

Mt. Calvary Messenger



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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Christ is risen!

As we continue on into the Easter Season, we find that we are still not able to gather as we'd like in the midst of care over the COVID-19 virus. However, things are beginning to change. Some of you may have notice that Governor Pritzker modified his "stay-at-home" order to recognize churches as "essential" to the citizens of our state. That means we have permission to hold gatherings of no more than 10 (ten) people at a time. While hardly the grand return to public worship we'd like, it's still good. Mr. Tagge, I, and the Board of Elders will be discussing how best to restart a schedule of public worship in the next week or so. I'll also be experimenting with "Sign-up Genius" to see if we can streamline a way to arrange for attendance that doesn't violate the Governor's order. So - keep an eye and an ear out for news. In the meantime, we will continue to post daily devotions and Sunday Matins to You Tube and Facebook, as well as maintaining the Sunday morning "Zoom" Adult class, and the Wednesday morning Men's Bible study. Remote learning for Concordia will come to an end on May 15th, so I'll personally be a little more free after that (Sherri and I had to "divide and conquer" with getting our crew through their lessons, so I've been spending mornings shepherding 'Bekah through her daily school work while Sherri watches over Michael and Sarah).

If you have been following the daily devotions, you will know that I've been trying to lift up se-

lected psalms that give voice to our faith in powerful ways. Last week we reflected on Psalm 116, and I wanted to share a few thoughts from that psalm with you in this column.

- 116** I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
2 Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
6 The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.
7 Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
8 For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
10 I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";
11 I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."
12 What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

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¹⁶ O LORD, I am Your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

Some of you may recognize part of this psalm from the offertory we sing for "Setting 1" of the communion service from our hymnal. But what jumped out for me when I looked at the Hebrew version of the psalm were the following verses....

"...He inclined His ear to me..." In context, the psalmist declares that he calls upon the Lord because he knows the Lord inclines His ear to him. The Hebrew is even better - it says God "stretches out" His ear. Just consider that image - God stretching His ear to you to hear you better. So often we think it is pointless to talk to this person or that because it is clear they aren't listening to us. But with God, this is not the case. His ear is always stretched to you to hear you. Sometimes the students in confirmation will ask me, "But how can God hear, or know, everyone's prayers?" My stock answer (and true) is that this is the advantage of being infinite and almighty - God doesn't break a sweat in hearing all, knowing all, and being present to all who call upon Him - and that includes you!

"I believed, even when I spoke: I am greatly afflicted." The Hebrew here is deeper. It's not "I believed even when I spoke," but, "I believed, AND SO I spoke..." The point here is that the distress of the psalmist is not a sign of lack of faith, but rather, his willingness to cry out to God in distress is a sign of his faith - his trust that God hears and knows. Why does this matter? Well - because that means you are free to groan and cry out to God in your distress, knowing that you are heard and loved. Too often we get a picture in our culture of a religiosity that is

supposed to make us stoic, unmoved, and quiet in the face of trouble. And so, people, in an effort to be "good" Christians, often hold their tongues rather than give word to their heart ache. Not so with the psalmist! Believing in God's mercy and grace, he cries out - and you can too. We don't know how and when God will answer us in our distress - but we can be assured that He hears and will respond.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." This means that God cares and is distressed by this. The Lord stands against death - and in this Easter season, we recognize that Jesus' work is all about undoing death and rolling back sin and hell's dominion. So, when death comes to one of God's people, He is not unmoved. Remember how Jesus wept at Lazarus' tomb. The Lord keeps His saints alive, even in death - and we know the day is coming when death will finally be undone, and the dead will rise. But there's more here than just that. "Saints" in English simply means "holy people." Now, in Hebrew, the word for "holy" is "kadosh" which literally means for something to be "set apart for a special purpose." However, the Hebrew at verse 15 in this psalm doesn't say that God is concerned for His "kadosh ones." It says that He is concerned for His "chesed ones." Some of you may remember that I've gone on about the word "chesed" before. It usually gets translated as "steadfast love" or "mercy" or even "kindness." It is one of the chief aspects of God's character in the witness of the Old Testament. And why does this matter? Because His people begin to share that character as they have communion with the Lord. We - in faith and communion with God - become "chesed" even as He is "chesed."

So, let us rejoice that God has come to us in Christ, and that in Him we know we have God's ear, that we can cry out, and that we are being made to be like Him - sharing His love and mercy as His "chesed ones."

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Long

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2. Maddie Johnson
Nathaniel Lampton
3. Josh Crosiar
4. Jenny Hamilton
Jared Savre
5. Pastor Long
7. Dennis Waldron
8. Lincoln Adcock
Alice Manthey
10. Penny Voss
11. Joan Waldron
12. Bella Brill
Kendall Frank
Samantha Watkins
Carol Wessler
13. Brandon Zeone
14. Connie Kissner
15. Tim Carver
17. Lorrie Kaspar
18. Brandon Armbrust
Jennifer Johnson
20. Sophia Maxwell
21. Kayla Carver
22. Jessica Horman
Nichole Wilhite
23. Olivia Johnson
23. Payton Sturtevant
24. Ashley Gavic
25. Pam Barr
28. Mary Ann Auer
Ralph Samp
30. Ezekiel (Beenders) Garrison
31. Vanessa Ruckle
Rob Cairncross
Daryl Claudin

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 David & Stacey Appell
- 10 Mike & Ashley Gavic
- 12 Doug & Mary Ann Auer
- 14 Derrick & Wendy Foote
21. Grant & Rashonda Szold
- 23 Daryl & Luann Claudin
- 23 Gabriel & Danielle Martinez
- 24 Greg & Christy Browning
- 24 Glenn & Abbie Matson
- 25 Steve & Jennifer Johnson
- 25 Ty & Lorie Livingston
- 26 Roger & Carole Hoffman
- 30 Leon & Lisa Adcock
- 30 Bill & Pam Barr



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 3rd – 4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47;
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 10th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 146; Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 17th – 6th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:16-31;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 21st – The Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

May 24th – 7th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 68:1-10; Acts 1:12-26;
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 31st – Pentecost Sunday

Psalm 25:1-15; Numbers 11:24-30;
Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39



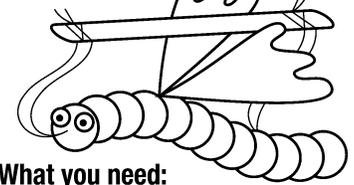
ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP

While it looks like we can't be together to celebrate the Lord's ascension on Thursday, May 21st, Pastor Long will provide a Matins service on YouTube for us. Please watch the weekly News and Announcements for the time that service will be available.

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CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.





LIFE IN THE COVID-19 ERA -

As we continue to live out our callings in these challenging times, here's what life at Mt. Calvary will look like:

1. **Regular Office hours will continue** - feel free to call or visit.
2. **Pastor Long is making an effort to call around to the congregation.** Mostly this is just to "check in" - but if you have concerns or prayer requests, please share them. If you think you might have been missed, or he hasn't gotten to you yet, please call us. We're working to make sure we're all getting through this.
3. **Daily devotions are available** (when they get downloaded) at either Facebook (check pastor's profile "Barry A. Long," or the church's page, "Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church") or YouTube (we have our own "Channel" now - just search for "Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" and click on our logo - subscribe to have new content shared with you automatically).
4. **We're still working on the technical details,** but abbreviated Sunday services will be made available at both Facebook and YouTube. These will be pre-recorded (the live streaming hasn't been working very well), and will generally be available by 9 am Sunday morning.
5. **Bible Studies** -- "Zoom" is a site that allows video/voice conferencing, and we'll be using that to study God's Word together. And you can use it from home! Right now, Pastor Long is just doing Sunday morning (this week we're continuing to look at Luther's

advice on how to respond to the plague) and the Men's Bible Study. **Sunday will go for an hour starting at 10 am and the Men's Study will go for an hour as well, on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am.** We'll send out e-mail invitations to all of you when a meeting is set up. Then follow the instructions to sign in. If we don't have an e-mail for you, please send us one we can use.

6. **Challenge:** As we are away from one another, we can still be "church," even if in a different way. One of the things St. Paul commends to us as the "body of Christ" is to share each other's joys and burdens. Turns out, you can do that by phone, even with someone you don't "know" all that well. So, I urge you all to join me (if you can) in "calling around the congregation" to check in on each other, get to know each other and encourage each other. Lost your directory? Judy will send you a new one.
7. **Are you healthy? Pastor Long is healthy.** If you or your family desire to receive the Sacrament during this time of "sheltering in place," you can schedule an appointment for Pastor Long to do a "shut-in" communion service with you at church, or he can come to your house. Call if you are interested.

MAY AND JUNE GRADUATIONS

In our June Messenger we like to list all those who will graduate, pre-school through advanced degrees. While this year is different, even though the graduate may not be able to walk across the stage to get their diploma, we would still like to acknowledge those who have completed their program and would graduate. Please get those names to the office in the next couple of weeks and we will make every effort to list them all.



✠ Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Elwin & Phyllis Basquin – parents to Luann Claudin
- † Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
- † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
- † Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor
- † Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor
- † Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
- † Joel Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- † Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners
- † Gary Smith – brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
- † Shirley Poole – mother to Luann Cooper
- † Lloyd Burdett – step-father to Rick Laredo
- † Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father
- † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- † Joan Waldron – member
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin
- † Rick Laredo – member
- † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- † Mark Stutz – son to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- † Roy Lewis – grandfather to Jenny Hamilton
- † Sandy Jolliff – daughter of Phyllis Knebel
- † Christiane Ramahi – member
- † Jerry Jungck – member
- † Gayle Smick – grandmother to Jenny Hamilton
- † Debbie Pfeiffer – relative of Dave Hamilton
- † Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- † Phyllis Larson – sister to Marylin Miller
- † Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien
- † Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
- † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
- † Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman
- † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Dale Warren –
- † Dianne & Wally – aunt & uncle to Jenny Hamilton
- † Steve & Gerry – family of Jenny Hamilton
- † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- † Esther Hoffman – member
- † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- † Rudy Brewer – father to Genie Frank
- † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook
- † Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
- † Gabby Smit – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Josh Crosiar – member
- † Anne Maske – member
- † Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
- † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky
- † Jan Kiesgen – friend to many
- † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- † Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- † Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family
- † Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- † Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson
- † Max Wessler – father to Peter Wessler
- † Pam Barr – member
- † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Adrianna – grand-daughter to Deb Wilson

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✠ *Prayer List (cont.)* ✠

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- † Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson
- † Pr. John Senter – retired pastor, friend of member
- † Sally Taylor – member
- † Harold Brosowske – father of Tom Brosowske
- † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel's daughter)
- † Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- † Jim & Lorrie Kaspar – members
- † Penny Voss – member
- † Dale Brinkmann – member
- † Richard Coltrin – member
- † Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation
- † Bob Wilson – former member
- † Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn
- † Jameson Winslow – extended family to the Brosowskes
- † Gary Ruckle – member
- † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson
- † Laurel Alexander – friend to Long Family
- † Richard Voss – husband to Penny
- † Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty
- † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler
- † Earl & Alice Johnston – members
- † Janessa Lampton – wife to Ben Lampton
- † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family
- † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor
- † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- † Lois Lohrmann – aunt to Phil King
- † Shirley King – mother to Phil King
- † Kathy Caughey – mother to Patty & Harriet Caughey
- † Mark Blakeney – uncle to Tina Maxwell
- † Paul Meyer – son to Nancy
- † Greylin Gibbs – student
- † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar's sister
- † Laurie Zerbonia – former member
- † Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner
- † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph's aunt
- † Ron Millard – friend of the congregation
- † Delcie Lane – member
- † Mark Manthey – member
- † Colin Barr – member
- † Bob Burdin – neighbor to Patty Caughey
- † Tom Ruppert – retired Concordia teacher
- † Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann's sister
- † Earl Boyett – grandfather of Nick Brusick
- † Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- † Brian Kelly – uncle to Josh Joseph
- † Lou Ann and Shelby Cooper – members
- † Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall
- † Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia
- † Mark Dickman – co-worker, Chris Brusick
- † Mike Rotramel – Concordia graduate
- † Bronwyn Mirretti – member
- † Rob Powell – Tina Maxwell's father
- † Cindy – former cleaning person
- † Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo
- † Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke
- † Helga Honig – sister-in-law to Judy Honig
- † Pat Goetz – member
- † Dave Hamilton – member
- † Harriet Nora – member
- † Joe True – friend to Long family
- † Beth Mirretti – grand-daughter to Gary & Kim Beenders
- † Becky Richards – mother to Kim Carver
- † Marjorie Ruskusky – grandmother to Scott
- † Florence Benne – mother-in-law to Eileen
- † Jonathan Schmidt – nephew to Judy Honig
- † Michelle Teel – sister to Vicky Brosowske
- † Joan Ross – member
- † Daryl Claudin – member
- † Barb Craig – member

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Ann Jungck, who was called to her eternal home on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. A private graveside service of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, April 25, 2020.



✠ Dan Fiasco, grandfather to Michael Marshall (a new member), who was called to his eternal home on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



OUR PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS HELP

Ardeane Ruckle, our prayer chain organizer, is looking for more "Prayer Warriors." Our prayer chain has lost members and is now down to only 4 or 5 active members. Can you help fill in the chain? What you do is pray for whatever request comes to you and then call the next person on the list to pray and pass it on.

"DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY"

In order to maintain social distancing and contact precautions, LaVelle is doing the Food Pantry day as a drive-thru service again this month. And again she needs able bodied people to help with set-up and distribution. If you belong to a group that is not "high risk" and have the time, please come to Mt. Calvary between 8-11 am on Tuesday, May 5th. Last month this worked very nicely and she would like to repeat the program.



GOTTESDIENST MAGAZINE

If Susie Fink usually gives you a copy of this Magazine, it is now available for pick up from the office.

STEWARDSHIP

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



As of the April 2020 Treasurer's Report, we are at \$116,222.15 for income to date, and \$124,082.57 for expenses to date. The balance in the General fund at this time was \$8,181.28

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. Thank you.

Weekly Offerings	
Sunday, March 29	\$4,577.00
Palm Sunday, April 5	\$11,108.00
Easter Sunday, April 12	\$5,342.00
Sunday, April 19	\$1,996.00
Sunday, April 26	\$2,616.00
April electronic offerings	\$1,265.00
Total:	\$26,904.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sarah and Jason Newberry on the birth of their daughter, Avery Grace Newberry, on Sunday, May 3, 2020. This is Richard and Yvonne Coltrin's seventh great-grandchild.





Concordia
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

News from Concordia

7th and 8th Grade Head Volleyball Coach Needed

Concordia Lutheran School is searching for a Head Volleyball Coach for the 7th and 8th Grade (Varsity) team in the upcoming Fall of 2020.



The season begins in early August and ends the first weekend of November. This position gives the opportunity to teach and train athletes in the sport of volleyball in a Christian-centered environment. We are seeking an individual with a Christ-centered attitude, passion for and experience in volleyball. This individual will be a Christian role model for our 7th and 8th grade athletes, along with parents/fans, and opponents. If you are interested in the position, please contact Concordia's Athletic Director, Mr. Drew Monkemeyer at [630-392-4303](tel:630-392-4303) or email at amonkemeyer@concordiapeoria.com.

Home Study

Concordia Students will be learning from home via the internet until restrictions are lifted. Pastor is working with Bekah during the mornings and is usually not available until after lunch.

2020-2021 Registration

Concordia is now taking registrations for the next school year. We were a little late getting our letters out this year, but if you are planning to register your child/children at Concordia, now is the time to do so.

Concordia Blue Jean Ball

The Concordia Blue Jean Ball Fundraiser has been rescheduled for **Saturday, October 3rd**, same time, same place. You may continue to purchase tickets at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/diamonds-and-denim-tickets-72884133405>.

Service Opportunity at Concordia Lutheran School:

Faculty changes for the 2020-2021 school year: Mrs. Mantick has announced that after 35 years of teaching, she will be retiring at the close of the 2019-2020 school year. With this Mrs. Manahan, currently serving as our 4th grade teacher, will be transitioning to Kindergarten leaving Concordia with an opening for a 4th grade teacher.

Classroom Teacher: Concordia Lutheran School is seeking candidates for a fulltime, self-contained classroom teacher to serve in the 4th grade classroom.

Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a Bachelor's Degree in education, have a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred). Priority consideration will be given to candidates that are synodically trained, members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Expectations include classroom instruction, participation in professional development opportunities, curriculum development, and various supervision duties. All employees are to be in agreement with the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria IL and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.

Please direct resumes and questions to:

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Phone: 309-691-8921

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE DIAPER SHOWER

Due to stay at home restrictions, the Mother's Day Diaper shower is being postponed to Father's Day, June 21st. However, you may bring diapers, adult or infants, or diaper wipes to the church office any time between Mother's Day, May 10th and Father's Day, June 21st. We will hold them until they can be picked up by Bob Wegner.



Mt. Calvary Personnel

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>In His Service</u></p> <p>PASTOR: Rev. Barry Long 243-2042</p> <p>MINISTER OF MUSIC Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821</p> <p>SECRETARY Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321</p> <p>CONCORDIA SCHOOL Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921 Principal</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS Chairman.....Gerald Horst ViceChairman.....David Heien SecretaryJudy Honig Treasurer.....Carol Wessler Finan. Secretary.....Susan Fink</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY Chairperson Jessica Horman Vice Pres: Susie Fink Secretary: Marcia Riddle Treasurer: Dawn Henderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALTAR GUILD Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar Treasurer: Marcia Riddle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY SCHOOL Pre-K – 1st Grade: Linda Crook, & Linda Khattar 2nd – 4th Grades: Samantha Dorsey, Sherri Long 5th – 8th Grades: Tom Brosowske, Jarrod Horman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD LaVelle Borders & Michele Joseph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONCORDIA FOUNDATION Jim Kaspar, Carrie Kroenke & Eileen Benne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONCORDIA TRUSTEES Jarrod Horman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Boards of Mt. Calvary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF EDUCATION Carrie Kroenke, Paula Horst, & Samantha Dorsey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF EVANGELISM Jan Heien & Julie Eaton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF YOUTH Michele Keehner, Brande Ruskusky & Brooke Barr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING Dormant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF PROPERTY Daryl Claudin, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP Theresa Johnston, & Jim Kaspar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF ELDERS (families under each Elder's care) Achterberg -Browning Tom Brosowske Carver – Grinslade Phil King Halverson – Kroenke Jim Henderson Lampton – Myers Daniel Keehner Netters – Ruskusky Gary Beenders Samp – Zook Paul Kroenke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOOD PANTRY LaVelle Borders</p>
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✠ News & Announcements ✠

MISSION OUTREACH, SOUTH SIDE PEORIA

The Central Illinois District has as a mission goal doing intentional outreach to the Black Community in Peoria's South Side. Their plan includes calling a missionary pastor from the LCMS Board of National Mission, and having him operate from Christ Lutheran Church.

Now the District needs to put funding together. Several of our local congregations (Christ, Trinity, Our Savior – Washington) have pledged support for the next two years. Unfortunately, we, as a congregation, don't have the available funds to do that.

However, if God has blessed you so that you can pledge support (in any amount) for the next two years, the District Office would love to hear from you. Please call The Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb at 217-793-1802.

FROM THE CID OFFICE

Join the CID as we join together with CPH and Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb on "Paul's Missionary Journey" beginning in May.

Follow this link for the FREE bible study and more details: <https://cphfaithcourses.com/dailypmj/>
CID will host a LIVE event each Saturday, beginning May 9 to discuss the daily readings and information

at www.facebook.com/cidlcms from 9:30am-10am.

Anyone interested in participating must sign up on the link above to get the Bible study and information from CPH. The Saturday morning session will act as a recap with a small amount of time for questions. For the most up to date information please see www.cidlcms.org/news.html

This event is able to be viewed by those not on Facebook by going to the website: www.facebook.com/cidlcms Please share with your churches and friends and family!

Also-

"Financial Peace University," a rather well-known course by Dave Ramsey, is for a limited time available for free trial. This course might prove helpful to people who are or will be managing on tighter budgets. Find details at <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/#in-progress=0>

Also, note that LCMS Stewardship has produced a "Preview and Review" of Financial Peace University. Find it online among the "Resources and Services" at <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>



For you were going astray like sheep,



*but now you have returned to the shepherd
and guardian of your souls.* 1 Peter 2:25, NRSV