

MT. CALVARY NEWSLETTER

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Exciting things are ahead as we move forward in ways to share in ministry with other churches. Vacation Bible School will be hosted this year at St. John in Mosinee. "Cave Quest" runs Monday – Friday on July 22-26 from 9:00 – 11:45. See more information on this adventure for students who have finished 3K – entering 6th grade on page 7.

After VBS week we join together in a shared worship experience at St. John on July 28 at 10:30 am. This outdoor service will be followed by an indoor picnic. There will be no worship service at Mt. Calvary on July 28. Instead, join us at St. John.

More shared worship services are coming! On the fifth Sunday of September our three congregations will come together at Mt. Calvary. On the fifth Sunday of December, we share worship at Bethlehem.

We were blessed to celebrate first communion in June with five youth at Mt. Calvary. Families from both Mt. Calvary and Bethlehem shared in the first communion instruction led by Pastor Andrea Fluegel. Thank you Pastor Andrea! Mt. Calvary families celebrated first communion on June 16 at Mt. Calvary and the two Bethlehem youth celebrated at Bethlehem on the same day. This is another example on how shared ministry can work between congregations.

We are also exploring how we can share in confirmation class instruction. Look for more on this later this summer!



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 8. We've been invited to work with St. Stephen, Good Shepherd, and Pilgrim churches to serve those who are houseless at the Marty Bus in Wausau. We plan to serve a meal, provide clothes from our clothes closet and share in music. If you have access to a Thrivent Action Grant, this is a great opportunity to help offset the food costs.

Teams from Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary and St. John have been meeting monthly to talk about shared ministry. We now also have a small transition sub-group to work on specific details. Representing Mt. Calvary are Chris Marquardt and Kira James. Later this summer we will have another small sub-group to work on finance details. These groups then come back to the larger shared ministry teams who report back to their respective congregations. We are indeed on an exciting journey in shared ministry!

Terry Hellrood, Council President

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! - 1 Corinthians 5:17

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Phone call service for Wednesday worship. You can listen to the service by calling this conference call number: I-267-807-9605 just before the worship begins at 6 pm. When you are asked for the access number, use the number pad on your phone to put in this number followed by the pound sign: 408649#.

Wednesday July 3. We will not hold a worship service on Wednesday, July 3.

Sunday, July 28. We will celebrate a shared ministry service at St John, Mosinee, as explained in Terry Hellrood's article on the front page. Please mark your calendar and join us, Bethlehem and St John. The service will be live streamed on St John, Mosinee Facebook page.

Congregational Choir. Our congregational choir will continue to sing this spring and through the summer. We welcome any new members to join us as we sing memorable favorite hymns. Join us on Sunday morning in the music room to warm up! If you like to sing harmony that is great, otherwise sing the melody! All are welcome!!

First Communion Retreat





CHRISTIAN COMPANION

Coming in September

VISITATION CARE TRAINING

Would you like to be a Christian companion, visiting someone from our congregation who is homebound?

Our 1/2 day training in September will equip you to visit people at home, assisted living, nursing homes or a hospital.

> Look for more information and how to be part of this important ministry coming soon

Would you like to be a Christian companion, visiting a homebound from our congregation? Mt Calvary is introducing Visitation Ministry. It's a chance for you to meet with a shut in from our church on a monthly basis.

The ministry kicks off this Fall. We will be holding a half-day training session for all visiting volunteers in Saturday, September 14 from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm. Training will cover a myriad of topics that are hallmarks to fundamentally sound Christian visits. We will have lunch and cover important details of how we will assist you in making that all important first visit. If you have someone (same gender) in mind you would like to visit let us know. Otherwise, we will discuss your new match.

Contact Paul Pawlowski 715-573-7092 or submit the recruitment form to the church office.

Here is a list of members who are at nursing homes, assisted living centers or home-bound: Barb Dalhoe, Dave Hanke, Eileen Streble, Dorothy Fritz & Pat Ringle at Renaissance; Aryllis Semrau at Rennes; Mary Sann, Jim Barr, Greta Corazalla, Woody Woodward, Bob Koplitz, Marlene Myers, Ed & Elaine Rust at home and Betty Dietz at home in MN.

FINANCES, STEWARDSHIP & HEALTH CONCERNS



Contributions: Remember to send in your offering to the church by mail or begin online giving on Tithely. Thank you for your regular

contributions.

In the Hospital?: Please contact Diane
Buchkoski (715-432-0761), Laura Rusch (715-3700618), or the church office (715-359-4500).
Hospitals do not notify us and with short hospital
stays, it is easy to miss when someone could use
some pastoral support.

Treasurer's Corner

	May 31 2024	May 31 2023
Monthly Offerings	11,269.40	18,659.51
Monthly Expenses	13,624.03	15,270.22
Net Gain (loss)	(2,354.63)	3,389.29
YTD Offerings	78,264.85	86,954.70
YTD Expenses	71,845.69	76,916.26
YTD Net Gain (loss)	6,419.16	10,038.44
Checking Balance total	143,259.16	149,217.32
Special Fund Investment	61,976.35	55,971.41
Endowments	55,048.74	49,935.23
Total current assets	260,284.25	255,123.96

Noisy Offering/Generosity. The Generosity committee thanks all those who donated bagged snacks for the DCE Rollin' Readers. \$105 was collected from the noisy offering.

July Mission of the month is for the Marty Bus which provides lunch two days a week along with clothing and other basic living needs for the area houseless population in downtown Wausau. We'd like to provide bag lunches for July 24th, from 11 am - 2 pm. We will pack the bag lunches on Sunday July 21, after service. There is a sign-up sheet of specific items needed for the lunches on the Generosity table under the balcony.

Also, see page 5 for items you may not be using and could donate to a houseless person.

—Generosity Team

Those Who have Health Concerns. Do

you need Pastoral Care? Call the church office at 715-359-4500. Prayer concerns for this week: Virginia Jatnieks, Mary Solheim, Michelle Lynch, Woody Woodward, Klay Swatloski, Marlene Lemke, Bonnie Laessig, Sue Utech, Deb Narloch, Tom Bogen, Yvonne Clemens, Sherry Johnson, Jerry, Sue Brown, Elaine Rust, Mavis Thurs, Eugene Clark, Barb, Kathy Kowalke, Elroy Roeder.

Pray for those in the hospital recently including Joe Crandall.

Pray for members who are at nursing homes, assisted living centers or home-bound, including Barb Dalhoe, Dave Hanke, Eileen Streble, Pat Ringle & Dorothy Fritz at Renaissance; Aryllis Semrau at Rennes; Mary Sann, Jim Barr, Greta Corazalla, Woody Woodward, Bob Koplitz, Marlene Myers, Ed & Elaine Rust, Betty Dietz at home.

Pray for families of those who have died recently including Lyle Krull.

NEEDS FOR THE HOUSELESS, [UBILEE HOUSE, CROSSWAYS & PRAISE IN THE PINES

Houseless Persons Needs. Below is a list of general items houseless persons could use. If you have any of these lightly used items, please bring them to the church by July 23. Items can be placed on the Generosity table under the balcony.

Men & Women Clothing

Hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, flannel shirts, jeans, leggings, t-shirts, belts, new socks, new underwear, tennis shoes, hiking boots, snow boots, winter coats, snowpants, warm gloves, warm hats, thermal socks, long underwear, winter face masks, hand warmers, toe warmers.

General Items

Backpacks, duffle bags, tarps, small tents, blankets, pillows, air mattress's, mats to put under sleeping bags, bug spray, sunscreen, shampoo, bodywash, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes, bikes, bike locks, rain coat and light coats.

Food items

Water flavor packets, chewy granola bars, chips, fruit cups, instant coffee, cereal, oatmeal packets, trail mix, cookies, nonperishable foods and hot chocolate.

Jubilee House. We are hosting a meal for Jubilee House Thursday, August 15. Yvonne Flaker would be glad to help with the cooking however, she would prefer that someone else would facilitate the meal and pick up the food. Please see Yvonne or Lori Lynn if you would be willing to take on this task.

Crossways Summer Camps. "The best way to complete registrations is to have families register for themselves directly online. This allows Crossways to have direct communication for important changes and information, medical and health history, as well as payments. Once they select a program that works in their schedule, families can visit CrosswaysCamps.org/register to begin the registration process. Crossways is happy to assist anyone in creating an account or selecting a program that is right for them!

Mt Calvary has scholarship funds. If anyone needs help registering or to apply for a scholarship please contact Angela Baker.

Praise in the Pines. Join us for a day packed with community spirit and uplifting Christian entertainment that will lift your spirits! We'd love to see you at *Praise In The Pines*! The event will be held on Sunday, July 21st, at the Northland Pines High School Field house in Eagle River, WI.

Big Daddy Weave, Austin French, and Hannah Kerr will all be performing as part of "The Heaven Changes Everything Tour," plus we'll be hearing from internationally renowned speaker, Bob Lenz. There are also several other exciting events planned earlier in the day, like a free worship experience for the community, other speakers, and local food trucks, find out more info at www.praiseinthepines.org

The Big Daddy Weave concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and requires a ticket. Tickets are on sale now at www.praiseinthepines.org/tickets

WE NEED YOU!

We need people that can help out with different aspects of worship.



guide people to the "table".

Greeters-We need 2 greeters a week for each service. One at the front entrance and one at the back entrance. You will greet members and visitors and hand them a service bulletin.

Ushers-We need 2 ushers a week for each service. They will collect the offering and if we are celebrating communion they will

Communion Assistants-2 assistants needed for the first, third and fifth Sundays and the preceding Wednesday.

One to hold the wine tray, recite "Blood of Christ shed for You".

One to pass bread and wine to the pastor and assistant. And help the pastor put the communion cloths on the communion ware.





Wednesdays run the sound, set up the monitor for the call-in service.

Sundays run sound, move camera, live stream on Facebook and record on website.

We do have an usher and communion assistants for Wednesday but they surely don't mind sharing the responsibility. Wednesday service is in need of greeters and Audio tech.

Training will be available for all positions. Please see Lori Lynn, Angela Baker or Bonnie Laessig if you are interested.

Share God's Love Bringing Hope to Others

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are thrilled to invite your children to join us for a great week at Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year Mt. Calvary is partnering with St. John, Mosinee and Bethlehem, Kronenwetter to host this exciting event. All five days of VBS will be at St. John in Mosinee. This year's theme is "Cave Quest" and we have an amazing lineup of activities, stories, songs, and crafts planned to inspire and engage your children.

Dates: July 22 to July 26 **Time:** 9:00 to 11:45 am

Location: 901 11th Street, Mosinee WI. 54455

At VBS, your children will:

- Learn about God's love and teachings through interactive Bible stories.
- Participate in exciting games and activities that promote teamwork and friendship.
- Create beautiful crafts that they can take home as a reminder of their VBS experience.
- Sing uplifting songs that reinforce the lessons learned each day.
- Enjoy delicious snacks provided each day.

We welcome students who have finished 3K – entering 6th grade to join us for this special week of learning and fun.

To register, please complete the registration form located on the table under the balcony and return it by **Wednesday, July 10**, no later, we need to get them to St John.

Then join us for a celebration worship service on Sunday July 28 at 10:30 am at St. John. This is a shared worship service with Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary and St. John followed by a picnic lunch. We look forward to seeing your children at Vacation Bible School and sharing this wonderful experience with them!

Quilter's Ministry & Ministry Outreach

Quilt Ministry and Lutheran World Relief: Our next big day distribution will be in early October but now is the time to start to collect items. Quilts, personal care, school, and baby kits will be packaged in September. To prepare for October we can use help in collecting items. A list of items needed can be found by the display table under the balcony.

School supplies start to go on sale in July. Items needed are <u>unsharpened</u> pencils, lined notebooks 70-80 sheets (approximately 8.5 x 11), pencil sharpeners, ink pens (black or blue, NO gel pens), ruler with centimeter reading, 2.5 inches eraser, and crayons (16 to 24 count). **No magic markers or felt pens.** Baby kits we have some flannel diapers but could use about 20 more cloth diapers. What is needed is baby clothing **9 - 24 months**. The clothing can be used if it not soiled/spotted or has no holes in it. T-shirts (no onesies), sleepers* (no feet in sleeper, or feet need to be cut off), socks, light weight jacket or sweater with hood or a cap. Donation of flannel can be made for swaddling blankets (1 1/8 yd to 1 ½ yds needed for each blanket). Blankets are a minimum of 36 inches square and a maximum of 52 inches square. A dark colored hand towel preferred (can be used if in good condition) and 4 oz. soap (such as Ivory, Dove, mild soap no strong scents). (*Baby tops and bottoms can be substituted for the sleepers.) Square crocheted blankets are being accepted this year (36" to 45").

Personal care kits requirement: light weight bath towels (prefer dark colors), 4 oz soap, and toothbrush. Bath towels can be used if in good condition, no pulls, fading, holes or edges fraying. Preferred size of towels is 20" \times 40" to 52" \times 27".

Quilting supplies are needed to make 60×80 inches quilts. Cotton material, cotton /polyester material, no smaller than $\frac{1}{4}$ yard or a fat square (18x 21 inches). Filling such as batting, used blankets, old mattress pads to put between the top and back of the quilt. Crochet thread/yarn to tie the quilts together. I am looking for individuals to sew quilt tops or assemble the kits to make the tops.

Items can be purchased new or picked up at garage or estate sales, used clothing stores and resale stores. Also needed are sturdy cardboard boxes to pack the kits and quilts in. Any items can be placed in the box by the display under the balcony, placed in the quilt room on the table, or given to Jane Braatz. Besides inkind donations, financial donations can be made and directed toward Lutheran World Relief supplies. Questions contact Jane at: janesusamn 1951@gmail.com or 715-298-2581.

Thank you for all the support for the Lutheran World Relief programs. God's Work, Our Hands.

—|ane Braatz



Life Recovery Study. Shane and Char Luedtke lead the Life Recovery Bible Study on Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm. They meet at the church on the 1st Tuesday of every month. It follows the pattern of the 12 Steps program from AA and NA, but is appropriate for recovery from many issues in life! Please contact: Shane Luedtke at 715-571-0197 or Char Luedtke at 715-571-9582 for more information.

Narcotics Anonymous at Mt. Calvary. The group meets in the church basement on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Contact Shane Luedtke at 715-571-0197 for more information.



Life Events, Memorials & Thank You

Birthdays

- 3 Shane Luedtke
- 4 Marlene Lemke
- 6 Jack Kirk, Jill Thurs
- 9 Sarah Thurs
- 10 Anne Pawlowski, Jarrod Prins, Evan Scharenbrach
- II Heather Espeland
- 13 Marlene Wilcox, Meghan Grande, Kashten Swatloski
- 18 John Hogan, Jacob Thurs
- 19 Joe Crandall
- 20 Lee Clermont
- 21 Candy Hesch
- 22 Linda Kent, Kevin Rybacki
- 25 Mike Thurs
- 28 Loie Raether, Adelyn Erdman
- 31 Jane Clark, Sherry Johnson

Anniversaries

- 2 Bruce & Sue Rheinschmidt (59) Scott & Sherry Johnson (14)
- 6 Lisa & Jim Wille (22)
- 7 Steve & Loie (51)
- 16 Mike & Candy Hesch (47)
- 17 Sarah & Keith Sumner (14)
- 19 Jack & Cathy Kirk (48),Dennis & Sharon Jaecks (48)
- 28 Dale & Mary Cywinski (38)
- 29 Jane & Rod Clark (57)



Hospitality in July:

July 7: Diane Buchkoski & Lori Lynn

July 14: Carolyn Kolton

July 21: Bonnie Laessig

July28: Picnic at St John, Mosinee

Thank You for hosting the fellowship table in June: Diane Buchkoski & Lori Lynn, Jane Braatz, Yvonne Flaker, Jim & Shirley Kislow



In memory of *my loving bride Jeanette* from Woody Woodward to Rothschild School Lunches.

In memory of my loving bride Jeanette from Woody Woodward to the Quilter's

Ministry.

In loving memory of my bride Jeanette to the Quilter's Ministry from Woody Woodward.

In loving memory of my bride Jeanette to the Rothschild School Lunches from Woody Woodward.

In memory of Jim Otto to the Clark Flory Ministry fund from Beth Flory.

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In memory of my loving bride Jeanette from Woody Woodward to the Quilter's Ministry.

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Thank You

From New Beginnings for Refugees for the 6 twin-sized quilts we donated to them.

From Lynn Burzinski from DCE Rollin' Readers for the generous donation and snacks.

Dear Mt Calvary Congregation:

"When Terry hired me 10 years ago, she told me that the members treated the church like their own homes; I have never forgotten that. Now I feel like I'm leaving home.

I have a lot of fond memories to take with me: the rummage sales, the VIPs, VBS, Pastor Rich giggling when he startled me! I have one sad memory: how empty the church felt during Covid. I remember most the laughter and the tears, the love and the losses, the God Moments and Lori Lynn's lunches!

As I leave "home", I want to thank you all for not making this ever feel like a job."

—Kim Schoenberger



CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9:00 am Worship Service	July 1 Office is Closed	2 6:30 pm Life Recovery Bible Study at Mt Calvary 6:45 pm PBS	3 No Worship Service 9:45 am Benedictine Service 10:45 am Waterfall Service	INDEPENDENCE Office is Closed 5:30 pm NA	S Office is Closed	ဖ
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14 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Worship Oversite Team Mtg.	15 Office open by appt. 6:00 pm Generosity Team Mtg. 6:45 pm PPT Mtg.	16 2:00 pm Copper Leaf Service 6:30 pm Life Recovery Bible study on Zoom 6:45 pm PBS	3:00 Wausau Manor Service 6:00 pm Worship Service	18 5:30 pm NA	19 Office is Closed	20
2-1 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Council 10:15 am Pack Lunch Bags for Marty Bus	22 Office open by appt.	23 9:00 am Quilters Ministry 6:30 pm Life Recovery Bible study on Zoom 6:45 pm PBS	24 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Marty Bus Lunch 6:00 pm Worship Service	25 5:30 pm NA	26 Office is Closed	27
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THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR ÁNDREA FLUEGEL

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us." (The Message, Ephesians 3:20-21)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I have an I8-year-old in my house. Some days are rough. He is in a liminal space. I appreciate this definition of liminal space from Theodora Blanchfield, AMFT. She states, "Liminal space is the uncertain transition between where you've been and where you're going physically, emotionally, or metaphorically. To be in a liminal space means to be on the precipice of something new but not quite there yet. The word 'liminal' comes from the Latin word "limen," which means threshold." My I8-year-old son has graduated high school but hasn't started college yet. He is on the precipice of something new. It's exciting but unsettling too. Weddings, divorce, job transitions, moving, birth of a child, illness, loss of a loved one are just a few examples of when we find ourselves in a liminal space. Even the people of God found themselves in liminal space - when the Hebrews with Moses were wandering the wilderness for 40 years, after Jesus' death, and as they were being sent out to the ends of the earth.

Mt. Calvary is in a time of liminal space. We feel uncertain and unsettled during this time. There are also feelings of grief. It's important to name and notice those feelings. You can even write a letter to God about them. Our feelings have to go someplace so that they don't become hurtful or harmful. Recently, I heard this definition of sin. Sin is anything that diminishes life. In liminal space it is easy to get stuck in our feelings of being unsettled, uncertain, and not in control. It's easy to not spend time naming and noticing our feelings or even connecting to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This can cause us to diminish life in ourselves and in others.

So during this time of transition, of being in a liminal space, what can we do?

Ask yourself, where do you see God in your life and in the world? As Lutherans, we aren't good at naming God's presence on a daily basis. Maybe we say that God helped us through a time of trial or suffering. Maybe from time to time we notice God in the sunsets or in the baby animals being born. But where else do we notice God's presence?

Try this: For the month of July, write down three things that you are grateful for each day. Then each week, look over what you wrote. How was God present in the people, places and things you listed? How was God at work? Then share your insights and observations with a spouse, parent, friend, neighbor, or co-worker.

When you look back over the week or month, how did it make you feel to name what you are grateful for or where you saw God? Do you feel more calm, relaxed, generous, joyful, or loved? How did you feel or act toward others?

Spiritual practices keep us grounded and centered when life gets busy, overwhelming, or out-of-sync. It helps us see that God is walking with us in the joys and hardships of life. Meditation, breathing, centering prayer, and gratitude journals are some of the many ways we can experience God's presence. They also help us to look inward so that we can be open and vulnerable to others, serving others in Jesus' name.

Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Andrea Fluegel, Transition Facilitator

Share God's Love Bringing Hope to Others



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On the fifth Sunday of December, we share worship at Bethlehem.



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