

✠ MT. CALVARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠  
JANUARY 19, 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](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 Theresa Johnston in celebration of her birthday and in thanksgiving to God for all His 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). **(February 23 and March 2 are still open.)**

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN YOUR MAIL BOXES – PLEASE PICK YOURS UP.**

**ONE BOX IS MISSING – PLEASE CHECK THE NUMBER AND NAME ON THE BOX YOU TOOK HOME – WE ARE LOOKING FOR #9.**

**FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY** -- While we don't have a meeting this month we do have work to do. **The Bake Sale scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.** There will be more information on this as we get closer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February.

## **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**

**January 26, 2025 – Festival of St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor**

Psalm 71:1-14

Acts 20:28-35

Titus 1:1-9

Luke 10:1-9

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

✠ Karen Stabler, mother of Tracie Johnson, grandmother of Maddie and Olivia Johnson, who was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday, January 11, 2025. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025 in Princeton, Illinois.

May her family find comfort, hope, and peace as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**CONCORDIA SUNDAY** – On next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> the Concordia Band and Choir will be performing in the **9:00 am service**. Please join us as we hear these young people use their talents to give praise to our Lord. Also, Ms. Kayla Hoech (yup, it's Rev. Kip and Ivy's daughter) will be commissioned as a Minister of Religion in the LCMS and installed as Concordia's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Blessings abound!

Following the 9 am service, Concordia School Board will be honoring Kayla with a cake & punch reception. Please plan to stay and greet her if you didn't get to do so this past Sunday.

**HELP US GATHER ITEMS FOR OUR VALENTINE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE YOUTH AND MILITARY** -- During their meeting on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**, Women of Mt. Calvary will be packing boxes for our young people who are in college or serving in the military. In this endeavor we need your help: **1) Please get the names and addresses of your college youth or military to Kelly Eckert (309-256-1423) or Dawn Henderson (309-691-5547);** and **2) Consider contributing candy, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, tissue packages, pencils, pens, hotel samples (no bar soap, please), or anything a young person away from home might need. Your items can be placed on the kitchen counter, but please mark them for **Women of Mt. Calvary College Student Project**. The ladies would like them there **before Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**.**

**CONCORDIA OPEN HOUSE** –Next Sunday, **January 26, from 2 to 4 pm**, is Concordia’s annual Open House. This is a time to tour the school, visit with the teachers and learn about the programs at the school.

**CONCORDIA’S PLAYTIME PALS** – This is a free event for Kindergarten age and younger. Concordia Lutheran School, 2000 W. Glen Ave. Peoria, IL is sponsoring a “Playtime” for younger children to introduce them to the school in a fun setting. For directions into the building, as you face the school, park to the right and follow the signs. If inclement weather occurs watch for updates or call the school (309-691-8921). **The times left to join in are January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, and March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**EARLY WARNING FROM CONCORDIA** – Mark your calendars for the Concordia annual auction and gala which is planned for April 12, 2025. This year they will “*Play it Forward*” as they seek to improve their outdoor spaces for growing minds. (See poster on bulletin board.)

**DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:** -- The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry repair and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The all-brick church and student center has been next to the University of Illinois campus for over 70 years. Some portions of the brick and concrete are in need of immediate, special attention. This project will fund this targeted work to ensure the building remains in good shape and always open for the Word of Christ to be shared and preached to the 60,000 students at the U of I.

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH** -- Our next event is coming up soon! “**Locked-In**” will be on **this Sunday, January 19 from 5:30-11:00 p.m.** here at church. We're not going to lock you in overnight, but with schools not being in session on Monday we wanted to have an extended event. The

night will start with the movie. We will have two movies available which you will have an opportunity to read a synopsis and review ratings before voting. We'll then watch the one which gains the most votes. We'll also have popcorn, snacks, and drinks! When we finish the movie, we'll have some time to play some games. So, your "assignment" for this event is to let us know that you'll be coming, ask friends to join you, and find a board game or two to bring with you. Either sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office or call (309) 693-8095 (Michele) to let us know you'll be joining us!

### **PENNIES FOR LIFE**

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is asking our area Lutheran church members to thank God for the life He has given each of us by contributing a penny for each year of life on this **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. These donations will be used during 2025 to provide pro-life educational materials in our churches and schools and support for Peoria area pro-life organizations like Women’s Pregnancy Center, Lutheran Senior Ministries, Empower Life Center, and Living Alternatives. We thank you in advance. **The “Penny Jars” are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall.**

### **LIFE WEEK — JANUARY 19-26 PROGRAMS**

Life Shines in Darkness (John 1:4-5). National Lutherans for Life is holding zoom presentations each evening at 7:00 p.m. CT during Life Week. You can view these presentations by using Meeting ID: 823 0198 5273 and Passcode: Grace. Topics include Life Shines at Church, Life Shines at School, Life Shines in Money, and others. Find more details at [LutheransforLife.org](http://LutheransforLife.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 IN JANUARY** – During January our pantry will be in need of **Canned Peas, Canned Tuna, Mac & Cheese, syrup, and green beans (or anything else you might wish to bring.)** 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.

**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!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 November 2024 (as approved at the December Voters’ Meeting) showed the year’s expenses at \$332,582.60 and income of \$336,590.70 which includes \$54,009.28 from the Endowment Fund to support Concordia and \$14,736.00 from 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 KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: KFUE Radio**, We’re continuing in Isaiah on Sharper Iron! Join us as we take a look at chapters 25-29 (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT). On Thy Strong Word, we’re beginning a study of the book of Job. You can tune in every weekday at 11 a.m. CT. Don’t forget to join us for Concord Matters (1/25 at 10 a.m. CT)! We’ll be continuing our discussion of confessional subscription with special guest Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** – Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem like tidal waves. Terminal diagnoses also often come like thunderstorms. But even among their sufferings, the Lord Jesus exercises ultimate authority and never fails to make wine for us out of water. The gifts He delivers through each neighbor differ, but the same Spirit works (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) the sanctity of life in them all.

### **LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE -- Wild Card: A Glimpse into History with Mrs. Kretzschmar**

-- This Wild Card episode is a glimpse into KFUE Radio’s rich 100 years of history with audio from KFUE’s 25th Anniversary in 1949. KFUE Host Elmer Knoernschild interviewed Certified Lutheran Lady Mrs. Kretzschmar, who was the wife of one of KFUE’s founders, the Rev. Dr. Richard Kretzschmar. In this conversation, she shared her memories of those very early days of KFUE Radio and how the Lord made this dream of a radio ministry a reality.

*“Dr. Maier very often has something to say about that meeting that we were in.*

*I said, oh yes, that day I thought you were both dreaming. He said, I thought that myself.*

*That’s right, but it was a dream that came true. The Lord saw to that.*

” Find more KFUE history at [kfuo.org/100](http://kfuo.org/100).

**ISSUES ETC. -- LIVE DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE** You can listen to a live chapel service weekdays from Concordia Theological Seminary–Fort Wayne, IN. Lutheran Talk Radio streams Morning Chapel from Kramer Chapel at 9 a.m. Central Mondays through Fridays. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN, PEORIA** is hosting a concert called “An Evening of Poetry and Music” on **January 17th**. The performing artists will be Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley. Tickets are \$10/person or \$25/family (3 or more) with food serving 6-6:30pm. All ticket proceeds will help fund Redeemer for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering and help our mission partner at Pelican Lutheran in Naples, Florida. More information can be found on our poster and at: <https://www.redeemerlutheran.com/epm>

**CAMP CILCA WOMEN’S RETREAT** -- Calling all ladies to join us for the Camp CILCA Women's Retreat on **March 28-29**. The retreat theme is **Lean and Learn**. Join us as we **lean** into God's Word, digging into what God says to us, and **learn** how we live it out in our daily vocation as women. Our speaker is **Rehema Kavugha**. Rehema is currently the Director of Synod Relations at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, where she has served since May 2019, She also has been the Director of Student Development at Concordia University Nebraska and a Lutheran music teacher.

Two retreat options are available: 1) Join us overnight for \$100 and share a room with two other ladies in Camp CILCA's Christian Growth Center. 2) Select the day-only option for \$75.

Registration opens December 27. Register online at [www.cilca.org/womens-retreat](http://www.cilca.org/womens-retreat). If you have questions or need help registering, contact Lauren at [program@cilca.org](mailto:program@cilca.org). Thanks!

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