**T Mt. Calvary News and Announcements T**

**June 8, 2025**

**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 a.

**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.

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| **CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY** | | |
| Brooke Barr | - | Kindergarten |

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 3

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Luke 8:26-39

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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Pastor and Sherri Loing in thanksgiving to God for the blessings of married life and family.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

Judy Honig – Carle/Proctor Hospital, Room 467

Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

Dale Brinkmann – Snyder Village, room 305

DIRECTORY 2025-2026 – Proofs are up for the new directory in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Please check them and make corrections for your family. If you see any notations in red, please supply the information requested. If you or any member of your family has changes in their information – college addresses, marriages, births, etc –please let the office know so that the changes can be made.

SECRETARY SIDELINED – Judy is making progress, but it is still unclear when she’ll be released or return to the office… So, Pastor continues to reside in her office to try to stay on top of bulletins, etc. But if you want to come by an answer the phone, or greet folks when Pastor is out making calls, you are more than welcome to do so. God willing, Judy will be out of rehabilitation and back soon….

**SALVAGE ON THE HIGH SEAS** – Easter lilies are free to a good home even if you didn’t contribute to the flower fund. Take as many as you can use!

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS (and a blessings for those continuing in office)

We will formally install/bless officers and board members during the 9:00 am service next Sunday, June 22nd. Please be here if you need to be installed, although we can count it as being done by proxy if you can’t make it. And those of you not getting installed, join us to add your prayers to the rest of the congregation for fruitful service by various volunteers.

GRADUATE LIST – I am looking for information on the following people: Sophia Joseph, Tyler Crosiar, Ryne Sturtevant, Shaelynn Sturtevant, and Mason McMillan. If you can give me information on these young people, I would appreciate it. Call the office (309-688-4321) or e-mail me at [secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org](mailto:secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org) please.

WOMEN’S BRUNCH Mark your calendar for Women of Mt. Calvary's June Gathering "Just Beachy" on Saturday, June 14 at 9:30 AM.

This year we are hosting a brunch in the parish hall, which In previous years was our Salad and Dessert event.

Bring a dish to share…breakfast, lunch, sweet or savory!

Come and join in the fellowship with other sisters in Christ and don't forget to ask a friend or family member to come along for a morning of fun and treats! Dress is casual beach attire and your favorite flip flops! But no water to jump in, so no bathing suits, please!

Celebrate the year of supporting the congregation with the Women of Mt. Calvary and continue your sandy walk with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please sign up on the bulletin board **no later than June 8**, sooner if possible so we can start planning. We look forward to seeing you on June 14th for fun in the sun (pray for no rain) and beachy good time!

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.

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 JUNE** – During **June** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Soup or Soup Mixes, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable Oil, Instant Potatoes, Meal Mixes, Canned Corn, Canned Fruit (or anything else you might wish to bring.) And again, they need volunteers** – with the numbers of families that have been using our pantry lately, 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. *On hiatus for the Summer… See you back in September!*

**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:** **Grace Upon Grace**.The men are reading the book “Grace Upon Grace” by John Kleinig. **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 – Daniel –How do you remain in faith and hope in a foreign land? What does God promise to His people as they struggle in this fallen world? Find out as we read through Daniel.

–**We meet in the Parish Hall 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 during the Summer. Your prayers and contributions of time, talent, and treasures are still needed.

The Treasurer’s Report for the Administrative Council was not available due to a new version of Shepherd’s Staff -- we could not make it work on our computer. However, Carol reports that she currently has a $50,000.00 to $55,000.00 balance in the General Fund and has not had to ask Glenn for any money from the endowment to pay Concordia.

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%. A few people have been donating through e-giving and have learned how easy it is to use.

DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE**:** Dollars for Mission had a very good month of May! By June 1, the gathering of funds for three distinct projects could be declared complete:

* $25,000 for Masonry/tuckpointing at University Lutheran Church, Champaign
* $2,600 for Parking lot closure devices and camera installation, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb
* $6,000 to Refurbish seating in library and game room and technology in game room, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb

May was a good month indeed. In fact, by the end of it there was still some money left over for President Michael Mohr to designate a new project from the District mission sites “repairs and upgrades list,” which by the way is the last thing to be found in the Mission Commission report at <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/missioneducationtoolkit/2025MissionCommissionConventionReport.pdf>

 The new (and current!) project is **$10,000 to replace insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal**.

 Dating from 1980, the fiberglass batt insulation above Wittenberg’s chancel has fallen from its intended place, that is, immediately under the roof. The area needing replacement measures some 775 square feet.

 This job will not be easy. The replacement area is not readily accessible, due to a non-structural ceiling right above the altar and organ in the chancel. The task of replacing this insulation will require ingenuity and creativity. In short, the total price will end up being much greater than relatively minor costs for materials.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org:**On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are continuing our study of Israel's history according to the books of 1 and 2 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at 2 Kings chapters 6-10. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for our study of Genesis! This week's readings will bring us into the chapters of Joseph's story. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (6/21 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will continue his introduction of our new study of the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **A Life Quote for Sunday, June 15:** “You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That’s how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year f﻿or June 15 – Festival of the Holy Trinity/Father’s Day:** The Maker of heavens and earth has the nature of fatherhood and sonship. Begetting and parenting belongs to His distinctive and eternal character. No greater wisdom, insight, or answer exists for any circumstance of humankind—surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis included—than the goodness of delighting in children and parents—embryo, elderly, or otherwise—and submitting ourselves to their welfare.

**PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** would like to thank you for your generous contributions to our annual Mother’s Day Diaper Shower. 514 adult protective garments; 8,861 baby diapers; and 7,826 baby wipes were collected and distributed to 4 local pregnancy resource centers and 4 local senior living facilities. To God be the glory.

ISSUES ETC. -- **OTHERS TALK, WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY** -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The Promotion of “Rogue” Seminaries in the LCMS, The Movie “Thunderbolts,” A Christian’s Joyful Countenance, The Biblical Foundation for the Nicene Creed and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org/), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND COMMIT-TEE MEMBERS – It’s not too late to get in on the fun and join the party! If you ,missed getting nominated for elections last week, but find that you are itching to use your gifts to help with the work of the congregation, you can get appointed to a Board or Committee by action of the Administrative Council. So, give it some prayerful consideration, and then talk with Jerry Horst or Pr. Long about your interests, and they’ll get the ball rolling. We currently could use help with Evangelism/Outreach, Education, and Youth.

SET APART TO SERVE - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is asking the youth of our Synod to help us improve Set Apart to Serve, the LCMS church work recruitment initiative.

Our congregation's youth are invited to take a brief [online survey](https://s-83e6bd-i.sgizmo.com/s3/i-d51AzPhM7RjPfylY8P-8065173/). If you are interested, go to  *lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-youth-survey*   
The survey is open to seventh-graders through recent high school graduates. All responses are anonymous and confidential. We would appreciate receiving all responses by July 15..