

## **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.

## **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**

**November 10, 2024 –25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalms 146

1 Kings 17:8-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Tom & Vicky Brosowske in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** —Don’t forget to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

**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!

## **ROAD TRIP!**

### **WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY NOVEMBER MEETING**

We are going on the road to the Family House for the Women of Mt. Calvary November meeting on Saturday, November 9 at 9:30 AM.



Join us for a tour of their facility, learn of their mission and how their non-profit organization impacts our community, and provides services to those with loved ones in the hospitals. After the tour, we will hold our meeting in their conference room and have our morning treats. Family House is located at 1339 E Nebraska Ave, Peoria IL 61603. If you prefer to ride with someone, please contact Luann, 309-369-2606. Come see how our donations help and serve the Family House and their clients.

### **WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY ARE COLLECTING MITE TODAY.**

**IT'S A WIENER ROAST!** -- Here are the details from the Family Life Committee! Our Wiener Roast on **Sun., Nov. 10** will again be at **Doug Auer's home (1212 Woodland Knolls Rd., Metamora)**. We'll be meeting there at 3:00 p.m. and eat around 5:00 p.m. The committee will provide the hot dogs and buns and we ask that you bring a dish to share or one of the items indicated on the sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office where you can not only let us know that you're coming, but also let us know what you're planning to bring. In addition, you can contact Kelly at (309) 256-2676. Please remember to bring your own chair. Thanks, and we all look forward to seeing all of you there!

### **ADVENT LUNCHESES (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), desserts. Questions? Call Abbie Matson. 309-224-3492.

### **DON'T FORGET OUR SHUT-INS!!!!**

#### **THANKSGIVING BAGS FOR SHUT-INS**

Women of Mt. Calvary will again be preparing remembrances for our shut-ins for Thanksgiving. (There are about 20 on the list.) They need your help — can you bring wrapped candies, cookies, small bread loaves, fruit (oranges and apples), raisins, etc. and put them on the counter in the kitchen marked for the shut-in bags? They would like to prepare these bags on **Saturday morning, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:00 am.**

### **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 – Now Home
- † David Heien – Now Home

**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.

### **ADOPT-A-BAG HERE!**

Women of Mt. Calvary are sponsoring the Adopt-A-Bag Project again this year. The bags will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall or Narthex on Sundays, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish to help with this project, please select a bag, fill it with non-perishable food items and return the filled bag to the Parish Hall any time before 9:00 am on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will use items from these bags to fill our Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution on Saturday, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Helpers are welcome.

### **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:**

Dollar for Missions finds itself able to include an unexpected project this year. Furnace replacements at the campus ministry center in Macomb did not cost as much as anticipated, so CID can now devote incoming dollars to a couple of needed items at University Lutheran Church, Champaign: new toilets in a men's room and a new water heater. This project is for \$5,000. Will that amount be received by the end of 2024? You can help. *For additional information please visit [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org).*

### **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.

### **DID YOU REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR DONATION FOR LWML OPERATING EXPENSES?**

– If you lost your envelope there are more in the office – see Judy.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER** – During November our pantry will be in need of Green Beans, Corn, Boxed Potatoes (mashed), mac & Cheese, Corn Bread Mix, and Canned Hams in the 12 to 16 ounce sizes. They can also use anything that you might think to go along with a Ham Dinner. **And again, they need volunteers** – with the numbers of families that have been using our pantry, the volunteers we have (and are very thankful for) are stretched to the limit.

### **PLEDGE SUNDAY**

The Board of Stewardship has chosen **next 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.

### **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.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** We continue our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and begin a new study of the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Tune into the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT) to hear the November edition of Searching Scripture from the Lutheran Witness, and learn about how a registered service organization of the LCMS is serving indigenous communities. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

**ISSUES ETC. – KARAOKE FOR LUTHERAN HYMNS** -- You can sing hymns like "For All the Saints," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of almost 50 hymns with text and music featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org).

**LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Hymn Sing with**

**Sarah: Epic Hymnwriter Commemoration Day:** On October 26, the church commemorates THREE notable Lutheran hymnwriters: Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt.

Hold onto your hymnals, friends: this Hymn Sing with Sarah episode is a harmonious hymn fest *in triplicate*.

Hymns featured in this episode include:

- ✠ “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”
- ✠ “O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright”
- ✠ “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”
- ✠ “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
- ✠ “I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises” (PDF from CTSFW: [ctsfw.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LSB-977-I-Will-Sing.pdf](http://ctsfw.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LSB-977-I-Will-Sing.pdf))

To learn more about these and other beloved hymnwriters, check out Hymnary.org or the monumental *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns* from CPH. For readers seeking a more compact treatment, CPH also offers *Eternal Anthems: The Story behind Your Favorite Hymns* in two volumes.

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** – Almighty God has given us solemn privilege and responsibility to instruct children about their Heavenly Father (Deuteronomy 6:7). This absolutely includes recognizing Him alone as Lord over life-and-death decisions as well as receiving every neighbor as a blessing (Mark 12:29-31). They need to know the power and presence and compassion of Christ Jesus is sufficient (Hebrews 9:14), even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.