

# Calvary Comment

*Sharing God's word & love within and beyond Calvary.*



*Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich*

On September 10, 2023, Calvary Lutheran Church along with thousands of other ELCA congregations will participate in "God's Work - Our Hands" Sunday. As you may recall, throughout the month of August the Church Council has asked the congregation to bring canned/dry goods each Sunday to help replenish the shelves at Project Dignidad. It is amazing how the canned/dry goods that we brought seem to multiply as we worked together.



"God's Works - Our Hands" Sunday is a day to celebrate and highlight the many ways that we seek to live out the connection between Gods' Work of grace and our hands engaged in service. Gods' Work is to bring wholeness and compassion to our world, but sometimes that seems too "heavenly – minded." So, we recall again on "God's Work - Our Hands" Sunday how God's promises come to us in human ways through our imperfect hands and our service.

This year we will again prepare rice and beans packs for Project Dignidad. And as we do so, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and pizza together. Come and join us as we share a time of mission together.

I would like to include the story of the Three Brick Masons in this Newsletter as we prepare for God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. The story is as follows... A gentleman passed by three brick masons on his way to work one day. As he passed by the first brick mason, he asked "What are you doing?" Without looking up from his work, the mason replied: "I'm laying bricks." The man continued on his way, and he came upon a second brick mason, and he asked him "What are you doing?" The second brick mason responded: "I'm building a wall." As the man continued on his way to work, he came upon a third brick mason, and he asked him "What are you doing?" The third brick mason shouted back with energy "I am building a cathedral."

My friends, your acts of service are more than laying bricks. Alone our hands may seem to be just a brick in the wall, but together they become the church and a lively part of God's Redeeming Activity in this world.

See you in Church on "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday.

*Pastor Paul*



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Lutheran Church  
in America



**Ashlyn Scott**  
**Council Secretary**

*Calvary Lutheran Church*  
*Council Meeting*

*July 11, 2023*

Betty called meeting to order at 6:50.

**Present:**

Betty Thane, President  
Joyce O'Connell, Vice President  
Ashlyn Scott, Council Secretary  
Heidi Wierzowiecki, Education  
Dorothy St. Germain, Fellowship  
Leon Thane, Financial Secretary  
Ann Helm, Treasurer  
Paul Zwarich, Pastor

**Not Present:**

Bee Rose, Worship

Betty moved to approve previous minutes, Heidi seconded motion and passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ann reviewed June's Treasurer report and report accepted as presented

**Financial Report:**

Leon discussed Financial report and was accepted as presented

**Education:** Have 4 people that are interested in ELCA youth gathering...

Mark and Elaine volunteered as leading the group or joining the Bishop's group which offers more opportunity. Use of possible funds through the Bishop. Discussed Rally day and the "crafting an escape room" idea.

**Fellowship:** Help needed to bring food for Church Picnic

**Pastor's Report:** Discussed July 2023 Pastor's report

**New Business**

August Council Meeting: Dorothy moved to change the August council meeting to 4:00 and Leon seconded. Motion passed.

Newsletter every other month will be discussed at further meetings.

Dorothy made a motion to increase Monte's salary to 110 and Heidi seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

God's Work Our Hands... September 10, 2023

Budget Committee: Ann will do meetings with budget committee through month of September

AV and Mic Update: Still waiting for more parts to arrive

Pastor's Discretionary Fund was discussed

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:38 pm.

**Council Secretary**  
**Ashlyn Scott**

Answers for quiz on p. 4

1. B. John. As a sort of last will and Testament, Jesus asked from the cross that his disciple John look after his, saying, "behold thy son" to Marry and "behold thy mother" to John. John took Mary into his own home. See John 19:26-27.
2. B. To sit her sons on Jesus' right and left hands in the kingdom. See Matthew 20:20-21.
3. B. Gabriel. See Luke 1:26-32.

## Worship Assistants, Altar Guild & Flowers

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the Office at 944-1116, or contact Bee Rose.

DATE	Greeter	Asst. Min.	Reader	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild
9/3 Pent 14	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose	John Ulrich	Bee & Hank Rose	Ann Helm
9/10 Pent 15		Ashlyn Scott	Ashlyn Scott		Wierzowiecki Family	
9/17 Pent 16	Jo McCormick	Bee Rose			Jo McCormick	
9/24 Pent 17		Elaine Walty	Phyllis Zwarich		Ida Walter	

Join us online on Sunday morning on by going to our website:

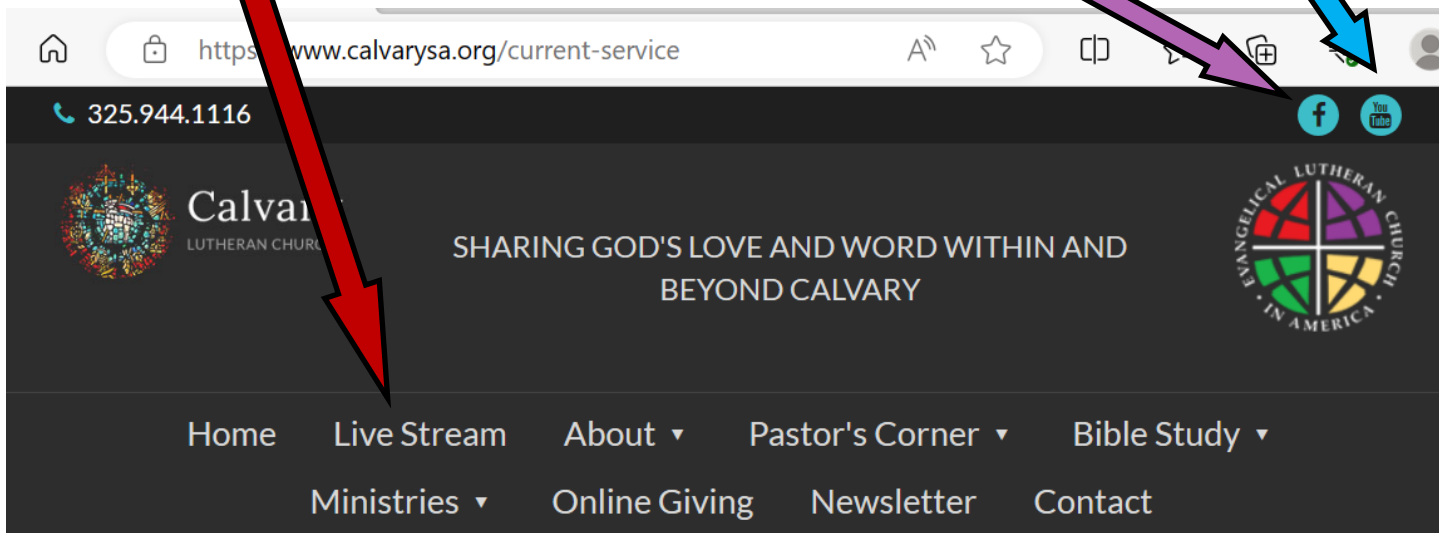
[www.calvarysa.org](http://www.calvarysa.org)

Click on the **Live Stream tab** to watch the service.

Another option is to click on the **YouTube** icon in the upper right corner.

Scroll down to find recordings of previous services on **YouTube** as well.

You can watch the service on our **Facebook** page too!





**Bee Rose**  
**Team Leader**  
**Worship**

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for a position helping with church services or assisting at the soup kitchen on the 3rd Friday of the month let me know please.

What Jesus Did,

If you had access to all the luxuries you could dream of, would you voluntarily give them up? If you had riches beyond your wildest imagination, would you lay them all down for someone you love?

That's what Jesus did.

"He gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:7-8 NLT

Jesus gave up His divine privileges, temporarily, so that He could be with His people. So that He could pay their debt and redeem them back to Himself.

Because of that, God "elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names." (Philippians 2:9 NLT)

So if you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus, you are naturally called to follow Him. To reflect His love. And to, daily, die to yourself.

Though the call to die to oneself can be literal in some cases, more often, it's symbolic. It means giving up what we want in favor of something that could have an eternal impact.

Maybe, instead of binging a TV show or scrolling social media, you could visit someone in the hospital, take a meal to someone who's hurting, or help a single parent.

Maybe, instead of rushing to get everything on your busy schedule finished, you could take the time to read the Bible with a child, befriend someone who's lonely, or be present with the people around you.

Maybe, instead of waiting for God to send opportunities your way, you could seek out those who are desperate for Him—and help them see why He occupies the place of highest honor in your life.

The great news is, you have been empowered to do what Jesus did.

#### A Prayer for Comfort and Mercy

God, You are my comforter. You offer me mercy and bring me back into a relationship with You. Please help me to be a comforter to others, too. Give me the strength to offer mercy as You have done for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

1. Which disciple was asked to look after Mary, mother of Jesus, after Jesus' death?

A. James(son of Zebedee), B. John,  
C. (Simon) Peter, D. James (son of Alphaeus)

2. What did the mother of James and John ask of Jesus?

A. To heal her "blood problem", B. To sit her sons on Jesus' right and left hand in the kingdom, C. To cast out her demons, D. To allow her to wash his feet

3. Which angel appeared to Mary to tell her she was going to give birth God?

A. Raphael, B. Gabriel, C. Lucifer, D. The angel isn't named.

Answers on p. 2

# SEPTEMBER

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/3/1988  
Mark & Sheryl Sad

9/9/1972  
Brian & Crystal Purington



## BIRTHDAYS

2	Evelyn Puckett
5	Carlly Bluthardt
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
20	Daisy Montanez
26	Chet Cooley

## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

On Sept. 10th, please plan to stay after the service & participate in packaging beans and rice for

Project Dignidad

Pizza will be served.

Join us for fellowship, food & fun!



HELP  
FOR THE  
HUNGRY



## ALTAR GUILD

September 2nd  
at 10 am

For  
information:  
Pam Ulrich  
942-9404



Every Wednesday  
Beginning Sept. 6th  
6:30 pm  
in person or Zoom

## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, Sept. 16th  
at 8 am

Rosa's Café  
& Tortilla Factory  
4235 Sherwood Way



## Tuesday Night Bible Study Starting Tuesday September 5, 2023 Consider the Years:

*A Thirteen-Session Bible Study for Mature Christians*

by Rev. Brad Hales

As the subtitle indicates, this Bible study was written for mature Christians. That is, it bears in mind the unique perspective of those who have seen many years in their relationship with God and may wonder how faith can speak anew to their daily lives. The study offers thirteen brief sessions on issues we all must navigate, emphasizing how God's Word can bring strength and comfort in the unknown.

If you wish to purchase the Book for \$12.99, please let the office know.

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**September  
1st - 10th**

cheerful  
givers

Please consider donating to the hygiene closet made available for ASU students at the United Campus Ministries facility. There will be a basket in the narthex for donations. Thank you!



**THE UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
IS COLLECTING PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR THE STUDENTS  
AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Travel or personal sizes are preferred*

**ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:**

- . Hair Conditioner
- . Shampoo
- . Combs
- . Hair Brushes
- . Toothpaste
- . Tooth Brushes
- . Bar Soap
- . Body Wash
- . Kleenex
- . Body Lotion
- . Moisturizer
- . Shaving Cream
- . Q-tips
- . Feminine Hygiene Products
- . Laundry Detergent (travel size, if you can find it)
- . Dryer Softener Sheets



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

**What you need:**

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

**What you do:**

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



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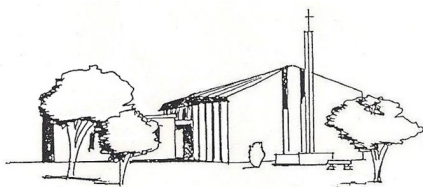
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					AA 5:30pm	Altar Guild 10am
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
8:45 Sunday School 10am Worship Service Pent 14	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Labor Day	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study #1 6:45	Women's Bible Study 6:30	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm Synod Council Mtg. 8th & 9th	Synod Council Mtg. 8th & 9th
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
8:45 Sunday School & Confirmation class 10am Worship Service Pent 15 God's Work Our Hands	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Council 6:45pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	Men's Bible Breakfast 8am Rosa's Sherwood Way
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
8:45 Sunday School & Confirmation class 10am Worship Service Pent 16	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter deadline	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study #2 6:45	Women's Bible Study 6:30	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	COW Conference 10am Avoca Fall Begins
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
8:45 Sunday School & Confirmation class 10am Worship Service Pent 17 Noisy Bucket UCM Music & Food Night	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study #3 6:45	Women's Bible Study 6:30	AA 5:30pm	AA 5:30pm	

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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.