

# Calvary Comment



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis  
Zwarich**



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3231 S. College Hills Blvd.  
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*Sharing God's word & love  
within and beyond Calvary.*



## From the Pastor

Advent. The Advent Season is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas. It is the Season when we recall the time when the Christ Child was born in a stable and the Season when we look forward to the time when Christ shall come again.

For most people, the Advent Season begins four weeks before Christmas Day. But, for those who work in the Church, and for those who serve on the Church Council, and for those who serve on Church Committees, the Season of Advent preparation and waiting probably began months ago. I have been planning for the

Advent and Christmas Season since July. I have been humming Christmas tunes since then too.

I would like to invite you to come and participate in what so many people in the congregation have spent time preparing. Here is a list of **some** of our Advent and Christmas Activities.

**Midweek Wednesday Night Advent Services.** The theme this year is "Waiting." I know that no one likes to wait. But "waiting" is something that we all experience. Come and hear "How to Wait for the Lord." Our Wednesday Night Advent Services will be held at 6 pm on December 4, December 11, and December 18.

**ELCA Good Gift Program.** This year we will again be participating in the ELCA Good Gift Program. Come and pick a gift on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The animals of God's Global Barnyard are among some of the most popular gifts given each year. Come and pick your gift tag early. We usually run out of chicken tags. But don't despair, this year Roosters have been added to the list.

**Decorate the Church for Christmas.** The "Hanging of the Greens" will occur immediately after worship on Sunday December 8, 2024. Please stay and help us decorate the church for Christmas. We will have cookies and hot chocolate to tie you over until you can enjoy your lunch after we have finished decorating the church. Note: The Dallas Cowboys do not play a game on that Sunday. The game will be on Monday December 9, 2024.

**Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal.** On Saturday December 14, 2024 the Youth are invited to come and rehearse and pick out costumes for this year's Christmas Pageant. We will meet at 1 pm in the sanctuary. After the rehearsal is over, the youth will be invited to join me at Chick-fil-A to enjoy a meal on me.

**Youth Christmas Program.** On Sunday December 15, the Youth Christmas Pageant will replace the sermon, and we will hear again the nativity event. Come and cheer our youth on as they present the Christmas story to the congregation.

**Christmas Eve Service of Word, Sacrament, and Light.** Our Candlelight Christmas Eve service will take place on December 24, 2024 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Join us as we sing Christmas Hymns and rejoice in the gift of the Christ Child.

**Epiphany Potato Luncheon.** Our annual Epiphany Potato luncheon will be held on Saturday January 4, 2025 in the Church Fellowship Hall. More information on this blessed event will be posted in the upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

Come and be a part of these activities as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas Season.

*Pastor Paul*

Betty called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

**Present:**

Betty Thane, President  
Joyce O'Connell, Vice President  
Ashlyn Scott, Secretary  
Leon Thane, Financial Secretary  
Manuel Ortegon, Treasurer  
Ann Helm, Bookkeeper  
Diane Ross, Worship  
Paul Zwarich, Pastor

**Not Present:**

Elaine Mitchell, Service and Justice  
Heidi Wierzoweicki, Education  
Jill Zuehlke, Fellowship

Joyce moved to accept September's minutes as presented, Leon seconded and the minutes were accepted.

**Education:** Nothing to report. Spring teaching sign up sheets will soon be out

**Fellowship:** Thanksgiving meal sign-up sheets will soon be out (**Nov 17**)

**Worship:** Nothing to Report

**Social Concerns:** Potential gift-wrapping social during Advent

**Pastor's Report:** Report was accepted as presented

**General Information**

Reformation Sunday: October 27, Mark Hinzman  
Congregational Meeting: November 3  
November Council Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 14  
Thanksgiving Dinner: November 17  
Council Christmas Meal: December 10, Cotton Patch

**Unfinished Business**

**Budget:** Joyce made a motion to accept proposed budget A from the budget committee and present to the congregation on November 3, Leon seconded, motion passed.

**Betty released the budget committee from their duty for this year.**

**Core Committees:** Core leaders need to re-establish and submit new committee members

**Synod Assembly Delegates:** Will be voted on Nov 3 at Congregational Meeting

**New Business**

Shrubs and Bugs: Thanks to Millers for shrub trimming.

Decorate Church for Christmas: **December 8**

Joyce motioned to decorate the church on December 8th, Diane seconded, motion carried.

Sunday School Christmas Program- **December 15**  
Recipient of Advent Offerings: NAMI

Joyce motioned to make NAMI the recipient of Advent offerings, Ashlyn seconded, motion carried.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Leon read over the report and was accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Manual read over the Treasurer's report and was accepted as presented.

**Communications**

Ashlyn motioned for the secretary to send an email to the congregation for pastor appreciation month; Joyce seconded. The motion passed.

Joyce motioned to adjourn the meeting, Manuel seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 pm.


**Secretary,**

**Ashlyn Scott**



# THANK YOU for helping.

You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

DATE 2024	Assist. Minister	Reader (Lector)	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild	Sunday School
12/1 Advent 1	Joyce		Adam	Marie	Pam Ulrich	Pastor Paul
12/8 Advent 2		Bee	Joyce			
12/15 Advent 3		Phyllis	Adam			
12/22 Advent 4			Joyce			
12/29 Christmas 1	Bee			Thane		



**Jill Zuehlke**  
\*Fellowship



\*\*Dec 8th will be the *tree decorating* after the service. There will be cocoa and cookies served.

Along with that we will also have a *cookie exchange* for those who would like to participate. Bring 6 dozen of you favorite Christmas cookie. Then you will pick a variety of 6 dozen and “wahla”....your Christmas cookie trays are done with a great variety ready to freeze.

\*\*A huge *thank you* to everyone for making the *Thanksgiving dinner* so wonderful! The food, set up and clean up were appreciated and awesome! We are so blessed to have a terrific congregation.

Kind regards, Jill



Epiphany Potato Luncheon will be Saturday, January 4 at 11 am. The speaker will be Calvary's very own Tom Miller. We look forward to hearing from Tom!

Potatoes will be provided. Everyone bring your favorite topping.

If you have any questions, call Pam Ulrich at 942-9404.



**Christmas Poinsettias**

Calvary, You can help adorn the sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia for \$10. Please put payment in the offering plate, or put \$10 in the brown envelope by the sign up sheet in the narthex.



Calvary, when we mail things to Rosalee we are **NOT** supposed to put the apartment number. This is the correct address for mail:

**Rosalee King**  
 903 N. Main #2  
 San Angelo, TX 76903



Calvary, I appreciate the prayers, calls & cards during my recovery from back surgery. I'm doing really well!

Thank you all!

**Donna Aguilar**

Thank you to all my Calvary family for your support and prayers during my surgery and recovery. The cards, calls and texts were so uplifting. Your reaching out like that has meant so much to me.

God bless you all!

**Ann Helm**



# DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS	
04	Heidi Wierzowiecki
09	Steven L. Tucker
10	Kay Smith
12	William Anderson
12	Kara Martinez
21	LaMont Allen
25	Lori Smithwick
29	Myshae Allen

ANNIVERSARIES
12/27/1964
Leon & Betty Thane



**Elaine Mitchell**  
\*Social Ministries



\*Good gifts tree will be up December 1st so you can purchase ornaments to contribute to world hunger.

\*If anyone is interested in wrapping presents for the family shelter please contact me at 817-372-8295.

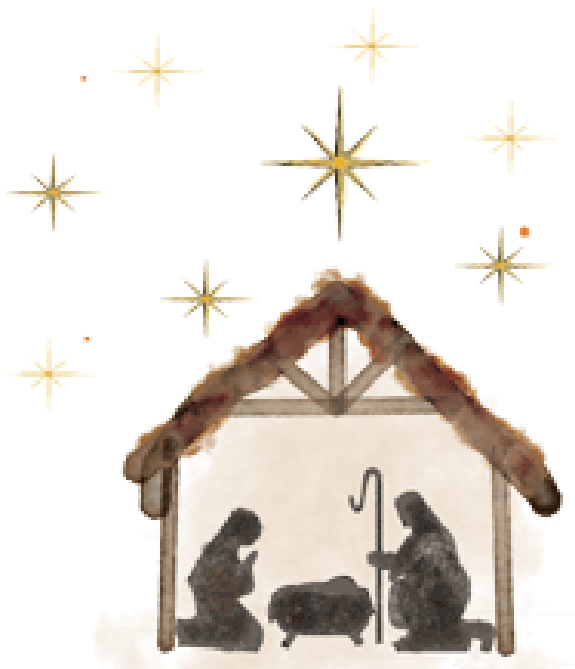
THANK YOU  
for  
  
GIVING

Midweek Advent offering will go to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, of San Angelo.



Mark & Elaine Mitchell have a new grandson!

Praise God for Mason Thomas Machado born Friday November 15. Katherine and Mason are both doing well.



# PUZZLE



## CLUES ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The Old Testament contains many details about Jesus' birth.  
Can you uncover what Isaiah prophesied?

Directions: Use the code to write the letters and complete Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV.

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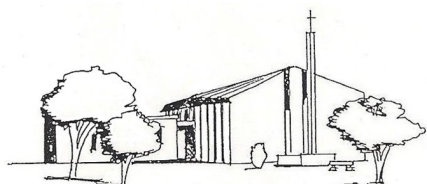
from that time on and \_\_\_\_\_ . *Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV*

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# ★ DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 Advent	2 AA group 5:30pm  Pastor's Day Off	3 AA group 5:30pm	4 Midweek Advent 1 6pm service	5 AA group 5:30pm	6 AA group 5:30pm	7
8 2 Advent 10am Worship Decorate the sanctuary after the service Cookie Exchange	9 AA group 5:30pm  Pastor's Day Off	10 AA group 5:30pm  Council Meal @ Cotton Patch	11 Midweek Advent 2 6pm service	12 AA group 5:30pm  	13 AA group 5:30pm	14 Youth Practice For Christmas Program 1:00
15 3 Advent 10am Worship Youth Christmas Program during worship	16 AA group 5:30pm  Pastor's Day Off	17 AA group 5:30pm	18 Midweek Advent 3 6pm service	19 AA group 5:30pm	20 AA group 5:30pm  Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	21
22 4 Advent 10am Worship	23 AA group 5:30pm  Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	24 AA group 5:30pm  Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7pm	25 	26 AA group 5:30pm	27 AA group 5:30pm	28
29 1 Christmas 10am Worship	30 AA group 5:30pm  Pastor's Day Off	31 AA group 5:30pm  New Years Eve				

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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.