

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:

October 18th – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Luke, Evangelist

Psalm 147:1-11

Isaiah 35:5-8

2 Timothy 4:5-18

Luke 10:1-9

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Joe and Susie Leon in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for their many blessings.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: -- The Rev. Sawyer and Rebecca Meyers on the birth of their daughter, Esther Marie Meyers, on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Esther weighed 8 lbs 1oz and is 21 inches long. Mother and Baby are both doing great! Pastor Meyers will have the joy of baptizing his daughter on this Sunday, Trinity 18. Thanks for your continued prayers! Esther is the granddaughter of Daniel and Michele Keehner. She will be welcomed home by her brothers Matthias and Marcus.

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 looks like:

1. **Regular Office hours** will continue – feel free to call or visit.

2. **Pastor Long is still 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. **You Tube Devotions:** Pastor Long is still posting devotions to You Tube three times a week. We're currently using them to take brief looks at the “other” readings from the previous Sunday. Look for them Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays.
4. **Worship:** We're now recording the main service from Sunday and uploading it to YouTube Sunday afternoon. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel or look for links on Face book or our web page.
5. **In Person Worship:** 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. 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 this week's Sign Up-Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship5>

6. **Bible Studies** – We are continuing to work through Acts in the Sunday morning Bible Study. You may attend by Zoom, or in person – 10:30 am. The Men's Bible Study continues in a "Zoom" format, and is reading "Faith in the Shadow of the Pandemic," by Prof John Pless & The Rev. Dr. Jacob Corzine — we meet Wednesdays at 6:30 am.
7. **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.
8. **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. The September 2020 Treasurer's Report shows year-to-date expenses as \$271,121.29, and year-to-date offerings as \$215,313.21. We've also received \$70,000 from the Endowment Fund. 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. Signs indicate which pews 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).

Remember, we are continuing to offer the abbreviated communion services for those who feel more comfortable in the smaller settings. And we are continuing to make 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:

† Earl Johnston, who was called to his eternal home on Sunday, October 4, 2020, and was given Christian burial on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

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

CONFIRMATION — If you, or someone you know, is interested in our Confirmation program, please let Pastor Long know — this year's classes are organizing. Pastor is holding classes for one hour **on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 – 2:30 pm and Tuesday evenings, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.**

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND MY DEVOTIONS (for children) -- 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.

HOPEFUL LIVING – The person that told me *Hopeful Living* was out of publication was mistaken. It had gone to a new publisher. Anyway – we now have the new copies for October – December on the table in the Narthex, available to be picked up.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – For the month of October, Mt. Calvary Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee 4125 North Sheridan Road, Peoria IL.

During October our pantry will be in need of **stuffing, dry potatoes, gravy, and yams.** If you can help out by bringing some, your donation can be left in the church entry way during regular office hours.

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

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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

With the “Phase Four Protocols” we are choosing to not meet until the virus is less of a threat. However — please keep an eye out for some of our special activities!

- 1) Thanks to everyone who participated in the “Gifts from the Heart” for the virtual Zone Rally – 187 lbs of food were collected for our food pantry. We also received \$163.00 for Mites and \$136.00 for operating expenses.
- 2) We’ll still be doing shut-in remembrances and Thanksgiving Baskets, so watch for that news, too.

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. **The months of October and November are still open. If you are able to bring treats for either of those months, please let LaVelle (681-9414) know.**

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 Golf Classic – Calling all golfers! The Concordia Athletic Boosters (CAB) is holding the annual Concordia Golf Outing on tomorrow, October 12th at 10:00 am at the Peoria Country Club! The annual golf outing supports all Concordia athletic programs.

Not interested in golfing? There are additional ways to support this event through hole sponsorships and more! Are you interested in volunteering at the event? There are several opportunities during the day, such as helping direct golfers and assisting to help make the outing run smoothly. There are morning and afternoon shifts available! Please note: students/children are not allowed to assist or help that day. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Booster President Kendra Fleming (kendraj13@hotmail.com) or Athletic Director Monkemeyer (amonkemeyer@concordiapeoria.com) for more information.

Concordia is still 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; Phone: 309-691-8921 or Email: pthompson@concordiapeoria.com

ISSUES ETC. – EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

-- 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: Prayer, The Augsburg Confession, 2nd Century Bishop Ignatius of Antioch, Luke the Evangelist, Jacob’s Family and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG, – **KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org 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 on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

This week on KFUE.org, study Proverbs 25-29 on Sharper Iron with Pastor Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue our series on healing racial divides with Pastor Keith Haney on The Coffee Hour (10/14 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and finish 1 Samuel and begin 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word with Pastor AJ Espinosa (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org!

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 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.

Erin's Recipe Card: Potato Salad Extravaganza -- Erin's latest Recipe Card episode — celebrating the humble potato salad — is a must-listen culinary conversation.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Jesus Christ has already swallowed up death forever. It belongs to Him and Him alone. He reserves the right to provide life to us on His terms and decide in His time when we die. His death and resurrection have freed us from needing to seek it for ourselves or for anybody else. His peace and presence, promises and power pass us not only into death's shadow but through it—without ever setting up residence.

Lutherans for Life Essay Contest – Peoria Area Lutherans for Life announces their Annual Life Essay Contest for 5th grade through High School. The Theme this year is Proverbs 31:8: *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves*. For information concerning topics, and essay rules check the bulletin board or call the church

office and the information will be e-mailed to you. Entries are due in the church office by December 11th.

THE CHURCH MOUSE -- Have you been to The Church Mouse lately? 600 W Main St, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. A sanitizing business was recently hired to perform a thorough cleaning. It's ready for you to come in and browse. Stop by on Thurs or Fri between 10-4 or on Sat between 10-3 pm. A variety of merchandise at low prices!

THE CHURCH MOUSE -- Do you have desire to volunteer or work part time at The Church Mouse? Volunteer clerks and a warehouse person are needed at this time in order to keep the store open and keep it running efficiently. Please call the current assistant manager, Joan Resler, at (309) 673-2363 for more information.

PEORIA DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS -- 127 local restaurants are included in the 2021 book. For \$30, you will receive a coupon towards whatever you are hungry for! Only twenty of the one hundred and twenty-seven establishments are considered "dine in only", so you can visit today! Coupons are valid through Oct 31, 2021. Purchase your book in your church office. Please make your check payable to the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Thank you for your continued support!

FROM CAMP CILCA

The GRIT Run at Camp CILCA is live and in-person on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10am. This grueling, rugged, inclined, trail run is a 5K that will truly challenge you. Sign up at cilca.org/homecoming. Adults run for \$30. 18 and under are \$10.

C.A.R.E. FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

– Endowments recently created by Lutheran Legacy Foundation of Paris, Illinois will help the Central Illinois District continue working with our Lutheran Campus Ministry by providing endowments for each of the four public universities in the district: University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Western Illinois University in Macomb, and Illinois State University in Normal. You can help sustain these endowments by contributing to the Lutheran Legacy Foundation (any funds received before July 1st 2021 will be doubled). Brochures titled *Keeping Christ on Campus* are on the table in the Narthex.