

THE HILLTOPPER

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Off The Collar

Taken from a Facebook post... **WHY GO TO CHURCH?**

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting they're by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Here is some good food for thought:

*When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

*Faith sees the invisible. Believes in the incredible and receives the impossible!

*Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

*If you cannot see God IN all, you cannot see God AT all!

*B.I.B.L.E. simply means: Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth!



See you in church!

Scheduled Worship Leaders

August 3/4	Gary Mickle
August 10/11	The Very Rev Daniel Lees
August 17/18	Pastor Bowman
August 24/25	Pastor Ed DeVore
August 31/1	Pastor Dave Bowman

Thank you to Nancy Nemeth, Mary Beth Heinze and Laura Bower for serving on Altar Guild for the month of August.



August 2	Gretal Kaltenbaugh	August 14	Mark Rychak
August 4	Cindy Solarczyk	August 15	Luella Koontz
August 9	Dee Locher	August 24	Stan McQuaide
August 11	Caleb Hockensmith	August 25	Deb Rychak
August 12	James Custer	August 29	Thomas Leap
August 12	Bob Miller	August 30	Gladys Haupt
August 13	Janet Diehl	August 30	Mary Ann Mapes
		August 31	Hayden Lingenfelter

Happy Anniversary

August 9	Dana Begley and Dr. Christopher Begley
August 13	Gay and Lisa Musmenotti
August 15	Bob and Jessica Zada
August 24	Stan and Deborah McQuaide
August 26	Bill and Cara Lonsinger

Mt. Calvary would like to welcome our newest members in Christ received thru Holy Baptism:

- July 13 - Waylon William Grose, son of Timothy & Kaitlyn Grose
- July 14 - Bria Tayler Urban, daughter of Benjamin & Katelyn Urban.





We extend our sympathy to the family of Candice Walker on her passing. Candi was the daughter of long-time members Bill and Gene Walker.

We also extend our sympathy to Diane Thoburn on the death of her brother John Sladki.

Calendar of Events

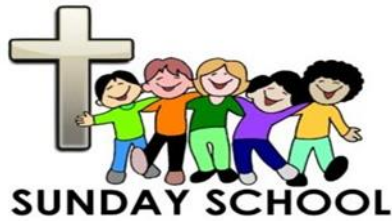
- August 1 Evangelism Meeting 5:00 pm
- August 13 Property Meeting 6:00 pm
- August 20 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- August 22 Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

Church News & Updates

- The 2024 Allegheny Synod Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve is coming up next month and is an opportunity to join up with your fellow Lutherans from around the synod for a fun event! The game begins at 6pm Sunday, August 18. Tickets for adults and children 3 and over are \$7 each. This year's event is being held in conjunction with the Curve's Faith Night; Christian musical artist The Gathering will be performing live before the game and fireworks after the game. To order tickets, please pick up an order form by stopping in the church office and return it to our synod office (701 Quail Ave., Altoona, PA 16602) along with your payment. You may also email your ticket order at alleghenysynodcurvetickets@gmail.com and mail your payment to the synod office. Tickets will be distributed to you once they receive your payment. See you at the ballpark!
- We are in the process of conducting an attendance and worship times survey of the congregation. The Church Council has considered possibly changing Sunday's service from 8:45am to 9am or 9:30am. Look in the narthex for ballots or check your weekly Mt. Calvary connect email to respond with your vote. Your vote matters!

Church News and Updates, cont'd

- Great news! Mount Calvary has recently acquired a much newer, beautiful sounding piano to find a home in our sanctuary. We were extremely fortunate to receive donations from anonymous donors to acquire the piano. We have a collection of several extra pianos from throughout the years that are no longer needed. If anyone is interested in any of these pianos, please contact the church office or our music minister Dan Gresh.
- Women's Group Mt Calvary, (formally WELCA) will once again be involved with FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS 2024, sponsored by BOSCOVS. This year's event will be Tuesday, October 22 from 8:00am to 11:00pm. A \$5.00 donation will purchase a shopping pass for the entire day and you will receive 25% off your purchases! Tickets are on sale now. Please check with any WGMC member or stop by the church office anytime. All proceeds raised from ticket sales go directly to Mt. Calvary!
- We are finally finishing the new 2024 church directory. There is now a revised copy available in the narthex for you to review. Please verify any corrected information on your way in or out so we can soon print out the final copies. If you cannot make it into worship and would like to verify your most current information, please call the church office. The new directory sample will be in the narthex until September 30th.
- The GIVING TREE will be collecting water and Gatorade for our first responders during the months of August and September. These will be presented to them during our "Touch A Truck" event in September.
- Don't forget to pick up your Flat Jesus to go on vacation with you so we can post your pictures on our Facebook page and bulletin board! Jesus has been to many different places so far this year. We will continue the shared journey until the end of the summer! Submit as many photos as you would like.
- From the call committee: we have no updated news to report. We deeply appreciate all the members who continue to worship and support our church during this time of transition. Many volunteers are still working together to keep our church flourishing, but they could really use your help. Many of them are overextended. We are still receiving bills and have expenses to pay. There have also been no recent updates from our synod office regarding our vacancy.
- If you are having difficulty hearing in church, we have our hearing "aides" located at the entrance of our church in a basket. Please help yourself



- Exciting News for Sunday School! We will be having a “SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY” on September 8 for all Sunday School classes. We will welcome Pastor Brad along with some UPJ students to help us kick off our Sunday School class. We look forward to seeing Pastor Brad or some of his students around on a Sunday morning every now and then to participate in our Sunday School program. Bring your joy, your love, and your enthusiasm!



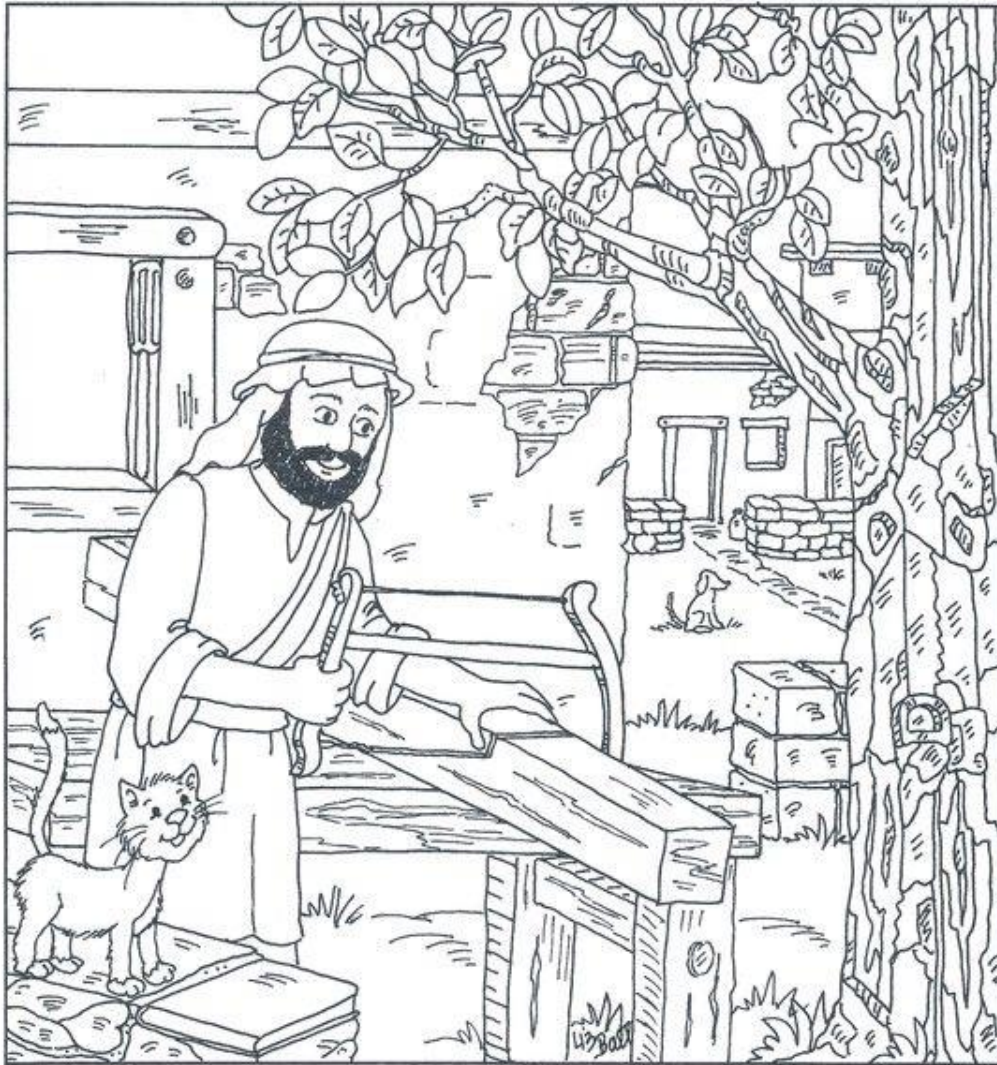
- We will be getting ready for our “Touch A Truck” event in September. If anyone would be interested in helping or contributing, please see Debbie/Mark Rychak or Cindy Solarczyk. We will be giving each child a bag of goodies so any goodie donations would be greatly appreciated!



- If anyone needs to speak to or has a special need for a minister, The Very Reverend Daniel Lees has offered to be our “on call” minister. Please contact the church office and we will notify Reverend Lees to reach out to you.
- Do not forget about our Prayer Chain. If you have any names, please call Mary Ann Mapes at 814-266-2185 or the church office. It is not necessary to give any details, unless requested by the individual. There are also still many prayer shawls available if you know of anyone that is in need. It is a wonderful way to spread God’s Love, compassion, and comfort!

**Dear Lord, So far I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that! But in a few moments, God, I'm going to get out of bed. And from then on, I'm going to need a lot more help!*

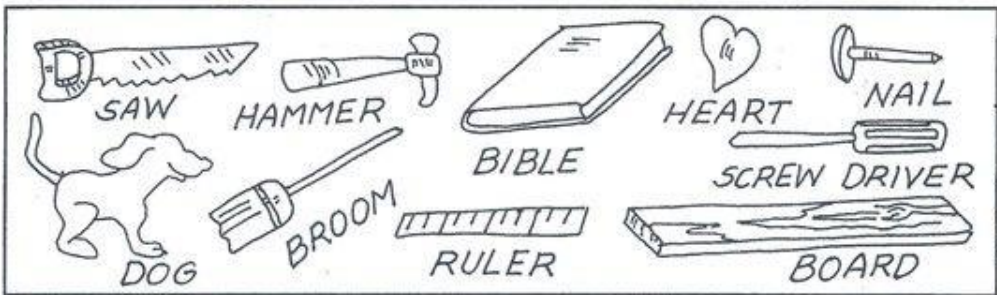
YOUTH ACTIVITIES



I want to be a carpenter.



What is Joseph building?



Joseph was a carpenter in a town called Nazareth.

Find and circle the objects hidden in the picture.

Healthy Snacks you can make!

Apple Nachos

Ingredients:

Apples, cored and sliced

Melted peanut butter (microwave for 15 seconds)

Chocolate chips

Honey (optional)

Steps:

1 Arrange apple slices on a plate.

2 Drizzle honey and Peanut butter over the apples if desired.

3 Sprinkle chocolate chips on top.

4 Serve and enjoy!

Ants On a Log

Ingredients:

Celery stalks

Peanut butter

Raisins

Steps:

1 Spread peanut butter into the groove of each celery stalk.

2 Press raisins into the peanut butter along the length of the celery.

3 Serve and enjoy!

Always ask for parents to help!



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

Calendar

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August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:00p EVANGELISM	2	3 5:30p SATURDAY WORSHIP
4 8:45a SUNDAY WORSHIP	5	6	7	8	9	10 5:30p SATURDAY WORSHIP
11 8:45a SUNDAY WORSHIP	12	13 6:00p PROPERTY	14	15	16	17 5:30p SATURDAY WORSHIP
18 8:45a SUNDAY WORSHIP	19	20 6:30p CHURCH COUNCIL	21	22 6:30p WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE	23	24 5:30p SATURDAY WORSHIP
25 8:45a SUNDAY WORSHIP	26	27	28	29	30	31 5:30p SATURDAY WORSHIP

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