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

**August 3, 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 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 33:12-22

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-16

Luke 12:22-40

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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Tom and Vicky Brosowske in thankfulness for God’s many blessings.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

 Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY –

We were saddened to learn of three deaths that touched the family of Larry & Julie Frank. R**ebecca Gann** died on July 23, and was given her funeral on July 29. She was the “other grandmother” to Julie’s youngest grandson. **Joyce and Randall Coppejans** were sister and nephew to Larry. Eternal rest grant them, O Lord; and let the Light Perpetual shine upon them.

**JUDY RETURNS!**- After too many weeks away, Judy has at last been cleared to return to the office. Thanks be to God. She’ll be back on Monday, August 4 – but she won’t be keeping her regular office hours for a while yet. But do call or drop by to welcome her back.

**STREAMING!** – We’re some five years past the initial troubles brought to us by the COVID virus, and thanks to the due diligence of Glenn Matson and Doug Auer, we are finally able to **live stream the 9:00 am service on Sunday mornings!** Just go to youtube.com, search for Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church (you’ll recognize our channel by our orange logo), and click the link. If you “subscribe” to the channel, you’ll get automatic notification when the streaming starts. The recording of the service will stay on the channel to be viewed later even if you don’t catch it live.

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 AUGUST** – During **July** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Peas, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Sauce, Vegetable Oil, 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 – 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 – We just started the First Letter of John (the Apostle), and will read it along with his Second and Third letter as well. John writes in response to false teaching about the nature of Christ’s saving work, and what the life of discipleship looks like. Both of these issues are still very relevant to our faith-lives today. So, come join us. –**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.

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.

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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 continuing our summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 89, 93, 99, 101, and 113. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. On Concord Matters this Saturday (8/9 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern will lead us through a study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. What should it look for us to honor our parents well? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54af661ed49340a315983cb13&id=23ec1ba768&e=9f5cc2cb8c) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **A Life Quote for Sunday, August 3:**“God isn’t a page in your book, you’re part of His. And He’s delighted to have you in the family.” *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, The Lutheran Hour*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 3 – Pentecost VIII (Proper 13C):** The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church’s business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor’s body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.

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.

**“WEDNESDAY FRIENDS” RETURNS TO CONCORDIA**

Have time during the day to make an impact on young learners? “Wednesday Friends” will be back in September. We are looking for adult volunteers to help with reading, math, or to assist in the classroom on Wednesday mornings around 10:15am. If Wednesday doesn’t work for your schedule, other days can be arranged. If you are interested please reach out to Kelly Eckert by email jkeckert91@gmail.com , or text or call her at 309-256-1423.

**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.