

INTERESTED IN LUTHERANISM, MEMBERSHIP?

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the basics of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Long – he may be reached through the church office or by e-mail at PRBLong@aol.com.

CONFESSION

Private confession is available by appointment only. Call the Church Office.

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Long is generally available at Mt. Calvary Monday through Friday mornings, or by appointment should you need or want to have conversation with him. You may reach him by e-mail at: PRBLong@aol.com.

HOSPITAL CALLS

If you or a loved one have an illness or hospitalization that needs to be brought to the attention of Pastor Long, please call the office as soon as possible so that he may visit you. Note: Be sure the hospital knows that you are a member of Mt. Calvary and that you wish to have Pastor Long visit you. However, the hospitals do not always call the church—it is best if you let the office know.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Doug Auer in loving memory of Mary Ann on their anniversary and in thanksgiving for his many blessings.

POSITIONS ON COUNCIL THAT NEED TO BE FILLED ASAP

– There are several positions on the Church Council that have been open for quite some time.

1. Since the death of Jim Kaspar, who was the administrator of the **VANCO program**, this position is open. Also, Now there are some reports that need to be filed with the company and we need an administrator to do that.
2. Connie Kissner has agreed to take one of the vacancies on the Concordia Foundation, but there's still one more spot to fill. Talk with Jerry Horst or Pastor Long if you want more information.

If you are moved to accept one of these positions, please talk to Jerry Horst or Pastor Long.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please take advantage of this opportunity to pray for your needs and those of your friends and family. Cards are available in the pew rack. To activate the chain please call Ardeane at 691-8007.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Our congregation operates Concordia Lutheran School together with the congregations of Redeemer and Trinity. Call the Concordia School office at 691-8921, or check their web site at www.concordiapeoria.com for information.

CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY

Brooke Barr - Grade 2

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

Psalm 139:1-16

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY -- The Board of Property wishes to thank everyone who came out to help last Sunday afternoon with cleaning up the yard and preparing the beds for the summer. Great job! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

SPECIAL SPEAKER TODAY, MAY 12TH – The Rev. Kip & Ivy Hoech are here to preach and lead Bible Study. Please welcome Pastor and Ivy as they bring us the Gospel and tell us about their work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

— On Thursday, May 23rd, **Gus Meyer, Ke'niya Shivers, and Abby Horman** are scheduled to become communicant members of Mt. Calvary by the rite of Confirmation. They have completed 2 years of instruction; will be examined by the Elders, and are ready to make their promises. Please join us at **6:00 pm on Thursday May 23rd** to support and encourage them in this stage of their faith life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Miguel and Anne Bolwerk on the birth of their twin sons on May 8, 2024. David Miguel weighed in at 7 lbs 1 oz, and Henry Marco weighed 6 lbs. Mother and babies are doing well. The proud grandparents are David and Jan Heien.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time of year again, when we honor our graduates. So, if you have someone graduating from a school: pre-school, grade school, high school, college, or receiving a graduate degree, please let the office know.. Include in your information their relationship to you, where they are graduating, any honors they are receiving, and what their plans are now — are they going on to another school, getting a job for the summer, etc. We will list any graduates in our June Messenger.

SPRING CONCERTS AT CONCORDIA

Concordia's Spring Concerts this year are on **Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th**. On **May 16th, at 6:30 pm** all bands and all orchestras will perform. And on **Friday, May 17th, at 6:30 pm**, the vocal ensembles — Cherub Choir, Kids of the Kingdom, and the Concert Choir will perform.

CONCORDIA GRADUATION — On May 24th at 6:00 pm Concordia will hold its graduation services at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our graduates this year are: **Kayla Carver, Bella Crosiar, Kendahl Gillespie, and Tess Ruskusky**.

A NOTE ABOUT MR. TAGGE

After a fantastic service on Easter Day, and a very busy Holy Week, our Minister of Music, Bruce Tagge, is stepping back from his duties for a bit so that he can concentrate on his health. Please keep the Tagges in your prayers, and feel free to send him notes or cards expressing encouragement and appreciation. Their address is:

516 W. Detweiller Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

CELEBRATION FUND — How has God blessed you lately? Warmth from the winter weather? Safe travels? Time with friends and family? Blessed worship with your church family? Good health? Please consider donating an offering of thanks to God by way of the Celebration Fund. See the table in the Parish Hall for more information.

The red paraments are here and will be used next Sunday for Pentecost.

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY — Your next meeting is **this Saturday, May 11th at 9:30 am**. No particulars yet on what you will be discussing, but come any way and find out.

TREATS FOR FAMILY HOUSE — We provide treats for Family House on the fourth Monday of each month (see note on bulletin board). If you are able to help, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LaVelle Borders (309-681-9414) for more information.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:-- The current DFM project is to continue a project already begun. In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois during 2024. With the funds gathered, Central Illinois District started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. The current project is to ensure that funds are available so that such new ministries can be continued in 2025. The current target is \$10,000. See the video at <https://youtu.be/LwYgCqIXzqI>

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION — The Crafts and Conversation Group meets at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings and is open to anyone. Bring a craft or activity you like to do or just sit and visit. Sometimes LaVelle asks for help packing goody bags for children that come to pantry. Sometimes Judy has mailings to put together. Come join them, bring your lunch and eat with the group.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS — During **May** our pantry will be in need of **Mac & Cheese, Canned Peas, Canned Fruit, and Baked Beans**. They are also looking for the **heavier plastic bags that grocery stores use for delivery**. Your donation can be left in the church office during regular office hours.

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes — Sunday School has a new look, new activities, new lessons, new fun. Please bring your students, ages 3 through 8th grade, and encourage them to participate every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We will have 2 or 3 levels for classes depending on our turnout and hope to add more if needed. Any high schoolers interested in starting a class please let Pastor or Paula Horst know.

Sunday School will go on hiatus after next Sunday, May 19th. They will begin again on Sunday, September 8th.

Sunday Morning Adult Class —“The Just shall live by Faith.” These words drive the whole of Paul's Letter to the Romans, as he is inspired to show them both how we are justified and the life that flows from that. Join us Sunday mornings as we read Romans together.

Men's Bible Study – What is Jesus' True Glory? The Evangelist, John, is inspired to set that before his readers in many ways. Join us as we read the Gospel according to John.

Men' Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! – We've finished Malachi so join us on Thursday to find out what we will be reading next. **We meet for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED AT CONCORDIA

Concordia Lutheran School is actively looking for an experienced part-time bookkeeper to join our team. This position will be working in our school office working closely with our Office Manager and Principal. The job will be in person and will have flexible hours (15 hours/week) with a pay range of \$18 - \$20/hour. This position will involve working with Quickbooks Accounting software including the normal office tasks associated with bookkeeping. Please contact the school office (309-691-8921) if interested.

KFUO RADIO, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org: Hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Daniel 9-12 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study The Church on Concord Matters (5/18 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFuo Radio app!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE

DAY – The world ridicules motherhood as hindrance. It complains that children get in the way of education, career, income, gratification, and even climate. But the testimony of God is greater than the testimony of men (1 John 5:9). Real life and full life come in Christ Jesus, His Son, Who shows us the joy of loving and keeping every daughter and son the Holy Father gives (John 17:11-12).

ISSUES ETC. – QUALITY, QUANTITY, QUALIFIED – LIMITED SPACE FOR “MAKING THE CASE” CONFERENCE -- There are less than 100 slots left for the 2024 Issues, Etc. “Making the Case”

Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12 Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of Fighting for the Faith, Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmuehler of “Has American Christianity Failed?,” and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Bri's Radio Theatre: The Women Announce Book Club! *(A book club reveal this epic needs its own episode)*

Lounge-alum Bri rejoins the Ladies to wrap up their book club discussion of *Little Women* with style, flair — and an all-new original -- Bri's Radio Theatre audio play imagining Meg, Jo, and Amy March at the LCMS National Youth Gathering (chaperoned, of course, by our old friend DCE Dana, the overworked church worker).

But wait ... who's that mysterious voice playing Marmee March? IT'S AUTHOR KATIE SCHUERMANN, here to help us announce the release of her new novel (our next Lutheran Ladies' Book Club pick): *The Saints of Whistle Grove*.

From the publisher: After 150 years of preaching the Gospel, the little country parish of Whistle Grove has closed its doors for good, but the faithful Rev. Edmund G. Oglethorpe remains. There is the empty building and the crumbling cemetery to maintain, and who else will bury old Miriam Werth when the time comes?

Told through the voices of generations past and present, “*The Saints of Whistle Grove*” follows the journey of a son in search of his mother, a daughter in need of connection, a family without a home, and the cemetery that brings them all together.

Join the blessed saints of Whistle Grove in pondering the wondrous mystery that, whoever believes in Christ, “though he die, yet shall he live.”

Visit Kloria Publishing to learn more, and watch for a pair of exciting giveaways this week on Facebook and Instagram.

STEWARDSHIP – Please remember that the ministry of Mt. Calvary continues even in these odd days. Your prayers and contributions are still needed.

The Treasurer's Report for April 2024 showed the year's expenses at \$132,257.00 and income of \$107,579.25 You may mail your envelopes in (checks only, please), or drop them by the office. You can also make electronic donations through our web page:

(www.mtcalvarypeoria.org) by clicking the “donate” tab and setting up a profile with VANCO. If a donation is given using a credit card or debit card there is a 2.75% fee. If an electronic check is used the fee is 1.00%. People have begun donating through e-giving and have learned how easy it is to use.

FROM CAMP CILCA

Act Like Men Field Training

Men, you are invited to the ***Act Like Men Field Training every Saturday morning at the Camp CILCA athletic field from 6:30am-7:15am starting May 25.*** There will be 30 minutes of exercise, 10 minutes to check-in on life, and 5 minutes for prayer. There is no cost, just an opportunity to encourage and push one another as godly men.

The Camp Cilca Hog Roast

The Hog Roast is back at Camp CILCA on ***Sunday, May 26 from 11:30-2:30pm.*** \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 4-12; the meal includes delicious pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, drinks, and desserts. The Trading Post and beach will be open for afternoon fun and adventure. See you there!

In Christ,

Joshua Theilen

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Director

Camp C-I-L-C-A

MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER SHOWER -- Peoria Area

Lutherans for Life is sponsoring our annual diaper shower today, **Mother’s Day, May 12th.** The purpose is to collect as many disposable diapers and wipes as possible for infants and toddlers, as well as adult protective underwear for both men and women in any size for use by seniors. These will be distributed to local, charitable, life-affirming organizations. In past years, with your generosity, we have helped Aperia Care, Destiny for Women, Empower Life Center, Esther House, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Lutheran Hillside Village, Washington Christian Village, and Women’s Care Center. May the Lord of life bless you as you help us make this event a success again this year. **Diapers may be left on the shelf above the coat racks across from the church office.**

(Those of you eligible for applying for Thrivent Action Teams – Bob Wegner said he applied and received the \$250 to buy diapers. The only thing not to do is mention

“Lutherans for Life,” because Thrivent does not support Lutherans for Life.)

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY WAS LAST SUNDAY, MAY 5TH -- Gifts

will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, deaconess, or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 5th. Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for the 2024-2025 school year or be designated “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be sent to the **Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.** Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who may be good candidates to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation. **Envelopes are available on the offering table at the entrance to the sanctuary or in the church office.**

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA MEETING

The next Lutheran Women Meeting is **May 17 at 9 am at Lutheran Hillside Village, 6901 N Galena Rd, Peoria.**

We’ll have a Continental Breakfast at 9, with a program and meeting afterwards. The program is by LSSI. After our meeting Phil King will take us on a tour of some of the things we’ve purchased for Hillside Village from their “Wish List”. We’ll have information about our fall mum sale fundraiser.

It should be an interesting and informative meeting, so we hope to see everyone there. Invite a friend!

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria is organized to promote inter-Lutheran fellowship, ecumenical understanding and to give an opportunity to witness through volunteer service to others in Christian love and concern. LWGP is open to all women from the twenty-six Lutheran congregations in the greater Peoria area.