



Mount Calvary Connected

October 5, 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

- Sat., October 7th - Clothing & Toy Sale - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Tues., October 10th - Property Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM
- Tues., October 10th - Fall Alpha Course - 6:00 PM
- Mon., October 16th - WELCA - 6:00 PM
- Tues., October 17th - Church Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Tues., October 17th - Fall Alpha Course - 6:00 PM
- Tues., October 24th - Fall Alpha Course - 6:00 PM
- Sat., Oct. 28th - Trunk or Treat! - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Tues., October 31st - Fall Alpha Course - 6:00 PM

Trunk or Treat!

The Evangelism Committee is planning a special event for October... Trunk or Treat!

Participants will set up in our parking lot and give out treats to all the kids. You can decorate your parking spot or car as much as you want or just come and give out treats from your vehicle! Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, Oct. 28th from 2 PM - 4 PM.

Please consider participating in the fun! A sign up sheet is in the back of the Narthex.

Worship Help

Readers/Communion Assistants:

Oct. 7th Joan Bunnell

Oct. 8th Volunteers needed!

Oct. 14th Volunteers needed!

Oct. 15th Noelle Berkey

Ushers:

Oct. 7th Volunteers needed!
Oct. 8th The Swartz Family

Oct. 14th The Swartz Family
Oct. 15th The Swartz Family

Altar Guild:

October The Swartz Family and Krista Miller

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Terrie Crisi or sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Worship Leader Schedule

Oct. 7th Noelle Berkey
Oct. 8th Noelle Berkey

Oct. 14th Gary Mickle, Authorized Lay Leader
Oct. 15th Gary Mickle, Authorized Lay Leader

Year End Reporting

Calling all committee heads and members! Please begin working on your end of year reports. We would like to receive them no later than November 15th.

Sunday School Reminder

Sunday School will be held each Sunday from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM.

Blanket Sunday Donations

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!

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week were not sponsored by a member of our congregation.

Please look at the altar flower sign-up sheet and considering signing up for one of the unreserved weekends. A \$40 donation helps to beautify our sanctuary and honor your loved ones.

October 1st - 15th, 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Oct. 1st - Robert Yannutz

Oct. 2nd - Diane Leap

Oct. 3rd - Joseph Kocis., Sr

Oct. 4th - Jason Kylor

Oct. 5th - Marlene Barrick

Oct. 8th - Ruth Ann Wolfe

Oct. 9th - Patricia Cox & Liz Katrancha

Oct. 10th - Kim Spangler

Oct. 11th - Austin Foor & Audrey Rubis

Oct. 12th - Lois Gallus, William Layton, & Debra Zilch

Oct. 14th - Susan Brandau & Elias Kozak

Oct. 15th - Grayson Zada, Rachael Brandau, Robert Allison, & Robert Jeschonek

Anniversaries

Oct. 1st - Chad & Susan Wolfhope

Oct. 2nd - Patty & Eddie Wingard; Robert & Krista Miller

Oct. 7th - Edward & Susan Penrod

Oct. 10th - Brian & Lori Hiltz

Oct. 11th - Larry & Jeanne Hockensmith

Oct. 12th - Glenn & Liz Katrancha, Jr.; Michael & Ashley Kozak

Remember those that prayer has been requested for:

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; Patty Creany; Brianna; Jackie; Mike; Lois; Suzzane Miller; Cindy; Danny & Donna Crowson; Bert; Pastor Dave Louder and his wife, Corlee; Milo; Krista Miller; Cecilia Baum; Richelle; Tom & Gretchen; Makenzie Miller; Alex; Jan; Christine; Sue & Lee; Jill Lisson; Wilma Hiltz; El Warshel; The Layton Family; Danielle; Rose; Dr. Ruth Pawlowski & Family; Kristen; Marilyn; The Jeff Penrod Family.

September 30th & October 1st, 2023

Go and work in the vineyard today

Prayer of the Day

P: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 25:1-9

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

A: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

A: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

A: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

A: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the

baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." 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: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. 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.