

## **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 Dale and Vonnice Brinkmann in celebration of their September birthdays and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Bethany Canopy, daughter of the Rev. & Mrs. Mark Miller, who was called to her eternal rest on September 15, 2024. Services will be held at 11 am on Monday, September 23, 2024 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Pekin, Illinois.

May her family find comfort, hope and peace in our risen and ascended Savior, Jesus Christ.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS!**

Michael Leon (son of Joe & Susie, grandson of Carol DeJarnett) was joined to Bailey Bambrick in Holy Matrimony on this Saturday, September 21, 2024. The wedding took place at Dreamy Mountain Escape, in Larkspur, Colorado.

## **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 29, 2024 – Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**

Psalm 91

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Revelation 12:7-12

Matthew 18:1-11

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## **JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES)** –

Please join us for a Planning Lunch on **this 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.

**MR. MOM RIDES AGAIN!** – Sherri, and ‘Bekah too, are heading to Florida to check on Sherri’s Mom. This means Pastor Long will be “riding herd” on Sarah and Michael by himself this week (9/21-9/28). God grant patience to all.

**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.

**THANK YOU TO CONCORDIA** – We wish to thank the students, parents and Mr. Hipple for their special music in the 9:00 am worship service last Sunday. It was a real treat to hear the youngsters share their talent and the Word of God with us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

**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](mailto:jkeckert91@gmail.com) or call 309-256-1423. She will put you in contact with Mr. Monkemeyer, principal, about the program!

### **CONCORDIA ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

The annual Concordia Lutheran School Golf Outing is Monday October 14th at the Peoria Country Club! This Golf outing supports the Concordia Athletic Boosters! All of the information you need is available at the link below!  
<https://www.golfeventsguy.com/concordia.html>

Join us for a day of camaraderie, competition, and charitable spirit at the 2024 Concordia Lutheran Golf Classic, set against the stunning backdrop of the Country Club of Peoria on October 14, 2024. This eagerly anticipated event brings together golfers of all skill levels to support a meaningful cause while enjoying one of the finest courses in Central Illinois. Deadline to sign up is Monday, October 7, 2024

Advantages may be purchased on site at the registration table (mulligans, pink tees, etc.). All teams must be paid online in advance of event.

### **FROM CONCORDIA – PRINCESS & SUPERHERO PARTY**

– On October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm, Concordia will host a Princess & Superhero Party for ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade. Put on your most fabulous princess gown or superhero cape because it's time for an epic evening filled with games, tasty treats, crafty creations, and a whole lot of FUN! This activity is open to the public, so invite your friends and let us know you are coming!

### **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 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. **They are back in session, so bring your youth at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings – they meet in the church basement.**

**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.

**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 KFUO.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 KFUO.org:** We will be wrapping up our study of Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), after which we will take a dive into the book of Numbers. Thy Strong Word will conclude its study of Hosea (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and then we'll be turning to the end of the Bible to begin a study of the book of Revelation. Finally, don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (9/28 at 11:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion on the cause of sin. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

**LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Kitchen Table Talk: Voting as Lutherans with Dr. Joel Biermann:** The Rev. Dr. Joel D. Biermann is the Waldemar A. and June Schuette Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and author of several books, including *Day 7: For Work, Rest, or Play* (new from CPH) and *Wholly Citizens: God's Two Realms and Christian Engagement with the World* (Fortress).

In this lively and insightful Kitchen Table Talk conversation, Dr. Biermann answers timely questions on how to live, talk, think, and vote faithfully as a Christian citizen.

Can Christians (in good conscience) opt out of the voting process? If we are to vote, how do our Lutheran doctrines of vocation and the "two realms" inform our civic engagement? What pitfalls should we try to avoid as we engage in party politics and the democratic process? Can Christians still vote their consciences when there don't seem to be any truly good or godly choices on the ballot? To learn and think more about this topic, subscribe to Dr. Biermann's YouTube channel, or check out his recommended follow-up read, *Democracy and Solidarity: On the Cultural Roots of America's Political Crisis* by James Davison Hunter.

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** – In Mark 9:36-37, Jesus explicitly instructs us to receive children as His own precious treasures. Sometimes this does indeed involve difficulty, but our God enlists both the Prophet Jeremiah (11:20) and the apostle James (4:7) to encourage us in resisting selfish ambition and committing this cause to the Lord. He will sustain the Gospel-motivated voice For Life until it succeeds!

**ISSUES ETC. – SANCTIFYING YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...** -- 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 topics include: The Movie "Am I A Racist?", God's Suffering in the Old Testament, the Devil, Isolation & Depression, St. Michael and All Angels, Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships? and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

**CAMP CILCA'S SHOOTING RETREAT THIS 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. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

**HELP NEEDED!** – Camp CILCA is looking for one or more **housekeepers** to help prepare facilities for the summer camp program, outdoor education, and retreats. If you know someone interested in this contact Camp CILCA at 217-487-7497 or [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org).

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (ALTAMONT, IL)** -- **Mission Festival Sunday** – Join us **this 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. 200<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://www.TCprevents.org) by September 19<sup>th</sup>**. There is no cost to attend the event thanks to Underwriters. (From Peoria Area Lutherans for Life—questions—call Bob Wegner — 309-481-4886)

**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](http://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.