



# The Hilltopper Newsletter

## April 2017

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church - 266-4859  
1000 Scalp Ave., Johnstown, PA 15904  
E-Mail - mtcalvary@mt-calvarylutheran.org

Worship Times – Saturdays 5:30pm &  
Sundays 9:15am Sunday School –10:30am  
Web Site - www.mt-calvarylutheran.org

### Upcoming Events:

- Choir Rehearsals:
- Wednesday at 7pm
- Sunday School
- at 10:30am
- Confirmation Classes:
- Sundays at 10:30am
- Children Choir
- Sundays at 11:15am
- Family Volleyball
- Sundays at 5:45pm
- Volleyball:
- Sundays at 7:00pm
- Easter Ceramic Event
- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
- At 10:30am
- Cross Walk
- Good Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Calvary Connect
- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- At 6:30pm
- Teen Quest
- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Community Blood Screen
- Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>
- At 7am - 9am
- Calvary Connect
- Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- At 6:30pm

### Free Day at Camp

May 21, 2017

Time: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Cost: Free and includes lunch

A one-day open house designed to give you a taste of our summer camping programs. Youth groups, youth, and families are invited to spend a day playing games, making arts & crafts, hiking, and worshiping in anticipation of the upcoming summer camp season. Please contact the office to register.

Sequanota, PO Box 245,  
Jennerstown, PA 15547  
phone: 814-629-6627  
email:  
contact@sequanota.com  
web:



[www.sequanota.com/  
upcoming-events](http://www.sequanota.com/upcoming-events)

### Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church WELCA in Conjunction with



Chan Soon-Shiong  
Medical Center  
at Windber

Is holding a  
Community Lab Blood Screen  
Cost is \$30

When: Saturday, May 6 From 7am – 9am

Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church  
1000 Scalp Ave, Johnstown, PA

Please call 814-467-3961 to schedule an  
appointment

12 – 14 hour fast is recommended



### Choosing to SEE;

A Journey of Struggle and Hope  
BOOK DISCUSSION  
by Mary Beth Chapman  
May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm

### EASTER CERAMICS EVENT

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am  
624 Grove Ave. Johnstown  
Join us to learn more about  
ceramics, while having fun  
making an Easter piece. Children  
& Family Committee  
will cover the class fee and  
ceramic piece for all children.

**RSVP BY 4/2**

To Nate Sann

nsann@windbercare.org  
Call/Text 814.241.8168

**REMINDER**

For Sunday School  
Teachers  
Sunday school on  
April 9th will be ending  
at 11:15am  
For the children's  
Easter egg hunt!

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### Care Packages For Our College Students

Your help is needed to create some very special care packages to be mailed to our college students during their Finals Week. The following items are needed:

#### Bag of individually wrapped candies

**Gum** - Multi-Pack - 8 ct. or larger

**Granola Bars** - 6 ct. or larger

**Cereal/Breakfast Bars** - 6 ct. or larger

**Raisins** - Individual boxes - 6 ct.

**Fruit Snacks** – 10 ct. or larger

**Cheese Crackers** –

6 ct. or larger

**Microwave Popcorn** - 6 ct.

**Animal Crackers** –

Individual bags or large bag (that will be divided)

**Peanuts/Trail Mix** –

Individual bags or large bag (that will be divided)

#### Assembly Team...

Linda Barnhart

Pam Bittner

Pat Bittner

Shirley Brendle

Joan Bunnell

Lois Gallus

Gladys Haupt

Howard Hiltz

Wilma Hiltz

Bob Kamler

Becky Lilja

Dee Locher

Mary Ann Mapes

Walt Mattern

Audrey Rubis

Deb Wicks

#### Mailer...

Ray Leverkusen

#### Editors/Typists...

Josh Thomas

Kevin Masciantonio

#### Church Staff...

*Scott Klimke, Pastor*

*Daniel Gresh, Director of*

*Music/Organist*

*Sue Cade, Church Secretary*

*Barbara Kane, Assistant Secretary*

*Kathy Ling, Custodian*

#### Congregational Council...

*Bob McMullen, President*

*Ray Leverkusen, Secretary*

*Cindy Solarczyk, Treasurer*

*Sean Horn, Stewardship/Admin.*

*Mike Kozak, Outreach*

*Joyce Kunkle, Youth*

*Jan Layton, Fellowship*

*Kim McMullen, Christian Ed*

*Nate Sann, Children & Family*

*Jerry Pozun, Spiritual Life*

*Betty Schofield, Worship*

*Dick Sholtis, Property*

### 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.

**Donate**



### New Members-

Jeff and Michele Wingard





Please remember in prayer, Doris Wilson, who is known to be hospitalized.

Remember these individuals for whom prayer was requested: Carolyn, Mike, Madeleine, Jenny, Chris, Anna Marie, Carol, Jim, John, Patti, Vanessa, Mary, Dorothy, Midge, Dave, Stacy, Lois, Sharon, Ruth, Maxine, Shirley, Jill McCarthy, Terry, John, Darlene, David, Shannon, Lynette, Zach, Randy, Rob, Brianna, Peg Felix, Joe, Sue, Jill McEntee, Herb Enos, Dave, Karen, Sam, Charles & Caroline Palm, Maggie, Tony, Ken McClutcheon, Billy, Lauren, Nathan, Elisa, Richelle, Mike, Basil, Marlin, Corey, DJ and Family, Gladys Haupt, Alan Porsch, and Adam Trabold, Steve Kishlock, Jennette, Richard & Linda, Catherine Brendle, Mary Ann, Doreen, Kym, Wilma Gindlesperger, Beverly, Florence, Heidi, Mindy, Edie, Larry, Sandy, Diane, Stanley, Shirley Brendle, Hayley, Dylan, Rick, Cindy, Debra, Jeff Allen and Family, Scott, Crystal, Seth, Myers baby, Candy, Bunnell Family, Alex, Dawn, Jackie, Pat, Bill, Ann, Jake Moore, Chuck, Pat Conklin, Bob, Dawn, Chuck, Lauren, Carrie, Terry, and Harold Wilson, Gene, Tim, Ken, Ray, London Veronica Roberts, Bob Stuart.

## FLEA MARKET 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.

Mt. Calvary will be celebrating it's 75th Anniversary in 2019. Anyone interested in brainstorming, planning, etc. Join us on April 18th at 6:30pm in the conference room. All are Welcome to share ideas to make this anniversary celebration memorable.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Due to the awe-inspiring amount of 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.

## VBS – Maker Fun Factory

A FUN FACTORY is exactly the kind of atmosphere we would like to create this year! Below you will find a list of items we are requesting to help decorate the building. The list may appear a bit odd, but in a factory, all kinds of odd things can be found.

Please do not purchase any of the items. We can create an imaginative environment out of whatever is donated. Also, if there are items that you would like to lend to the church, please let us know. We will make sure the item is correctly labeled and safely returned to you.

Any donated items can be left in Sander Hall at the bottom of the stairs of the balcony. If you would like to make a monetary donation to Vacation Bible School, please contact the church office or Joyce Kunkle, VBS director.

## Decorating Supplies for VBS

- Various types of cardboard (boxes, shoe boxes, tubes, various shapes)
- Pieces of foam in all shapes and sizes (foam board, coolers, floral)
- Tape (colored and regular electric tape, duct, packaging)
- 5 gallon buckets
- Plastic water cooler
- Small plastic buckets/container various sizes
- Red curtain, table cloth or sheets
- Drop cloths
- Old piece of dryer vent hose
- Variety of old partial paints
- Various sizes and shape of PVC pipes
- Parts and pieces of rain spouts
- Thin sheet of metals
- Slinky's
- Foil
- Plastic shower curtains
- Table clothes (red, blue, green, yellow)
- Small colored paper plates or bowls (red, blue, green, yellow)
- Washers
- Sink handles
- Outside faucet handle
- Cardboard milk containers, Movie candy boxes
- Ping pong balls
- Caution tape
- Drawing table
- Blueprints (not computer-generated)
- Saw horses
- Wood (used with saw horses to create a table/work area)
- Heavy clear plastic (new furniture is typically covered with this when delivered)

*Thank  
you*

We want to thank Pastor Klimke and our church family for the beautiful anniversary cards that were sent to us. They were greatly appreciated.  
Thank you,  
Jim and Pat Custer

*Thank  
you*

Thanks to our church family for the lovely birthday cards. We appreciate their thoughts and prayer.  
Ed and El

*Thank  
you*

To my dear friends of our Mount Calvary family and Pastor Scott. Many thanks for all the concern expressed when it was a bit of a tough time.

My sincere thanks for the cards and many prayers sent my way during recovery.

God Bless the caring family that is Mount Calvary.

Sincerely  
Jackie

*Thank  
you*

I want to thank each one of you for remembering me on my 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday by sending cards and well wishes!

Sincerely  
Caroline "Dolly" Palm

## Birthdays:

Clair Baker 4-3-1924 93 yrs  
1124 Frances St  
Johnstown, PA 15904

Pat Conklin 4-12-1934 83 yrs  
111 Marilyn Way  
Johnstown, PA 15904

## Anniversary:

Ed & El Warshel  
4-28-1956 61 years  
1408 Dwight Drive  
Johnstown PA 15904

## Death-

- Ann Sladki, mother of Diane Thoburn
- Annabelle Stephenson mother of Michele Wingard
- Ann Sotak mother of Deb Wicks and sister of Yolanda Haywood
- Anna Ruth Spangler mother of Tim Spangler

## General Fund March

Beginning balance	127,712.59
Income	21,521.39
Expense	<u>23,125.35</u>
End balance	126,108.63

**Altar Guild – Ethel Warshal, Cindy Solarczyk, Paula Nihoff & Kay Harriger**

**Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

**Greeters** – Jim & Deb Ivory  
**Reader** - Patti Sliko  
**Worship Assistant** – Ray Leverknight  
**Communion Assistant** – Mary Ann Mapes  
**Acolyte** -  
**Crucifer** -  
**Ushers** – Pozun Family

**Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

**Greeters** – Jack & Janis Daily  
**Reader** - Cindy Solarczk  
**Worship Assistant** - Keli Williams  
**Acolyte** -  
**Crucifer** -  
**Ushers** - Lois Gallus & Sharon Stull

	<b>Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:15 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary & Betty Schofield	Todd & Beth Esposita	
<b>Reader</b>	Anita Brodt	Lois Sholtis	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Cindy Buday	Mike Kozak	
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Joan Bunnell	Beth Esposita	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lakyn Costlow	Grant Lumley	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Erin Shaffer	Jared McQuaide	
<b>Usher</b>	Brian & Lori Hiltz	Dick & Lois Sholtis	
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jack & Janis Daily	Kunkle Family	
<b>Readers (3)</b>	Jack Weisbrodt, Ed Greene, Bill Layton	Ray Leverknight, Mari Grace Lingenfelter, Jan Mertz	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Jan Layton	Harold Ashcraft	
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Claudia Plows	Mary Ann Mapes	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Blake Brehm	Makenzie Kunkle	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Brendan Gorham	Kadiya Lingenfelter	
<b>Usher</b>	Walt Mattern & Bill Sabo	Dick & Lois Sholtis	
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Katrancha Family	Osborn Family	Gary & Betty Schofield
<b>Reader</b>	Cindy Buday	Kathy Ling	Keli Williams
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Cindy Solarczyk	Susan Brandau	Harold Ashcraft
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Deb Ferrin	Jane Hagins	Sherry Lynn Harshberger
<b>Acolyte</b>	Shane Katrancha		Logan Foust
<b>Crucifer</b>	Kalvin Pringle		Thomas Hockensmith
<b>Usher</b>	John & Kim Colosimo	Dick & Lois Sholtis	Mayket & Swartz Families
	<b>Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:15 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary & Betty Schofield	Dave & Vicki Karnes	
<b>Reader</b>	Noelle Berkey	Lois Sholtis	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Kim Colosimo	Brian Harshberger	
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Lois Gallus	Sherry Lynn Harshberger	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lakyn Costlow	Meghan Swartz	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Erin Shaffer	Zach Swartz	
<b>Usher</b>	Brian & Lori Hiltz	Dick & Lois Sholtis	
	<b>Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Lois Gallus	Don Sauter	
<b>Reader</b>	Anita Brodt	Carol Sauter	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Noelle Berkey	Mike Kozak	
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Claudia Plows	Beth Esposita	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Blake Brehm	Grant Lumley	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Brendan Gorham	Jared McQuaide	
<b>Usher</b>	Brian & Lori Hiltz	Dick & Lois Sholtis	



*Whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father in heaven, Matthew 10:33*

Thankfully, we know the biblical words I've highlighted aren't necessarily true. Jesus is a lot more gracious and forgiving than he sounds in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew. Despite being denied by Peter three times, Jesus didn't abandon Peter or hand him over to damnation. Instead, Jesus forgave Peter and sent him and a whole bunch of other deniers and deserters out to make disciples of all nations. It's a turn of events meant to assure us that Jesus will also be ready to cut us a break when we fail to let our light shine before others.

That said, this doesn't mean that Jesus doesn't place a real premium on evangelism. In his annual report, Bob McMullen, our current council president, suggested that "invite and welcome" are two of my favorite words. He was right. But I don't stress the importance of "inviting and welcoming" based upon my own passions and preferences. I stress the importance of evangelism because it's the most basic mission of the Church. As was the case with Peter and all the other disciples two thousand years ago, Jesus' marching orders for us have been and continue to be: *Go! Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, Matthew 28:19-20*. Based upon these words, it just couldn't be any clearer that "invite and welcome" were two of Jesus' favorite words long before they were two of my favorite words.

Now, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, I suspect Jesus' fondness for the words "invite and welcome" is something we're still in the process of digesting. By God's grace, we've experienced significant growth in the last year, but much of it has been a matter of happenstance rather than the result of a decided emphasis on evangelism. As time moves along, I trust this will change. In my last congregation, I distinctly remember how a disciple with three kids in school very emphatically told me she'd never invite anyone to church. Over time, this great fear of evangelism lessened and multiple families came to my former congregation because they'd been invited to church by the disciple who had once said she'd never do such a thing. It's likely that I'll be able to tell similar stories about my time at Mt. Calvary as our relationship grows and deepens. But as that happens, I do want to stress that Holy Week always provides us with a wonderful opportunity to show our community who we are.

This year, Holy Week starts with the celebration of Passion Sunday on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The next big event in Holy Week is Maundy Thursday which we will observe with a service at 7 PM. To observe Good Friday, we'll gather at Beulah Methodist Church at 12 to walk up Bedford Street with a cross in tow; stopping along the way to worship and rest and ultimately arriving at Mt. Calvary for a brief worship service somewhere in the neighborhood of 2:30. After the conclusion of that service, we'll again gather at 7 PM for a more formal celebration of Good Friday.

Now together and alone, all of Holy Week's services give us a chance to show our community that we are indeed Jesus people. Though we'll be forgiven if it doesn't happen, it's just true that being at church during Holy Week should be a priority for all of us. I hope it happens at Mt. Calvary in the year of our Lord 2017. It will go a long way towards demonstrating that we have indeed heard and heeded the emphasis that Jesus has placed upon showing others our true colors.

I look forward to seeing you before, during, and after Holy Week,

Pastor Scott



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