

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1. Parker Greenberg
3. Tina Maxwell
4. Bonnie Witherspoon  
Robert Frericks
6. Christiane Ramahi
8. Raymond Benne  
Jeremy Frank
9. Luann Claudin  
Zoe Green
11. Lydia Keehner
14. Julie Frank
15. Hudson Gavic  
Yvonne Coltrin
16. Annabelle Pendarvis
17. Stacey Appell
19. Norma Frank
20. Lee Mauschbaugh  
Brande Ruskusky
21. Shelby Cooper
22. Mark Norman  
Ke'niya Shivers  
George Wilhite
23. Ethan Horman  
Scott Ruskusky  
Grant Szold  
Carson Heckman
25. Pam Lehmann
26. Molly Horst
27. Richard Pauli  
Cheryl Zeon
28. Rod Pauli
30. Jacob Maske
31. Brian Warren

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Adam & Julie Heien
- 13 Ralph & Kae Samp
- 26 Bret & Amy Miller
- 26 Derek & K.T. Johnson
- 27 Gary & Kim Beenders
- 28 Ray & Linda Khattar
- 31 Bruce & Katie Tagge

**COUNTERS**

Anna Keehner & Teresa Brusick

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- July 2  
LaVelle Borders
- July 9  
Alice Johnston
- July 16  
Judy Honig
- July 30  
Ray & Linda Khattar



*Worship Notes*

**LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 119:153-160; Jeremiah 28; 5-9;  
Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-43

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 145:1-14; Zechariah 9:9-12;  
Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 55:10-13;  
Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 119:57-64; Isaiah 44:6-8;  
Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 125; Deuteronomy 7:6-9;  
Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52



**ELDERS FOR JULY**

- July 2 – Daniel Keehner
- July 9 – Dr. Joel Eckert
- July 16 – Tom Brosowske
- July 23 – Gary Beenders
- July 30 – Phil King

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**Sprinkle and split**

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



**What you need:**

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

**What you do:**

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12. How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.



## 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 - circuit pastor, disability
- † 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
- † 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
- † 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 (visitor)
- † 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
- † Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar

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## Prayer List

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- † 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 Hoffmann - 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 Brosowski
- † 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
- † 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
- † Merrill Manthey - friend of the congregation
- † Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston
- † Ben Claudin - member
- † Roger Woolsey - Carolyn Pauli's brother
- † Tricia Smith - sister to Marcia Riddle

 IN OUR   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
May 28	88	71	\$2,248.00
June 4	80	65	\$6,668.00
June 11	71	33	\$3,322.00
June 18	69	55	\$3,419.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$15,657</b>

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. Andrew Monkmeyer, 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




# PUZZLE

## SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.  
What does God do for people who fear him?

*Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.*

FROM	NORTH	at the
as is	from	EAST
can	far	FROM



is South	do	the THIS
AS	far EAST	up as

WEST	far down	THE
THAT is East	WEST	be AS
		West

■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■

... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

Answer: As far as the east is from the west

**CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD**  
Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

**CONCORDIA FOUNDATION**  
Alex Kroenke & Eileen Benne

**CONCORDIA TRUSTEES**  
Jarrod Horman

**Boards of Mt. Calvary**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Teresa Brusick, Paula Horst,

**BOARD OF EVANGELISM**  
Jan Heien

**BOARD OF YOUTH**  
Michele Keehner Erin Parrott

**BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING**  
(Dormant)

**BOARD OF PROPERTY**  
Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius,  
Larry Frank, Lee Mauschaugh  
Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman,  
Vicky Brosowske

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**  
Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders

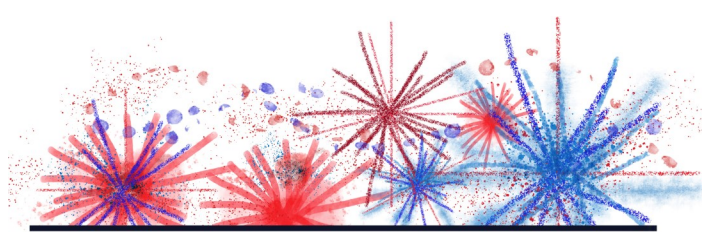
**BOARD OF ELDERS**  
(families under each Elder's care)  
Achterberg - Brusick Tom Brosowske  
Carver - Grinslade Phil King  
Halverson - Kroenke Daniel Keehner  
Lampton - Norman Gary Beenders  
Parrott - Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

**FOOD PANTRY**  
LaVelle Borders  
Paula & Jerry Horst



**ANOTHER COLLEGE GRADUATION**

Nathan Wohletz, son of Rev. Roger & Jenniffer, Wohletz, grandson of Gary & Ardeane Ruckle, graduated from Arapahoe College in Denver, CO with an associate degree in Cybersecurity. He will attend CSU in Pueblo, CO, majoring in Secure Software Development. He is currently employed at Lockheed Martin



### **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY –**

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

† David Witherspoon, husband of Bonnie (Gilmore) Witherspoon, who was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Services were held on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

† Jan Kiesgen, former band director at Concordia, who was called home Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Visitation and services will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in our risen and ascended Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING –**

Every time there is a Synodical Convention (we have on coming up July 29-August 3), a “National” Offering is gathered to support various ministries. This year the emphasis is on translating solid theological material for our partner churches into their native languages. More information (and a mailing envelope) are in your mailbox. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution.

### **THANK YOU —**

You have been very helpful to Street Family in providing clothing a pack’n’play. The only things that they need now are size 6 diapers, diaper wipes, and an umbrella stroller. Also, our Food Pantry has been helping out by providing supplies from Mid West Food Bank for them. So a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped out. You have all been very generous.

### **CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**

**Sunday School Classes** – On hiatus until in the Fall.

**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** – **On to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians!** So – why did Paul write a second letter to the Church at Thessalonika so soon (apparently only a few months after his first letter)? The Christians there, while faithful, had fallen into two misunderstandings about the meaning of Christ’s return. Some thought it meant we could give up regular work and “pack our bags.” Others feared they wouldn’t be “good enough” to face judgment. Come discover what Paul is inspired to say to them. **We meet 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!



## News from Concordia

### CALL ACCEPTED FOR CONCORDIA

#### PRINCIPAL –

Mr. Andrew Monkmeyer has accepted the call to serve as Concordia's principal. Please continue to keep him in prayer as he takes his new position. Watch for news of his installation.

### CONCORDIA IS SEEKING TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

They are looking for Substitute Teachers, Teacher's Aides, a Strings Instructor, a 5th Grade Homeroom Teacher and a Jr. High (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) Mathematics & Physical Education Teacher. Requirements and qualifications for these positions can be found on the bulletin board.

Please direct resumes and questions to

**Mr. Andrew Monkmeyer**

**Email: [amonkmeyer@concordiapeoria.com](mailto:amonkmeyer@concordiapeoria.com)**

**Phone: 309-691-8921**

### CONCORDIA SOCCER CAMP

Soccer Camp at Concordia will be held July 24th – 27th for boys and girls in grades 1-8 at all skill levels. Water & snacks will be provided. Free will donations are welcome to support the CLS Soccer Program.

1st through 4th grades will meet from 5-6:15 pm and 5th through 8th grades will meet 6:30 – 8:00 pm. For questions contact: Coach Mike 309-397-5772.

### VACATION DAYS —

Pastor's Vacation will be in two parts this year. He will be gone from June 28th through July 5th to take his family to Sherris's mother's in Florida. Part two will begin on July 19th thru August ??.

Judy plans to be out of the office from June 26th through July 6th. She will have people answering the phone and the regular bulletins will be printed.

### **NOT ASHAMED: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN A BAD NEWS WORLD --**

Please join us for a one-day conference entitled *Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World*, held Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm (doors open at 8:30 am) at the Tuscola Community Building. Come hear Pastor Adam Koontz, an engaging speaker and well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America.

Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz is pastor and evangelist of Trinity Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado. He has pastored and planted congregations in Pennsylvania, taught New Testament in Indiana, and helped churches throughout the United States proclaim Christ clearly. He and his wife, Jen, have eight children (four boys and four girls) and live in Lakewood, Colorado.

Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a **grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.**

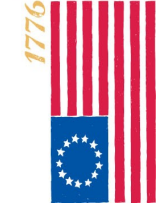





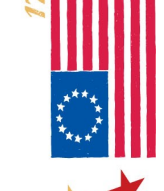

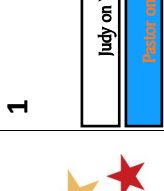
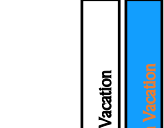



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August 2023						
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# July

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

																																																
<b>2</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<i>Independence Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>	9-11:00 a Food Pantry	<b>6</b>	10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	Judy on Vacation Pastor on Vacation	<b>9</b>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Class 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>13</b>	10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	3:00 p Worship & Music 4:45 p Board of Elders	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	<b>23</b>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Class 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<i>St. James the Elder</i> <i>Apocalypse</i>	<b>26</b>	3:00 p Executive Committee	<b>27</b>	10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>31</b>	Judy on Vacation Pastor on Vacation	



The Spirit himself  
bears witness with  
our spirit that we are

*children  
of God.*

ROMANS 8:16, ESV