

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

Pastor Long is 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:

July 19th – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:57-64

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Earl and Alice Johnston in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

Since we have gone back to the regular service on Sunday, we will again be using altar flowers. So if you have signed up for one of our up-coming Sundays, be sure you let Patty Caughey (361-0667) know what you want. If you didn’t get to have your flowers because we didn’t have services on the Sunday you originally selected, check the chart in the hallway – there are still some open Sundays.

LIFE IN THE COVID-19 ERA — PHASE 4

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 reach out to folks who haven’t been able to make it back to church yet.** — mostly this is to “check in” — but please share

your concerns or prayer requests as well. If you think you’ve been over-looked, please call us!

3. **Daily devotions will be taking a break while Pastor Long is away.**
4. **Worship:** If the technology works, we’re going to try recording the Sunday Services this month. Video services may not be available while Pastor Long is away.
5. **Worship has returned** we are allowed to have in-person services with up to 25% of the sanctuary’s maximum occupancy. The Fire Department has just determined that our max occupancy is 264 in the pews which means 25% is 66. While Pastor Long is away, we will only be offering one service, Sunday morning at 9:00 am with a maximum attendance of 66. We will continue to use Sign-Up Genius to pre-register attendance. If you haven’t had a chance to sign up this week, here is the link for Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-communion9>
Phase 4 of the Governor’s plan doesn’t appear to change any of this.

6. **Bible Studies -- Both studies will be on hiatus while Pastor Long is away.**
8. **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.
9. **Stewardship during COVID-19:** While God has blessed us with a “cushion” financially during these odd days, the ministries of Mt. Calvary still need your support – whether it’s Judy taking care of the office, Pastor Long trying to provide study and worship opportunities, the Pantry continuing to reach out to our area, or Mr. Tagge providing music. As many of you saw in the appeal that went out this week, our year-to-date expenses have been \$184,682, but offerings only met \$138,612 of that, and \$50,000 from the Endowment Fund has covered the rest. So please, prayerfully continue to send in your contributions.

Phase Four protocol -- Some quick reminders for those of you attending the “larger” worship service this Sunday (and things for everyone to consider).

1. If you are not feeling well or have a temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over, please stay home and get well.
2. If you are in a “high risk” category and don’t feel safe, then also continue to take proper care – but make sure you are in touch with us so we can properly minister to you.
3. We ask you to wear your mask when entering and exiting the building. You may take it off during worship.
4. In the sanctuary, please "socially distance" yourselves in the pews. Family/household groups may sit together. You should leave an empty pew between you and folks sitting in front of you. A Blue tape “X” indicates a pew that should be left empty.
5. Single use bulletins will be available as you enter the nave. Please leave them in the recycling container when you depart (unless you are taking yours home).
6. Communion will be brought to you in the pew.
7. The offering plate will be at the entrance of the nave for you to leave offerings as you are so moved.
8. Please do not socialize in the building - but do visit outside (weather permitting) with safe distancing.
9. If you have not indicated your preference for individual or common cup at communion, please go

back to Sign Up Genius and do so (it allows us to prepare ahead of time).

When Pastor Long returns, we will continue to offer the abbreviated communion services for those who feel more comfortable in the smaller settings. We will also continue making a service available on You Tube for those who prefer to worship remotely.

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

† Mark Blakeney, uncle of Tina Maxwell, who was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

May his family find comfort, hope, and peace in Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **July** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Soups, Canned Fruit, Mac & Cheese, and Peanut Butter.** If you can help out by bringing some, your donation can be left in the church entry way during regular office hours.

FROM THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

LWML For each board meeting of the Central Illinois District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, they are now trying to collect “Gifts from the Heart” for each of the zones. This month they will seek to support the Altamont Zone.

The Altamont Zone has chosen **Mission LCMS School kits and the Altamont Food Bank** to be their recipients. For the food bank, non-perishable food items of any type are accepted. No glass bottles, please.

The school kits should contain the following items:

- 4 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- 1 12 inch ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 student size scissors
- 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
- 5 ball point pens (black or blue ink)
- 5 unsharpened pencils

If you can help, please make sure the items for school kits do not have any religious items, military or patriotic symbols or flags on them.

Please bring your donations, labelled “LWML to the office **by next Sunday, July 19th** so they can be picked up.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE DIAPER SHOWER – Due to stay at home restrictions, the Mother’s Day Diaper shower had been postponed to last month, **Father’s Day, June 21st.** However, you may still bring diapers, adult or infants, or diaper wipes to the church office any time.

We will hold them until they can be picked up by Bob Wegner.

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND HOPEFUL LIVING

These publications are available in the church office — you can stop by and pick one up (call first and let us know you are coming) or we will mail them to you. Just let us know what you need and whether you need regular size or large print.

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

As of June 26, 2020 the year-to-date expenses were \$184,682, but giving has only met \$138,612 with \$50,000 coming from the Endowment Fund.

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. Currently seven people have used this method of giving. Thank you.

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 call the office** and bring your treats to church, leaving them in the office 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 leave them in the office also. Judy will get them to the ladies. They will trim the stamps and send them to LWML to support their mission work. Thank you.

FROM CONCORDIA

Concordia Lutheran School Volunteer Work Day – **Next Saturday, July 18, from 9:00 – 12:00** we need you for both light duty indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring gloves, rake for spreading mulch, landscape trimmer, etc. Help us get ready for the new school year!

Spread the Word! Please contact Jarrod Horman at Jarrod.Horman@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Concordia is looking for Substitute Teachers (K-8) for the 2020-2021 School Year: –

Concordia Lutheran School provides families with a Christ-centered, academically challenging education to equip students for lifelong Christian discipleship and serves as a witness for Christ to our community and world.

A substitute teacher should have, at a minimum, a 2 year Associates's Degree. It is preferred that substitute teachers have a teaching license (current or retired status). Candidates for this position must have good rapport with students and demonstrate effective classroom management skills.

A substitute teacher is expected to act in a manner that supports Concordia Lutheran School's “Statement of Belief” and “Code of Conduct”.

Please direct resumes and questions to Mr. Paul Thompson, Concordia Lutheran School, 2000 W Glen Ave. Peoria IL 61614 or Email:

pthompson@concordiapeoria.com

Phone: 309-691-8921

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 – 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>.

ISSUES ETC. – EDUCATION & EDIFICATION --

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The United Nations' Anti-Family Policies, An Introduction to 1 Peter, The Doctrine of Election, Ruth and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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This week on KFuo.org, study Judges 4-7 on Sharper Iron's Wisdom from Above series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), learn more about how play affected mental health on Mental Health Monday with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (7/13 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study Exodus 26-30 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on your favorite podcasting app!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE

DAY – The Word of the Lord never returns empty (Isaiah 55:11). And He has clearly proclaimed His lavish love for human lives of all ages, appearances, and abilities, the way that a farmer extravagantly scatters seeds anywhere the soil shows (Matthew 13:3). So, we may speak the sanctity of life with courage and show it with compassion. The Heavenly Father remains responsible for its results, whether reception or rejection.

A NEW PODCAST FOR LUTHERAN WOMEN –

Have you scrolled through your podcasts, searching for one that catches your ear – a place you can escape to with inviting conversations, laughter, and fellowship with your Lutheran sisters? Look no further!

Join Sarah, Erin, Rachel, and Bri on the sofa in the Lutheran Ladies Lounge, a podcast oasis for you, dear sisters, to sit, rest your feet, and stay a while. And on the way out, we'll check your lipstick.

Podcast episodes are available at kfuo.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.

Story Time with Sarah: Catherine Winkworth: Learn about Lutheranism's most ubiquitous female translator, the woman who penned the English lyrics to many of our most cherished hymns.

CID ENDOWMENT FUND –

CID scholarship funding for the 2019-20 academic year was the first year CID knew in advance what would be received from the Endowment Fund. The CID received in excess of \$44,000 to fund scholarships. The Endowment Fund Board of Trustees has indicated to the CID the continued proactive funding for each academic year equal to 4% of fund assets at the end of each calendar year. The amount will be determined at the February board meeting, with the amount communicated to the CID at that time for their planning purposes. In 2019 the board provided one half of the funds in July and half in November to coordinate with CID's disbursements of funds for students.

FROM CAMP CILCA – Camp CILCA will celebrate its 70th Anniversary year with 3 Day Camps running from 9 am to 7 pm. The first, was on July 11th for campers ages 13-19. The **second, July 18th, will be for campers having finished 5th -8th grades. The third, July 25th, will be for beginners and their parents, 4th grade and under.** The cost is \$50 for 5th -8th grades, and \$60 for beginners and their parents. The camp will provide a full day of activities and include 2 meals and an afternoon snack. Register your child online at cilca.org. For more information contact the camp at www.cilca.org; E-mail at camp@cilca.org; or call 217-487-7497.