

News from Calvary



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Calvary's Mission

As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,

Share His Word

and

Live His Word.

Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.



Serve.



Grow.



Connect.



If someone were to come up to you and ask if you were a follower of Jesus Christ or, if you will, a disciple of Jesus Christ, my guess is that most of you would answer this question with a “yes”. You might even start to tell this person *what* things you do. The church you go to. Some of your favorite songs that you sing there. *What* denomination you are. You might even describe *how* it has impacted your life.

But what if that same person then asked you *why* you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? How would you answer that question?

Unfortunately, as Jesus’ disciples, we all too often get things reversed. We have a tendency to put the *what* and *how* we do things before the *why*. The reality is that the *why* should be at the center of our relationship with God all of the time.

Imagine if a music shop owner was asked why he or she went into business and the response that was given was “we sell stuff” or “I painted the walls blue.” That wouldn’t explain anything, would it? What if they answered the question with “I love music so I thought I would try to make my living selling what I love.” If he or she answered that way first, then maybe “painting the walls blue” or “we sell stuff” might make more sense.

This might sound like an oversimplification, but how often, as Jesus’ disciples, do we ask ourselves this question?

Last month I asked the question “Does the love of Christ compel you or do you take it for granted?” That same question applies to the question of “*why?*” Once we understand the *why*, then the question of *how* this plays out in my life and finally the question of *what* you do, can be truly understood.

Member Spotlight:



Molly Marie Jaffe

My name is Molly Marie Jaffe and I was born on June 8th 1984 in Livingston, New Jersey. My loving parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Keltner and my younger brother is Brian Keltner. I was married at Calvary Lutheran Church on October 17th, 2014 to Daniel Jaffe. Daniel and I live in Cornwall on Hudson, NY (located about 10 miles north of West Point, NY) with our “little boy” Crash, the three-legged dog.

After I graduated from Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY) in 2006, I applied and was accepted at Springfield College to continue my graduate education. It was at Springfield College that I developed a passion for learning, a love for teaching, and also met my future husband. I earned two Masters degrees; one in Exercise physiology and the other in secondary education. I felt a connection to secondary education and have been teaching High School science ever since. I will be starting my 9th year of teaching this coming fall and my 4th year at Park Ridge High School (Park Ridge, NJ). I am currently teaching Anatomy and Physiology and Biology to grades 9-12. I have also been a coach at all of my school districts, however I am currently the head Women’s soccer coach and assistant outdoor track and field coach.

I have been a member of Calvary ever since I was born (1984). I was baptized, confirmed and married here. I have participated in so many events including but not limited to: Easter egg hunts, live nativity, Christmas caroling, the Christmas plays, youth choir, adult choir, retreats, praise team, talent shows, concerts, trimming the tree, and so much more! Throughout my elementary, middle school, high school, and college years I tried to take part in whatever I could.

The church has been like a second family, always helping to support. Being a childhood leukemia cancer survivor I decided to run my first marathon in the fall of 2006 with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Team in Training Program. The youth group held a bake sale after church and donated the money to my fundraising efforts.

My favorite time of year at the church has always been the Christmas season. I just love how the church looks so festive and beautiful. One of my favorite traditions is the hanging of the red ornaments on the tree. I love the fact that loved ones that were members and have passed on are still remembered each year. It definitely brings me closer to my grandparents (Dorothy and Charles Shadel) who were also very involved in everything at the church. The smell of pancakes just makes me happy; this brings me to my other favorite tradition, the Pancake Breakfast on Easter morning.

I will never forget all the many Sundays of my life spent learning songs at Sunday School. To this day, the song that I will never forget is the "Books of the Bible". I use this song every time that I am looking up a reading! I remember the youth group at the time really loved going to retreats and hearing contemporary music. We really wanted it to be a part of our home church, and so with the help of Ruth Bolger the contemporary worship team was born! My all-time favorite songs that I learned at my first church camp experience were *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* and *Awesome God*. I just loved singing both of these songs at various youth group experiences, but most importantly they were amongst the first contemporary songs that we sang at Calvary Lutheran Church. If you know anything about either of the songs, you know that there are great meanings behind the lyrics, and the hand gestures add another level of connection with each song. I always felt the more people could actually understand what they were singing, the more they would get into it and *Pour out their power and love and sing Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Altar Guild: Lauren Molinari

✝ Greeters:

June 3 10:00 AM George & Marit Lofmark

June 10 10:00 AM Karen Gordon El

June 17 10:00 AM Nancy Keltner, Brian Keltner

June 24 10:00 AM Ajit & Jaya Lakra



Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Flower Visitors:

June 3 Jaya Lakra
June 10 Joyce Sapara-Grant
June 17 Edith Conte
June 24 Anne Daly

✝ Ushers:

June 3 10:00 AM Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca,
Harold Vaughan
June 10 10:00 AM Ajit Lakra, John Wickham
June 17 10:00 AM Chris Molinari, Stephen Molinari,
Gordon Wickham
June 24 10:00 AM Brian Keltner, Karl Wetter





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

<i>June 1</i>	Debbie Houlihan
<i>June 5</i>	Brian Keltner
<i>June 6</i>	Lois Tiedemann
<i>June 8</i>	Molly Jaffe
<i>June 9</i>	Ruth Bolger
<i>June 10</i>	David S. Behlen
<i>June 10</i>	Abbacalyn Dokie
<i>June 12</i>	Abbaccus Dokie
<i>June 12</i>	Max Sizer
<i>June 15</i>	Stephen Molinari
<i>June 17</i>	Robert Wickham
<i>June 19</i>	Tomi Adesokan
<i>June 21</i>	Chris Sapara-Grant
<i>June 22</i>	Brandon Lazarra
<i>June 22</i>	Todd Wickham
<i>June 23</i>	Dylan Behlen
<i>June 24</i>	Benjamin Leuzzi
<i>June 25</i>	Erika Franke
<i>June 28</i>	Lucille Wernes
<i>June 30</i>	Albert Arroyo
<i>June 30</i>	Matthew Bonaguide



<i>June 6</i>	Gordon & Ruth Wickham
<i>June 24</i>	Dave & Barbara Hildebrandt