

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Eileen Benne in loving memory of her husband, Phil, on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and in thanksgiving for God’s gift of their children and grandchildren.

**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](http://www.concordiapeoria.com) for information.

## **CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY**

Brooke Barr - Grade 2

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**June 9, 2024 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 130

Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

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## **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The June Messenger came out this week-end. If you didn’t get your family’s graduation announcements to the office on time, you can still send them in and we will print them in the July Messenger.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Zachary and Megan Kovash on the birth of their daughter Daisy Jo on May 24, 2024. Daisy Jo weighed 7 lbs, 11 ozs and is 20 inches long. Both Mother and Baby are doing well. The proud grandparents are Tom & Vicky Brosowske. Daisy was welcomed by her two brothers, Milo and Ted.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:** -- Kaylin Leon and Isaac Stevenson, who will be celebrating their marriage this Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Norwalk, Iowa.

**JUNE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS’ MEETING** – This meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> during the Bible Study Hour. If you are chairman of a board or committee, your report was due on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If you didn’t get your report to me in time to have it in the published

document, you may still send it and we will print an addendum. Reports should be e-mailed to [secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org](mailto:secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org).

The main business of this meeting is the election of Officers and Board Members. We need a quorum of 25 voters to do business, and we already know that a couple of our current officers won't be there. So – please plan to come. We can arrange for a Zoom Link if you need to attend remotely.

**JUDY OUT OF OFFICE:** -- Sarah has offered to come get her mother **from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>** and Judy doesn't want to miss the baby shower planned for Katie during that time. Therefore she is looking for office substitutes who are willing to spend a full day (9 am-3 pm) or half a day (9-12 or 12-3) answering the phone, taking in the mail, etc. Knitting, working crossword puzzles, and reading, etc are allowed to fill in the time. Call the office (309-688-4321) or see Judy to schedule a time to help.

#### **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>

**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.

**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 **June** our pantry will be in need of **Boxed Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, and Chili with 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.

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**

**KFUO RADIO**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFYO.org:** Begin studying Nehemiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Proverbs 22-26 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear a special Free Text First Friday episode on Spiritual Warfare on Thy Strong Word (6/7 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfyo.org and the KFYO Radio app!

**ISSUES ETC. – SACRED MUSIC FOR THE WORLD** -- Lutheran Public Radio streams the best of the Church's music for the past 2,000 years. You can listen 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Leading Ladies: Teresa Todd:** In this episode, Sarah, Erin, and Rachel introduce a new interview series: Leading Ladies, a celebration of Lutheran women in notable positions of leadership or influence in the church or the world. Their first guest in this series is Teresa Todd, fellow Lutheran lady and wife of Chaplain (RDM) Gregory N. Todd, who currently serves as the 28th Chief of Chaplains of the United States Navy. Chaplain Todd previously served as the 20th Chaplain of the Marine Corps and the tenth Chaplain of the Coast Guard. Over 32 years as a chaplain spouse, Teresa has supported her husband through a variety of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard assignments, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and chaplaincy work at Ground Zero in the wake of the September 11 attacks. In this episode, Teresa tells her story, shares her wisdom, and offers encouragement to ministry and military wives everywhere. 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 (@hymnnerd), Rachel (@rachbomberger), and Erin (@erinaltered) on Instagram!

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** – Abortion and euthanasia aim to avoid disabilities by eliminating the persons who have them. The Christian community, on the other hand, regards persons with disabilities as reasons for rejoicing. Even the most fragile human bodies testify to the goodness of the God Who created and sustains them (2 Corinthians 4:7-11). Let us declare and demonstrate how the life of Jesus manifests in every neighbor!

**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](http://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.

**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. Rev. Dr. James F. Wright, Pastor  
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## 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.

