

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 46

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Lisa Cornelius in loving memory of her husband Robert.

## **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

✠ Linda Crook – St. Francis, Now Home

## **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-communion17>
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.

### **PORTALS OF PRAYER, MY DEVOTIONS, AND HAPPY TIMES (for children)**

-- These publications are available on the table in the Narthex or from 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.

### **FROM CONCORDIA**

**Virtual Halloween Costume Contest** – Concordia Students – don't forget to take part in the Virtual Costume Contest sponsored by the PTC. Information is posted on the bulletin board, or if needed can be e-mailed to you. Categories for family costumes are: Best look-alike) parents dressed like kids or best family sibling costume. Categories for individual are: most original/creative, most powerful/superhero, most dazzling/sparkly, and funniest.

**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](http://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.

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS, JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER** – Your quarterly statements for the third quarter of 2020 were placed in the mail this week. Please check them to make sure they are correct, and let me know of any corrections that need to be made.

### **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!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **November is still open. If you are able to bring treats, 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.

**ISSUES ETC. – REAL REFORMATION RADIO** -- 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 topics include: Evangelical Buzz Words, The Ten Commandments & Proverbs, Original Sin, The Hymn “God Loved the World So That He Gave” and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://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**, begin studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (10/19 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and continue learning about worship and Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (10/20 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

**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](http://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](https://facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge).

**How to Lutheran with Bri: The LWML Mite Box:** -- Bri leads Sarah, Erin, and Rachel in a loving discussion of the past, present, and future of the humble mite box.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** – Abortion and assisted suicide insist on a salvation by works. They believe only pretty, popular, powerful, productive persons deserve to survive. Almighty God doesn’t delight in this kind of physical strength (Psalm 147:11). His grace and love give every life value, and so St. Luke’s Gospel proclaims the Lord’s joy and ours over blind, deaf, lame, mute (Isaiah 35:5-6), unborn (Luke 1:44), elderly (Luke 2:36-38), and even me and you!

**Lutherans for Life Essay Contest** – Peoria Area Lutherans for Life announces their Annual Life Essay Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 will be doubled). Brochures titled *Keeping Christ on Campus* are on the table in the Narthex.