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Each of you must give as you have made up your own mind, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
II Corinthians 9:7.

## On-line giving is now available.

Your support of Mount Calvary is always appreciated, and you may now give on-line if you desire.  
Here is how it works:

- >Go to [www.mt-calvarylutheran.org](http://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org).
- >On the bottom right of the home page click the “donate” button.
- >You will be taken to a secure PayPal page. (You do not need a PayPal account.)
- >Enter the amount of your donation and your credit or debit card information.

Your donations will be listed on your annual giving statement. All undesignated contributions will go into the General Fund. You can, however, make a contribution to a special cause like the Stepping Forward in Faith Appeal by entering the information in the “purpose” box on the webpage. If you desire, you can also make your offering an automatic monthly contribution.



# OFF THE COLLAR

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Dear Partners in Mission and Ministry,

Sunday was the one year anniversary of my sister Amy's death. It was a date that hung like a black cloud in the sky for members of my family. Out in Wisconsin, my brother-in-law Bill and the five children he and my sister brought into the world decided to mark the occasion with a quiet day of togetherness. Having a tendency to internalize their feelings, they wanted to be alone as they revisited old and still painful memories. About an hour away, my mother's approach to the day couldn't have been any different.

When the week of my sister's death anniversary came round, my mom packed up some belongings and left her home in the rearview mirror so that she could spend time with her younger sister Judi over in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After returning home for the weekend, she then went to church on Sunday and proceeded to attend an afternoon concert with two people from her congregation. As she revisited old and still painful memories, my mom wanted to be around people. My brother-in-law Bill, my niece Morgan, and my nephews Nathan, Logan, Landon, and Nolan wanted to be alone. When it comes to grief and sadness, it couldn't be any clearer that there's more than one approach or strategy for us to utilize. But in the end, there is just one hope which gives us strength.

St. Paul talks about this one hope in the fourth chapter of his letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 4:4). He gets much more specific about it in the fifth chapter of his letter to the Romans; claiming that we Christians shall not be disappointed by our hope of sharing in God's glory (Romans 5:2-5). In fact, later in his letter to the Romans, St. Paul says that he's convinced, and that we ourselves can be convinced, that NOTHING shall ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39). These are surely words to ponder and digest.

What they communicate is that the one hope of the Church is not in any way small or meager. Far from being airy or insubstantial, our hope is actually bigger and stronger than anything that might stand in its way and I know I gave abundant thanks for the hardy hope with which we have been blessed on this past Sunday. Both before and after my sister's death, it's just a fact that the one hope I share with you and the rest of the Church has been my strength. It's why I pray that we all might be led to take full advantage of the forthcoming season of Lent and its varied opportunities for spiritual growth! Given that the one hope of the Church is sometimes all that we've got, why wouldn't we want to take Ephesians 5:11 to heart and put on the whole armor of God?

Your Brother and Servant in Christ,

Pastor Scott



It is with \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow,  
 yet firm faith in the resurrection that we  
 announce the death of:  
*Bill McGinnis*

We have been informed of the death of:  
*George Bunnell,*  
 Brother and brother-in-law of John and Joan Bunnell.



Dear Pastor Scott and Mt. Calvary,

Thank you for the lovely cards I received for my  
 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. I really enjoyed them.  
 Dorothy Bell

Dear Friends,

Thank all of you so very much for preparing  
 and serving a weekend meal at the Family Kitchen  
 and for your generous contribution. In thanksgiving,  
 a candle is lit weekly in my home parish, Christ the  
 Saviour Cathedral to include everyone who has so  
 graciously and generously contributed.

We hope all of you had a lovely Holiday and  
 we sincerely wish everyone a Blessed, healthy,  
 prosperous and joyous year filled with many kind  
 and wonderful blessings.

May God Bless all of you abundantly.

With much love and appreciation, Joan Bost

Dear Mt. Calvary,

I would like to thank my church family for  
 the beautiful cards, thoughts and prayers my family  
 received during the recent death of my son, Corey.  
 Also, Pastor Scott for his visits to the hospital and  
 my home. I know, for a fact that I have found  
 strength through all of you to get through this  
 incredibly hard time in my life. Also, thank you  
 everyone for the beautiful Memorial Service and the  
 meal.

Patti Sliko and Family



To our sisters and brothers at Mt. Calvary,

Thank you so very much for hosting our  
 annual Ecumenical Service this past Sunday,  
 January 29<sup>th</sup>. Your hospitality and welcome  
 was a blessing to all. On behalf of all of the  
 Allegheny Synod, I deeply thank you for all you  
 did to make this service a success.

God Bless,  
 Bishop Michael Rhyne

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**Walk with Jesus**

Walk with Jesus will not be listed on the calendar  
 on our Web-site.

Everyone is still welcome to walk! Either stop in  
 or call the church office to see if the gym is  
 available. Thank you!



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aleander and Melissa Pozun on the birth of their baby girl, *Hadley Elizabeth Pozun*. She was born January 31, 2017, weighing in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 19.25 inches.



Congratulations also to the proud Grandparents, Jerry and Ruth Pozun and Great-grandmother Dorothy Pozun.

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We welcome Diane Thoburn and Robert Yannutz into Christ's Church through Affirmation of Baptism.



### Welcome

Tom, Kathy, Julie, Monica and Thomas Rohrabough#

## Wacky Bowling Challenge

Mount Calvary is hoping to support Sequanota, our local Lutheran camp, by participating in its forthcoming Wacky Bowling Challenge.



The event will be held at **Richland Lanes** on **March 5th from 3-5 pm**. You can get involved in two ways. You could volunteer to bowl on one of Mt. Calvary's teams at a cost of \$10.00 or you could make a donation which Mt. Calvary's representatives would bring to the event. A jug for donations can be found in the narthex. Sign-up sheets for teams are on the youth bulletin board in the narthex.

## Congregations Together in Mission "Evangelism Today"

Rev. Dr. Blair Morgan

Saturday, March 11  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
Registration fee \$10.00 per person  
includes lunch.

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## Lilies – Tulips – World Hunger

You are invited to contribute toward a Lily, Tulip (or World Hunger as a "Memorial" or in "Honor" of someone. All contributors will be listed in the Easter Bulletins. The Lilies and Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary. Please make checks payable to Mt. Calvary and mark either "world hunger", "Lily", "Tulip", or "*either*" on the memo line. If you mark either we will decide between the tulips and lilies. Please use the envelope enclosed in this mailing and drop it off at the church office or place in offering plate. **The Tulips and Lilies are \$8.50 each.**



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**The deadline for orders is Monday, April 3.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Due to the awe-inspiring amount support at the VBS meeting, there will be a Vacation Bible School this summer!



Save the date!

**VBS Maker Fun Factory is  
June 19-23, 2017 9-12pm**

Station team meeting is **Sunday, Mar 19 at 11:30**. Contact Joyce Kunkle 262-8558 if you'd like to join a current team or learn more about the stations.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



We need volunteers to design, erect, construct an energetic, fun, adventurous themed atmosphere for our vacation bible school this year. This involves brainstorming ideas to develop an inviting environment for our 2017 VBS program. The theme is "Maker Fun Factory". This is a great opportunity for those that can't participate the week of VBS to be a part of the program. If you have the desire, we have the project for you. Call the church office for contacts and more information. We are all "created by God, built for a purpose."

Super Bowl Collection Total - \$199.25  
Thank you all for your contributions!



## Mount Calvary at a Glance - For March 2017

**Altar Guild** – Debbie Rychak, Pam Bittner, Pat Bittner & Lori Zerby

**Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm**

**Greeters** - Susan Adamy & Makenzie Kunkle

**Reader** - Ray Leverkusen

**Worship Assistant** - Kathy Ling

**Communion Assistant** - Mary Ann Mapes

**Acolyte** - Grant Lumley

**Crucifer** - Jared McQuaide

**Ushers** - Pozun Family

	<b>Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Rodger & Debbie Thomas	Bill & Bernice Cononie
<b>Reader</b>	Kim Colosimo	Mari Grace Lingenfelter
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Susan Seese	Ray Leverkusen
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Betty Schofield	Laura Bower
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lakyn Costlow	Makenzie Kunkle
<b>Crucifer</b>	Erin Shaffer	Kadiya Lingenfelter
<b>Usher</b>	Joan Bunnell & Janis Daily	Mary Ann Mapes & Patti Sliko
	<b>Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Pam & Pat Bittner	Ben & Tara Foust
<b>Reader</b>	Cindy Buday	Jessica Sann
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Bill Layton	Keli Williams
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Jan Layton	Beth Esposito
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brendan Gorham	Logan Foust
<b>Crucifer</b>	Kalvin Pringle	Thomas Hockensmith
<b>Usher</b>	Joan Bunnell & Janis Daily	Mary Ann Mapes & Patti Sliko
	<b>Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Deb Ivory	Kunkle Family
<b>Reader</b>	Ed Greene	Brian Harshberger
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Kathy Ling	Susan Brandau
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Gary Schofield	Maggie Borodach
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lakyn Costlow	Meghan Swartz
<b>Crucifer</b>	Shane Katrancha	Zach Swartz
<b>Usher</b>	Joan Bunnell & Janis Daily	Mary Ann Mapes & Patti Sliko
	<b>Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Kay Harriger & Shirley Brendle	Lumley Family
<b>Reader</b>	Cindy Solarczyk	Patti Sliko
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Cindy Solarczyk	Michael Kozak
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Joyce Spangler	Randy Whetzel
<b>Acolyte</b>	Erin Shaffer	Grant Lumley
<b>Crucifer</b>		Jared McQuaide
<b>Usher</b>	Joan Bunnell & Janis Daily	Mary Ann Mapes &

### **BLOOD DRIVE**



The next blood drive will be held on **Friday, March 10, 2017** between 12:30-6:00 PM.

Please take the time to come out and donate.

**Help save a life!**



Choosing to SEE:  
A Journey of Struggle and Hope  
**BOOK DISCUSSION**  
by Mary Beth Chapman  
**May 1 at 6:00 pm**

## REMINDERS

- **Choir Rehearsals:** Wednesdays at 7
  - **Sunday School:** Sunday School at 10:30
  - **Confirmation Classes:** Sundays, at 10:30
  - **Children Choir:** Sundays at 11:15
  - **Family Volleyball:** Sundays, at 5:45
  - **Volleyball:** Sundays at 7:00
  - **Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00
  - **Women's Bible Study:** Thursday, March 2 & 16 at 1:00
  - **Calvary Connect Mtg;** Saturday, March 4 at 6:30
  - **Rally Day:** Sunday, March 5 at 10:30
  - **WELCA:** Thursday, March 9, at 6:30
  - **Blood Drive:** Friday, March 10, between 12:30 and 6:00
  - **VBS Station Leaders/Helpers Meeting:** Sunday, March 19 at 11:30
  - **Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 21, at 6:30
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### "Soul" Food for Thought

"The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything;  
They just make the most of everything they have."



*You're Invited*

Johnstown Chapter  
Church Women United

Please join us to  
**Celebrate World Day of Prayer**  
***Dunmyer Lutheran Church***  
*547 Schoolhouse Road, Richland*

***Friday March 3, 2017***  
***Program 1:00 pm***

Worship Service by CWU MEMBERS

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**SATURDAY,  
MAY 13, 2017**  
8 AM – 1 PM



Guess what everyone? We are going to have another Flea Market Saturday, May 13, 2017.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with any part of the Flea Market including donations, pricing and helping on the day of the sale. Along with all those who have helped with the Basket Parties in the past

With the proceeds from our Basket Parties and Flea Markets we have purchased the new security cameras that have been installed in various locations in the church and the new glass door located at the end of the corridor into Sander Hall.

So keep us in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning and we will let you know when you can bring your merchandise to the church.

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Don't forget to change  
your clocks **AHEAD** on  
Saturday night,  
March 11.



## Observing Lent at Mount Calvary

Lent is a special season of prayer, fasting, and reflection that is meant to prepare us as Christians to celebrate the greatest of our faith festivals, the resurrection of our Lord on Easter. Over the centuries, Christians have done many things to make Lent meaningful for their faith lives. They have spent extra time in devotion, fasting, and Bible reading. Some “give something up for Lent” to remind them of all that Jesus gave up for us. You are encouraged to find those things that make Lent a special time for you personally. At Mount Calvary, we will offer some special activities to enhance your Lenten devotion. Watch for more details.



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 1, 7:00 pm**

**A reminder that there will be no flowers for the altar  
March 5 through April 9.**

### 2017 Wednesday Lenten Luncheons

<b>March 1</b>	Belmont UM	<b>March 8</b>	Mt. Calvary
<b>March 15</b>	Oakland UM	<b>March 22</b>	Walnut Grove COB
<b>March 29</b>	Beulah UM	<b>April 5</b>	Bethany UM

The cost of the lunch is \$6.00. We are also asking everyone to bring a canned good, or make a monetary donation to the Walnut Grove Food Pantry. Luncheons will begin at noon with a 10-15-minute worship service to be planned by the host congregation's minister or other designated person. The general format of worship is a hymn or two, scripture reading, meditation, and prayer.

### LENTEN LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mount Calvary will be the host church on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Parishioners from churches in the East Hills area take turns sponsoring this event. We are **asking for and need your help** to prepare and serve the luncheon.

If you can donate a few hours to help with this event, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the church office 266-4859 or sign up below if you can help in any of the following ways:

- \_\_\_ Help cover, set tables - Tues., March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 3 pm.
- \_\_\_ Help prepare and serve food – Wed., March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 12pm.
- \_\_\_ Help with serving & clean up – Wed., March 8<sup>th</sup>, 12–2 pm.
- \_\_\_ Bake a cake (9 x 13) or prepare a dessert for the luncheon.  
(Needs to be at the church by 10 am on Wednesday).

## Sunday School

### LENT RALLY DAY

**Sunday, March 5**

Multi-Purpose

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

We will be making “pretiola”, so bring an apron or wear clothing you don't mind get a little flour on.



### Midweek Lenten Services 2017:

#### Finding my way with The Way

#### Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

- March 8<sup>th</sup>: “You Got to Be Kidding! Me, a Pilgrim?”
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: “Our Own Way to the Same Ending”
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: “Discounting No Moment or Messenger”
- March 29<sup>th</sup>: “Being Open to Detour and Distraction”
- April 5<sup>th</sup>: “Staying Tuned in to the Right Channel”

### Calvary Connect Meeting

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
in Sander Hall



### “One Bread, One Body, One Lord of all

One Cup of blessing which we bless” ELW 496

Beginning this Ash Wednesday, we will start to receive the Meal in a different manner. Instead of the intinction of the wafer into the wine/grape juice, each communicant will pick up a cup on their way to the table (altar) and there receive from Pastor Scott a piece of the loaf of bread to be consumed at that moment. Then the Worship Assistant/Communion Assistant will pour a small amount of wine into your cup which you may drink. Should you wish to receive grape juice, the acolyte will have that chalice.

To further symbolize our sharing of a common meal, the elements will be brought forth to the altar by the ushers when we begin the Communion Liturgy.

I'm sure with practice we will enjoy this change and what better time to start than the Season of Lent!

Any questions or comments please contact Pastor or any member of your Worship Ministry Team: Betty Schofield – Director, Susan Brandau, Lois Gallus, Brian Harshberger, Ray Leverknight, Mari Grace Lingenfelter, Linda McMullen, Claudia Plows, and El Warshel.

For the Worship Ministry Team – Ray Leverknight



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**March 2017**

**Mount Calvary's prayer for mission:**

*Send your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to guide the ministry of Mount Calvary that we may grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Inspire our worship, give wisdom to our learning, be the center of our fellowship, encourage our giving, and give zeal to our witness. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen*