

✠ MT. CALVARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠
OCTOBER 13, 2024

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 Joe and Susie Leon in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

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!

SPECIAL CHOIR REHEARSALS – Our choirs will have one more special rehearsal to prepare for Reformation Sunday on October 27th. On **October 17th** Bell Choir will meet at 6:45 pm, Anchormen at 7:30 pm and Adult Choir at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in singing or playing bells, call Bruce Tagge at 309-361-9821.

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

October 20, 2024 –22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:9-16

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Hebrews 4:1-16

Mark 10:23-31

HURRICANE DIASASTER RELIEF HELP

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

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

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

✠ Laurel VanGundy, mother of Carrie Kroenke, who was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday, October 8 2024. Services are scheduled for 5:30 pm on Friday, October 18, 2024 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN.

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

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.

LWML/WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY OPERATING FUND ENVELOPES – The request for donations to the operating fund for Women of Mt. Calvary have been put in your mail boxes. This fund provides for kitchen supplies, coffee, LWML Quarterlies, and funds for the Peoria/Pekin Zone. Please help the ladies keep up all the good things they do for our congregation and the Zone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Ben and Janessa Lampton on the birth of their son, Titus James Lampton on September 28, 2024. Titus weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz. and is 21 inches long. The proud grandmother is Harriett Caughey, and Patty Caughey is his Aunt. This is Harriett's 11th grandchild.

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

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.

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 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. **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) 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 KFUO.org: We are continuing our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (10/19 at 11:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion on the invocation of saints. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Leading Ladies:

Julianna Shults – Sarah, Erin, and Rachel welcome Julianna Shults to the Leading Ladies interview series, in which they seek to celebrate and learn from Lutheran women in notable positions of influence in the church and the world. Julianna Shults is a fellow Lutheran lady and rostered Director of Christian Education (DCE), currently serving as program manager of resources and leadership for LCMS Youth Ministry. Previously, she served in congregational youth and family ministry and at the helm of the LCMS's Lutheran Young Adult Corps. She is co-author of *Relationships Count: Engaging and Retaining Millennials* and *Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry* (CPH), and she co-hosts the KFUO podcast *End Goals*.

Click to learn more about LCMS Youth Ministry, the LCMS Youth Gathering (registration opens November 1), or the *End Goals* podcast from KFUO.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – Even in Christian congregations, some promote death as a solution. Sin's deceit has hardened hearts (Hebrews 3:12-13). But Jesus loved the rich young man enough to welcome him with truth and love (Mark 10:21). Let us not keep His courage and compassion to ourselves. We can warn neighbors about abortion and euthanasia. We can win them over with the sanctity of every human life!

ISSUES ETC. – 1 TIMOTHY BIBLE STUDY -- *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on 1 Timothy. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

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 Julie Virgil (see below), and she will be happy to send you links to register, or to donate. Thanks!

Julie Virgil

Email: julievirgil@bethellutheranschool.org

YOUTH UPCOMING EVENT!! -- All Jr. & Sr. High

Youth (6th-12th 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/ 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!

90TH 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. 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