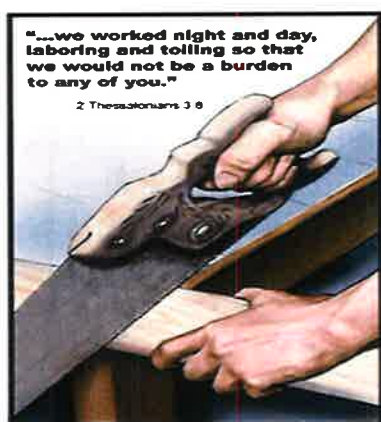


Take Courage: Trusting the One Who Overcomes

A young woman was deeply troubled by the suffering she saw in the world, as well as by struggles within her own family and friendships. Unsure of how to help or where to begin, she turned to her pastor for guidance. He responded with a heartfelt letter. A portion of it read:

"Life is difficult. It is sometimes like a mindless boot camp. We seem to be rehearsing for something that is beyond our present knowing. We come from a beginning that we cannot remember, and we move toward a destiny that we cannot see. Only imagination, faith and a friend here or there give us the strength to go on.

When Jesus said that we would always have trouble in this world, he added an encouraging word that we should never forget: 'Take courage; I have overcome the world.'



The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden "to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work" (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, "We are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

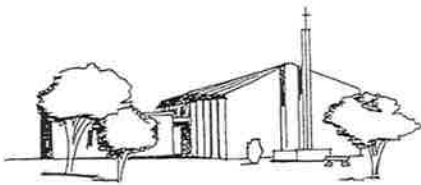
On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

—Author unknown

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	2 AA group 5:30pm	3	4 AA group 5:30pm	5 AA group 5:30pm SNYOD Counsel Meeting	6 SNYOD Counsel Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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	AA group 5:30pm Church Council 6pm Zoom	Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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	Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 *NL Deadline* COW Conference in Midland	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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	
28	29	30				
Pent 16 Sunday School for all ages 10am Worship Noisy Bucket Pastor's Day Off Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm				

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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