



Mount Calvary Connected

August 17, 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 Meetings and Events

Sun., August 20th - Blessing of the Backpacks - 8:45 AM

Tues., August 22nd - Church Council Meeting - 6:30 PM

Sat., August 26th - Women's Day of Renewal hosted by The Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

Sat., September 9th - Touch-a-Truck - 10 AM - 1 PM

Tues., September 12th - Rake n' Bake Pond Cleaning - 5 PM (Rain date: Thurs., Sept .14 at 5 PM)

Mon., September 18th - WELCA (No August Meeting) - 6:00 PM

Tues., September 19th - Fall Alpha Course Begins

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the backpacks will be Sunday, August 20th, 2023.

All school-age thru college kids are welcome to bring their backpacks for this special event.

Rake n' Bake Pond Cleaning

We will have our Rake n' Bake pond cleaning on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 5:00 PM. Rain date would be Thurs., Sept 14 at 5:00 PM.

We will be raking down all the dead weeds and then reseeding the hillside with bent grass which will be much more manageable in the future. We are reaching out to all church members, but particularly younger people who can stand on a hillside.

Bring your favorite rake! As always, food will be served!

Fall Alpha Course

Mount Calvary will be hosting a fall Alpha course on Tuesdays, beginning on September 19th.

You can call the church office to sign up or sign up sheets are available in the narthex.

Worship Help

Readers/Communion Assistants:

August 19th Volunteers needed!

August 20th Ray Leverknight

August 26th Volunteers needed!

August 27th Ray Leverknight

Ushers:

August 19th Volunteers needed!

August 20th Volunteers needed!

August 26th Volunteers needed!

August 27th Volunteers needed!

Altar Guild:

August The Hockensmith Family

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

Worship Leader Schedule for August

August 19th Rev. Bob Kaltenbaugh

August 20th Rev. Bob Kaltenbaugh

August 26th Pastor Nathan Pile

August 27th Pastor Nathan Pile

Nursing Home Donations

Thank you for all the donations, both monetary and physical, for our local nursing homes! The items were split evenly between Windber Woods, Arbutus Park, and The Lutheran Home of Johnstown.

Dalton Blough Sympathy Cards

If you would like to send sympathy cards to the children of Dalton Blough, please feel free to bombard them with cards at the following addresses:

Judy Nutwell
110 Timberline Trail
Hendersonville, NC 28792.

Randy Blough
260 Targhee Towne Road
Alta, WY 83414

Susan Gabriel
145 Maple Dr
Bedford, PA 15523

Mark Blough
726 Kenbridge Dr
Highland Heights, OH 44143

A Prayer for the Call Committee

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. Amen.

Property Committee Subcommittee Formation

The property committee is reaching out to the congregation for volunteers interested in forming an Emergency Preparedness subcommittee. Examples would be “who should call 911 in a medical emergency”, or “where should members go in case of a fire.” These plans are much like every school or nursing home has in place now. We are particularly interested in anyone that is a volunteer firemen, EMT, police, or medical background to head the committee. If interested, or for more information, please see Mark Rychak.

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!

Clothing Sale Collection

MANY THANKS! Thank you to Calvary United Methodist Church in the West End for giving us 10 boxes of clothes to use at our clothing sale this year! It is greatly appreciated!

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 keep the donations coming!

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.

August 19th - 25th, 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

August 19th - Dan & Karen Bantley

August 23rd - Robert & Kimberly McMullen

August 24th - Stanley & Deborah McQuaide

Birthdays

August 19th - Roxanne Horner

August 20th – Bettie Shaffer

August 22nd – Samantha Wilson

August 23rd – Benjamin Hiltz

August 24th – James Ivory, Stanley McQuaide, Donald Osborn, & Pamela Verostick

August 25th - Cynthia Colvin, John Kist, Albert Roth, Deborah Rychak, & Michele Stephenson

Remember those that prayer has been requested for:

Sandy; Louise; Brooke & Bill; Chuck; Dawn; Cherie; Lorrie & Bill; Jamie Bloom; Wilma Hiltz; Johnny Nerone; Cheryl & Roger; James; Denny & Ellen; Sue; El Warshel; Beth Oldham; Stacy & Josh; Janet; Landon; Harold; Mary; Elaine, Patty and Betty Shaffer; Jim Haberkorn; Patty Creany; Rick Wagner; Brianna; Jackie; Mike; Lois; David Mathis & Austin & Family; The Bell Family; 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, Corlee; Milo; Jill Lisson; Krista Miller; The Cullens Family; The Wilson Family; Cecilia Baum; The Dickerson-Bair Family; Richelle; The Rohrabough Family; Tom & Gretchen; Makenzie Miller; Alex; Jan Layton; the Dalton Blough Family; Jan; The Jeanjaquet Family; Christine; Sue & Lee.

Condensed Worship August 12th & 13th, 2023 Lord, Save me!

Prayer of the Day

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed

your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 85:8-13

L: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

A: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

A: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

L: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

A: Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far

from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The gospel of the Lord, **A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Prayers Of Intercession

L: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

L: God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service (especially nursing pioneers Florence Nightingale and Clara Maass, whom the church remembers today) as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God. **A: Your mercy is great.**

L: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.