

INTERESTED IN LUTHERANISM, MEMBERSHIP?

If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the basics of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Long – he may be reached through the church office or by e-mail at PRBLong@aol.com.

CONFESSION

Private confession is available by appointment only. Call the Church Office.

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Long is generally available at Mt. Calvary Monday through Friday mornings, or by appointment should you need or want to have conversation with him. You may reach him by e-mail at: PRBLong@aol.com.

HOSPITAL CALLS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Glenn & Abbie Matson, in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

POSITIONS ON COUNCIL THAT NEED TO BE FILLED ASAP

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

1. Since the death of Jim Kaspar, who was the administrator of the **VANCO program**, this position is open. Also, Now there are some reports that need to be filed with the company and we need an administrator to do that.
2. Connie Kissner has agreed to take one of the vacancies on the Concordia Foundation, but there’s still one more spot to fill. Talk with Jerry Horst or Pastor Long if you want more information.

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Please take advantage of this opportunity to pray for your needs and those of your friends and family. Cards are available in the pew rack. To activate the chain please call Ardeane at 691-8007.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Our congregation operates Concordia Lutheran School together with the congregations of Redeemer and Trinity. Call the Concordia School office at 691-8921, or check their web site at www.concordiapeoria.com for information.

CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY

Brooke Barr - Grade 2

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

June 2, 2024 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 81:1-10

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

It’s that time of year again, when we honor our graduates. So, if you have someone graduating from a school: pre-school, grade school, high school, college, or receiving a graduate degree, please let the office know.. Include in your information their relationship to you, where they are graduating, any honors they are receiving, and what their plans are now — are they going on to another school, getting a job for the summer, etc. We will list any graduates in our June Messenger. What doesn’t get in on time for the June Messenger will be printed in the July edition.

CONCORDIA GRADUATION – On this Friday (today), May 24th at 6:00 pm Concordia will hold its graduation services at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our graduates this year are: **Kayla Carver, Bella Crosiar, Kendahl Gillespie, and Tess Ruskusky.** We are pleased to note that Kayla will be the Valedictorian Speaker.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

TO: -- Kaylin Leon and Isaac Stevenson, who will be celebrating their marriage next Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Norwalk, Iowa.

JUNE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING – This meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9th during the Bible Study Hour. If you are chairman of a board or committee, your report is due on Tuesday, May 28th. Please e-mail them to secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org.

A NOTE ABOUT MR. TAGGE

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

516 W. Detweiller Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

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

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:-- The current DFM project is to continue a project already begun. In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois during 2024. With the funds gathered, Central Illinois District started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. The current project is to ensure that funds are available so that such new ministries can be continued in 2025. The current target is \$10,000. See the video at <https://youtu.be/LwYgCqIXzql>

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

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

CHURCH MOUSE NEEDS – The Church Mouse is in need of infant and children's clothes, volunteers, and a warehouse manager. Call 309-673-2363 to volunteer.

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

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

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

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

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

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! – We've just started to look at Paul's letter to the Colossians. In this brief letter Paul was inspired to set before the Church the unique greatness of Christ as Savior, and the sufficiency of His atonement for our redemption.. **We meet for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Ezra 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Proverbs 22-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the Lord's Supper in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/1 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – The truth of Father, Son, and Spirit proves that God loves relationship, family, and community. He gives these blessings no matter how young or old (John 3:4-5), even inhabiting the womb or entering the tomb. The One who creates, redeems, and calls every human being reigns as Lord over life and death (Acts 2:36). Abortion and assisted suicide are idolatrous, and Jesus has come to save from it (John 3:17).

ISSUES ETC. – ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: American Revivalism, Christian Hope, The U.S. Constitution & Civic Virtue, Media Bias and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or a podcast provider.

THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Rachel's Trivia Challenge: Church Feasts, Festivals, and Ordinary Time -- Following up on her earlier foray into liturgical calendar trivia last Advent, Rachel here offers "The Church Year, Part 2." Tackling Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Ordinary Time, Michaelmas, saints' days, the Last Sunday, and more, Rachel quizzes Erin and Sarah with 16 questions ranging from easy to expert level. Will Rachel manage to stump her smarty-pants cohosts? Will they be able to stop laughing long enough to remember whether or not Athanasius wrote the Athanasian Creed? Find out in the latest installment of Rachel's Trivia Challenge.

"I've said it before, but I'll say it again: humans need holidays," Rachel reminds us. "We need feasts and fasts and seasons to break up the monotony of our days. The church calendar gives us that, and we'd be fools not to accept the gift. Because when we let our holy-days go, we find ourselves with a string of ho-hum secular holidays instead."

Select sources referenced in this episode:

Sundays and Seasons – Church Year (lcms.org)

What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church (learnreligions.com)

Connect with the Lutheran Ladies on social media in The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge Facebook discussion group (facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge) and on Instagram @lutheranladieslounge. Follow Sarah (@hymnerd), Rachel (@rachbomberger), and Erin (@erinaltered) on Instagram!

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 April 2024 showed the year's expenses at \$132,257.00 and income of \$107,579.25 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.

FROM CAMP CILCA

Act Like Men Field Training

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

The Camp Cilca Hog Roast

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

In Christ,

Joshua Theilen

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Director -- Camp C-I-L-C-A

LIBERTY TIME -- Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz from the LCMS Center for Religious Liberties in Washington DC will present "Liberty Time" on **Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 6-8 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 203 E. Division St., Altamont, IL.**

Rev. Dr. Seltz will speak about religious liberties for congregations, clergy and laypersons.

Please contact Rev. Wright with questions.

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

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

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

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

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY 'S JUNE GATHERING



Mark your calendar for Women of Mt. Calvary's June Gathering on **Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 AM.!**

This year we will host a brunch in the parish hall (In previous years, this was our Salad and Dessert event.) Bring a dish to share...breakfast, lunch, sweet or savory!

Come and join in the fellowship with other sisters in Christ and don't forget to ask a friend or family member to come along for a morning of fun and treats!

Celebrate the year of supporting the congregation of Mt. Calvary and get a lift in your spirit...love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (we might need this with the delicious food.) **Please sign up on the bulletin board no later than June 2.** We look forward to seeing you on June 8th.

IT IS TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING . . . IN THE KITCHEN!

The Women of Mt. Calvary is going to spruce up, clean out, wipe down to get the kitchen ready for any and all activities here at Mt. Calvary. We plan to have a kitchen work day on **Monday, June 10 starting at 10 AM.** Many hands make light work, so we hope you can join us for some fellowship, fun (hopefully), and conversation while we clean up the kitchen. Thank you.

