

✠ MT. CALVARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠
MARCH 22, 2020

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 Tuesday 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

Pastor Long not currently allowed access to the local hospitals or nursing homes unless a person is in danger of eminent death. However, we want to keep hospitalized members in prayer, so please keep us informed. If a person is available by phone, please give us a number and Pastor Long will call.

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, & Cheerleading Coach
Jan Heien - Title I Reading Tutor

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

March 29th – 5th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-53

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. You can join us for Divine Services by making a reservation during one of our offered times (see calendar), or by having Pastor Long come to your home.
3. Pastor Long will not be making regular visits at this time. He would love to share a devotion with you over the phone. He'll be calling to schedule "phone visits" with his regular list of shut-ins. If you would like to have that service as well, please call the office so you can be added to the list.
4. Pastor Long is offering daily devotions on line. Right now they are only on Facebook (look for them at his profile "Barry A Long" or the church's page "Mt Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church"). As he gets used to the technology, he hopes to establish a You

Tube channel for the church (for those of you who don't do social media), and eventually offer the weekly service online.

STEWARDSHIP – Please remember that the ministry of Mt. Calvary continues even in these odd days. Your prayers and contributions are still needed. 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. Be aware that there is a 2.75% fee to use this service – you can either add it to your contribution, or they will deduct it when they send the funds to our bank.

VBS 2020 -- Who wants to have a Rainforest Adventure? We will go exploring the week of **June 22-26th**? Please prayerfully consider helping with this adventure. We will need many guides for this Biblical trek. **Please call the office to sign-up for where you can help.** Any questions? Please call Paula Horst 657-3129.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

- Esther Hoffman -- Proctor

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Delores Van Gundy, aunt to Carrie Kroenke, who was called to her eternal rest on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Services are pending.

May her family find comfort, hope, and peace in Christ our Savior, Who has conquered death and the grave that we might have eternal life.

DONNA STUTZ HAS MOVED – to Naperville to be closer to family. Her new address is:

- ✓ Naperville Senior Living
585 Ogden Ave. Suite 214
Naperville, IL 60563

ALTAR GUILD LOOKING FOR DECORATING HELP – (provided restrictions are relaxed by then)

Linda Khattar is looking for volunteer(s) to lead the decorating of the sanctuary for Easter. Set up would be Saturday morning, April 11th. It would include setting up the lilies and you may use decor stored by Altar Guild in the multi-purpose room. Linda will order the lilies and can also pick them up.

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Treats for Family House – Family House offers a home away from home for the families of patients receiving medical treatment in Peoria. Women of Mt. Calvary have signed up to sponsor treats on **the 4th Monday of each month**. These treats may be store bought or homemade, and do not have to be individually wrapped. Family House is also in need of laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. If you would like to donate, **please sign the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office** and bring your treats to church, leaving them in the kitchen marked "*Family House*." Questions? Call LaVelle Borders, 681-9414.

Postage Stamps – The Women of Mt. Calvary are saving postage stamps for LWML. Please cut out your postage stamps from envelopes and place them in the striped box on the table in the parish hall. We will trim the stamps and send them to LWML to support their mission work. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **March** our pantry will be in need of **Soup, Mac & Cheese, Potatoes, Fruit, and Ramen..** If you can help out by bringing some, your donation can be placed in the baskets in either the

Narthex or the Parish Hall or on the table in the Pantry room and will be greatly appreciated.

A HUGE THANK YOU -- Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Can-A-Thon event on March 31st. Once again, the Mount Calvary family joined together with volunteers from all over Peoria to put our Christian faith into action. The work you have done for our Lord and our neighbors will help prevent hunger in children and adults during the next twelve months until Can-A-Thon 2021. So far, 300 pounds of food has been collected here at Mt. Calvary and at University United Methodist. Thank you, and God bless you for your good deeds done in His name. **(Food is still being accepted.)**

WORK DAY AT CONCORDIA – Postponed indefinitely.

FROM CONCORDIA

Spring Musical – Postponed indefinitely.

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.

Blue Jean Ball – Postponed until October.

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 Mr. Paul Thompson, Concordia Lutheran School 2000 W Glen Ave. Peoria IL 61614

Email: pthompson@concordiapeoria.com

Phone: 309-691-8921

Do You Shop At Kroger? – Link your Kroger Rewards Card to Concordia and Kroger Community Rewards makes a donation to Concordia each time you shop! Please use Concordia Lutheran School's account number, JK774.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – “[T]hat the works of God might be displayed in him” (John 9:3). Wondrous honor He has given to our every affliction, even the fiercest ones. The Jesus Who has borne our sicknesses and carried our sorrows incarnates our pains unto salvation. Why consider assisted suicide when our discomforts afford us front-row seats to witness the movements of the Almighty – and the privilege of participating firsthand?

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life – Come and Get to Know Us! – You are being invited to attend a meeting of the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life organization. We meet at 6:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. **Their next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23rd, has been cancelled.** You might have noticed that interest in issues involving the sanctity of human life has been increasing across our nation. This is an exciting time to be involved in life saving efforts. We work to be gospel-motivated voices in support of life from conception to natural death. Please consider attending a meeting to see who we are and what we do. You might find you want to serve the Lord of Life by working with us. Come and see! Thank you.

Bob Wegner, LFL Chapter #268 president
cbwegner@outlook.com

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG. – Listen to KFUE.org, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us at @KFUEradio or on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

This week on KFUE.org, begin the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word with Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), hear about gossiping on The Coffee Hour with Pastor Chris Hull (3/24 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study Matthew 24-25 on Sharper Iron's All

Righteousness Fulfilled (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org!

ISSUES ETC. – HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY -- LCMS Pastor Will Weedon will begin a Bible study this week on the Book of Hebrews. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

A NEW PODCAST FOR LUTHERAN WOMEN – Lutheran Ladies: Are you searching for a Lutheran podcast that really catches your ear? An audio retreat full of inviting conversations, laughter, and fellowship with your Lutheran sisters? Look no further! Join Sarah Gulseth, Erin Alter, Rachel Bomberger, and Bri Gerzevske on the sofa in The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge. It's a podcast oasis for you, dear sisters — so come on in, sit, rest your feet, and stay a while. Podcast episodes are available at kfue.org/lutheranladieslounge and wherever you get your podcasts. For bonus content from the show and a chance to help shape future on-air conversations—and enjoy friendly fellowship with other Lutheran ladies—join The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge Facebook discussion group: facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge.

UPCOMING LERT (LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM) training will be held at the following location. While we are not aware when disaster will strike, we are called to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ when the need arises. Recently, our CID LERT team deployed with other agencies to assist in the Nashville tornados. Sixty members of our CID LERT team were able to go! We are thankful we could show our support in that way. Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

Saturday, April 18, 2020

9:00 am to 2:30 pm (sign-in begins 8:30 am, sessions begin 9:00 am)

St. John's Lutheran Church

1450 30th Avenue

East Moline, Illinois 61244

LINK:<http://www.cidlcms.org/4.18.2020.EastMoline.LERT.pdf>

SPRING CLEANING, ANYONE? -- You may have some gently used toys or clothing that could find a new home. Think of The Church Mouse! Housewares, shoes, dishes, knick knacks, craft items, etc. are accepted Tues–Fri, 10-3pm. Located at 600 West Main Street, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. If you have large items (furniture), you can arrange for a pick up. Weather

permitting, volunteers may be able to come to your home. Call (309) 673-2363. Ask to speak with Shirley or Joan. Yes, you can ask for a tax deduction/tax write-off. *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11*

CID ENDOWMENT FUND -- The CID Endowment Fund has been assisting the CID in its support of student scholarships for the education of full time church workers attending the Concordia University System, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, or Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to 2018 the Endowment Fund assisted the CID by providing only the shortfall between what CID gathered for scholarships at the district level and a little higher amount for scholarships, with most years Endowment Fund funding ranged on the \$10,000 to \$15,000. The Endowment Fund

Board changed the approach in February 2019 to funding 4% of assets as of December 31 each year. The next Endowment Fund paragraphs will discuss historical and current approaches to funding CID scholarships.

CAMP CILCA SUMMER PROGRAM – Brochures for Camp CILCA’s Summer Program are on the table in the Narthex. Pick one up, find the program that fits your child(ren), and go on-line to register. There are camps for all ages and abilities, and registrations paid in full receive an 8% discount.

THE GATEPOST – The last edition of *The Gatepost*, the Central Illinois District newsletter, is available. If you do not receive it via e-mail, call the office and we’ll mail you a copy so you can stay on top of what’s happening in the district.

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR +

(PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (688-4321) TO RESERVE
A PLACE AT ONE OF THE SERVICES. ONLY 9 PEOPLE
WILL BE ADMITTED TO EACH SERVICE.)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	
03/22/2020	Divine Service (Three spaces left)	9:00 a
	Divine Service	2:00 p
<i>Tuesday</i>	Divine Service	9:00 a
	Divine Service	6:00 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Divine Service	11:00 a
	Divine Service	1:00 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Divine Service	6:00 p
<i>Friday</i>	Divine Service	11:00 a
	Divine Service	1:00 p
<i>Saturday</i>	Divine Service	11:00 a
	Divine Service	3:00 p
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
03/29/2020	Divine Service	9:00 a
	Divine Service	11:00 a
	Divine Service	1:00 p
	Divine Service	3:00 p