

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 Mark & Judy Norman in loving memory of Judy's mother, Gladys Moran, whose birthday would have been August 23rd, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: -- now in rehab

✠ Deaconess Gillian Bond
The Rehabilitation Institute of Saint Louis,
Room 409
4455 Duncan Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63110.

PROPERTY BOARD WORK DAY – On **Sunday afternoon, September 8th at 2 pm**, the Board of Property will be cleaning up the yard and getting the landscape ready for winter. They are requesting the help of the congregation in this effort. So, as many of you are able, please come help! The yard always looks so nice when you finish. Students – do you need service hours? This might be a way to get some.

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 - Kindergarten

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

September 1, 2024 –Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 119:129-136

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23

JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADES) –

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Isaac and Hali Riddle on the birth of their daughter, Aspen June Riddle, born on August 21, 2024. Aspen weighed 6 lbs, 7 oz, and is 18 inches long. Her proud grandparents are the Rev. Derek and Julie Riddle, and her great-grandmother, Marcia Riddle.

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY -- 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.

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

GIFTS OF LOVE DONATIONS – The money in the Gifts of Love Account (your donations made in the yellow envelope in your box) has been distributed. Donations were given to Peoria Friendship House, Family House, Lutheran Hillside Village Benevolent Fund, South Side Mission, and Pathway Ministries (formerly Peoria Rescue Ministries). In all \$8,500 was distributed. Thank you to all who support this ministry. (Thank you letters are posted on the bulletin board.)

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:--

The current project is to 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, Canned Corn, 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.

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.

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 15th (note date change).**

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! – Book of Hebrews – You might think a writing directed to Jewish converts to Christianity who were having second thoughts might not speak to us today. But you'd be wrong. The writer of Hebrews sets Jesus before us as both the fulfillment of all God's promises in the Old Testament, and as the “Author and Perfector” of our faith. Join us on Thursdays as we read through this great book. **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 July 2024 showed the year’s expenses at \$203,207.33 and income of \$210,371.90 which includes \$25,000 from the Endowment Fund to support Concordia. 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.

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

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org -- Begin studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin studying Amos on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue hearing stories on KFUO Radio's 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app! Find more about our 100th Anniversary celebration at kfu.org/100.

LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Leading Ladies:

Elizabeth Pittman -- Sarah, Erin, and Rachel welcome their second guest — Elizabeth Pittman — to the Leading Ladies interview series, seeking to celebrate Lutheran women in notable positions of leadership or influence in the church or the world.

Elizabeth Pittman is director of public relations for Concordia Publishing House and host of the CPH podcast. In this episode, Elizabeth tells her story: from high-profile PK to law school graduate to Capitol Hill staffer to wife and mother and publishing professional. Along the way, she offers special encouragement to women who are struggling with work-life balance, seeking to exercise their leadership skills in an out-of-the-spotlight way, or striving to use their voices in a winsome, faithful way in the public sphere.

To hear more from Elizabeth Pittman, check out the CPH podcast at CPH.org or on YouTube, and browse CPH’s latest new releases here.

Revisit our first Leading Ladies interview with Teresa Todd here.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE -- The Gospel of Jesus Christ liberates us from living for ourselves alone. We reside in the hands of Almighty God like clay and potter (Isaiah 29:16). So we don’t have to settle for “my body, my choice.” Instead, we get to benefit from Him deciding life and death on our behalf. May our marriages and parenting replicate the magnificent way Christ and Church abandon themselves to one another (Ephesians 5:22-23).

“A STATEMENT OF SCRIPTURAL AND CONFESSIONAL PRINCIPLES” SERIES --

During the Lutheran Battle for the Bible, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod adopted “A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles” in 1973. It dealt with how Lutherans regarded Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a multi-part series on this document with Lutheran historian Dr. Martin Noland. You can listen to this series at issuesetc.org/astatement.

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS is a sacred music concert and hymn sing in support of Christo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church, East Moline.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin.

Music for Missions will feature guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, the Bells of St. John's, St. John's Sanctuary Choir, and ample congregational singing.

A free will offering will be gathered to support Christo Rey Lutheran Church, a mission congregation of the Central Illinois District, LC-MS.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Everyone is welcome!

For more information contact the St. John's, Pekin church office at 309-347-2136.



DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE? —

Please join Lutherans for Life during our Life Chain event **on Sunday, October 6, 2:00pm.**

Life Chain is a *peaceful* and *prayerful* public witness of pro-life individuals quietly standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. This is an annual observance of the Life Chain which occurs simultaneously

in over 1,200 locations across our nation and in Canada (see www.LifeChain.net).

We will meet at 2:00 pm at the Planned Parenthood on 2709 N. Knoxville, Peoria, IL. The Life Chain will stretch north and south from there. Signs are provided by Central Illinois Right to Life. If you have any questions, please contact LFL President, Bob Wegner, at 309-481-4886. God bless.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center will be hosting their Annual Celebration Event to be held at Five Points Washington on **Thursday, September 26th**. Doors open at 6:00 pm with an hors d'oeuvre and dessert reception. Special guest, Josh Taylor, will speak at 6:45 pm. Josh is an author and speaker who has experienced numerous battles in his life and feels the calling to challenge us to lean toward obstacles and opportunities and to live forward for God. Please register for general seating at www.TCprevents.org by September 19th. There is no cost to attend the event thanks to Underwriters.

LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CID ANNUAL FALL RETREAT



– Mark your calendars for September 7, 2024, at Camp CILCA. The guest Speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, assistant VP Mission and Identity: Associate Professor of Theology, Concordia University Chicago. He will be speaking on “Conversation with those who disagree with us: An Ancient Apologetic that invites productive dialogue. Please register by September 2nd. the cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Send registration to Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850 N, Topeka, IL 61567. For more information see poster on bulletin board.



LWML CID PEORIA/PEKIN ZONE 2024 FALL RALLY

The LWML 2024 Fall Zone Rally is at Redeemer Lutheran Church 6801 N. Allen Rd., in Peoria on **Wednesday, September 18th**. Registration begins at 8:30 am, program begins at 9:00 am.

Drinks and refreshments will be served. Lunch will be provided after the Rally. Registration is \$20.00 (includes lunch). **Deadline for registering is September 13th.**

CID Counselor, the Rev. Matt Schneider will lead a Bible study from Hosea 10:12, “*Seek the Lord.*” Cheryl Long, the newly elected LWML CID President will share information from our District and National LWML.

The speaker will be the Rev. Martin Eden from Quincy, IL. He will share his correspondence with the Rev. Peter Maganda, who is the Dean of the Eastern Deanery for the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU). Our mites have supported this mission

“*Gifts from the Heart*” will support Redeemer Food Pantry and Pathway Ministries Women’s Shelter. A list of suggested items is on the bulletin board and on the registration form (available from Theresa Johnston or the Mt. Calvary office.)

FROM CAMP CILCA -- You are invited to Camp CILCA's 26th annual Chicken Dinner and Auction on **September 1, 2024**. Church Service is at 10:30 am; the meal is served 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12. The menu includes grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, homemade desserts, and drinks. The live auction begins at 12:30. The Trading Post and beach will be open in the afternoon.

CAMP CILCA'S SHOOTING RETREAT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends along with your firearms and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. A range officer will be on hand for safety. Lunch will be served between morning and afternoon sessions. Total cost is \$15 per person. Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own. Contact the camp office for more information or to register. 217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

CAMP CILCA'S G.R.I.T. RUN - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

The 5-kilometer course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs. Open Run participants will be able to take an alternative route for anyone nervous about navigating the creek bed. Open run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Check out our website for details on this event.

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