



Mount Calvary Connected

September 14, 2023

Mount Calvary Connected is a weekly newsletter sent out at the end of each week. Our goal is to keep you connected to your church and your faith with messages from our church, information about upcoming activities at Mt. Calvary, and more!

WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETINS

Weekly worship bulletins can be found at: www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/bulletins/

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Thurs., September 14th - Social Ministry Meeting - 6:30 PM

Mon., September 18th - WELCA - 6:00 PM

Tues., September 19th - Church Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

Tues., September 19th - Fall Alpha Course Begins

Giving Tree Collection for First Responders

Thank you to all who donated to our first responder collection. We were able to distribute 15 cases of water and 15 cases of Gatorade to local fire and ambulance companies, as well as Cambria County Box 11.

Thank you for your continued support!

Blanket Sunday --- October 1, 2023

WELCA is sponsoring Blanket Sunday, a traditional Lutheran ministry held in the Allegheny Synod beginning the first Sunday of October.

Your contributions are used by Lutheran World Relief to buy blankets which provide shelter, warmth, and security worldwide for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing disaster. Special envelopes are on the counter by the main entrance door to the narthex; write Blanket Sunday in the memo line of your check payable to Mt Calvary Lutheran Church. You may donate a new blanket for this ministry; a collection basket will be in the Narthex.

Note: blankets must be in Church by Sunday Oct 15th; offerings will be accepted until Nov 1st.

“Please join us” in this special opportunity to help “Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ” who are in dire need.

September & October - Donations Needed!

For the months for September and October, The Giving Tree will collect new packs of underwear for the Nurse's Office at Johnstown Elementary School. The sizes needed are 4T through Adult Medium for both boys and girls. Thank you for your continued support!

Touch-a-Truck was a success!

God is good all the time!

The rain stopped between 10 AM and 1 PM so we could have our second annual Touch-a-Truck event. We had over 100 kids attend with their parents and grandparents. We had special appearances by Milton from the Mill Rats, Chopper from the Tomahawks, and our clown friends Po Pooree and Bo Jangles!

Thank you to all of those who attended and those who helped make the day memorable for the families who visited.

Worship Help

Readers/Communion Assistants:

Sept. 16th Cindy Solarczyk

Sept. 17th Laura & Carter Heinze

Sept. 23rd Need volunteers!

Sept. 24th Ray Leverknight

Sept. 30th Need volunteers!

Oct. 1st Need volunteers!

Ushers:

Sept. 16th Linda Barnhart

Sept. 17th Need volunteers!

Sept. 23rd Joan Bunnell & Janis Daily

Sept. 24th Jerry & Ruth Pozun

Sept. 30th Need volunteers!

Oct. 1st Need volunteers!

Altar Guild:

September Laura Bowser, Mary Beth Heinze, and Nancy Nemeth

Worship Leader Schedule

Sept. 16th Pastor Dave Louder & Corlee Louder

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Sept. 23rd Gary Mickle, Authorized Lay Leader

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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of the McQuaide & Middleton children given by Stan and Debbie McQuaide.

Fall Alpha Course

Alpha is a series of conversations about things we all question in life: Why do bad things happen to good people? What's the purpose of life? What's next?

If you're looking for a judgment-free space to ask hard questions and share your own opinion, there's a place for you.

Mount Calvary will be hosting a fall Alpha course on Tuesdays beginning on September 19th. Please sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/WZAHjmX5oDTgFfx29>. You can also call the church office or sign up in the narthex.

September 15th - 21st, 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

September 19th - Matthew & Melissa Fisher

September 20th - Cynthia & Albert Buday

Birthdays

September 15th – Parker Daily, Dianne Lesser, Cara Lonsinger, Dawn Poydence, & William Smith

September 16th – Lori Zerby

September 18th – Levi Allison

September 19th – Lillian Bassett, Kimberly George, & Thomas Rohrabough

September 20th – Edwin Warshel Jr.

September 21st – Garrett Anderson, Paul Brodt, Bill Cononie, Janis Daily, Paula Nihoff, & Ian Selepack

Remember those that prayer has been requested for:

Sandy; Louise; Brooke & Bill; Chuck; Dawn; Cherie; Lorrie & Bill; Jamie Bloom; Johnny Nerone; Cheryl & Roger; James; Denny & Ellen; Sue; Beth Oldham; Stacy & Josh; Janet; Landon; Harold; Mary; Elaine, Patty and Betty Shaffer; Jim Haberkorn; Patty Creany; Brianna; Jackie; Mike; Lois; Suzzane Miller; Cindy; Danny & Donna Crowson; Bert; for the Call Committee as they seek our future pastor; Jerry Pozun; Pastor Dave Louder and his wife, Corlee; Milo; Krista Miller; The Wilson Family; Cecilia Baum; The Dickerson-Bair Family; Richelle; The Rohrabough Family; Tom & Gretchen; Makenzie Miller; Alex; the Dalton Blough Family; Jan; The Jeanjaquet Family; Christine; Sue & Lee; Jill Lisson; Wilma Hiltz; El Warshel; The Layton Family; The Oleksa Family; Danielle; Rose.

September 9th & 10th, 2023

I am there among them

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 119:33-40

L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

A: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

A: Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

L: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

A: Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

L: Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

A: Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The gospel of the Lord, **A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Prayers Of Intercession

L: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

L: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth’s thriving. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Gracious God, save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit and strengthen it through the Word and holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works. Establish it in the faith delivered to the saints.

L: Sanctify and unite your people in the entire world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the creator, and redeemer of all. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

A: Amen.