

## **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 Ray and Linda Khattar in celebration of their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

**POSITIONS ON COUNCIL THAT STILL NEED TO BE FILLED ASAP** – There is one position on the Church Council that has been open for quite some time.

- 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.
- There are still a few openings on the slate that were not filled. Check the Slate of Officers and Board Members on the bulletin board and see if there is a position you might be interested in filling and then talk to Pastor Long or Jerry Horst.

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES)** -- We finally have an event on the calendar for you! We’ll be meeting at **Putt & Play** (1001 Bass Pro Drive – East Peoria)

## **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 - Kindergarten

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 145:10-21;

Exodus 16:2-15;

Ephesians 4:1-16;

John 6:22-35

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to go golfing. There are several things you can do right now to get ready for this opportunity for fun and fellowship.

1. Mark your calendars for **next Sunday, August 4 - 2:00 p.m.**
2. Sign-up on the sheet across from Pastor’s office.
3. Invite a friend to join you. The cost is \$6 for those 12 and younger and \$11 for those 13 and older.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele Keehner (309) 693-8095.

In addition, mark your calendars for our next planning meeting Sunday, September 22 following the 11:45 a.m. service and watch for further details!

**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.

## **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

† Carol Loughridge – Now Home

## **A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:--**

On July 7th, in our Sunday Morning Bible Study, we heard the Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb speak to us about the CID Dollar for Missions Project. There are self-addressed envelopes on the table by the offering plate, just outside the Sanctuary, specifically for Dollars for Missions. Please use them to send in your contributions.

**Replace furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb:** It is a great blessing that all four of CID's campus ministries are headquartered in facilities located very near the campuses they serve. Three of the four are owned by the District. One of these is Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb, one block away from Western Illinois University.

Church services are held at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in the student center's Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner. Students attend, as well as members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, CID's partner in campus ministry in Macomb. On Wednesday evenings, students are invited to meals prepared by church member families in the student center kitchen, prior to a weekly Bible study session also in the student center. The pastor's office and church office for Immanuel, Macomb are located in the center, highly accessible to students.

The student center celebrated its 50th anniversary some five years ago. Now furnaces need to be replaced. The current Dollar for Missions project is to provide \$25,000 for furnace replacement to keep the student center both operational and operating for years into the future.

**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 **August** our pantry will be in need **Peanut Butter, Canned Peas, Boxed Potatoes, and Mac & Cheese (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's 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!** –**Some Psalms** – Join us on Thursdays as we take the next few weeks to look at some psalms to see how they can shape our faith, prayers, and devotion. **We meet for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**

**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 May 2024 showed the year's expenses at \$150,231.66 and income of \$123,985.35. 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.

## **FROM CAMP CILCA**

- Camp CILCA has been blessed with a new head cook! There is still a need, however, for assistant cooks to fill in gaps and be extra hands around the kitchen. If you or anyone you know would be interested in making some extra money and helping in the kitchen in the summer, fall, and spring, please contact Pastor Joshua Theilen at [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org) or 217-487-7497.
- Celebrate the close of the 2024 camp season at Homecoming on Saturday, July 27 from 10am-2pm at Camp CILCA. There will be craft and food vendors, live music performed by Lloyd Garrelts, games, balloons, face painting, and more. There is no cost for the event. Just pay for your food and drinks. Come and enjoy one more summer day at Camp CILCA.

- Calling all men! Act Like Men Field Training takes place every Saturday morning in the Camp CILCA athletic fields at 6:30 sharp. There is 30 minutes of exercise, 10 minutes of status update from each man, and 5 minutes of prayer. There is no equipment to buy and no price to attend. Let iron sharpen iron as we push one another physically and spiritually. See you there.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Finish studying Zechariah and begin studying Malachi on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the Gospel of Luke on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear stories from across the LCMS on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:30 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

**LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE –BOOK CLUB**

**WRAP-UP: *The Saints of Whistle Grove*** -- Author and fellow Lutheran lady Katie Schuermann joins Rachel, Sarah, and Erin in a recap discussion of the latest Lutheran Ladies' Book Club selection, *The Saints of Whistle Grove*.

In a book full of memorable Lutheran characters, which are the most lovable? The most frustrating? How does identifying with a problematic character help us identify and own up to our own faults and frailties? What can we learn from the story of a legacy Lutheran congregation about what it means to be members of Christ's church? How do the tombstones in our cemeteries bear witness to our hope of resurrection?

At the end of the episode, the Ladies introduce the next Lutheran Ladies' Book Club read: Johann Gerhard's *Meditations on Divine Mercy*, translated by Matthew C. Harrison. Order the book at [CPH.org](http://CPH.org).

To learn more about Katie Schuermann and her work, visit [katieschuermann.com](http://katieschuermann.com).

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** -- Fatherhood embodies the gift and the work of God Himself (Ephesians 3:15). In bringing forth life from their very bodies, our Heavenly Father makes men into His instruments and agents. He expects a strong love from them because He has endowed them with His own. Let us encourage them to protect their children even when inconvenient and provide for mothers even if difficult.

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITIONS** –

If you, or someone you know, is interested in either being a substitute or a teacher's aide, Concordia has openings for the 2024-2025 school year. See the information posted on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office.

**WORK DAY AT CONCORDIA** –

On **next Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** the Concordia Trustees will be holding a work day to prepare the yard for the beginning of the school year. They will meet at **9:00 am and plan to work until Noon**. Any time and help you are able to give will be appreciated.



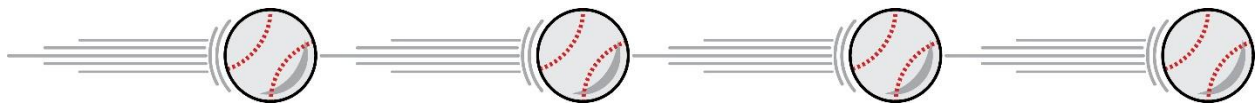
**THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY**

As the Women of Mt. Calvary take a break over the summer, we want to thank all of the women and congregational members, who have supported our efforts throughout the past year. From attending, donating, and cooking to cleaning, organizing and planning, we appreciate and thank you for your participation and efforts in support of the many activities of our congregation and service to our Lord. We cannot do the things we do without your help.

Our next year will begin on **Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 AM**, so please mark your calendars and help us "kick off" another year of service. If you have yet to join us for a meeting, we invite you to come and be a part of this group. All ladies who are Mt. Calvary members are automatically members of the Women of Mt. Calvary.

On a personal note, I want to thank Theresa Johnston, Marcia Riddle and Dawn Henderson for taking leadership positions as WMC officers. Also, special thanks to the women who agreed to serve as committee chairmen.

With much thanks and gratitude,  
Luann Claudin  
President, Women of Mt. Calvary



**NEWS FLASH – IMMEDIATE RELEASE!!!! This is coming up very quickly, however, it was the best opportunity to not only get great ticket prices, but also to hear our Concordia Band play the National Anthem once again! So, please read the information below and act **NOW!****

**“Take Me Out to the Ballgame”** --Here are details for *Family Life Committee’s* next event on Friday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. for Peoria Chiefs game at Dozer Park – 730 SW Jefferson.

- + Sign-up!
- + Those signed up will be contacted later to arrange for ticket payment
- + Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office or email [jkeckert91@gmail.com](mailto:jkeckert91@gmail.com)
- + Deadline for sign-up is **THIS WEDNESDAY, July 31.**
- + The price is \$11 for adults and the Family Life Committee will pay for those Mt. Calvary youth 18 & under
- + You are welcome to invite friends, but all tickets will be \$12 each
- + Carpooling will be arranged later for those interested
- + Questions? Contact Paula – (309) 657-3129

