

## **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 Robert and Jan Frericks in celebration of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

### **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** --

- ✠ Ron Achterberg – Now Home
- ✠ Deaconess Gillian Bond – now “home” in Oklahoma with her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

**PROPERTY BOARD WORK DAY** – This Sunday afternoon, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.concordiapeoria.com) for information.

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

Brooke Barr - Kindergarten

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**September 15, 2024 –Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalms 116:1-9

Isaiah 50:4-10

James 3:1-12

Mark 9:14-29

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**CONCORDIA CHILDREN TO SING AT MT. CALVARY-** Next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Concordia Singers, grades K-5 from Mt. Calvary, along with non-association children will be singing in the 9:00 am service. Please join us as these young people share their talent and their love of the Savior in our worship service.

**PASTOR TEACHES AT CONCORDIA** – September is once again Pastor’s month to teach the 8th grade religion class at Concordia and to have the Wednesday morning Chapel Service. This means he will be getting to the office a bit later than usual in the mornings.

**FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY** -- Our next year will begin **next 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** -- Devin and Jenna (Moore) Taseff on the birth of their daughter, Lucille Kay Taseff, on September 5, 2024. Lucille weighed 8 lbs 1.5 oz and is 19 inches long. The proud grandparents are Keith and Carey Moore.

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES)** – Please join us for A Planning Lunch on **Sun., Sept. 22 following the 11:45 AM service.** We'll have sandwiches, chips, drinks, & dessert. Please bring your parent(s), your calendar, and your ideas! Let us know you're coming...sign-up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office or call Michele (309) 693-8095 by Friday, Sept. 20.

**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:** Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, at Western Illinois University in Macomb, 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 **September** our pantry will be in need **Peanut Butter, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Canned Corn and Canned Green Beans, Dinty Moore Beef Stew (or any other canned beef stew), (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 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 next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> (note date change).**

**Sunday Morning Adult Class -- Sunday Morning Adult Class – The Small Catechism: The Apostles' Creed** – In Luther's Small Catechism, the Creed followed the Law (Ten Commandments), because he held that after the Law exposed our sin we need the Gospel to build our faith. And the Creed is glorious Gospel — showing us God's love in our creation, redemption, and sanctification. Join us as we work through the Creed using the Small Catechism with explanation as our guide. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.**

**Men's Bible Study: The Gospel of St. John** -- 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](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.

**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 [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 KFUO.org:** Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and tune in for a discussion of Christ’s return for judgement on Concord Matters (9/14 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Remember to save the date for KFUO Radio’s 100th Anniversary Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or RSVP for the in-person event at [kfuo.org/rsvp](http://kfuo.org/rsvp).

### **LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – One Question**

**Interview: Suicide** -- “What should we be talking about that we’re not?” That’s the starting prompt for every installment of “Erin’s One-Question Interview.” While the answers to this question may change, the quality of these vital, hard-hitting conversations remains the same.

In this episode, Sarah, Erin, and Rachel welcome special guest Cassie Moore into the Lounge to talk about one of the thorniest and most uncomfortable topics of all: suicide.

What do Lutherans really believe about suicide? Why are we so afraid to talk about it? How can we better engage in the sacred work of suicide prevention among hurting young people?

Cassie Moore is an author, speaker, LCMS youth ministry veteran, and fellow Lutheran lady. She is author of *Authentic Youth Ministry: Straight Talk about Working with Kids, Teens & In-Betweens* and creator of the webinar series *From A to (Gen) Z: The Church and the Digital Generation* with Concordia Publishing House. Learn more about her work at [CassieAHMoore.com](http://CassieAHMoore.com).

***If you or someone you know is struggling, know that help is available. Call or text 988, or visit 988lifeline.org. You are not alone. Jesus loves you, and so do we.***

Resources referenced in this episode include:

- Resilient Minds – Christ-Centered Mental Health Curriculum ([cph.org](http://cph.org))

- Home – youthESource – free youth ministry resources
- *I Will Grieve for the Suicide* ([lcms.org](http://lcms.org)) – free ebook by the Rev. Peter Preus
- Word Of Hope ([word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org)) – Lutherans for Life deaconess hotline
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Call. Text. Chat. ([988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org))
- QPR Institute | Practical and Proven Suicide Prevention Training QPR Institute ([en-US](http://en-US))
- Mental Health First Aid

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** – Almighty God makes the Prophet Isaiah solemnly proclaim, “Behold, your God will come ... He will come and save” (Isaiah 35:4). Jesus demonstrates its fulfillment when He does not cast aside but cares for the burdened body of a neighbor with impairments (Mark 7:32-35). So why should we hold our tongues any longer when we could be dispensing the same hope to those facing surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

### **ISSUES ETC. – CONTENDING FOR TRUTH IN AN**

**AGE OF ANTI-TRUTH**...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 subjects include: Vice President Kamala Harris on Abortion, A Parents’ Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos, The Confusion Over Female Identity, Responding to Alternative Theories for Jesus’ Resurrection and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

### **LUTHERAN LAYMAN’S LEAGUE CID ANNUAL FALL RETREAT**

Mark your calendars for **this Saturday, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 this Friday, 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.)

**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](mailto: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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**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (ALTAMONT, IL) -- Mission Festival Sunday – Join us Sunday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.**

for our Mission Festival with guest speaker, Rev. Andrew Preus, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran, New Haven, MO, and a representative for Luther Classical College. Mission Festival starts at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers Worship Service. Following the service, Rev. Preus will have a presentation about the new Luther Classical College in Casper, WY. Ice Cream & Desserts will be provided by the Bethlehem-Zion Youth Group in the Parish Hall.