



# Mount Calvary Connected

October 26, 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!*

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## WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETINS

Weekly worship bulletins can be found at: [www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/bulletins/](http://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/bulletins/)

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### **Upcoming Events & Meetings**

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

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

Thurs., Nov 2nd - Evangelism Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM

Sat., Nov. 4th & Sun., Nov. 5th - All Saints Day

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

Tues., Nov. 7th - No Alpha meeting!

Mon., Nov. 13th - WELCA - 6:00 PM

Mon., Nov. 13th - Alpha Meeting (St. Benedict Church) - No meeting on the 14th

Tues., Nov. 14th - Property Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM

Thurs., Nov. 16th - Social Ministry Meeting - 6:30 PM

Tues., Nov 21st - Church Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

Tues., Nov. 28th - Alpha celebration dinner (Anyone interested in attending a future Alpha course is invited to attend.)

### **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. 28th Marsha Pauley

Oct. 29th Ray Leverknight

#### *Ushers*

Oct. 28th Need volunteers!

Oct. 29th David Roho

#### *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 memory of David Rizzo given by the Whetzel Family.

#### *Worship Leader Schedule*

Oct. 28th Pastor Nathan Pyle

Oct. 29th Pastor Nathan Pyle

### **Our Deepest Condolences**

It is with great sorrow that we announce that Pastor David Louder passed away. We are grateful that we had the opportunity to worship with him and also have him lead us in worship. Please lift the Louder family up in prayer during this difficult time.

If you would like to share your condolences with the family, please send them to:

Mrs. Corlee Louder

1006 Cambria Avenue

Windber, PA 15963

### **Nursing Home Donations**

Thank you to the social ministry team for organizing the collection and distribution of items to nursing homes in the area AND thank you to the congregation for the donations you provided.

Windber Woods Nursing Home received a generous supply of items from the collection. They were used as BINGO prizes and auction items. The activity department arranged an auction, providing 'funny money' to residents so we could bid on supplies/gifts they could use here at the home.

Thanks again for your generous donations!

### **Furniture Request**

There is a family in need of any and all furniture that our church members may be willing to part with. If you have any that you are able to share, please contact the church by phone or email at [office@mt-calvarylutheran.org](mailto:office@mt-calvarylutheran.org).

### **Get involved in the church!**

WELCA - All women of Mt. Calvary are welcome to attend WELCA meetings, held the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM. The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America holds fundraisers for church and charitable causes and serves as extra hands and smiling faces at Mt. Calvary events and programs. Meetings are fun, not very long, oh, and there's always really great snacks!

Property Committee - We are planning a "Spaghetti Dinner" on Sunday, November 5 from 4-6 p.m. to raise money for our new digital sign. As you have noticed, the sign is here and installed! We are still working on relocating the old sign.

Evangelism Committee - We are planning cookies for shut-ins again in November. Look for more information coming soon!

Social Ministry - Our committee reaches beyond the church and into our local community. Last month we sponsored a very successful clothing drive. Keep watch for announcements for more activities coming in the near future.

If you have info about activities and events at Mt. Calvary, please e-mail Deb Rychak at [drychak@hotmail.com](mailto:drychak@hotmail.com).

### **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!

### **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.

## **October 29- November 4, 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### *Birthdays*

October 29 - Gerald Barrick, Robert Colvin, Raymond Gorham, DeSon Herring, Danielle Rubis, and Zachary Swartz

October 30 - Chelsey Wingard, Patty Wingard, and Robert Young

October 31 - Kevin Kunkle, John Lumley, Dick Sholtis, and Scott Yarnick

November 1 - Robert Furry and Michael Mundwiler

November 2 - Janet Donaldson

November 3 - Wendy Mayket and Claudia Plows

### *Anniversaries*

October 30 - Christopher & Jill Lally; Luke and Brianna Tunnison

## **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; Becky Lilja; The Family of David Louder.

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## **Oct. 21st & 22nd, 2023 Give to God the things that are God's**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

L: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**A: Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

L: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

**A: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

L: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**A: Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**A: Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

L: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

**A: [Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

L: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**A: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

L: You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. 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: Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. 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: Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. 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.**