

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 Jerry and Paula Horst in celebration for the blessing of our granddaughter, Anna Lisa Romero and grandson, Fynn Jeffrey Horst, 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.

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!

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.

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

August 25, 2024 –Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 14

Isaiah 29:11-19

Ephesians 5:22-33

Mark 7:1-13

GIFTS OF LOVE DONATIONS – The money in the Gifts of Love Account (your donations made in the yellow envelope in your box) was distributed this past week. 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.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org -- Study Ephesians 5-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and finish 2 Thessalonians and begin Amos on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Save the date for KFUE Radio's 100th Anniversary Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at kfuo.org or RSVP for the in-person event at kfuo.org/rsvp.

LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Rachel’s Big Question: How should I educate my kids? -- Inspired by the August issue of *The Lutheran Witness* on education, Rachel’s asking a (really) Big Question: ***How should I educate my kids?***

It’s a quandary that arises regularly for many families, especially at this time of year — and rightly so. We love our kids and want them to be well equipped to take our places as leaders in the church, their families, and society at large. While the law of the land requires young people to receive at least a basic level of education in subjects like math, English, science, and social studies, Scripture also encourages parents to be intentional about raising their children “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” How can we as Lutherans navigate these often conflicting sets of priorities and choose the educational options that work best for each family?

Getting vulnerable and sharing her own family’s labyrinthine educational story, Rachel carefully examines the pros and cons associated with a variety of different schooling options and offers practical, Gospel-centered takeaways for anxious families.

To find an LCMS school near you, check out the school locator at LCMS.org.

Click to learn more about:

- Homeschool laws in your state via the Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) website
- Classical options through the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education
- Saint Paul’s Lutheran School boarding school in Concordia, Missouri)
- Wittenberg Academy (online LCMS classical school)

Revisit Bri’s Big Question episode on “Does Lutheran education make you a Lutheran?” and listen to other Big Question conversations at KFUE.org.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE -- The Word of the Lord quite clearly declares, “Do not become partners with the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 5:6-7). It does not allow the luxury of concluding, “I wouldn’t abort, but I won’t tell anyone else what to do.” Our God and Father has commissioned us to expose the works of darkness and not to accommodate or compromise. Indeed, we get to displace these evils with the words of eternal life (John 6:68)!

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Regular features include: Christianity & Culture, Media Coverage of Religion, Movie Reviews, This Week in Pop Christianity, Kids Have Questions, Looking Forward to Sunday Morning and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

NOT ASHAMED CONFERENCE -- We live in tumultuous times. It seems like everything is coming apart at the seams. Disorder, confusion, and distortion seem to rule the day. It is not how it was from the beginning. It is not how God created and intended it. This leaves us feeling helpless and hopeless. But we have more agency than we think. We have divinely instituted spheres of influence. That’s good news!

Join us for the second annual Not Ashamed Conference, where Pastor Andrew Preus of Trinity Lutheran Church of New Haven, Missouri, will speak about *God’s Answer For Our Chaotic Times*.

This is a one-day event that will be held tomorrow, Saturday, August 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.) at the Ironhorse Golf Club in Tuscola, IL. Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary snacks and catered lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible by a grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.

If you’d like help registering, please feel free to call Immanuel Lutheran Church at (217) 253-4341 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We will call you back to get the needed information for registration.

<https://bit.ly/NotAshamedConf2024>

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.

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.



FROM CAMP CILCA -- You are invited to Camp CILCA's 26th annual Chicken Dinner and Auction on September 1, 2024. 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.



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 6:00pm with an hors d'oeuvre and dessert reception. Special guest, Josh Taylor, will speak at 6:45pm. 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.

**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.)

