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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 Carolyn Pauli in loving memory of her husband Harold, on what would have been their 66th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

CONCORDIA CHILDREN TO SING AT MT. CALVARY- Today, Sunday, September 15th, the Concordia Singers, grades K-5 from Mt. Calvary, along with non-association children in those grades 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.

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 22, 2024 –Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 54

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10

Mark 9:30-37

FROM CONCORDIA -- Wednesday Friends Tutoring Program at Concordia this fall -- Concordia is inviting friends of the school to come to volunteer in our classrooms on Wednesdays at 9:15 am or 2:45 pm. This could include tutoring students, listening to students read, or helping with math. If you are interested starting this fall, please email Kelly at jkeckert91@gmail.com or call 309-256-1423. She will put you in contact with Mr. Monkemeyer, principal about the program!

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

PROPERTY BOARD WORK DAY – Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the yard. It looks so nice, especially with all the tall weeds and trees gone. Thank you to all of you, and to the Property Board for organizing the clean up.

JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH (6TH-12TH 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, Mac & Cheese, Canned Peas and Green Beans, and Soup, (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.

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. **We start up again today, Sunday, September 15th**.

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) 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.

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.

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

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and join us for more stories of KFUE's 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Remember to mark your calendars for KFUE Radio's Centennial 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 by September 20.

LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Rachel's Trivia Challenge: Sunday School – “As Lutherans young and old head back to Sunday school this fall, Rachel wants to know: *How much do you really know about the history of Sunday school?*

It's a Trivia Challenge for the back-to-school season, full of eye-opening factoids about the roots of Christian education in the church.

Where and when did the first “Sunday school” begin? What did pastors originally think about this ecclesial innovation? Why were Lutherans late — but enthusiastic — adopters of Sunday school for young people? And what on earth is a FLANNELGRAPH?

Resources referenced include:

- The Historical Development of the Sunday School Movement in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (csl.edu)
- Christian Encyclopedia (lcms.org)
- The Christenlehre – Christian Culture (lutherclassical.org)
- Sunday school – Wikipedia
- Flannelgraph – Wikipedia
- Church and Families: The Latest Statistics on Church Attendance (churchleaders.com)

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – Promoting or even permitting abortion and physician-assisted suicide condemns precious human beings who are made in the likeness of God (James 3:9). Thanks be to God that in the good news of receiving every neighbor as gift and privilege, the Lord has given us a tongue to sustain with a word the one who is weary (Isaiah 50:4)!

ISSUES ETC. – DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE -- You can listen to LIVE chapel services weekdays at 9 a.m. Central from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN. You can listen live at issuesetc.org and on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.



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 NEXT 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. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (ALTAMONT, IL)

-- **Mission Festival Sunday** – Join us **next 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. 6351 N. 200th Street, Altamont, IL 618/483-6756

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 6:45pm. 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. (From Peoria Area Lutherans for Life—questions—call Bob Wegner — 309-481-4886)

CUB SCOUT ROUNDUP! —The leaders of Cub Scout Pack 155 will be hosting a Cub Scout Roundup night **this Monday, Sept 16, from 6:30-7:30 pm** at the Concordia Lutheran School. Come by during this “open house style” event for S'Mores and to find out more about Cub Scouting. As you may have heard, Cub Scouting has transitioned into a family model as opposed to a single gender youth program. The Cub Scout leaders here at CLS are excited to now offer the core values of Scouting to all of the girls and boys in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade! Visit www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/benefits-of-cub-scouting/ to see how your child will benefit from being in Cub Scouts! Thanks for your time and I hope to see everyone at Cub Scout Roundup night on Sept 16. If you are interested in Cub Scouting for your child but can't make it to the Cub Scout Roundup, email cubmasterpack155peoria@gmail.com for more information.

LIFE CHAIN - 2024—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.