



Mount Calvary Connected

October 19, 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

Tues., Oct. 24th - Fall Alpha Course - 6:00 PM

Sat., Oct. 28th - Trunk or Treat! - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tues., Oct. 31st - Fall Alpha Course - 6:00 PM

Sun., Nov. 5th - Spaghetti Dinner Sign Fundraiser - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Trunk or Treat!

Evangelism is planning a Trunk or Treat Event for Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2 PM to 4 PM in the church parking lot. You do not have to decorate your car, just open your trunk and hand out treats.

We are only opening this up to church members and daycare. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the narthex. If it rains, we will move into Sander Hall.

Spaghetti Dinner

The property committee will be sponsoring it's first Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 4:00 PM -6:00 PM. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

We are encouraging as many of you as possible to purchase tickets to get a better idea of how much we need to prepare. Tickets will go on sale after each service, or you can purchase them in the office.

Worship Help

Readers/Communion Assistants

Oct. 21st Cindy Buday

Oct. 22nd Ray Leverknight

Ushers

Oct. 21st Tim & Kerri Moyer

Oct. 22nd The Swartz Family

Altar Guild

October The Swartz and Mayket Families and Krista Miller

Thank you to everyone who has helped either as a reader or usher or altar guild! Please consider helping in any of these positions.

There are sign up sheets for the readers and ushers in the back of the Narthex or you can call Todd Moss in the office.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers this weekend are in memorial of Dorothy Pozun's birthday sponsored by her family.

Worship Leader Schedule

Oct. 21st Missy Brodt

Oct. 22nd Missy Brodt

Change in Staffing & Church Office Hours

Now more than ever, we need to have the church office open full-time. Unfortunately, Terrie Crisi was not able to work more than 16 hours per week. We want to thank Terrie for her time as church secretary.

On Monday, Todd Moss began as Office Manager. The office will now be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Please join us in welcoming Todd to his new position. We ask for your prayers and patience during this transition.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be observed on November 4th and 5th. Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Narthex to list the names of both deceased loved ones, as well as baptisms, that you would like recognized.

Harvest Home Appeal

Allegheny Lutheran Home will be sponsoring their annual Harvest Home fundraiser. There will be envelopes on the table in the Narthex if anyone would like to make a donation towards this worthy cause.

Thank you for your support!

Pastoral Care

If anyone is going to the hospital, please let them know that you are a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and they will notify the church office. Also, if anyone is in need of pastoral care, we do have a pastor on call to take care of any of your concerns. Just let the office know.

Clothing and Toy Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and toys for our sale. We brought in \$580 which will be split between Hosanna House Inc., Helping Hand Rescue Mission, and The Women's Help Center of Johnstown! The remaining clothes and toys were donated to the following locations:

Birthright: Toddler clothes/bibs and stuffed animals

Johnstown Elementary School: Children's clothing

St. Vincent DePaul, ACRP Second Chance Store, and St. Francis Sharing and Caring: Men's and Women's

A special thank you to all who helped move clothes to the gym, set up, sort, work the sale, and pack clothes and clean up after the sale. We had a lot of clothes this year, and it would not have been possible without all of your help!

Sunday School Craft & Reminder

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

You may be asking yourself, "What is the chain link decoration above the entrance to the nave?" Well, our Sunday School children wanted to display what they created for everyone to see! Each child created their own link and attached it to the first one with Jesus' name. It shows how we are all connected to, and loved by Jesus. If your child was absent for Sunday School, and would like to have their name attached, please let Mike Kozak know and he will add it on.

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.

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!

October 22-28, 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

October 22 - Missy Brodt & Joan Bunnell

October 23 - Christine Koshute & James Koshute

October 24 - Robert Miltenberger

October 25 - Josh Daly, David Friedman, & Paige Williams

October 26 - Cathryn Bergman, Douglas Elliott, Robert June, Glenn Katrancha, Joanne Miller, & Harrison Ondesko

October 27 - Stephen Bower, James Conjelko, & Roman Shaffer

October 28 - Olivia Mayket

Anniversaries

October 25 - Bob and Kathleen Kamler

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; Linda; Kim; Kevin (US Navy); Mark Rychak; Lacey Fetcko & Family; Keith Mayket & Family; Jan Layton; The Nina DiBiase Family.

Oct. 14th & 15th, 2023
Invite everyone you find

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

A: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

A: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

A: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help

these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." The gospel of the Lord, **A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Prayers Of Intercession

L: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

L: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations of Israel and Palestine, torn apart by violence and death, send your Spirit to guide political leaders that they listen with their hearts, seeking peace and disavowing violence; that they choose life over death, reconciliation over retaliation, and restoration over destruction. God of grace,

A: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.