

Mt. Calvary Messenger



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Pastor's Column

Christ is risen!

Yup, it is still the Paschal (Easter) Season all the way until Pentecost (May 28), and so the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death continues. And this prompts two thoughts for this month's column: first, what our lives on the other side of Pascha should be working toward; and second, why Confirmation is an important rite of the church, even if it shouldn't be coupled to "first communion."

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
Colossians 3:1-2

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father Who is in heaven."
Matthew 6:1

Never expect and demand for love - love, for humility - praise, for service - gratitude. Try to stay without worldly prize so that you will not lose your prize in Heaven.

Shiigumens Savva (Ostopenko)

So, I have an acquaintance who is a pastor in the Lutheran Church in Latvia. Some of you may remember that our district of the LC-MS has "partnered" with the Lutheran Church in Latvia years ago to help support their work. Part of that partnership was to put individual pastors and congregations in contact with each other. So, Pr. Berzins and I have had an informal correspondence going on for years.... Somewhat enhanced by being on Facebook together. Sadly, my Latvian is non-existent, his English is minimal, and I don't remember enough German to communicate on that front. So, mostly we exchange greetings at holidays and birthdays. And, every once in a while, he'll post a quote that I'll share on Facebook. The last quote above is an example. The Latvians have more contact with the Russian Orthodox Church than we do as a left-over from the Soviet era when many ethnic Russians were settled in Latvia. And because of that, they can share nuggets of wisdom from Russian priests, even if we don't agree with a broad swath of their theology and practice.

And I think that quote goes along with what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, and Paul's admonition to the Colossians. Now that Christ is raised (and ascended! Come to worship on May 18!), we find our life is really all about Him. He has removed from us the curse of the Law. He has removed from us the fear of death (it is a defeated foe). He has removed from us any need to try to prove ourselves

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righteous or earn our salvation. In Him we are absolutely free to seek the new without anxiety or hesitation – for the new life of Christ is what we are now destined for. We shall be fully conformed to Him in glory, and there's no reason not to start working toward that now.

Hence – seek what is “above” – which is not some mystical or spiritual experience, but the quite practical matter of putting into practice what we see and know in Christ. Exercise His patience. Walk in His peace and humility. Serve by His grace. Love with His love. Forgive because you are forgiven. Do this with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, strangers, other members of the congregation. Do it with people who get under your skin, or who anger you. He is risen. He lives – so, you, live in Him. And don't worry about how people respond. You have no control over what others do – you only can guide your own actions. And that's what that priest was seeking to get at: when you do love to others, don't worry about whether you get love back. When you walk in humility, don't worry about whether others notice you or admire you. When you serve, don't get caught up in whether those you serve are grateful. When you worry about what you accomplish, or what you get for your efforts, you will inevitably become frustrated, and perhaps even bitter. And in that bitterness, you can lose sight of your goal – which is to walk in Christ and join Him in the eternal light. I had a drama teacher once who poured his heart and soul into the program at our high school – spent hours away from his family to coach students, build sets, and present near professional quality productions from a bunch of amateur high school students. It wore him out – and one day, during rehearsal, while we were all messing around as high school students are wont to, he lost it. I still remember the pain of his words because they struck me as a kind of warning – he said, “I give, and I give, and I give – and what do I get from you all? Nothing!” When

we give with the expectation of return, we set ourselves up for grave disappointment. Rather, let us seek the things above, where Christ is – and give because we have received, and know of nothing better to do!

As for Confirmation – we are pleased to have five candidates preparing for the rite of Confirmation this year. Please pray for them. There's a long story as to where Confirmation came from, which I will spare you. Whatever its problems are in terms of its origin, it is still a valuable opportunity for candidates to confess their faith in public after giving it two years of study. Most candidates were baptized without their understanding, so here's the blessing of being able to consciously own that faith, and dedicate themselves to it. Remember, all of you who are confirmed – you promised to cleave to Christ, hear His Word, and receive His gifts on a regular basis! Let us encourage our confirmands in that life – as well as embrace it ourselves. As for “first” communion – it is another long story to explain how Lutherans (in general) ended up tying confirmation to the reception of communion – BUT: there is no Biblical justification for that. Many of you have heard me carry on about this already – but once a person has shown she or he has the basic grasp of the faith, repentance, forgiveness, and what Holy Communion is, there is no reason not to admit her or him to the Sacrament. I'm going to put it out there that it may be time for us to consider our communion practices – the practices of our sister congregations notwithstanding....

Okay, that's enough. Christ is risen! Alleluia. Amen.

In Christ,

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2. Maddie Johnson
Nathanial Lampton
- 3. Josh Crosiar
- 4. Jared Savre
- 5. Pastor Long
- 7. Dennis Waldron
- 8. Lincoln Adcock
- 12. Bella Brill
Kendall Frank
Samantha Watkins
Carol Wessler
- 13. Brandon Zeone
- 14. Connie Kissner
- 15. Tim Carver
- 16. Linda Crook
- 17. Lorrie Kaspar
- 18. Brandon Armbrust
Jennifer Johnson
- 20. Sophia Maxwell
- 21. Kayla Carver
Dr. Joel Eckert
- 22. Jessica Horman
Nichole Wilhite
- 23. Olivia Johnson
- 23. Payton Sturtevant
- 24. Ashley Gavic
- 25. Pam Barr
- 28. Ralph Samp
- 30. Ezekiel (Beenders) Garrison
- 31. Vanessa Ruckle
Rob Cairncross
Daryl Claudin

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4. David & Stacey Appell
- 10. Mike & Ashley Gavic
- 14. Derrick & Wendy Foote
- 21. Grant & Rashonda Szold
- 23. Daryl & Luann Claudin
- 23. Gabriel & Danielle Martinez
- 24. Greg & Christy Browning
- 24. Glenn & Abbie Matson
- 25. Steve & Jennifer Johnson
- 25. Ty & Lorie Livingston
- 26. Roger & Carole Hoffman
- 30. Leon & Lisa Adcock
- 31. Bill & Pam Barr

ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 7th —
- May 14th —
- May 21st —
- May 28th

COUNTERS

LaVelle Borders & Kelly Eckert

Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 7th – 5th Sunday of Pascha

Psalm 146; Acts 6:1-9, 51-60;
1 Peter 2:22-10; John 14:1-14

May 14th – 6th Sunday of Pascha

Confirmation Sunday/ Mother’s Day

Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:16-31;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 21st – 7th Sunday of Pascha

Psalm 68:1-10; Acts 1:12-26;
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 28th – Pentecost

Psalm 25:1-15; Numbers 11:24-30;
Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 14th**, Mt. Calvary will welcome 5 young ladies into Communion Fellowship. They are: Kayla Carver, Bella Crosiar, Kendahl Gillespie, Stella Kimble, and Tess Ruskusky. Please keep them in your prayers as they face examination by the Elders before making their affirmation of their Baptisms.

ELDERS FOR MAY

- May 7 – Joel Eckert
- May 14 – Tom Brosowske
- May 21 – Phil King
- May 28 – Gary Beenders

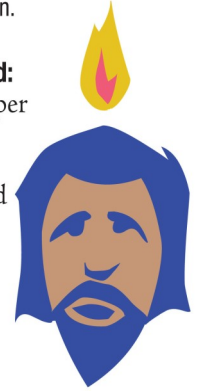
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**Spirit
SPINNER**

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup’s circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person’s head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



✠ 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 Abel
- † Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson
- † Sally Taylor – member
- † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)
- † Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- † Lorrie Kaspar – member
- † 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
- † 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

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- † Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar
- † 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
- † 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
- † 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
- † 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 Chris Brusick
- † 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
- † 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
- † Ray Khattar - husband to Linda
- † Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann - members
- † Harold & Carolyn Pauli - members
- † Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long
- † Ryan & Carol Stetzler - friends to the Tagges
- † Lindsay Brosowske & child - daughter-in-law to Tom and Vicky
- † Merrill Manthey - friend of the congregation
- † Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston
- † Ben Claudin - member


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
March 26	89	36	\$5,326.00
March 29	31	—	—
April 2	103	80	\$5,838.00
April 6	42	38	—
April 7	51	—	—
April 9	118	90	\$5,800.00
April 16	85	63	\$2,430.00
April 23	66	21	\$3,167.10
		Total	\$22,570.10

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
Vice Chairman.....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 Luann Claudin
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
Timothy Anders, Jarrod Horman, Dr. Joel Eckert

BOARD OF PROPERTY
Douglas Auer, Lisa Corneliuss, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Tim Gosnell, Lee Mauschbaugh, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Theresa Johnston, 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



PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV []

2. [] ABLE []

3. [] AY OF PENTECOS []

4. [] ONGUE []

5. [] PIRI []


6. [] OGETHE []

7. [] E[S] []

8. [] ONGUE []

9. [] A []

10. [] IND []




“When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁵ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them.”

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 18th – Ascension Day. Mt. Calvary will have services at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. We will use the spoken service format for the services.

Ascension Day falls on the 40th day after Easter and celebrates the fulfillment of our redemption. Therefore, in remembrance of and thanksgiving for His redeeming work, we gather together for worship



“I AM ASCENDING
TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER,
TO MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.”
JOHN 20:17

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind



Mt. Calvary News & Announcements

LOOKING FOR NAMES OF GRADUATES

Graduation day is getting closer and closer. Mt. Calvary would like to acknowledge the work our graduates have accomplished. Therefore, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles: please give us the information on any graduates in your family and let us know the school, their field of study, and any awards they have won. We will publish the list in the June Messenger, so please have the information to the office by **Monday, May 22nd**.

FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Beginning in June, in an effort to save paper, we will no longer be printing the hymns in the worship folder. We will again use the Lutheran Service Book for hymn singing, but if you are not able to read the print in the Service Book, let Judy know and she will print the hymns and put them in your mail box.

STEWARDSHIP

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

The Treasurer's Report for March, 2023 showed the year's expenses at \$94,811.49, and income of \$76,491.01. 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.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS – are in your mailboxes. Please check them and get back to the office if you find any mistakes.



News from Concordia

SPRING CONCERTS

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Bands & Orchestras Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm and the Choirs & Classroom Music Spring Concert on Friday, May 19 at 6:30 pm. The following groups will be performing:

May 17: Cadet Band, Concert Band, and all Orchestras

May 19: K-2 Cherub Choir, 3-5 Kids of the Kingdom Choir, Concert Choir, 3-4 Recorders, 5 Ukuleles

ARTS IN EDUCATION

The Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Upper Orchestra students will be sharing their music at the Peoria Courthouse on **Tuesday, May 9 from 11:00-12:00**. If you work downtown or nearby, swing on by to hear our amazing young musicians and grab a bite to eat from the food vendors!

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26th – Closing Chapel and Awards Assembly, **8:30 am**

May 26th – Graduation Service at Trinity, **6:00 pm**

CONGRATULATIONS – to our students participating in the Illinois State Science Fair!

Kayla Carver, , Tess Ruskusky, and Bella Crosiar,

A FAREWELL EVENT

It's time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Mr. Paul Thompson and Mrs. Allison Brewer. Over the years, they have both done so much for Concordia and we would like to shower them with well wishes prior to Mr. Thompson's move from the Peoria area and Mrs. Brewer's well deserved retirement. Please join us for an Open House style farewell event at Concordia Lutheran School on **Sunday, May 21st from 1-3 pm**.

Mt. Calvary News & Announcements



May Women of Mt. Calvary Meeting

At the Women of Mt. Calvary's May meeting, we will have a special guest speaker, Abby Reel, owner of The Barn III Dinner Theatre in Goodfield, Illinois. Abby will present a history of this iconic dinner theatre and community asset promoting the arts in Central Illinois, plus Illinois' first sustainable tree farm.

As a woman of Mt. Calvary, you are automatically considered a member of the society, and we invite you to attend our monthly meeting on **Monday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us!

Women Recruitment

The Women of Mt. Calvary are making plans for the next year and we can use your input and help.

The purpose of our society is to assist in promoting the growth, welfare and Christian fellowship of our church, do charitable work, engage in mission work, and support the program of the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP) and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, known as LWML.

We have several committees that support the congregation with different aspects like:

- Altar Guild
- Shut-In Remembrances
- Card Ministry
- Meals - Congregational, Funeral, Advent, Lent
- Sunday Coffee
- LWGP representative
- and much more!

As you know, many hands make light work, so this is an opportunity for the ladies of our

congregation to get involved and further our mission. At our May meeting, we will present a list of names to be the primary contact for each area. Please prayerfully consider being an active part of our society. To do so, please contact Luann at 309-369-2606 or one of the Women of Mt. Calvary officers.

June Women of Mt. Calvary Salad & Dessert Dinner

Mark your calendar and save the date for the June Women of Mt. Calvary Salad and Dessert dinner on Monday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Tea is just not for two . . . it is for all the ladies in the congregation.

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. Judy will get them to the ladies. They will trim the stamps and send them to LWML to support their mission work. Thank you.

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). **The sign-up for 2023 is up. June & July are available.**

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION

The Crafts and Conversation Group is meeting again at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings and is open to anyone. Bring a craft or activity you like to do. Sometimes Paula and LaVelle ask 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.

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Ron Achterberg
Eileen Benne
LaVelle Borders
Daryl and Luann
Nick and Natalie Brusick
Lisa Cornelius
Carol DeJarnett
Tim Gosnell
Jerry and Paula Horst
Alice Johnston
Theresa Johnston
Daniel and Michele Keehner
Carol Loughridge
Glenn and Abbi Matson
Nancy Meyer
Harold and Carolyn Pauli
Marcia Riddle
Cheryl and Jeff Riebel
Barbara Zook



CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Sunday School Classes

Please bring your child to class by 10:30 am. Then, parents, you may attend the Bible Study in the Parish Hall. This week we will be studying the account of *Jesus Appears to the Emmaus Disciples*.

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 men are reading Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

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 Acts of the Apostles together. Come join us!**

MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER SHOWER




Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is again sponsoring a diaper shower on Mother's Day, May 14th. The purpose is to collect as many disposable diapers as possible (infant, child and adult sizes) that will then be distributed to local charitable organizations who serve women and their children, as well as seniors. Agencies we have helped in past years include Women's Care Center, Esther House, Empower Life Center, Lutheran Hillside Village, Washington Christian Village, and Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center. These are all worthy life-affirming organizations we intend to help again this year as we are enabled through your generosity. May the Lord of life bless you as you help us make this event a success again this year.



April 2023						
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<p><i>Thanks, Mom, for giving me life!</i></p> 	<p>1 <i>St. Philip & St. James Apostles</i></p>	<p>2 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council</p>	<p>3 6:30 a Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>4 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <i>5th Sunday of Pascha</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service</p>	<p>8 6:30 p Women of Mt. Calvary</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6:30 a Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>11 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 <i>6th Sunday of Pascha</i> 9:00 a Divine Service w/Confirmation 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service <i>Happy Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 3:00 p Worship & Music 4:45 p Board of Elders</p>	<p>17 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Concordia Band and Orchestra Concert</p>	<p>18 <i>Ascension Day</i> 11:15 a Spoken Divine Service 6:30 p Spoken Divine Service</p>	<p>19 6:30 p Concordia Choir Concerts</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 <i>7th Sunday of Pascha</i> 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 12:30 p Family Life Potato Bar</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:30 a Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>25 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study</p>	<p>26 8:30 a Closing Chapel & Awards Assembly at Concordia 6:00 p Concordia Graduation at Trinity</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service</p>	<p>29  <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <i>The Visitation</i> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study</p>			

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV