

# Calvary Comment



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich**

## Special dates

- \* 3/2 Transfiguration Sunday
- \* 3/4 Shrove Tuesday 5:30pm
- \* 3/5 Ash Wednesday 6pm
- \* 3/9 Daylight saving time begins
- \* 3/20 First day of spring



3/5 Ash Wednesday

Mid-week Wed. Lenten Services  
3/12 - 4/9  
5 Wednesdays

**\*all services 6pm\***

**Calvary Lutheran Church  
San Angelo, TX  
March 2025**

## From the Pastor

The Season of Lent is upon us. This year we will again have Wednesday night Mid-Week Lenten Services, and the focus will be on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. The Seven Last Words are:

1. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" *Luke 23:34*
2. "Today, you will be with me in paradise" *Luke 23:43*
3. "Woman, behold, your son! Behold, your mother!" *John 19:26-27*
4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" *Matthew 27:46*  
& *Mark 15:34*
5. "I thirst" *John 19:28*
6. "It is finished" *John 19:30*
7. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" *Luke 23:46*

For the past 2,000 plus years, it has been a tradition in the Church to spend some time during Lent or Holy Week on the Seven Last Words spoken by Jesus on the Cross. The Seven Last Words are not actually words, they are phrases. And I must point out that they are not even the last words spoken by Jesus. Scripture informs us that after He was raised from the dead, He spoke to His disciples. And after His Ascension, He spoke to Paul. And today, through the Holy Spirit, He continues to speak to all Christians. But, still, the last words Jesus spoke on the Cross are important because they reveal to us how deep Christ's love for humanity really is and that Jesus was determined to fulfill God's Redeeming Activity in this world. Come and join us as we study the Seven Last Words of Jesus every Wednesday during the Lenten Season at 6 pm.

But before we begin our Lenten journey, the men of the congregation would like to invite you to attend our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration and feast on pancakes and sausage and then top it off with King Cake. Shrove Tuesday will be held on Tuesday March 4, 2025. Come and be a part of the fun on Shrove Tuesday starting at 5:30 pm.

Blessings to you on your Lenten Journey,

*Pastor Paul*



# Calvary Lutheran Church Minutes

## January 14, 2025, Zoom

### **Present:**

Betty Thane, President  
 Joyce O'Connell, Vice President  
 Ashlyn Scott, Secretary  
 Leon Thane, Financial Secretary  
 Manuel Ortegon, Treasurer  
 Elaine Mitchell, Service and Justice  
 Diane Ross, Worship  
 Jill Zuehlke, Fellowship  
 Heidi Wierzoweicki, Education  
 Paul Zwarich, Pastor

Joyce moved to accept November's amended minutes, Diane seconded and the minutes were accepted.

**Education:** We will be continuing Sunday School sign-ups throughout the spring

**Fellowship:** Help with the men's Shrove Pancake Tuesday on March 4

**Worship:** In December, the committee picked hymns for January-April.

**Social Concerns:** National Day of Racial Healing sign-ups on Jan. 21

Canned goods and nonperishable items for Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 2-9

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor read over his report and was accepted as presented

**General Information:** ELCA Good Gifts-\$1,386.65

Tree Ornaments: \$584.00

Noisy Bucket: \$802.65

Cow Conference, May 3:1-4 pm in Miles, Texas

### **Unfinished Business**

Leon presented the church hail damage report which may be resolved in early February

### **New Business**

Audit Committee: Manuel will get in touch with previous Audit committee members

Nominating Committee needed for Parish Education and Financial Secretary

Will be thinking of a recipient for Lenten Offerings for the next meeting

We now have a bookkeeper to work with the Treasurer

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Leon presented the December report and it was accepted as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Manuel presented the November and December treasurer's report and was accepted as presented.

Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:10 pm.

Secretary,

Ashlyn Scott



**Greetings From Rosalee King...** to my family of Christian Believers of Calvary Lutheran Church  
**HAPPY VALENTINE---**I know by the time you read this, the day for 2025 has already passed.

I want to tell you a little bit about the life here at Baptist Retirement Community. It encompasses approximately 10 acres. Not only the High Rise where I live but there are homes out to the East, the other side of Main St.; back behind the High Rise; and around the frontal area. Everyone is so friendly.

I have plenty of room where I am. My apartment is a two bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom, shower room. With the cafe downstairs, I never use my kitchen. I take all my meals in the cafe. During a couple of rains that came pretty hard when they did, it rained in my living room window twice. I finally got someone to look at it. The original carpenter came by first and looked and when he finished, he told me he would send someone over from a window company to look. Three guys from the window company came and when they finally completed their looking, they told me as they were leaving that they would install three new windows. That is still to come in the near future.

They also offer here two floors that have laundry in them. Nice new Speed Queen machines. A laundry service is also offered at not much price. I had started that while Al was still with me. With my Osteoarthritis, it was getting almost impossible for me to get laundry up and down to do it myself. They also offer transportation both to an from any sort of medical appointment. Other type of places we have to get someone to take us, for a small fee. The Personal Aid Service they call it.

There is also a chapel across Main St. Just recently, the Chaplain from here had a memorial service for all those who had gone during 2024. It was a very nice service. The Chaplain from here had visited Al every morning while he was in hospital and also Sagecross. A very caring person he is. He actually came to Al's services in Sept.

Donnie Steve comes down to see me and see how I am doing when he gets the time. Teresa would but it is harder to get here from Tucson. I know she would but as you all know we have those telephones that take just get us there in moments.

I miss seeing all of you in person every Sunday, but am thankful that I have my computer and can tune in by 'live streaming'. So I join you every Sunday through the whole service. I want to 'thank' each of you for your kind words and thoughts when Al passed on and then again also in Dec. when my first born child, Danny passed on. It hurt very much to lose both of them, but I believe that my son was the worst. Danny had been in Arizona all last year, but Teresa was very faithful to keep me up on any change that he may have had. Although I knew he was o.k., it really did hurt me. We never know what will be given unto us. That is one reason I am so glad everyone here is such loving and caring type of person.

Right now I could add more, but just wanted my Church family to know where I live and how I am doing. I tell you all goodnight when I get into bed plus all my friends here. Until later, God bless and keep each and everyone of you safe. My love to all of you. **Rosalee**

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## We Celebrate with Joyce O'Connell's Family

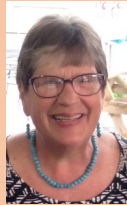
Joyce shares, "My second great granddaughter was born January 1, 2025, in the Houston area, to my second granddaughter Alyssa & her husband Scott. Her name is Brecklyn Grace and she arrived over a week early. Brecklyn is my 3rd great grandchild, the first 2 were born to Alyssa's sister Lauren, a boy, Axel and a girl, Ollie. I haven't met Brecklyn yet but hope to in the near future."





BIRTHDAYS	
02	Mark Mitchell
05	Jill Zuehlke
13	Joyce Rowoldt
24	Dorothy St. Germain
25	Tom Miller
27	Jo McCormick

We will be having an Easter Sunday brunch in April. It will be nice to have breakfast together before church. So, be thinking of what you will want to bring!!



Thank you!  
*Jill Zuehlke*  
 \*Fellowship

### Fasting and Feasting

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.



**On March 17,** we remember the Christian missionary **St. Patrick.**

Here is an Irish benediction.

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
 May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
 May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



Worship Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild					
Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.					
DATE	AM	Reader	Flowers	Sunday School	Altar Guild
Mar 2 Transfiguration	Joyce O'Connell	Valerie Bluthardt	Marie Williams	Bee Rose	Pam Ulrich
Mar 5 Ash Wednesday		Betty Thane	**		
Mar 9 1 Lent		Ashley Pokrzywinski	**		
Mar 16 2 Lent		Bee Rose	**	Phyllis Zwarich	
Mar 23 3 Lent		Ashley Pokrzywinski	**	Heather Lehmann & Thanes	
March 30 4 Lent	Leon Thane	Betty Thane	**		

# UCM at ASU

## Update for United Campus Ministry at ASU (UCM)

UCM is undergoing changes resulting from the retirement of Chaplain/Director Gary Sanders after 17 years of service. The Interim Chaplain is Father Cole Jodon, from Good Shepherd Episcopal Church who has committed to serving through the Spring semester.

Elections were held February 10 and the new officers are:

John Caldwell – President  
 Mark Mitchell – VP  
 Jerry Willeford – Treasurer  
 Ann Helm – Secretary

UCM is pursuing permanent replacement of the Interim Chaplain and addition of an Office Manager or Director to oversee day-to-day operations.

Food4Thought continued serving meals on Wednesdays when the Spring Semester began. Calvary Lutheran committed to host the meal on Wednesday January 29 and March 5. The meals may move to Tuesdays this fall.

**WISH LIST:** A larger refrigerator, an office air conditioner with a 17" x 28" opening, a new ice maker, landscaping and patio, a video projector, and a projection screen, washer & dryer for students' use.

# UCM at ASU

## A Message from the Board of Trustees

Mr. Kadyen Kevil, President, Board of Trustees

December 23, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am happy to inform you that this has been another good year for the UCM! This can be expressed in a few ways, with several successes and challenges we overcame.

During the long semesters, we kept with our tradition of feeding students – between 40-50 a week on average. This is not only a vital ministry and a core aspect of who we are, but also a way, I feel, God can express his love to all of the students on this campus. If students know about UCM, they are less likely to be hungry! It is also important to note that we fed 54 people on the week of Thanksgiving, breaking previous records.

Along with this, we held a very successful fundraiser at Emmanuel Episcopal Church this year, raising over \$4,000. I would like to sincerely thank Ski and Judy Lisewski, Gary and Eldra Sanford, our students, Jerry Willeford, Lynn Sonnenburg, and many others who helped. Without them, this event would not have been the success it was!

The funds, however, initially intended to fund a retreat, had to be reappropriated to replace our air conditioning unit. At the time, it was too costly to pay for the whole unit, but one of our trustees, Esther Wooten, volunteered to loan us the money at a very reasonable rate. For her incredible generosity, I believe we cannot thank her enough. More than this, however, I cannot express how much I appreciate the service of our trustees – volunteering their time, effort, and minds to make this organization better. Without them, we certainly would not be nearly as organized or successful as we are today.

That being said, I have to address what has been one of the most challenging aspects of my time as President of the Board of Trustees: Dn. Gary Sanford's retirement. He has served this organization for nearly 18 years as Chaplain and Director. Throughout his time here, he has coordinated calendars for Wednesday lunches, talked to students concerning spiritual matters, led retreats, and countless other things that are just as, if not more, meaningful. Truly, he has been an amazing figure in the history of this organization. As he retires, I would like to honor his service and dedication – he has done a great job!

However, we cannot allow this organization to go without leadership. In this interim period, Revd. Dr. Cole Jodon of Good Shepherd has been selected to be our chaplain. He will serve in this capacity through the spring semester. I believe he will be an amazing resource to our students and I am overjoyed to welcome him into our organization! His presence allows us to be more deliberate in finding someone who will steward this organization in all of its ministerial and directorial functions. By all means, this is incredibly important, as students are burgeoning leaders; they are our future. It is important to find someone who not only encourages growth in students, but fully respects them as the adults they are. This can be a tough balance to strike, but it is incredibly important.

At this time, I feel that it is appropriate to invoke existential psychology. Our lives continually ask us questions, and, by answering them, we find meaning. Of course, it can be debated who, or what, is asking us these questions. For some, it is purely the circumstances of life. For others, it is God. In this case, God has asked me many questions, all of them pointing me to becoming a more and more authentic, fulfilled, and spiritually active person. When it comes to UCM, I feel that God is asking the organization many questions. How do we grow this community to include more students over time? How can we make this organization more inclusive? How do we create a spiritually vibrant community? What can we do to encourage the next generation of students and leaders to come into the fullness of who they are? In this coming year, these are questions that we must answer.

In this coming year, I can sense that we will have ample opportunities to answer these questions, continuing in the work of creating a meaningful community for the students on our campus. We will be busy in the work of feeding students, helping them to embrace their maturing spirituality, and we will help them grow into their best, most authentic selves. In this effort, I ask for your prayers and support!

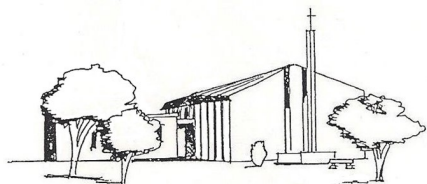
Pray for me – I'll be praying for you,

Many blessings,  
Kadyen Kevil,  
President, Board of Trustees  
A.S.U. United Campus Ministries, Inc.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Altar Guild 10am
<b>2</b> Transfiguration of our Lord 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>3</b> AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	<b>4</b> AA group 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper 5:30pm No Bible Study	<b>5</b> Ash Wednesday 6pm 	<b>6</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>7</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 1 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Daylight Savings Begins	<b>10</b> AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	<b>11</b> AA group 5:30pm 6pm Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> Mid-week 1 Lenten service 6pm	<b>13</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>14</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 2 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>17</b> AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>19</b> Mid-week 2 Lenten service 6pm	<b>20</b> AA group 5:30pm 	<b>21</b> AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 3 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Noisy Bucket	<b>24</b> AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>26</b> Mid-week 3 Lenten service 6pm	<b>27</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>28</b> AA group 5:30pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 4 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>31</b> AA group 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.