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**July 13, 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 at pastorlong@mtcalvarypeoria.org.

**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.**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 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 27:1-14

Genesis 18:1-14

Colossians 1:21-29

Luke 10:38-42

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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Theresa Johnston in memory of Earl and Alice Johnston’s wedding anniversary.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

 Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

 Dale Brinkmann – OSF 1710

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 mind the 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….

**JUDY, PART TWO…** - Now that she’s home, she could use help with some meals while she’s getting her strength and mobility back up to speed. If you want to help, contact Luann Claudin (309-369-2606) who is coordinating the help.

**PASTOR AWAY…** - Yup, I’m doing this from sunny, and humid, Florida. We should be back in town by July 24. Here’s a few reminders…

1. **Thursday services are off until 7/31.**
2. **The Elders will be leading services on Sunday 7/13 and Sunday 7/20. There will only be a 9:00am each of these Sundays.** Supply pastors have become very scarce….
3. **Thursday Bible study is also on pause until 7/31**
4. **Sunday Adult Class** David Heien will lead class on 7/20, reviewing the highlights of the District Convention, and leading a Bible study as time permits. And plan to have fellowship with your brothers and sisters whether you stay for class or not.
5. **Pastoral Emergencies** Plan to call Tom Brosowske directly (rather than the church office) – 309-264-7886, and he’ll either get you in contact with a local pastor or Pr. Long.

GRADUATE LIST – When Judy gets back, we still want to recognize graduates… so it’s not too late to get info into the office…. Call the office and leave a message (309-688-4321) or e-mail her at secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org please.

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 JULY** – During **July** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Corn or Peas, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit (or anything else you might wish to bring.) And again, they can always use 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 – (on hold the next two weeks) 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 –On Hiatus until 7/31. We finished Daniel, so join us when Pastor returns to determine what we’ll read together next.

–**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**:**

 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 a.m. CT) we're beginning a summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 3, 4, 11, 15, and 20. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians! On Concord Matters this Saturday (7/19 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern will lead us through "Part 2" of our study on the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54af661ed49340a315983cb13&id=a1d646997a&e=9f5cc2cb8c) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **A Life Quote for Sunday, July 13**: “Take heart and have hope, God’s people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful.” *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year f﻿or July 13 – Pentecost V (Proper 10C):**Aborting complicated pregnancies is like depriving the destitute by leaving not one last gleaning of hope (Leviticus 19:9-10). Euthanizing terminal loved ones is like striding right on by on the other side because the neighbor is dying (Luke 10:30-32). Almighty God clearly commands against both. But the Gospel of love for every life never fails to bear fruit wherever we dare to declare it (Colossians 1:6).

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.

ISSUES ETC. – **”MAKING THE CASE” CONFERENCE** -- Issues, Etc. organizes an annual conference focused on how to argue for the Christian faith in an increasingly strange and hostile “public square.” This year they are up in Chicago. Here’s the info if you are interested – they are saying there are 50 spots left…

The **2025 Issues, Etc. “Making the Case” Conference** includes a **Lutheran singles event**.  The premier conference for Christian laity is **Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at Concordia University Chicago.**  The singles event begins Friday night after our evening prayer service.

In addition to fellowship with 500 Lutherans from around the would, you can listen to presentations from **Pastor Hans Fiene** of Lutheran Satire, journalists **Mark & Mollie Hemingway**, **Pastor Will Weedon**of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever, **President Tom Egger** of Concordia Seminary, **President Jon Bruss**of Concordia Theological Seminary, **Dr. Carl Trueman** of Grove City College and CNN Political Commentator **Scott Jennings**,

Attendance is limited.  Registration is $160 and includes three meals.  On-campus dorm options are available.

Go to https://issuesetc.org/2025conference/ to learn more and to register.  You can also call Deaconess Lynn Fredericksen at (618) 223-8385.

SPEAKING OF LUTHERAN SINGLES…. **LCMS Young Singles Retreat:** Saint John Lutheran Church in Sycamore invites LCMS singles (high school graduates thru age 30ish, not dating, dating, even engaged) to join them on Saturday, August 9 (1:00-7:00pm) for a Singles Retreat titled *The Marriage Mindset*. This retreat will feature prayer offices, presentations by Pr. David Ramirez, indoor and outdoor activities, food, and fun. Participants are welcome to hang around after 7:00pm and play board games. Come and get to know other LCMS singles who faithfully confess Jesus Christ and the one true faith. More info and registration are available by going to www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/lcms-singles-retreat-2025. Saint John is located at 26555 Brickville Road in Sycamore, Illinois.

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..

**NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE!** Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and music on **Wednesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.** in front of Kelleher’s Irish Pub & Eatery (619 SW Water, Peoria) for dinner and the Peoria Municipal Band concert! There are many items available on their menu $10-$30 (approx.).
The Peoria Municipal Band concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and the theme for the evening is “Rain, Sun, Snow”. David Blasco will be the featured vocalist and Concordia Alum Michael Archer will be performing a classic trombone solo. The concert is free. We’re planning on getting some tables for dinner. If you’d like to join us, please contact Paula Horst (309 657-3129) or Michele Keehner (309 693-8095) or sign up on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office by **Tuesday, July 15**.

Rain date is Wednesday, July 30

**VOLUNTEER CHESS COACHES NEEDED!**

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*Help Inspire the Next Generation of Strategic Thinkers*

Do you love chess and enjoy working with young minds? Concordia Lutheran School would like to offer Chess to our students. We are looking for patient volunteers to teach chess to students after school. Whether you're a seasoned player or just enthusiastic about the game, your time and guidance can make a huge difference! Please contact Kelly at jkeckert91@gmail.com

**POSITIONS OPEN AT CONCORDIA**

Please spread the news…

**Teacher’s Aide:** A Concordia Lutheran School Teacher’s Aide assists instructional staff with student supervision, assessment, and individualized student needs. Candidates for this position must have a good rapport with students in kindergarten through eighth grades. Candidates for this position must be willing to follow the guidance of the lead teacher, continually seeking to enhance the learning process. All employees are expected to act in a manner that supports the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria, IL, and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct. Compensation is based on an hourly rate. There is potential for part-time positions that include 15-28 hours per week.

**Substitute Teachers:** Concordia Lutheran School is seeking substitute teachers to serve on an “as-needed” basis. It is preferred that substitute teachers have, at a minimum, an associate's degree and a teaching license or substitute teacher certification. Candidates for this position must have good rapport with students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Candidates must also demonstrate effective classroom management skills. Contracted employees are expected to act in a manner that supports the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria, IL, and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct. Direct resumes and questions to: Ms. Emily Craine Email: ecraine@concordiapeoria.com. Phone: 309-691-8921

**CONCORDIA VOLUNTEER WORK DAY**  Hard to believe the Summer is half over! And that means Concordia is getting ready to welcome back students for the 2025-2026 school year (August 13). In order to greet them well, they want to clean up the landscaping and get some mulch down. Join them if you can, **Saturday, July 26, 9am to Noon.**

**SAVE THE DATE** . . . August 23, 2025 for this year’s **Not Ashamed Conference** to be held at Iron Horse Golf Club. This year’s conference will have Pastor Jason Braaten speaking on *Embracing God’s Purpose in Adversity*. We don’t get to choose our battles, but we do get to choose how we face them. Our trials aren’t wasted. Our struggles aren’t random. So come and learn the importance of *Embracing God’s Purpose in Adversity*. Register at <https://bit.ly/NotAshamed_2025> or call the church office 217.253.4341for help in registering.

**Women of Mt. Calvary Summer Social**

*Do you miss the Women of Mt. Calvary meetings and gatherings? Well, we thought you did, so we are having a Summer Social!. On* ***Saturday, July 19 we will gather for conversation at 1:30 PM in the parish hall.*** *We are serving pie, coffee, tea and most likely alongside some ice cream. This will also be an opportunity to chat with Marcia Riddle before she embarks on a new journey in Michigan with her son, Derek and family. Catch up with others ladies in the congregation and enjoy some summertime conversation and treats. Even if you have yet to attend a Women of Mt. Calvary meeting, please come join us! There will be enough pie and ice cream to go around!*