



Mount Calvary Connected

July 6, 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/

We hope that you had a wonderful 4th of July holiday and are looking forward to the second half of 2023. It's not too late to make a mid-year resolution to be completed before 2024. Here are a few ideas to get you started this summer. Enjoy!

A vertical graphic with a background of a mountain range under a soft, hazy sky. The text is centered and reads: "FAITH-INSPIRED" in a bold, black, sans-serif font; "bucket list" in a large, black, cursive script font; and "for Christians" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this is a numbered list of 15 items.

FAITH-INSPIRED
bucket list
for Christians

1. Do missionary work
2. Go to a Christian concert
3. Attend the Passion Conference
4. Join a Bible study group
5. Read a devotional book
6. Read the (whole) Bible
7. Do a pilgrimage
8. Get very involved with the church
9. Travel to a religious destination
10. Join or attend a prayer group
11. Go to a Christian summer camp
12. Create a worship playlist
13. Attend a new Christian or faith-based event
14. Bring a friend to mass with you
15. Finish a Bible reading plan

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Thur., July 6th - Evangelism Committee - 6:30 PM

Sat., July 8th - Faith Night with Mill Rats

Tues., July 11th - Property Committee - 6:00 PM

Mon., July 17th - WELCA - 6:00 PM

Tues., July 18th - Church Council - 6:30 PM

Sat., July 22nd - Car Wash - 10 AM - Noon

Sat., July 29th - Car Wash Rain Date

Sat., July 29th - Picnic at Beenscreek Lutheran - Noon

Supplies for First Responders

For July and August, the Social Ministry Committee and the Giving Tree will collect supplies for first responders in the area. Cases of individual Gatorade, energy drinks and bottled water, peanut butter, individually wrapped snack crackers, granola bars, energy bars, coffee, hot chocolate packets, cup-a-soup mixes, etc.

These items will be given to the first responders and Cambria County's Box 11 truck. Box 11 is the vehicle that responds to fires and other disasters to provide rest and refreshments, heating or cooling to first responders on scene.

These supplies will be distributed to first responders who participate in our "Touch a Truck" event in September. Monetary donations will also be used to treat participant first responders to hot dogs and snacks at Touch a Truck. This will be our "God's Work, Our Hands" project, too.

Please join us in donating to our local first responders!

Car Wash Fundraiser

We will be holding a car wash to raise money for our electronic sign.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. We will need help making signs, holding signs at the top of our parking lot to attract dirty cars, help directing traffic into the car wash line, and help to wash and dry cars. We'll provide lunch to all helpers at the end! Pray for dirty cars and great weather!!

The Car Wash will take place on Saturday, July 22nd from 10 am - Noon at Mt. Calvary in our front parking lot. A free will donation will be taken. Please tell your friends to join us!

Keep Calm and Go for a Picnic!

Our friends at Beenscreek Lutheran Church invited us to join them for their annual picnic on July 29th at their picnic grove.

Starting at Noon, they will have hot dogs, sloppy joes, pork and sauerkraut, kielbasa, chips, ice cream, soda, and more. Games and activities last the whole afternoon and are fun for the whole family. Around 4:00 PM, they serve a pot pie dinner.

No RSVP is needed. A variety of picnic food will be available for purchase.

Clothing Sale Collection

The Social Ministry Team is currently collecting donations for our annual clothing sale.

Clothes can be dropped off at the church at any time. Clothes left outside in the blue bin will be brought in daily.

Please try to separate your clothes by size and gender, and to label each bag. This makes the sorting and set up process much easier for the volunteers working the sale.

The clothing sale will take place on Saturday, October 7. Save the date!

Worship Volunteers

Readers/Communion Assistants:

July 8th Jack Weisbrodt

July 9th Joan Hunter

July 15th Volunteers needed!

July 16th Joan Hunter and Noelle Berkey

July 22nd Cindy Solarczyk and Todd Moss

July 23rd Mike Kozak

July 29th Kevin Oleska and Claudia Plows

July 30th Noelle Berkey and Ray Leverknight

Ushers:

July 8th Volunteers needed!

July 9th Volunteers needed!

July 15th Volunteers needed!

July 16th Volunteers needed!

July 22nd Volunteers needed!

July 23rd Volunteers needed!

July 29th Volunteers needed!

July 30th Volunteers needed!

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

Worship Leader Schedule for July

July 8th Claudia Plows, Authorized Lay Leader

July 9th Claudia Plows, Authorized Lay Leader

July 15th Gary Mickle, Authorized Lay Leader

July 16th Gary Mickle, Authorized Lay Leader

July 22nd Claudia Plows, Authorized Lay Leader

July 23rd Claudia Plows, Authorized Lay Leader

July 29th Bishop Paula Schmitt

July 30th Claudia Plows, Authorized Lay Leader

A Prayer for the Call Committee

Gracious God, save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit and strengthen it through the Word and holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works. Establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in the entire world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the creator, and redeemer of all. Amen.

July 8 - 14, 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

July 8 – Jason & Robyn Berkebile; Deborah & Gerald Ferri

July 11 – Jeffrey & Corey McKool

July 12 – James & Leda Miller

July 14 – William & Ruth Ann Wolfe

Birthdays

July 8 – Carter Bower; Logan Punako; Austin Urban

July 10 – Colt Anderson; Carmen Schelhammer; Beverly Tallyen

July 11 – Margaret Balogh

July 12 – Kimberly Smith

July 14 – Donald Schellhammer

Remember those that prayer has been requested for:

Cathy T.; Paul Brodt; Kim Stayrook; Alan; Pastor David Louder; Frank Robison; Sandy; Louise; Brooke & Bill; Chuck; Dawn; Cherie; Sandy; Lorrie & Bill; Jamie Bloom; Nancy Moore Family; Wilma Hiltz; Johnny Nerone; Cheryl & Roger; James; Denny & Ellen; Bill; Sue; El Warshel; Beth Oldham; Stacy & Josh; Bill; Janet; Landon; Harold; Gonzales Family; Mary; Elaine, Patty and Betty Shaffer; Jim Haberkorn; June Gresh Family; Patty Creany; Rick Wagner; Brianna; Jackie; Mike; Lois; David Mathis & Austin & Family; Bell family; Esther Zane; Suzzane Miller; Cindy; Danny & Donna Crowson; Bert; for the Call Committee as they seek our future pastor; Jerry Pozun; Pastor Dave Louder and his wife, Corlie; Milo; Jill Lisson; Krista Miller; Cullens family; Wilson family; Cecilia Baum.

Condensed Worship
July 1 & 2, 2023
Whoever welcomes you welcomes me

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet." The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

L: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

A: For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

L: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

A: 'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

L: Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

A: They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

L: For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

A: Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” **A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Prayers Of Intercession

L: Trusting in God’s abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

L: We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God’s promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, help us to see that the Church continues forever. Even as we go through the call process, allow us to use this time to pause and reflect upon the past and vision for the future. Allow us to make decisions that will empower this congregation and will please you. All this we ask in Jesus name. God, in your mercy, **A: hear our prayer.**

L: We give thanks for the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

A: Amen.