

## **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 Roger & Carol Hoffman in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS:** to Brett Hammer and Kristen Eckert who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**SPECIAL CHOIR REHEARSALS** – Our choirs will have one more special rehearsal to prepare for Reformation Sunday on October 27<sup>th</sup>. On **October 17<sup>th</sup>** Bell Choir will meet at 6:45 pm, Anchormen at 7:30 pm and

## **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**

**October 13, 2024 –21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 90:12-17

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Hebrews 3:12-19

Mark 10:17-22

Adult Choir at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in singing or playing bells, call Bruce Tagge at 309-361-9821.

## **CONCORDIA ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

The annual Concordia Lutheran School Golf Outing is Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Mt Calvary will sponsor two holes. 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.

## **HURRICANE DIASASTER RELIEF HELP**

Anyone who wants to donate to the LCMS's efforts to help those afflicted by Hurricane Helene may do so by going to this website:

<https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>, or text: LCMSDISASTERS to 41444.

## **FALL CONCERT**

The CLS Concert Band, Concert Choir & Concert Orchestra will be performing their annual Fall Concert on **Thursday, October 17 in Gym B**. The concert begins at **6:30 pm** and is open to the public. Light snacks and drinks will be served.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Seminarian Adler & Katie (Benkendorf) Rickords on the birth of their son, Wesley Archer Rickords on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Wesley weighed 8 lbs. 1.2 oz. and is 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are the Rev. Rod & Sarah (Honig) Benkendorf, and the happy great-grandma is Judy Honig. Wesley will become a member of Christ's church through Baptism this Sunday, October 6, 2024.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – Last Tuesday at Food Pantry, 48 families (188 people) were served. This was an unusually large attendance, so the pantry is as bare as Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. While they usually ask for certain items, this time they need **EVERYTHING**. Please donate generously, because November and December are coming up and people will be looking for items for Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. They also need plastic bags – regular and the larger, heavier ones. Thank you in advance for your help. **Also**, more volunteers are needed – with attendance at that number, the volunteers were kept moving.

## **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. District reports that about 40% of the total amount has been collected.

**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. Thank you to the ladies for assembling the wedding service folders this past Thursday.

## **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 September 2024 showed the year's expenses at \$265,920.97 and income of \$268,311.21 which includes \$25,000 from the Endowment Fund to support Concordia and \$12,284.00 Thrivent. . 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 [kfu.org](http://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:** Continue studying Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune in for an interview with author Matt Richard (Will the Real Church Please Stand Up?) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Don't forget to join us for KFUO Radio's Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or on the KFUO Radio app!

**LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Sarah Goes to School:**

**Wildly Important Goals:** Class is back in session, ladies! Once again, Sarah's sharing study notes from her graduate courses at Concordia University Irvine's Townsend Institute for Counseling and Leadership. In this episode on achieving "wildly important goals," she covers how to: Identify and focus on life goals that are "wildly important" — and worth going after wholeheartedly Act on "lead measures" of progress while tracking that progress through "lag measures" Keep a "compelling scoreboard" to help you visualize and celebrate every small achievement Create a "cadence of accountability" to keep you honest, on pace, and moving forward

"If you made ONE change in behavior, habits, schedules, what would it be that changes the course of your life?" Sarah challenges Erin and Sarah in this episode, adding later, "This is supposed to be a winnable game, but also a really high-stakes game."

To dig more deeply into the material covered in this episode, check out *The 4 Disciplines of Execution* by Chris McChesney, Sean Covey, and Jim Huling.

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** – Our Almighty Maker carefully creates every human male or female (Genesis 2:21-22). Jesus Himself took on the same flesh in fertilization and gestation to redeem our entire race (Hebrews 2:14, 17). And the Lord our God calls even the littlest among us for His own (Mark 10:14). Could the Scriptures get any clearer about the sanctity of life? Can we?

**ISSUES ETC. – YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & 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 topics are: Pro-Child Politics & Race, Using Legal Reasoning with Unbelievers, The Minor Prophets Haggai & Malachi, Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**CAMP CILCA'S G.R.I.T. RUN – THIS 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).

**THERESA TRACY TROT** -- Once again, friends and colleagues of Bruce Tagge will be participating in the Theresa Tracy Trot, which takes place on Saturday, November 2. If you would like more information, please contact me, and I would be happy to send you links to register, or to donate. Thanks! Julie Virgil  
Email: [julievirgil@bethellutheranschool.org](mailto:julievirgil@bethellutheranschool.org)

**LIFE CHAIN - 2024**—Please join Lutherans for Life during our Life Chain event **this 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.

**YOUTH UPCOMING EVENT!!** -- All Jr. & Sr. High Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Here are the details for our event on **Monday, October 14** – 6:00 p.m.! We'll be meeting at Elevate in Peoria for three sessions at their **Galaxy Laser Tag** center. The cost will be \$15.50 for the three sessions (we'll pick-up the other half). Also, you'll need to sign-up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. Parents, before you bring your youth, you'll need to do the online waiver form at [elevatetrampolinepark.com/peoria/](http://elevatetrampolinepark.com/peoria/) Remember, as always, friends are welcome.

In addition...we'll be helping with the **Reformation/Harvest dinner** on **Oct. 27**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. The Women of Mt. Calvary are looking for help to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Also, if you'd like to, you can also come on Sat., Oct. 26 at 9AM to help them decorate!

**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION** -- Anita (Papenburg) Toepke will celebrate her 90th birthday with a reception at Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, **October 20 from 2-4:00 pm.** Mt. Calvary members and Concordia School families and friends are invited to attend, no RSVP needed. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Barb Toepke at 813-439-7481.

**REFORMATION FESTIVAL AT TRINITY, PEORIA**  
We cordially invite the Central Illinois District to join us for Trinity Lutheran-Peoria's Oktoberfest (noon-1:30pm) & Reformation Hymn Festival (2:00pm) on Sunday, Oct. 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 135 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria. Under the direction of our Cantor Peter Wykert, the hymn festival theme is "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word", focusing on gracious works God does through His word. Musical selections will include choral and congregational singing with organ, piano, brass, percussion, and strings. All Central Illinois District singers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the choir. If you are interested in doing so, contact Cantor Peter Wykert at [peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com](mailto:peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com). You will be provided with practice tracks and PDF's of the music notation. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship at our Oktoberfest Meal, served from noon to 1:30pm in the gym at Trinity. The menu includes: Sausages, Schnitzel, Potatoes, apple sauce, and homemade Sauerkraut. So that Trinity can prepare accordingly, we do ask for people to RSVP by October 20. The direct link to RSVP is <https://subsplash.com/tlcpeoria/lb/ev/+n9f2c3q> or you can find the sign up on the main page at <https://trinitypeoria.com/>

Celebrate Autumn and God's Bountiful Blessings by coming to the  
**Mt. Calvary Harvest Dinner**

on

**Sunday, October 27, 12:30 PM**

Immediately following late service

The Women of Mt. Calvary will provide the ham, green beans and potatoes (all gluten-free.) Bring a salad or dessert to share.



Please sign up on the bulletin board your attendance and to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.

Join Mt. Calvary members for fellowship, food, celebration and giving thanks.

For questions, contact Luann Claudin, 309-369-2606 call/text or by email:  
claudfam1311@gmail.com