

## **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**

If you or a loved one have an illness or hospitalization that needs to be brought to the attention of Pastor Long, please call the office as soon as possible so that he may visit you. Note: Be sure the hospital knows that you are a member of Mt. Calvary and that you wish to have Pastor Long visit you. However, the hospitals do not always call the church—it is best if you let the office know.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Marcia Riddle in memory of her own mother, and in honor of all mothers.

## **POSITIONS ON COUNCIL THAT NEED TO BE FILLED ASAP**

– There are several positions on the Church Council that have been open for quite some time.

1. Since the death of Jim Kaspar, who was the administrator of the **VANCO program**, this position is open. Also, Now there are some reports that need to be filed with the company and we need an administrator to do that.
2. Alex Kroenke has moved to Idaho and transferred to a new congregation. He was on **the Concordia Foundation Board**. So....now his position needs to be filled. Currently Eileen Benne is on the board, but we need a second person to serve with her. If our members aren't at the meetings, no business can be transacted.

**If you are moved to accept one of these positions, please talk to Jerry Horst or Pastor Long.**

## **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

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**May 12, 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 1

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:19-15

John 17:11b-19

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**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY** -- The Board of Property has set aside Sunday afternoon, May 5th beginning at 1:00 pm for a "clean-up" day. Bring yard tools, garden gloves, wheelbarrows, and any thing you might need to help get the grounds in shape for the summer. Remember, many hands make light work.

## **ASCENSION DAY SERVICES**

**On Thursday, May 9th** we remember and celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, looking forward to our own resurrection and life forever with our Lord. We will have services **at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm**, using spoken Divine Service with Holy Communion (the service used in the 11:45 am service on Sundays. Please join us in worship at one of the services as you are able.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES** – The new membership directories (bright yellow cover) are now in your mail-boxes. Please pick them up. Also, please notify the office (309-688-4321) when you have changes so we may keep this directory up to date.

### SPECIAL SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> –

The Rev. Kip & Ivy Hoech will be here on May 12<sup>th</sup> to preach and lead Bible Study.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

— On Thursday, May 23rd, **Gus Meyer, Ke'niya Shivers, and Abbie Horman** are scheduled to become communicant members of Mt. Calvary by the rite of Confirmation. They have completed 2 years of instruction; will be examined by the Elders, and are ready to make their promises. Please join us at **6:00 pm on Thursday May 23rd** to support and encourage them in this stage of their faith life.

### A NOTE ABOUT MR. TAGGE

After a fantastic service on Easter Day, and a very busy Holy Week, our Minister of Music, Bruce Tagge, is stepping back from his duties for a bit so that he can concentrate on his health. Please keep the Tagges in your prayers, and feel free to send him notes or cards expressing encouragement and appreciation. Their address is:

516 W. Detweiller Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

CELEBRATION FUND – How has God blessed you lately? Warmth from the winter weather? Safe travels? Time with friends and family? Blessed worship with your church family? Good health? Please consider donating an offering of thanks to God by way of the Celebration Fund. See the table in the Parish Hall for more information.

TREATS FOR FAMILY HOUSE – We provide treats for Family House on the fourth Monday of each month (see note on bulletin board). If you are able to help, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LaVelle Borders (309-681-9414) for more information.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION – The Crafts and Conversation Group meets at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings and is open to anyone. Bring a craft or activity you like to do or just sit and visit. Sometimes LaVelle asks for help packing goody bags for children that come to pantry. Sometimes Judy has mailings to put together. Come join them, bring your lunch and eat with the group.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **May** our pantry will be in need of **Mac & Cheese, Canned Peas, Canned Fruit, and Baked Beans.** They are also looking for the heavier plastic bags that grocery stores use for delivery. Your donation can be left in the church office during regular office hours.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – Our next meeting is this Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Those boards that meet regularly meet on the first Tuesday will meet at 6:30 pm. If you are on one of these boards or a member of the Administrative Council, please put this on your calendar and plan to be present.

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY – Your next meeting is next Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. No particulars yet on what you will be discussing, but come any way and find out.

### CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes – Sunday School has a new look, new activities, new lessons, new fun. Please bring your students, ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and encourage them to participate every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We will have 2 or 3 levels for classes depending on our turnout and hope to add more if needed. Any high schoolers interested in starting a class please let Pastor or Paula Horst know.

Sunday Morning Adult Class –“**The Just shall live by Faith.**” These words drive the whole of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, as he is inspired to show them both how we are justified and the life that flows from that. Join us Sunday mornings as we read Romans together.

Men’s Bible Study – What is Jesus’ True Glory? The Evangelist, John, is inspired to set that before his readers in many ways. Join us as we read the Gospel according to John.

**Men’ Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby’s Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! – **On hiatus Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for Ascension Day Services.** We’re taking up the **Prophet Malachi** for the next few weeks. What did this “messenger” have to say to God’s people – and more importantly, what does God have to say to us through him? Join us to find out. **We meet for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:-- DFM is funding new prison ministries in central Illinois. If a congregation lends its pastor to prison ministry one day a week, Central Illinois District is in a position to thank that church with \$5,000 per year. In 2023 it received DFM funds for starts of new ministries in as many as four prisons or county jails. Now in 2024 the project is to gather sufficient money to continue such new work into 2025. The current target is \$10,000. See the video at <https://youtu.be/BcyFWxbA-ww>

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Daniel 4-8 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the book of Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE**

**DAY** – Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

### **ISSUES ETC. – QUALITY, QUANTITY,**

**QUALIFIED**... 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: The Movie "Civil War," Brokenness Theology, Pascal's Wager, The Hymn "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

### **THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Book Club**

**Wrap-Up: Little Women:** In this Lutheran Ladies' Book Club recap episode, Rachel leads Sarah and Erin in a highly anticipated conversation on Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.

How does Alcott's cast of sisters offer a range of imaginative options for understanding virtuous womanhood? What are we to make of artsy-but-annoying Amy and tomboy Jo? Despite its being filled with religious themes and moral platitudes, can we call this a Christian book? How (if at all) does it measure up as "feminist" literature in the modern age? And most pressing of all: *Should Josephine March and Theodore Lawrence have gotten married in the end?*

Tune in next week to hear our most epic new-book-club-pick announcement to date

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

A preliminary Treasurer's Report for March 2024 showed the year's expenses at \$104,029.11 and income of \$79,909.62 (This does not include the offering for Easter Sunday). 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.

### **FROM CAMP CILCA**

#### **Act Like Men Field Training**

Men, you are invited to the ***Act Like Men Field Training every Saturday morning at the Camp CILCA athletic field from 6:30am-7:15am starting May 25.*** There will be 30 minutes of exercise, 10 minutes to check-in on life, and 5 minutes for prayer. There is no cost, just an opportunity to encourage and push one another as godly men.

#### **The Camp Cilca Hog Roast**

The Hog Roast is back at Camp CILCA on ***Sunday, May 26 from 11:30-2:30pm.*** \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 4-12; the meal includes delicious pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, drinks, and desserts. The Trading Post and beach will be open for afternoon fun and adventure. See you there!

In Christ,

***Joshua Theilen***

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Director

Camp C-I-L-C-A

### **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It's that time of year again, when we honor our graduates. So, if you have someone graduating from a school: pre-school, grade school, high school, college, or receiving a graduate degree, please let the office. Include in your information their relationship to you, where they are graduating, any honors they are receiving, and what their plans are now — are they going on to another school, getting a job for the summer, etc. We will list any graduates in our June Messenger.

**MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER SHOWER** -- Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is sponsoring our annual diaper shower on nex**Mother's Day, May 12th**. The purpose is to collect as many disposable diapers and wipes as possible for infants and toddlers, as well as adult protective underwear for both men and women in any size for use by seniors. These will be distributed to local, charitable, life-affirming organizations. In past years, with your generosity, we have helped Aperion Care, Destiny for Women, Empower Life Center, Esther House, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Lutheran Hillside Village, Washington Christian Village, and Women's Care Center. May the Lord of life bless you as you help us make this event a success again this year. **Diapers may be left on the shelf above the coat racks across from the church office.**

(Those of you eligible for applying for Thrivent Action Teams – Bob Wegner said he applied and received the \$250 to buy diapers. The only thing not to do is mention “Lutherans for Life,” because Thrivent does not support Lutherans for Life.)

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY IS TODAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** -- Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, deaconess, or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for the 2024-2025 school year or be designated “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who may be good candidates to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation. **Envelopes are available on the offering table at the entrance to the sanctuary or in the church office.**

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or [c-olander@msn.com](mailto:c-olander@msn.com) for assistance. Thank you.

### **BOOKKEEPER NEEDED AT CONCORDIA**

Concordia Lutheran School is actively looking for an experienced part-time bookkeeper to join our team. This position will be working in our school office working closely with our Office Manager and Principal. The job will be in person and will have flexible hours (15 hours/week) with a pay range of \$18 - \$20/hour. This position will involve working with Quickbooks Accounting software including the normal office tasks associated with bookkeeping. Please contact the school office (309-691-8921) if interested.

### **LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA MEETING**

The next Lutheran Women Meeting is May 17at 9 am at Lutheran Hillside Village, 6901 N Galena Rd, Peoria. We'll have a Continental Breakfast at 9, with a program and meeting afterwards. The program is by LSSI. After our meeting Phil King will take us on a tour of some of the things we've purchased for Hillside Village from their “Wish List”. We'll have information about our fall mum sale fundraiser.

It should be an interesting and informative meeting, so we hope to see everyone there. Invite a friend!

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria is organized to promote inter-Lutheran fellowship, ecumenical understanding and to give an opportunity to witness through volunteer service to others in Christian love and concern. LWGP is open to all women from the twenty-six Lutheran congregations in the greater Peoria area.