## **Calvary Comment**

Calvary Lutheran Church September 2020 1



Pastor Paul and Phyllis Zwarich

## From the Pastor

September is upon us, and with the dawn of the fall season comes the start of our program year. Normally we would be excited about the beginning of our fall programming, but this year things are different. As I write this, school has been in session for one week, and we are waiting to see how in-person classes will affect the infection rate in San Angelo.

As we wait, the Church Council is monitoring the situation very closely and the Council will make a decision regarding in-person worship and fall activities soon.

In the meantime, please note that our Adult Bible Study Group will resume via zoom on Tuesday nights at 6:30. We will be using Max Lucado's book "*Life Lessons from Genesis*" that can be purchased on Amazon or by calling the church office. You can join in on the discussion without purchasing the book, but the book will help guide our discussion. More information concerning the Zoom ID and password will be sent out via email soon. The first session will be on September 8, 2020.

The Women's Bible Study group will resume on Wednesday September 9 at 6 pm via zoom. All women are invited to join the group. The group will be using the book "*Every Day, Holy Day*" by Alan Moinis, but purchasing the book is not required. For further information please email Barbara Walker at babswalker07@gmail.com.

Our Confirmation Class will meet on Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 5:30 via zoom. This year the students will focus on **The Lord's Prayer** and **The Sacraments**. Leon & Betty Thane have agreed to be mentors again and we will finalize the meeting day and time at the first session. All students in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate. I will send out the Zoom ID and password soon.

As for our other Fall Activities, we are in a "*wait and see what happens*" mode. By now you all know the routine... wash your hands, wear a mask in public and practice the six feet social distance guidelines. And remember "**We Are All in This together**."



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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

- Ephesians 4:32 ESV



Pastor Paul

## **Council's Corner**

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> of July 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of July 2020 by the Council President Fritz Leifeste. Pastor Paul opened with a prayer.

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

**MINUTES:** Fritz motion to accept the June 2020 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Barbara motion to accept the minutes and Marie second the motion. Council Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Ulrich. The June 2020 Treasurer's Report and was approved as presented. John

mentioned we were still looking good for the year.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce O'Connell. Absence. The Financial Report was accepted as reported.

## CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education - Marie Williams - Nothing new to report

Fellowship - Kara Martinez. Nothing new to report.

Service and Justice - Betty Thane. Nothing new to report.

*Worship* – Bee Rose. Two services have been held in person, which she thoroughly enjoyed. For the foreseeable future the services will be held per ZOOM. As a result only a reader and assistant minister is needed. *Flower* - If someone doesn't feel comfortable delivering the flowers prior to the ZOOM service, let Shelly the new secretary know. You can always go through Shelly to order the flowers or go directly to the florist yourself.

Evangelism - Barbara Walker. Nothing new to report.

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Paul presented the Pastor's Report. There have been five ZOOM Sunday Worship Services, with three in-person worship services. One Celebration of Life Service for Frieda Stelling. There has been three ZOOM meetings with the Bishop and Pastors of the NTNL Synod. Five Adult Bible Study ZOOM meetings. The Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, AZ has been canceled. August 09, 2020 will be the first Sunday serving Miles. Pastor's pending vacation days July 27- 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor ask to be off August 10-17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in order to move their son to the University of Alabama. Joyce would lead the Sunday worship service on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. The council approved. Pastor's September 2020 vacation was canceled and rescheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. 2021. COW conference meeting is scheduled for October 03, 2020 in Abilene, TX from 1pm-3pm. The Calvary 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Sunday October 16, 2022. Pastor reminded us with the COVID-19 cases and guidelines changing each day keep in mind we need to be very flexible.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Semi-annual meeting scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> was moved out to the third week of August 2020. Nothing new to report on filling the eight vacant positions for the council. The annual church picnic is on also on hold.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor said multiple people have come by the office asking to inspect the church roof. Fritz said he would contact the last roofing company to have them inspect the roof to see if a claim needed to be submitted. Fritz will also contact a pest control company to set up an appointment. Due to the extreme heat and lack of people using the facility pest have been seen. In person church services and all other church gatherings have been suspended to August first. COVID-19 cases and guide-lines will be reevaluated then. Kara motion to accept and Chris second the motion. The council approved. Our internet provider has not been reliable. A request to switch the provider to Suddenlink was made. The annual cost would increase by estimated cost of \$464.00. Chris motion to accept the switch to Suddenlink and Marie second the motion. The council approved. The AC compressor is being replaced, but it is under warranty so there will not be any associated cost to replace it. It was brought to the Pastor's attention the piano needed to be tuned. The actual cost to tune the piano wasn't known. After some discussion. Barbara motion to accept tuning the piano and Betty second the motion.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,

Linda Ortegon - Council Secretary







Worship Committee Leader

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

#### Assistant Worship Reader Minister Service (Lector) (Liturgist) September **Elaine Welty** Bee Rose 6 September Ann Helm **Betty Thane** 13 September **Elaine Welty Bee Rose** 20 September Joyce O'Connell 27 Joyce O'Connell Leon Thane October October Leon Thane **Betty Thane** Ann Helm October October 25 Joyce O'Connell Reformation



While we continue services through Zoom, we only need Readers and Assistant Ministers.

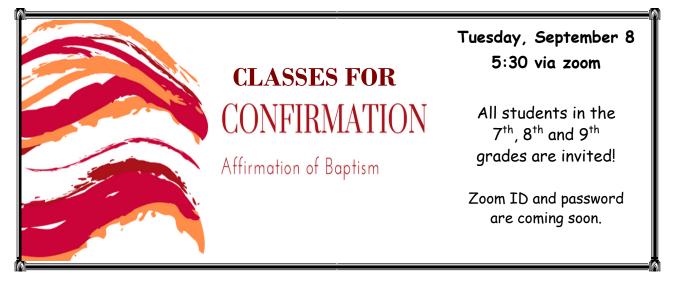
To volunteer, please contact Bee Rose, or call the church office.

> beerose5@gmail.com Bee's phone: 360-908-8789 Church Office: 944-1116



**Education** Marie Williams Team Leader

*"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Proverbs 22:6* 





**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

## BIBLE STUDY

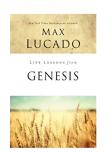
Tuesday, September 8 6:30 pm via Zoom

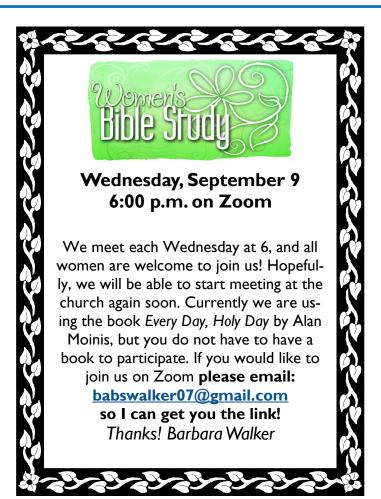
Pastor Paul will be hosting a 12 session adult bible study featuring Max Lucado's book,

"Life Lessons from Genesis".

Purchase the book on Amazon or call the church office, and we will order for you. You can join the discussion without purchasing the book.









## Service & Justice

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

### CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE AND JUSTICE SEPTEMBER 2020

## GOOD GIFT SUGGESTIONS THAT CAN BE CONTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HELP OUR CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS IMPROVE THEIR LIVES.

**BRICKS TO BUILD THE GLOBAL CHURCH:** Some of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world are in Africa and Asia. In partnership with Lutheran companion churches around the world, your gifts help construct new worship spaces to share the love of Christ far and wide, rain or shine. Large, sturdy cinder blocks are literally the cornerstone and the foundation for a new community of faith. \$50 for 10 cinder blocks.

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May the love of God Bless all who suffer and are in need of his care. Amen.

Betty Thane Service and Justice Team Leader



# **Fellowship**

Kara Martinez **Team Leader** 

"Building Christian community in love and grace."









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## **SEPTEMBER** 2—Evelyn Puckett 5 — Carlly Bluthardt 5—Bee Rose 11 — Robert Wierzowiecki 12 — Margaret Leifeste **14**—Heather Purington **16**—Brian Purington **16**—Aubrey Hariman **19**—Irene Hunter **19**—Ida Walter **20**—Daisy Montanez 26 — Chet Cooley



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NEW EMAIL The new church email address is: secretary@calvarysa.org.

|           |     |                                                       |    |                                         |                                     |    |                                         | September                                    |                       |                    |    |                                         |                                                                                      | 2             | 2020                                            |                                                            |  |
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| Saturday  | 5   |                                                       | 12 |                                         |                                     | 19 |                                         |                                              |                       |                    | 26 |                                         | Synod Assembly<br>online<br>1-4:30                                                   |               |                                                 |                                                            |  |
| Friday    | 4   |                                                       | 11 |                                         |                                     | 18 |                                         |                                              |                       |                    | 25 |                                         |                                                                                      |               |                                                 |                                                            |  |
| Thursday  | 3   |                                                       | 10 |                                         |                                     | 17 |                                         |                                              |                       |                    | 24 |                                         |                                                                                      | Looking ahead | COW conference<br>10/3                          | Pastor's continuing<br>education via Zoom<br>10/19 & 10/20 |  |
| Wednesday | 2   |                                                       | 9  | Women's Bible<br>Study Zoom 6pm         |                                     | 16 | Women's Bible<br>Study Zoom 6pm         |                                              |                       |                    | 23 | Women's Bible<br>Study Zoom 6pm         | Synod Assembly<br>online orientation<br>11-12                                        | 30            | Women's Bible<br>Study Zoom 6pm                 |                                                            |  |
| Tuesday   | e e |                                                       | 8  | Pastor's Bible Study<br>Zoom 6:30       | Confirmation Class<br>5:30 via zoom | 15 | Pastor's Bible Study<br>Zoom 6:30       | Confirmation Class                           | 5:30 via zoom         |                    | 22 | Pastor's Bible Study<br>Zoom 6:30       | Confirmation Class<br>5:30 via zoom<br>Synod Assembly<br>online orientation<br>11-12 | 29            | Pastor's Bible<br>Study: Zoom 6:30<br>featuring | Confirmation Class<br>5:30 via zoom                        |  |
| Monday    |     | Pastor's Day Off                                      | 7  | Pastor's Day Off                        | Happy Labor Day!                    | 14 | Pastor's Day Off                        | 6:30 Church Council<br>meeting               |                       |                    | 21 | Pastor's Day Off                        | Newsletter Deadline                                                                  | 28            | Pastor's Day Off                                |                                                            |  |
| Sunday    |     | All services are<br>via Zoom until<br>further notice. | 6  | Pentecost 14<br>10:00am Worship Service |                                     | 13 | Pentecost 15<br>10:00am Worship Service | "God's Work Our Hands"<br>To be rescheduled… | Pastor in Miles 11:30 | Grandparent's Day! | 20 | Pentecost 16<br>10:00am Worship Service |                                                                                      | 27            | Pentecost 17<br>10:00am Worship Service         |                                                            |  |

## **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.



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