

## **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 the Long family in celebration of Sarah’s birthday, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** —Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** before you go to bed. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 3<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!

## **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 27, 2024 –Reformation--Sunday-23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 149

Revelation 7:2-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

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## **ADVENT LUNCHEES (ALREADY !?!?!)**

We are starting to plan for Wednesday Advent lunches (December 4,11 and 18th). Look for the sign up sheet (across from Pastor's office) in mid November. We will once again offer sandwiches, soup, salads and (of course), deserts. Questions? Call Abbie Matson. 309-224-3492.

## **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.

## **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

† Dale Brinkmann – OSF

† Jarrett Khattar -- OSF

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – This month 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.**

**NEW 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER NEEDED** -- Concordia Lutheran School is seeking to fill the 5th grade teaching position starting January 5th, 2025. The 5th grade teaching position consists of teaching self contained courses such as math, social studies, science, reading and writing all with the focus of Christ at the center. Please contact Mr. Andrew Monkemeyer, principal for further information. Please email at [amonkemeyer@concordiapeoria.com](mailto:amonkemeyer@concordiapeoria.com) or 309-691-8921.

**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 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.

## **PLEDGE SUNDAY**

The Board of Stewardship has chosen **Sunday, November 10th** as Pledge Sunday. Letters have been sent out, and they ask you to prayerfully consider what you would like to give to Mt. Calvary for the 2025 giving year. Then fill out the form at the bottom of the letter and bring it to church on Sunday, November 10th. During the morning services there will be a blessing of the Pledges. If you wish to bring your pledge earlier, the Pledge Box is in the Narthex. There are also copies of the letter, and envelopes for you to use.

**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.

**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**: Join us as we continue our study of the book of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), taking a look at the account of Balak and Balaam in chapters 22-26. Then, tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT) for a special series on All Hallows Eve, covering topics such as Hallowe'en, ghosts, angels, demons, and more! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUO Radio app!

**LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Book Club Wrap Up:** **Johann Gerhard's 'Meditations on Divine Mercy'** Sarah, Erin, and Rachel "close the book" on their latest Lutheran Ladies' Book Club discussion with this episode on Johann Gerhard's "*Meditations on Divine Mercy*," translated by the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison.

Can a 400-year-old prayerbook help Lutherans grow in their faith today? How can we more faithfully structure and prioritize our prayers to make the most of every

moment before the throne of God? And how can such a tiny book take such a lot of time and effort to get through?

At the end of the episode, the Ladies announce their next book club pick: Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*.

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** – Bartimaeus' neighbors found his disability inconvenient and even burdensome. But Jesus drew near to affirm, support, and even restore his humanity and sanctity. All humankind suffers sin's brokenness, but the Lord our God does not allow this to disqualify anyone. We get to receive every life as special, precious, and priceless, no matter what age, appearance, or ability.

**ISSUES ETC. – PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES** -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

**FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY** -- Join us this **Sunday, Oct. 27**: for a special Reformation service! O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe --A Service of Sacred Music for Reformation --3-4:30 p.m. CTOct. 27, 2024Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

The special service will feature Laudamus, the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale and the Chamber Ensemble. **Dr. Jacob Corzine, vice president of publishing at Concordia Publishing House, will serve as the preacher.**

For those who can't attend in person, the service also will be livestreamed at [csl.edu/live](http://csl.edu/live).

**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](mailto:julievirgil@bethellutheranschool.org)

**IT'S A WIENER ROAST! – SAVE THE DATE!** -- The Family Life Committee invites you to a Wiener Roast on **Sunday, November 10**. Please mark your calendars for this event and watch for details in the coming weeks.

## **YOUTH UPCOMING EVENT!! --**

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!

## **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/>

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

on this

**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.



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](mailto:claudfam1311@gmail.com)