

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 Marilyn Miller in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

NEW FLOWER CHART – The new flower chart for 2025 is up on the bulletin board. Check it out, decide which Sunday(s) you would like to have flowers on the altar -- (two families can share a Sunday and would only have to pay half of the cost).

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Were you able to turn in your pledge last Sunday? If not and you still wish to pledge, the Pledge Box will be in the Narthex for another couple of Sundays. There are forms and envelopes there also, if you need them.

GREETING CARD TABLE

After many, many years of taking care of providing Mt. Calvary with greeting cards, Ardeane has decided to pass the torch on to someone else. We owe a big thank you to Ardeane, because she always had cards on hand and the boxes well stocked when we needed something. So,

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

November 24, 2024 –Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm 93

Isaiah 51:4-6

Jude 20-25

Mark 13:24-37

Ardeane, thank for all the work you put into the “card table” all those years. It was very much appreciated.

GREETING CARD TABLE 2.0

Lisa Cornelius has stepped up and will be taking care of the “Card Table” in the Parish Hall. The card box has been restocked and there is a selection of cards for many different occasions. The prices are as marked. Please leave money in an envelope provided and place it in Lisa Cornelius’ mail box. Proceeds go to the Women of Mt. Calvary.

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. **November and December are still open – please help us provide for Family House for one (or both) of these months .**

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 23rd 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 may do so by going to this website: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>, or text: LCMSDISASTERS to 41444.

DECEMBER SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

The December Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8th**, between the services at **10:30 am**. Chairmen of Boards and Committees, this means your reports are due in the office **tomorrow, Monday, November 18th**, no exceptions.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

— The Christmas decorations will go up on **Sunday, December 8th**, following the **11:45 am service**. This year Lisa Cornelius has agreed to help out because Linda Khattar is otherwise occupied (please keep her and her family — Jarrett, Ron, and Ray) in your prayers.

NEW 5TH 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 or 309-691-8921.

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!

JOIN US FOR PLAYTIME PALS

— at Concordia Lutheran School, 2000 W. Glen Ave. on **Friday, November 22nd** from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Open to Kindergarten age and under. Park on west side of building and follow the signs.

ADOPT-A-BAG IS HERE!

Women of Mt. Calvary are sponsoring the Adopt-A-Bag Project again this year. The bags are available for pick-up in the Parish Hall or Narthex on Sunday, **November 17th**. 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 23rd**. We will use items from these bags to fill our Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution on Saturday, **November 23rd** 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.*

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 FOR NOVEMBER – During November our pantry will be in need of Green Beans, 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 of 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. Please consider helping out.

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! – **2nd Corinthians** – While reconstructing the exact circumstances which call for Paul to write this letter, 2 Corinthians contains rich insights on how we are called to live together as "Church." Paul defends his call as an apostle, reconciles with those who were angry with him, and shows his love for the congregation even as he calls them to turn away from unhelpful "teachers." 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 AM850 & kfuo.org: Join us as we begin a short study through several of the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and continue the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (11/23 at 10:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion on what the Lutheran Reformers believed about the Mass. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFuo Radio app!

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – The heart broken by abortion may be sitting beside us in church. This one desperately longs for the relief and healing only God's forgiveness affords (Hebrews 10:22). We have no right to refuse them this Word because we fear political controversy. Instead, we have the privilege to proclaim abortion as sin and explicitly identify it as atoned for in Christ.

ISSUES ETC. – MYTHS ABOUT LUTHERANISM SERIES -- Lutherans follow Martin Luther; Luther didn't go far enough; Lutherans don't have the Holy Spirit. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on debunking popular myths about Lutheranism. You can listen at issuesetc.org/lutheranmyths.

LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE -- Iron Ladle

Challenge: Party Mix! In 1952, Ralston Purina first published a recipe for its now-famous Chex™ party mix as an advertisement in *Life* magazine. Although few people now make Chex™ mix (or any party mix) from scratch — especially since the advent of a pre-packaged version in 1985 — in this Iron Ladle Challenge, Erin, Sarah and Rachel are bringing back homemade party mixes.

With fun add-ins like Goldfish crackers and Sriracha, a preponderance of butter, and cups (and cups) of dry cereal, these fresh takes on classic recipes will inspire both nostalgia and creativity — just in time for the holiday season. You can find their recipes at KFUOradio.org.

THE GIVING TREE

Although we are still in the fall season, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is planning the upcoming Christmas season for the children served by LSSI's child welfare programs in and around the Peoria Area. LSSI provides traditional foster care services for children, case management, and family counseling. This year LSSI is hoping to not only make Christmas special for these families, but to ensure every family is blessed. LSSI is currently serving 438 Children in foster care and 365 children in their Intact program.

If you are interested in sponsoring a gift, please take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Narthex, place your unwrapped gift under the tree or gift card in the marked box next to the tree. The Women of Mt. Calvary are sponsoring this event but anyone in the congregation can participate and donate to this project through December 8th.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

THE WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY CHRISTMAS PARTY! – Saturday, December 14, 2024 @ 9:30

am – This is a holiday gathering for women, by women, for a festive morning and to celebrate together as adult sisters in Christ, the Reason For The Season.

Please bring the following:

- Your favorite Holiday brunch item
- One wrapped white elephant gift for an exchange
- A Walmart or Target gift card as a donation to support Family House
- A favorite or special nativity that you have to set up and share the meaning behind. We will be setting them up on Friday, December 13th at 9:00 am. If this time does not work for you, please contact Lisa Cornelius @ 309-370-6338 to arrange a different time.

Please sign up on the attendance sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you and we hope to see you at the Women of Mt. Calvary Christmas Party!

HELP PALOMAR WEALTH SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER!

– On Sunday, November 24th, Palomar Wealth (Thrivent among other things) will be packing 250 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from 2 -4 pm at MH Equipment, 8901 N. Industrial Road, Peoria. They have invited Concordia families, and members from the three sponsoring churches to join them. All supplies will be provided. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board or call 309-691-9600.