# Calvary Comment



Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich



2-Labor Day
8-God's Work Our Hands
10-Council Meeting 6pm
11-Patriot Day
14-COW Sagerton 1pm
17-Tues. Bible Study begins
20-Soup Kitchen 9:30-1:30
21-Ida's bday 1:30-4:30
22-Noisy Bucket
22-First Day of Fall

Calvary Lutheran Church 3231 S. College Hills Blvd. San Angelo, TX

> September 2024 Newsletter





"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

John 6:27

Do you recall the kind of work the Apostle Paul was engaged in besides being a teacher to the Gentiles? That's right, he was a tentmaker. Do you also recall the vocations of other prominent Biblical characters? I'll help you. Luke was a physician.

Lydia was a dealer in purple cloth. Peter was a fisherman. Rebekah managed a household as a wife to Issac and a mother of twin boys. Joseph was the husband of Mary and a carpenter. Amos was a shepherd and tended to sycamore-fig trees. Cornelius was a centurion in the Roman army. Zacchaeus was a tax collector.

Each one of these characters labored hard to provide daily food for themselves and for their families. But these individuals did more than simply work for food that perishes. Each one of them, in their own distinct way, labored also in the Kingdom of God, and for food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man provides through His death and Resurrection.

Jesus too had an earthly vocation. He was a carpenter, like Joseph. That is how He earned His daily bread. But He also labored faithfully to provide us with food that endures forever. And how did He do this? To provide food that will endure for eternal life. He took upon Himself all our sins and was crucified and buried. And then He defeated death by rising on the third day. Jesus labored to provide for us life, forgiveness, salvation, hope, and food that endures to eternal life.

On Labor Day, may we all recognize that God has looked favorably upon us as we work for our daily bread. And may we all give thanks for the "food that endures for eternal life" that Jesus gives to us through His Redeeming Activity as we go and labor in the Kingdom of God and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Labor Day

Pastor Paul

# THANK YOU for helping.

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

DATE 2024	Greeter	Usher	Assist. Minister	Reader (Lector)	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild
9/1 Pentecost 15		James Lou	Joyce			St. Germain	Diane
9/8 Pentecost 16		James Lou		Phyllis	Adam	Miller	Diane
9/15 Pentecost 17		James Lou				McCormick	Diane
9/22 Pentecost 18		James Lou	Elaine	Valerie	Adam	O'Connell	Valerie
9/29 Pentecost 19		James Lou				Zwarich	Valerie



Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) once wrote "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on tuis world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Come and join us on Sunday September 8 (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday) as we celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. During the service we will sing "God's Work, Our Hands" written by Wayne L. Wold. The Hymn is sung to the tune of Earth and All Stars by David N. Johnson.

The first verse goes like this... God's Work, Our Hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and sheltering the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the Good News of your Gospel."

If you purchased a "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirt, please wear it to church Sunday September 8 for God's Work Our Hands Sunday.



Jill Zuehlke Team Leader Fellowship

Fellowship was a glorious sight to see at our annual picnic. The smiles, laughter and conversations filled the hall.

The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you for bringing all the food to share. Hats off to Fritz for grilling the burgers and hotdogs.

The set up and clean up went quickly with all the help!
Our next event will be Thanksqiving in November.

God continues to bless us everyday with our special friendships, partnerships and companionships at Calvary Lutheran.

# UCM at ASU

Calvary will be serving lunch to staff & students at the UCM
Wednesday, OCTOBER 2ND.

Your donations for food would be appreciated! Please designate your offering for UCM food to help purchase lasagna, salad, bread & cookies.

# Wish List from UCM

A refrigerator, an office air conditioner with a 17" x 28" opening, a video projector, and a projection screen.



Calvary, if you visit the church at times other than Sunday morning, please make sure you **lock the doors** when you leave.

Thanks for helping.



These 2 earrings are in the church office. Let us know if they belong to you.





# **ANNIVERSARIES**

9/3/1988 Mark & Sheryl Sad

9/9/1972 Brian & Crystal Purington



Many Thanks to those who attended the birthday party for **Gladys Jones**.

We appreciate the cards, prayers, thoughts & kind words!
Thank you for all the birthday blessings.

Kara Martinez & Gladys Jones

	BIRTHDAYS
5	Carlly Bluthardt
5	Bee Rose
6	Joy Allen
7	Marcy Miller
11	Robert Wierzowiecki
12	Margaret Leifeste
14	Heather Purington
16	Brian Purington
16	Aubrey Hariman
19	Irene Hunter
19	Ida Walter
26	Chet Cooley



Join us to celebrate

Ida Walter's

100th birthday!

Saturday, September 21, 2024 Come & Go 1:30-4:30

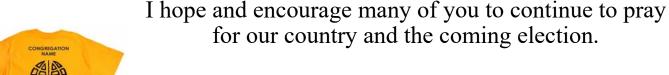
Baptist Memorial Club House 109 Green Acres Circle San Angelo, TX



Elaine Mitchell \*Social Ministries



# Service and Justice September 2024



God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 8. We will package beans and rice as our service project followed by pizza and fellowship. Plan to stay for a fun and rewarding time after the worship service.

Amy Mizel will be at Calvary on September 22 representing National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The following class will be presented online by the ELCA.

Class: "Indian 101"

The general population knows very little about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (Continent of North America). Even the most basic topics are often grand mysteries. This is by design – for centuries the colonial project has prioritized the complete erasure of Native people. "Indian 101" explains some of these basics to build a foundation for students to stand in solidarity with Indian people across the United States as we work together to dismantle long-standing systems of oppression.

Class: "Indian 101"
2 - 4 p.m. Central time
Presented by Vance Blackfox
Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024

# Calvary Lutheran Church Minutes June 11, 2024 by Zoom

## **Present:**

Betty Thane, President
Joyce O'Connell, Vice President
Ashlyn Scott, Secretary
Manuel Ortegon, Treasurer
Leon Thane, Financial Secretary
Heidi Wierzowiecki, Education
Diane Ross, Worship
Elaine Mitchell, Social Concerns
Dorothy/ Jillian Zuelke, Fellowship
Paul Zwarich, Pastor

# **Not Present:**

Bee Rose, Worship Ann Helm, Bookkeeper

Joyce motioned to accept May minutes as presented, Heidi seconded, motion passed.

#### **Education**

Leon moved to cancel day camp due to not enough participants. Joyce seconded, motion passed. Can not get a refund of the \$500 down deposit. Need to write a check for Scott Family for Youth Gathering

# **Fellowship**

August 18th: Church Picnic and Rally Day Will have root beer floats on Father's Day and light refreshments at funeral

# Worship

Nothing to report

#### **Social Concerns**

\$250 grant from Marie for Day camp that can be used for other church needs

# Pastor's Report

Mark Hinzman will give a report on Reformation Sunday.

June 30th 2024- Council Installment

#### **New Business**

God's Work, Our Hands: September 8th. Will get customized shirts if ordered by a certain date

Leon suggested Ann to be added to the Budget Committee

Need professional/carpenter to fix water damage in church (tiles in sanctuary, ceiling tiles, library wall repair) rather than a member of church

Betty knows someone that will be able to look at the door between sanctuary that can no longer be opened

# **Treasurer's Report**

No report to be discussed

# Financial Secretary's Report

Report was accepted as presented

# **Communications**

Received a thank you note from Meals for the Elderly for our regular donations
Dorothy made a motion to disperse extra Bibles in the library, Joyce seconded, and motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:58.

Secretary,

Ashlyn Scott







Blessing of the Backpacks 2024

# Calvary Lutheran Church Minutes July 9, 2024, Zoom

## **Present:**

Betty Thane, President Joyce O'Connell, Vice President Ashlyn Scott, Secretary Ann Helm, Treasurer/Bookkeeper Leon Thane, Financial Secretary Diane Ross, Worship Elaine Mitchell, Social Concerns Jillian Zuehlke, Fellowship Paul Zwarich, Pastor

#### **Not Present:**

Manuel Ortegon, Treasurer Heidi Wierzowiecki, Education

Joyce motioned to accept June minutes with corrections and Jill seconded.

## **Education**

Nothing to Report

# **Fellowship**

Church Picnic and Rally Day: August 18th, serving hot dogs and sides

## Worship

Picking hymns soon, nothing to report.

# **Social Concerns**

The Thrivent grant will be used for beans, rice, and lunch on September 8th.

Sign up sheets for God's Work, Our Hands shirts have been placed in the narthex.

Elaine motioned a daily prayer at noon for our nation, and Jill seconded. Motion passed.

Calvary will have a booth on Saturday, August 3, at Blackshear Heights family's block party. Will learn more about the family to continue to participate in future events as a congregation

# Pastor's Report

Pastor read over the report.

#### **Unfinished Business**

We will try to replace the door between the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary before we start on the library project.

Proposed Budget Committee will include: Manuel, Pastor, Betty, Valerie, and Diane.

#### **New Business**

NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) by Amy Mizell will hold a temple talk in September or October Leon motioned to retire a CD early and move to our checking account to help pay bills, Diane seconded. Motion passed.

Gopher holes under the A/C unit need to be tended to before more problems begin to

Joyce motioned to send \$300 with Ashlyn and Riley to the Youth Gathering as an offering from our church, Diane seconded, motion passed.

# Treasurer's Report- Ann

Ann presented May and June's Financial Reports and reports were accepted as presented.

# **Financial Secretary's Report**

Leon presented the report and was accepted as presented.

#### **Communications**

No communications present.

Joyce motioned to adjourn the meeting, Diane seconded. Closed the meeting with Lord's Prayer at 7:40.

Secretary,

Ashlyn Scott





"We turn not older with years, but newer every day."

-Emily Dickinson

"The only thing of importance, when we depart, will be the traces of love we have left behind."

-Albert Schweitzer

# The Significance of Patriot Day

Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to remember the lives lost and changed on that autumn morning.

The resolution requests that each year the president issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities. Those include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.

In his 2023 proclamation President Biden said, "Together, may we continue to demonstrate that the rights and freedoms that those terrorists sought to destroy on September 11, 2001, remain unwavering — strengthened by generations of Americans who have dared all and risked all to defend, protect and preserve our democracy.



# There is nothing better for a man, than to enjoy his work ... Exclesion tes 3:22

# The Gift of Work

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?

"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."

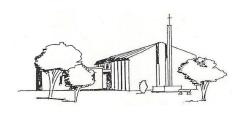
"Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	က	4	2	9	7
Pent 15 8:45 Sunday School 10am Worship	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
8	6	10	11	12	13	14
Pent 16 8:45 Sunday School 10am Worship God's Work Our Hands	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm Church Council 6pm Zoom	Patriot Day	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	COW in Sagerton 1pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pent 18 8:45 Sunday School 10am Worship Noisy Bucket	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	AA group 5:30pm Adult bible study 6pm		AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
29	30					
Pent 19 8:45 Sunday School 10am Worship	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off					

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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.