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WEATHER ALERTS –

With the onset of winter weather here are ways to receive cancellations. The TV stations, WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI will be notified, an e-mail will be sent out (if I don't have your e-mail and you want these notifications, please let me know) and it will appear on our web-site (www.mtcalvarypeoria.org) and facebook page.



of the sea, it can withdraw at a moment's notice leaving one wondering where it went.

But the Church's love is different. The love we are given and share is very concrete – this *agape* is not first a matter of high emotion and stirring hearts. It is first about Christ. About His incarnation, His cross, His resurrection.

Consider these verses:

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

God's love always initiates the action – He doesn't abstractly feel things or get overwhelmed by a mood: He takes action. In a sense, His work is His love. And the love here, *agape*, is a love that always has purpose – it has an end it seeks to realize, a goal toward which it is working. It is intelligent – in the sense that it is not a reflex or automatic passion (it is not like the “awwwwww” reaction we have in seeing a picture of a puppy), it is deliberate. It is aimed at the good of the other

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PASTOR'S COLUMN



It's February (how did that happen?) – And

Lent will soon be upon (Ash Wednesday is February 22)... But, we've also got Valentine's Day coming up (see what the Family Life Committee is planning!) – so it's time to reflect on love once again.

Love. Love. Love. It will lift you up where you belong. It makes the world go around. All you need is love.

Of course, that's not quite how we're given to speak of love in the Church. It turns out that much of the culture's talk of love is wistfully abstract – it floats over our heads in a kind of cloud that never seems to be grounded in concrete life. It's a mood. It's feeling. It attaches itself to things for shorter or longer bits of time. It can inspire moving words. It can overwhelm all common sense. But like a wave

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- but the true, long-term, final good as opposed to some short term or temporary pleasure. And it is self-sacrificing, it takes hurt and suffering, loss and pain to itself for the sake of the other. This is the love with which God loves us in Christ. This is why God's love works. This is why He acts first rather than waiting for us to come around. This is why He sends the Son.

And why He sends the Son to us rather unpromising sinners. Some folks will, at this point, try to drive home how unworthy we are of God's love. We normally take that for granted - after all, consider what you really confess when you say you are a "poor, miserable, sinner." You are confessing to being a despiser of, and rebel to, God. In terms of our loves and this life, if you came to a person who had nothing but hatred for you and constantly treated you with disrespect, wouldn't you be right to cut off contact with that person? We would say, in our wisdom, that it would be positively unhealthy to continue to keep company with such a one.

Yet God sets aside our wisdom, takes on the cross of loving us for our sake, and redeems us in Christ. This is everything. If we cannot be clear on this, then nothing else really matters. This is where forgiveness lives - in love. This is where our justification is found - God's love for us demonstrated in Christ. This is where our life comes from - God's love.

But then, that love shapes us - it remains concrete, it leads us to a love that also works. Because God loves us in Christ, we love - we love God, we love one another. And that *agape* that comes to us filters into all of our varied loves - for family, for friends, for husbands or wives. It makes itself known not so much in the endearing things we do (i.e. - those things we do to bring pleasure to another with an eye to drawing that person closer to us in affection), but in the unheralded, unappreciated,

yet necessary works of this life (changing the diaper, scrubbing the floor, rebuking error, tolerating a bad mood, forgiving a wrong, giving up recreation to help with chores, and so on.....).

And, I should add, the same goes for us here in the congregation. As we are loved, so we seek to love: with purpose, intelligence, for the good of others, sacrificing of ourselves.

There is much to apply here - to stewardship of time and talents, to how we interact with and care for each other, to how we greet visitors.... I'll leave you to fill-in the blanks here. For now, let me leave you with Paul's words to the Corinthians concerning how love is lived out in the congregation:

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Or perhaps John again:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)

Peace to you all in Christ!



God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2. Matt Morrow
- 5. Delcie Lane
Jenna Taseff
- 7. Jason Benne
- 8. Tess Ruskusky
- 10. Jarrett Khattar
Andrea Shanks
- 11. Richard Coltrin
Alexander Kroenke
- 12. Larry Traub
Harriet Caughey
- 13. Thomas Eaton
- 14. Daniel Keehner
- 15. Maggie Cornelius
Brianna Laredo
- 17. Kenyon Gillespie
James Henderson
- 18. Gordon Hoffman
Carey Moore
- 19. Kent Watkins
Scott Grinslade,
Keahgynn Szold
- 20. Emery Halverson
- 21. Etta Grace Romero
- 22. Destinee Miller
- 23. Brandon Bell-Lampton
Darian Wilson
- 24. Michael Leon
Ryder Norman
- 26. Tyler Crosiar
- 28. Harper Benne

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28. Andrew & Marissa Kroenke

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 5 — Open

February 12 — Eileen Benne

February 19 — Open

February 26 — Rob Cairncross

ELDERS

February 5 — Tom Brosowski

February 12 — Gary Beenders

February 19 — Phil King

February 26 — Dr. Joel Eckert

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Theresa Johnston & et al



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 5th — 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:3-9a;
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 25:31-46

February 12th — 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 19th — Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm 2:6-12; Exodus 24:8-18;
2 Peter 1:16-23; Matthew 17:1-19

February 26th — 1st Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-21;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE AND LUNCH

The Family Life Committee is planning a pre Valentine’s Lunch on Sunday February 5th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will be serving Sandwiches, Soup, and Treats. They ask that you sign up either on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office or e-mail Brooke (brooke.gutridge@gmail.com) by noon on February 3rd. See the back cover of this Messenger for the rest of the information. Since this lunch coincides with the visit of Rev. Kovac from Food for the Poor, it’s possible that we would be able to visit with him longer and learn more about the mission of Food for the Poor and the work they are doing.

P.S. You don’t have to bring anything and there is no cost, so bring yourself and join us.

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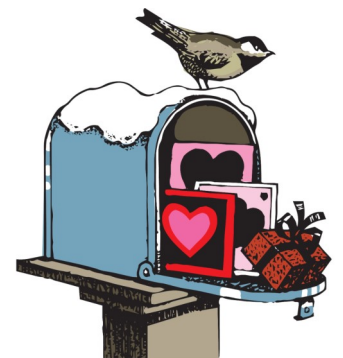
This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).

What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

What you do:

1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.



✠Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar † Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin † Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman † Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor † Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor † Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family † Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners † Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina † Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent † Christiane Ramahi – member † Jerry Jungck – member † Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane † Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller † Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien † Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member † Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family † Dale Warren – † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook † Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook) † Josh Crosiar – member † Anne Maske – member † Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky † Jan Kiesgen – friend to many † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family † Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family † Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family † Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family † Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler † Bill & Pam Barr – members † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel † Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson (visitor) † Sally Taylor – member † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter) † Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie) † Jim & Lorrie Kaspar – members † Richard Coltrin – member † Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation † Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn † Gary Ruckle – member † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family † Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon |
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✠ Prayer List (continued) ✠

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- † Shirley King – mother to Phil King
- † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar’s sister
- † Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner
- † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph’s aunt
- † Delcie Lane – member
- † Mark Manthey – member
- † Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister
- † Earl Boyett – grandfather of Nick Brusick
- † Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- † Brian Kelly – uncle to Josh Joseph
- † Luann and Shelby Cooper – members
- † Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall
- † Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia
- † Mark Dickman – co-worker, Chris Brusick
- † Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo
- † Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke
- † Harriet Nora – member
- † Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver
- † Daryl Claudin – member
- † Natalie Brusick – member, wife to Nick
- † Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- † Carol Loughridge – member
- † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk – daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien
- † Cheris Hofmann – member
- † Harriet Caughey – member
- † Carole Hoffman – member
- † Amanda Carpenter – member
- † Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman
- † Teresa Kerrick –
- † Mary Dowds – occasional visitor
- † Pr. Drews – member of our local circuit
- † Joann Bettinghouse – mother to Abbie Matson
- † PJ Comacho – friend to Mark Manthey
- † Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty
- † Tina Maxwell – member
- † Patty Caughey – member
- † Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughey
- † Maria Vicitoria Corrales – extended family to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)
- † Ada Becker – mother of our custodian, Michelle
- † Scott Grinslade – member
- † Pr. Mark Matthews – brother in law to Tom Brosowske
- † Jessica Horman – member
- † Scott Wilson – custodian Michelle’s boy friend
- † Ron Achterberg – member
- † Lisa Garrison – sister to Jim Kaspar
- † Kinea Howell – Deb Wilson great-granddaughter
- † Angel Howell – Deb Wilson granddaughter
- † Katie Wilson – member
- † Elizabeth Auer – military, daughter to MaryAnn and Doug
- † Tomi – mother to Christ Brusick
- † Cameron Dorsey – member
- † Nancy Meyer – member
- † Bill Parrott – Brad Parrott’s father
- † Diane Norris – friend of member
- † Mr. Paul Thompson – Concordia’s principal
- † Marty Liex – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Deb Wilson – member
- † Diane Norris – friend of a member
- † Ann Jacobson – sister to Richard & Harold Pauli
- † Jennifer Lenz – niece to Paula & Gerry Horst
- † Lee Mauschbaugh – member
- † Doug Auer – member
- † Hugh – friend of member
- † Maddie Johnson – member
- † Vicky Cox – friend to Julie Frank
- † Ray Khattar – husband to Linda
- † Sophia Maxwell – member
- † Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann – members


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
December 31	21	18	\$695.00
January 1	42	42	\$3,592.00
January 6	25	23	—
January 8	48	31	\$9,739.00
January 15	87	67	\$5,327.92
January 22	90	26	\$3,542.00
Total			\$22,895.92

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC
Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
ViceChairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson: Mary Ann Auer
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston
Secretary: Marcia Riddle
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Mary Ann Auer
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst & Kelly Eckert

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Brooke Anders & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Alex Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teresa Brusick, Paula Horst, & Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Jan Heien & Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH

Michele Keehner & Tina Maxwell

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Douglas Auer, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Tim Gosnell, Lee Mauschbaugh, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Theresa Johnston, Jim Kaspar, Timothy Anders

BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

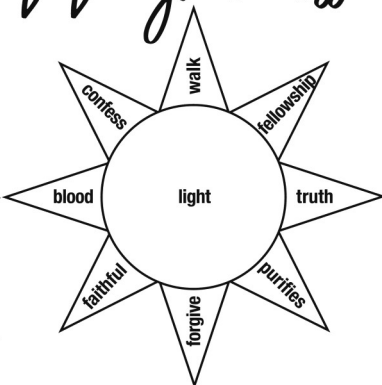
FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst



The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?



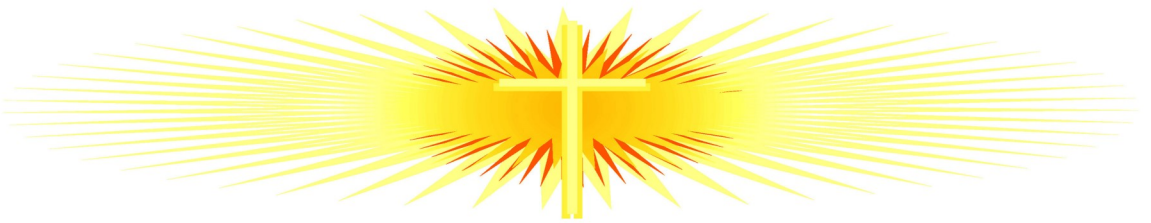
Directions:
Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.

But if we _____ in the _____, as he is in the _____, we have _____ with one another, and the _____ of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us. If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will _____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

Answer: walk, light, light, light, light, fellowship, blood, confessions, truth, purities, faithful, forgive

THE CHURCH MOUSE -- If you or your loved ones have outgrown your shoes, coats, clothes, toys, etc. please consider The Church Mouse when deciding where to take the items. Donations accepted M-Sat from 10am - 3pm, 600 West Main Street, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. Questions may be directed to Shirley or Joan at (309) 673-2363. There is a time for everything and a season for every activity -- a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away -- Ecclesiastes 3:1,6



CLASSES for All Ages

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR YOUTH —

Our Sunday School Classes are meeting again on Sunday mornings . Please bring your child to class by 10:30 am. Then parents, you are welcome to join the adult class that meets in the Parish Hall. The children will be discussing stories from the Life of Christ. The lessons come from a program available online: “*God’s Hand in Our Lives.*”

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Sunday Morning Adult Class - *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?* Based on Pastor Matthew Richard’s book of the same title, this video series and discussion (led by him) will explore some of the false images of Jesus that tempt Christians to turn from the Lord Who actually comes to us. The books for this study are available and have been a gift of the John Riddle Memorial. We thank the family for providing these books.

Men’s Bible Study Topic - *The Reason I Believe* - We’ll be reading Allen Quist’s book on the basics of Christian apologetics - a branch of theology focused on defending and explaining why Christianity is the true faith and Jesus our only Savior. Text will be provided.

Join us 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! – We’ve added a little extra to our Thursday lunches: a Bible study. As we start expanding our offerings at Mt. Calvary, one of the natural places to begin is around a time of fellowship and meal sharing. So, the plan is to gather for lunch at Noon, eat and visit for a while, and then read a chapter of Scripture together and talk about it. Some days we might have more to say, some days less - so there’s no “set” time for this. In fact, if you need to run after lunch, you can; and if you don’t want to join us until we get to the Bible part - you can do that too (try to arrive around 12:30 pm for that). We’re reading the Gospel according to St. Matthew together. Come join us!

CELEBRATION FUND – **What is it?** A voluntary opportunity to give thanks to God for events and occasions in your life that are a reason to celebrate. It is also a way to raise funds that will help purchase items that would benefit the church and enrich our worship, but are not budgeted.

How can you help? Consider donating any amount when you have a reason to celebrate: birthday, anniversary, birth of a child, great report card, etc.

How do you participate? There will be donation box in the Parish hall. Bill, change, and checks(made out to Women of Mt. Calvary) can be dropped through the slot anonymously. The box will be emptied each week. If you wish to have your donation added to your church offering record, envelopes will be available for your use.

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA –

On Friday, February 10th, we welcome ladies of all ages to 6801 N. Allen Road, Peoria. Redeemer will host the General Membership Meeting for Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. We will begin promptly at **9am** with a serenade by a local Barbershop Quartet. A hot breakfast and coffee provided. We will hear from an employee of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois followed by a meeting highlighting our events planned for 2023. We will conclude our morning by 11am. Please RSVP by Feb 3rd to Lisa Mack (309) 360-2669 so we can plan accordingly. *May the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

SAVE THE DATE! – BLOOD DRIVE AT CONCORDIA --

On Thursday, February 9th, Concordia will again host a Blood Drive. The Blood Drive will be held in the Commons from 2:30-6:30. Please consider this opportunity to serve others by being a blood donor. Set up an appointment by contacting Mrs. Ibe via libe@concordiapeoria.com. You can also set up your own appointment on the Red Cross website or contact Red Cross directly. Additionally, a volunteer is needed to help run the drive from approximately 2:15-3:45. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Mrs. Ibe. Thank you!

CONCORDIA TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday February 3, 2023 –

Concordia Band Parents are once again hosting a trivia night at Redeemer Lutheran Church to benefit the band program at Concordia. Registration begins at 6:00 pm with Trivia beginning at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$15 per person with 8 persons per table. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

POSITION OPEN AT REDEEMER PRE-SCHOOL

Redeemer Lutheran Pre-School has a position open for a cook. Position requirements are posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor Long's office. If you are interested in this position, please contact Sue Shahill, Director Redeemer Early Learning Center
6801 N. Allen Road
Peoria, IL 61614
309-691-2333 X 115
sue.skahill@redeemerlutheran.com

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

† Viola Matson, mother of Glenn Matson, who was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

May her family find comfort, hope, and peace in the Newborn Christ Child, Who has rescued us from death and gives us eternal life with Him.

FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC, BRUCE TAGGE

It's that time again when Lent is just around the corner and we are beginning to look at music for the Easter Festival Service. Therefore we are asking anyone who likes to sing join us just for the time before Easter and help us make a joyful noise on the occasion of our Lord's resurrection. We need all voice ranges. If after Easter you find you liked us, we'd be glad to have you stay. Also if you play an instrument, talk to Mr. Tagge and let him know – he's always looking for instrumentalists as well. See you all next Thursday at rehearsal – 7:45 pm.

When is the last time you sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah? He handed out the music for that at the last rehearsal. Come join us!

HELP US GATHER ITEMS FOR OUR VALENTINE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE YOUTH AND MILITARY --

During the second week of February, Women of Mt. Calvary will be packing boxes for our young people who are in college or serving in the military. In this endeavor we need your help: **1) Please get the names and addresses of your college youth to Dawn Henderson (691-5547);** and **2) Consider contributing candy, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, tissue packages, pencils, pens, hotel samples (no bar soap, please), or anything a young person away from home might need. Your items can be placed on the kitchen counter, but please mark them for Women of Mt. Calvary College Student Project. The ladies would like them there by **Sunday, February 12th**.**

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY MEETING NIGHT

Women of Mt. Calvary's regular meeting night is the 2nd Monday of the month. In February this will be on the 13th and they will be getting the boxes ready to send to the college students and military.

TIME TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SYNODICAL PRESIDENT, 1st VICE CHAIRMAN, OR, REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

This summer is the Triennial Synodical Convention. If we want to nominate a candidate for the above listed offices, the nominations must be in by February 28, 2023. This requires action from our voters, so **a Special Voters' Meeting has been called for Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 10:30 am** (during the Bible Study Hour) in the Parish Hall. In order to make any nominations we will need at least 25 voting members present, in person or via Zoom.



LENT BEGINS

On Wednesday, February 22nd the season of Lent begins. This season helps us prepare for the Easter Celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Mt. Calvary will offer two Divine Services on Ash Wednesday – one at 11:15 am and one at 6:30 pm, each with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion as part of the service.

On that note, if you have any palms left from last year, please bring them to church by the morning of Tuesday, February 21st. Pastor uses the palms from last Palm Sunday to make the ashes for the Ash Wednesday Service.

SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Pastor will be preparing a Worship Schedule for Lent and Easter – Look for it later this month. But put on your calendars for now worship services on each of the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday services at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm.



On **February 5th**, our speaker will be the Rev. Gerald Kovac. He will be telling us about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Kovac will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Kovac was ordained for the SELC District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in 1965. He has served as a Chaplain for the Wisconsin Department of Correction and as Executive Secretary of the Mission Board of the SELC District. Before preaching on behalf on Food for the Poor, he also served as a pastor in St. Louis for 31 years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Michael and Megan Browning on the birth of their daughter Amelia Camille Browning, on December 7, 2022. The proud grandparents are Chris and Greg Browning.



DIRECTORY ADDRESS CORRECTION:

We knew it would happen – print a directory and the next week you get a correction.

Jim & Lorrie Kaspar
8638N. Picture Ridge Rd.
Peoria 61615

Please make this correction to your directory. The current address in there is Jim's office address.

January 2023						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March 2023						
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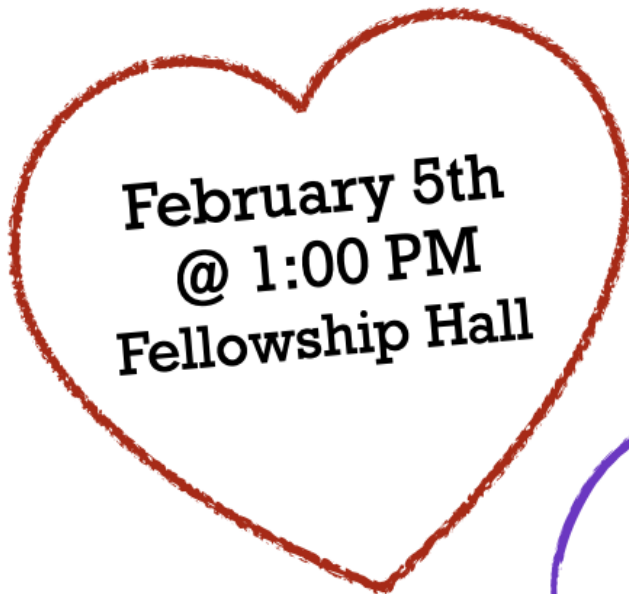
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All You Need is **LOVE** and

Lunch

Treats • Sandwiches • Soup



Enjoy a
Valentine's Lunch
with us!

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- Bulletin board across from Pastor's office
- Email Brooke at brooke.gutridge@gmail.com

*Sign up by Feb. 3rd
at Noon*

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