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## **WEATHER ALERTS –**

Here are ways to receive cancellations. The TV stations, WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI will be notified, an e-mail will be sent out and it will appear on our web-site ([www.mtcalvarypeoria.org](http://www.mtcalvarypeoria.org)) and facebook page.



## **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

On Lenten Disciplines.

Lent is upon us once again, and during this season you often hear of people adopting “Lenten disciplines.” Just what are they?

The classic “disciplines” of Lent in Western Christian churches are: charitable giving (sometimes referred to as “alms”), fasting, and making additional time for prayer. These are taken from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 6 (the assigned reading for Ash Wednesday), in which Jesus comments on what are assumed to be regular practices in the life of faith (giving charity, prayer, fasting), and then tells His disciples how to engage in these practices faithfully (short version: don’t do them in public in order to be admired by others, but do them so that your Father will recognize them).

And why are these “disciplines?” Well, in the Greek, the word for discipline can be better translated as “to subdue,” or “to put under control.” The classic use of the word is found in St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, in which he wrote: *“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”* (1 Corinthians 9:27). What Paul was addressing was his own rights and preferences as an Apostle. He told the

Christians in Corinth, “Look, I could have insisted that you obey me, and that you support my service to you by providing for my expenses – but I didn’t, so that you would hear the Gospel clearly....” In other words, he “disciplined” his desires, subdued them – whether they were bodily (for food, drink, or shelter), or personal (for obedience, cooperation, or recognition) in order to better serve the Corinthians with the Gospel of Christ.

Now, Paul disciplined himself for the sake of service.

And the question to us is: is there any value to the Lenten disciplines for us in terms learning to be better servants and disciples? I’d say, “yes.”

Consider this – what distracts us from being disciples – those who “learn from,” “follow,” and “believe in,” Jesus? One thing can be my appetites – my physical needs or wants. You’ve all had the experience in one way or another – a room is too cold or hot, it’s near lunchtime and your stomach is growling, your eyes feel “heavy”... and what happens to your ability to concentrate on, pay attention to, and retain what you are hearing? Our bodies can profoundly affect how well we learn – and how willing we are to follow. If we are to follow well, we have to learn to keep our bodily appetites under control. Another distraction from following Jesus and serving others can be concern for my “stuff,” and how much or little I have. Many of you remember the story of the rich young man from the Gospels – the one who asked what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus told him to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor and then come and follow. And the man went away

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sad, for he had many possessions. When faced either keeping them, or giving them up and entering the Kingdom of God – he couldn't let go. And that happens with us – we get attached to our “stuff,” so that it gets in the way of hearing Jesus and following. Sometimes we trust our stuff more than we trust Jesus. As St. Paul warned, the “love of money is the root of all kinds of evil....”

Finally, we can be distracted from learning and following by our worries over time. I cannot tell you how many times folks have excused themselves from worship by saying, “we just don't have time.” Now, I appreciate how full a day can be, much less a week, especially if you expect to do basic things like eat, sleep, and shower. A joke Sherri and I often repeat to each other is an old observation from families with multiple children, “After our second child was born, we wondered what we did with all that free time we had when there was only one. And now, with three.....” When the pressure of time is felt everywhere, it seems easiest to cut off what we think is not necessary to survival... and so prayer time can suffer, or maybe you decide that you can go to worship but don't have time for Bible study, or maybe you just worship “when you can.” When “time” becomes the reason we don't hear Jesus as we should, then we need to engage in discipline – we need to subdue our schedules and get our priorities clear.

And so, for those struggling with how the body and its appetites can be a distraction, Lent says, “try a fast.” We've discussed fasting before – it's not a way to earn holiness credits, it's not a way to suffer – it is a discipline aimed to help us keep the body from being a distraction. We learn to subdue the body *so that* we can better follow Jesus and serve. Traditionally, fasting involved taking a couple of times during the week to consciously skip a meal entirely, or eat reduced portions, so that you learn to ignore the distraction of hunger (as long as it is healthy for you to do so).

For those struggling with their “stuff,” and perhaps with greed or envy over what others have, Lent says, “try giving a little more away.” Nothing seems to make less sense – I'm worried about

my budget, and you say give more away? But, for most of us, it must be admitted that we could get by with far less than we have. And when we are reminded that how much, or how little, we have doesn't affect God's grace – we can be freed to follow Jesus with fewer worries. We can learn to serve others with joy over the help they receive rather than anxiety over what we have given up. I suggest looking at a particular luxury you might have – a sweet, a streaming service, a recreation you pay for – and take that money for the Lenten season and give it to those in need... the more personally you can do this, the better.

And for those struggling with time, Lent says, “come to church more!” Again, it couldn't make less sense – except that we need it. Oftentimes we don't know how dehydrated we are until we get a glass of water. The same can be true in the spiritual realm – we don't know how much we have needed the Word, Jesus' grace, the fellowship of believers, and God's love until we start getting it the way we should. So if you aren't in worship every week – commit to doing that for the season. If you are in worship every week, try adding the mid-week services to your schedule. Friends, you are all disciples by the grace of God, Who by the Holy Spirit has called you, gathered you, and enlightened you. So, let the disciplines of Lent help you grow as disciples – so that you can show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His Own marvelous light.

Peace to you all,



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

† Mary Ann Auer, who was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

May her family find comfort hope and peace in Jesus Christ, our Savior as we follow our Savior on the road to His eath and resurrection for our salvation.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1. Michele Joseph  
Jerry Jungck,
2. Andy Matson
3. Jai Green
4. Josh Joseph
6. Joel Barr  
Angel Peyton
7. Ginger Abel
9. Kathy Armbrust  
Michael Long
10. Timothy Riddle
11. Donavon Maxwell  
Jim Kaspar
13. Kathleen Tagge  
Mason Norman  
Theo Norman
14. Ardeane Ruckle
15. Will Helden
17. Steve Brinkmann  
Rebekah Long
18. Chrys Wilson
20. Patty Caughey  
Pat Goetz  
Dawn Henderson  
Rachael Maske
21. Ron Achterberg  
Jordanna Riebel Rzeszutko
22. Christopher Frank
24. Kathryn Peyton
25. Charles Benne
26. Brian Pauli
27. Samantha Moore  
Beth Mirretti  
Nora Miretti
28. Gary Beenders  
Ari Martinez
30. Michele Kechner
31. April Lauritzen  
Lynn Laredo  
Josephine Pendarvis

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Matthew & Dionne Morrow
- 29 Richard & Yvonne Coltrin

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- March 5 — Jerry & Paula Horst  
 March 12 — Auer Family  
 March 19 — Pastor & Sherri Long  
 March 26 — Chris & Teresa Brusick

**ELDERS**

- March 5 — Tom Brosowske  
 March 12 — Phil King  
 March 19 — Dr. Joel Eckert  
 March 26 — Tom Brosowske

**COUNTERS FOR MARCH**

LaVelle Borders & Carol Loughridge



*Worship Notes*

**LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN MARCH**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-9;  
Romans 4:1-8,13-17; John 3:1-17

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 95:1-9; Exodus 17:1-7;  
Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-30, 39-42

**March 19<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 142; Isaiah 42:14-21;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**March 26<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14;  
Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53



**SPECIAL SERVICES DURING LENT**

During the season of Lent we will have mid-week services on Wednesday at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. The theme this year is *Five Words for Five Weeks*. Each of the weeks will look at five of Jesus' Words from the cross. There will be a light lunch following the 11:15 am service. Please join us for as many as you are able.

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**SPRINGTIME SNACKS**



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

**What you need:**

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!



**Wednesday, 1st Week of Lent:** March 1, 2023

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do...."*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m.

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 1st Week of Lent:** March 2, 2023

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

**2nd Sunday in Lent:** March 5, 2023

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 2nd Week of Lent:** March 8, 2023

*"Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise...."*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m.

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 2nd Week of Lent:** March 9, 2023

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

**3rd Sunday in Lent:** March 12, 2023

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 3rd Week of Lent:** March 15, 2023

*"I thirst..."*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m.

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 3rd Week of Lent:** March 16, 2023

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 18:** Family Life Committee Trivia Night  
(watch for news)

**4th Sunday in Lent:** March 19, 2023

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 4th Week of Lent:** March 22, 2023

*"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?"*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m.

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 4th Week of Lent:** March 23, 2023

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

**5th Sunday in Lent:** March 26, 2023

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 5th Week of Lent:** March 29, 2023

*"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit..."*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m.

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 5th Week of Lent:** March 30, 2023

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.



## Worship Schedule For Lent



## ✠ 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!**


- † 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
- † 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
- † 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 Able
- † 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
- † Shirley King – mother to Phil King

## ✠ Prayer List ✠

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar</li> <li>† Valerie Conner - Lorrie Kaspar's sister</li> <li>† Virginia Tackmann - mother of Michele Keehner</li> <li>† Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph's aunt</li> <li>† Delcie Lane - member</li> <li>† Mark Manthey - member</li> <li>† Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann's sister</li> <li>† Earl Boyett - grandfather of Nick Brusick</li> <li>† Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us</li> <li>† Brian Kelly - uncle to Josh Joseph</li> <li>† Luann and Shelby Cooper - members</li> <li>† Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Marshall</li> <li>† Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia</li> <li>† Mark Dickman - co-worker, Chris Brusick</li> <li>† Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar</li> <li>† Jenny &amp; Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo</li> <li>† Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke</li> <li>† Harriet Nora - member</li> <li>† Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver</li> <li>† Daryl Claudin - member</li> <li>† Natalie Brusick - member, wife to Nick</li> <li>† Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston</li> <li>† Carol Loughridge - member</li> <li>† Anne &amp; Miguel Bolwerk - daughter and son-in-law to Dave &amp; Jan Heien</li> <li>† Cheris Hofmann - member</li> <li>† Harriet Caughy - member</li> <li>† Carole Hoffman - member</li> <li>† Amanda Carpenter - member</li> <li>† Maureen and children - extended family to Roger &amp; Carole Hoffman</li> <li>† Teresa Kerrick -</li> <li>† Mary Dowds - occasional visitor</li> <li>† Pr. Drews - member of our local circuit</li> <li>† Joann Bettinghouse - mother to Abbie Matson</li> <li>† PJ Comacho - friend to Mark Manthey</li> <li>† Lorie Livingston - wife to Ty</li> <li>† Tina Maxwell - member</li> <li>† Patty Caughy - member</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughy</li> <li>† Maria Vicitoria Corrales - extended family to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)</li> <li>† Ada Becker - mother of our custodian, Michelle</li> <li>† Scott Grinslade - member</li> <li>† Pr. Mark Matthews - brother in law to Tom Brosowske</li> <li>† Jessica Horman - member</li> <li>† Scott Wilson - custodian Michelle's boy friend</li> <li>† Ron Achterberg - member</li> <li>† Lisa Garrison - sister to Jim Kaspar</li> <li>† Kinea Howell - Deb Wilson great-granddaughter</li> <li>† Angel Howell - Deb Wilson granddaughter</li> <li>† Katie Wilson - member</li> <li>† Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to MaryAnn and Doug</li> <li>† Tomi - mother to Chris Brusick</li> <li>† Cameron Dorsey - member</li> <li>† Nancy Meyer - member</li> <li>† Bill Parrott - Brad Parrott's father</li> <li>† Diane Norris - friend of member</li> <li>† Mr. Paul Thompson - Concordia's principal</li> <li>† Marty Liex - friend to LaVelle Borders</li> <li>† Deb Wilson - member</li> <li>† Diane Norris - friend of a member</li> <li>† Ann Jacobson - sister to Richard &amp; Harold Pauli</li> <li>† Jennifer Lenz - niece to Paula &amp; Gerry Horst</li> <li>† Lee Mauschbaugh - member</li> <li>† Doug Auer - member</li> <li>† Hugh - friend of member</li> <li>† Maddie Johnson - member</li> <li>† Vicky Cox - friend to Julie Frank</li> <li>† Ray Khattar - husband to Linda</li> <li>† Sophia Maxwell - member</li> <li>† Dale &amp; Vonnie Brinkmann - members</li> <li>† Harold &amp; Carolyn Pauli - members</li> <li>† Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long</li> <li>† Robert Hoover - father-in-law to Jason Benne</li> <li>† Ryan &amp; Carol Stetzler - friends to the Tagge</li> </ul> |
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Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
January 29	90	71	\$4,978.08
February 5	96	77	\$8,107.00
February 12	88	19	\$2,629.00
February 19	97	77	\$2,820.00
February 22	58	50	—
			\$18,534.08



# PUZZLE

*A seasonal reminder*  
Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

*Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.*

plants grow here	seeds are planted in this
to coil and jump (also a season of the year)	when watered, these make plants
to expand and get bigger	another word for seedling

For as the \_\_\_\_\_ makes the \_\_\_\_\_  
 come up and a \_\_\_\_\_ causes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, so the  
 Sovereign LORD will make righteousness  
 and praise \_\_\_\_\_ up before all nations.

\*  
ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



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  
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  
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 Mauschaugh, 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

**ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023** – When contacted, the envelope company said they had not yet printed our offering envelopes. Hopefully they will get them to us by the end of the month. So, they have sent us some generic envelopes to use for now. These are by the offering plate, if you wish to use them. Please continue to make your offerings as you normally would and put them in a plain envelope (or one of the above mentioned) with your name on it. From that we can register the offering in the data base in your name until we can get your new envelopes to you. (Guess which envelope company we will not be using next year.)



### **LWGP EASTER PARADE STYLE SHOW AND TEA**

The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria present the fifth "Easter Parade" Style Show and Tea at **2 pm on Saturday, March 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1427 W. Lake Ave. Peoria.** Models will show off some of the delightful spring styles available at The Church Mouse while everyone enjoys coffee, flavored teas, and "English Tea Room" type desserts. Pastor Michael Jones and Don Bauer from St. John Lutheran in Bartonville will provide background piano music and accompany the singers and models. Pastor Lisa Diietrich from St. Paul in Peoria will be our Master of Ceremonies. Door prizes, raffles, items from the Church Mouse for sale and more will round out the afternoon.

Tickets will once again be \$10, \$5 for children under 12. Call 309-697-5762 or 309-360-8734, or your LWGP delegate for reservations. You can pay in advance or at the door. Groups can reserve tables together on a first come first serve basis.

Proceeds go to Lutheran Social services of Illinois Children's Programs.

If you'd like to model call 309-697-5762.

### **NEW POSITIONS OPEN AT REDEEMER PRE-SCHOOL**

Redeemer Lutheran Pre-School has positions open for 2 asst. teacher's.. They just need to be 18 years old, high school graduate or GPA. It would be a part-time position. We do offer free childcare and retirement.

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Redeemer Early Learning Center  
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Peoria, IL 61614  
309-691-2333 X 115  
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### **YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE PANCAKE DINNER**

-- at Camp CILCA on Saturday, March 4 from 10am-1pm. This is a "THANK YOU" to all those who have prayed for, volunteered for, and donated money to Camp CILCA. Please come and enjoy a lunch among friends in thanksgiving to our God.



**MEN, CAMP CILCA NEEDS YOU!** -- The Act Like Men Woodcutters Retreat is March 10-11. Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to grow your soul. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The suggested donation for overnight is \$25 (\$10 for Saturday only). To register, contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or email [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org). Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare the meals.

**CAMP CILCA'S ANNUAL BANQUET** -- is Sunday, March 26, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall! Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email ([camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)) to reserve your tickets today! The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating *God's work of Creation and Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. This year, Mrs. Katie Schuermann will speak about why Christians should read and write.



### **FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC, BRUCE TAGGE**

– Come on, folks – the time before Easter is getting shorter, and our numbers are getting lower. We need you to join us just until Easter. (You are welcome to stay after that if you wish – we turn no one away.) See you all next Thursday at rehearsal – 7:45 pm.

**When is the last time you sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah? We plan to sing it on Easter Sunday. Come sing it with us! It's an easier version than the original.**



## SAVE THE DATE

For the Family Life Committee's *Lucky Leprechaun Challenge Trivia Night* on **Saturday, March 18 at 6:30 PM** (Doors open at 6:15 PM). Join us for a night of trivia and popcorn! Gather a team of your own or join an existing team by signing up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office or email Brooke at [brooke.gutridge@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.gutridge@gmail.com) See Below

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Join us for the...  
*"Lucky Leprechaun Challenge"*

March 18th  
@ 6:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall  
(Doors open at 6:15 PM)

Popcorn and Luck will be provided

Teams of 4-6 members

\$5 Mulligans for Celebration Fund

Sponsored by:  
The Family Life Committee  
The focus of the Family Life Committee, under the Board of Education, is to work to bring our Church Family - young or old, single or married - together to become better acquainted with one another.

**WAYS TO SIGN-UP**

- Bulletin board across from Pastor's office
- Email Brooke at [brooke.gutridge@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.gutridge@gmail.com)

Sign up by *March 15th at Noon*



## LENTEN LUNCHESES ARE BACK!

Abbie Matson has agreed to supervise lunches following the 11:15 am service on Wednesdays during Lent. If you can help by bringing something, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please help Abbie by providing something for the lunches and then stay and enjoy the fellowship.



## BOOK OF MARRIAGES

With the 368 weddings that have taken place here at Mt. Calvary, Lisa Cornelius would like to put together a notebook with pictures of all those weddings. She would make it a loose leaf notebook that could be left in a convenient place for all to peruse in their own time.

So she needs our help. If you are able to send her pictures of your wedding – e-mail: [lcornelius2011@hotmail.com](mailto:lcornelius2011@hotmail.com) or drop off the pictures at church and she will copy them and return them to you, she will get started on this piece of Mt. Calvary's History.

## 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 a donation box in the Parish hall. Bills, 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.

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# March



Sunday

Monday




Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>5</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 11:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b> 9-11:00 am Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer Lunch Follows 6:30 p Vesper Service</p>	<p><b>9</b> 11:15 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:15 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
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<p><b>19</b> <i>St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</i> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Week in Lent</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 11:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> 	<p><b>21</b> 3:00 p Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting 4:45 p Board of Elders Mtg.</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer Lunch Follows 6:30 p Vesper Service</p>	<p><b>23</b> 11:15 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i></p>
<p><b>26</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Week in Lent</i> 9:00 a Sung Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 11:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer Lunch Follows 3:00 p Executive Committee 6:30 p Vesper Service</p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:15 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	



# Lent

RETURN TO THE LORD  
*your God,*  
FOR HE IS  
*gracious and*  
MERCIFUL.

JOEL 2:13