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**August 24, 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 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 131

Proverbs 25:2-10

Hebrews 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by the Claudin Family for a summer filled with all their birthday celebrations...Daryl, Jay, Luann, Allison, and Ben and for God's mercy, grace, and all His blessings.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

 Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

**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.

PASTOR SIDELINED, ROUND 2 – if all goes as scheduled, he will get his right hip replaced Tuesday, August 26th. Prayers are appreciated. We know from the last go-around that his doctors want to keep him out of circulation for three weeks. We’ll see if that works. Here’s the current plan:

1. Sundays 8/31 and 9/7 – The Elders will lead one service (Matins at 9am), with a sermon prepared by Pastor Long. The Adult class is still to be determined.
2. Sunday 9/14 – The Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb will be with us again to lead both services and the Adult Class.
3. Thursday Services and Bible Study – are on hiatus through 9/18. Watch for news about 9/25.
4. Pastoral Care – is available, just call the office or Pastor Long. If he can’t get to you, he’ll find someone who can.

MARCIA RIDDLE’S NEW ADDRESS –

 Marcia Riddle

 2264 Cascade Ridge Drive

 Jackson, MI 49203

GRADUATE LIST – Judy’s back and 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.

CLS TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR OPPOR-TUNITY -- Concordia Lutheran School has a K-8th grade technology instructor opportunity. The technology curriculum has been developed with lesson plans available. Lesson plans range from the basics of using a computer for our younger elementary students to more advanced computer technology and software utilization including some basic coding for our middle to junior high grades. This is a 5 day per week school year position with an immediate need for this school year. Our minimum expectations would be familiarity with systems such as Microsoft office, basic understanding of general coding with assistance of code.org, and ability to manage classrooms with ages ranging from K-8 (K-2 grades will have an aide in the classroom for assistance). If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact our administrator Ms. Emily Craine at ecraine@concordiapeoria.com, or personnel chair Andrew King at Andrew.t.king86@gmail.com

**“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.

LWML FALL ZONE RALLY – The Peoria/Pekin Zone of the LWML will hold it’s Fall Zone Rally, at St. John’s Lutheran Church ,Sand Prairie, 13443 Townline Rd., Green Valley Il 61534, on Wednesday, September 17th beginning at 9:30 am. The featured speaker is David Ward, CID Life Coordinator. The Gifts from the Heart ingathering will support St. John’s Sand Prairie Food Pantry. Registration is $15.00 and should be sent to Betty Weyhrich 1103 Diane Lane, Pekin, Il 61554 before September 8th(this is before your regular meeting date of September 13th). Checks should be made out to Epiphany Society. For more information, see posting on bulletin board.

LWML CID FALL RETREAT – *Count Your Blessings* is the theme of the LWML CID Fall Retreat, to be held at Camp CILCA on October 10th and 11th. Come share in fellowship, servant events and Bible Study sessions on the many blessings God has given us. Registration information is posted on the bulletin board. Forms are available in the church office. Registration deadline is September 30th, and forms are to be sent to Pat Heinecke, 412 Hickman Rd. Camp Point, IL 62320

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 **August** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Peas & Corn, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable Oil, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pancake Mis & Syrup (or anything else you might wish to bring will be greatly appreciated.) And again, they can always use volunteers** –the volunteers we have (and are very thankful for) are stretched to the limit. Please consider helping out because last month more than 50 families visited our pantry, and we are low on everything.

**CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**

Youth Sunday School Classes. Mark your calendars – Sunday School begins again on September 14th at 10:30 am. Watch for more information.

**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 – This class will be on hiatus until Pastor returns from his surgery. Watch here for the start up date. We are reading the three Letters of St. John (the Apostle). 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 $60,000.00 including $25,000 from the endowment fund in the General Fund

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**:** **New Dollar for Missions Project**: CID is pleased to announce that sufficient funds have been received for the DFM project to replace insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal. Originally estimated at $10,000, this project will likely be completed at a lesser cost.

The way stands clear for a new project. Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb was dedicated in 1969, but some of the equipment in the kitchen of the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the student center (the sexton) has not been replaced since then. The current DFM project is for $11,000 to replace original kitchen equipment in this apartment.

ISSUES ETC. -- **THE BOOK OF NUMBERS SERIES** -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Reed Lessing, author of the new book “Hope in the Wilderness: Practical Insights from the Book of Numbers,” at [issuesetc.org/bookofnumbers](https://wtv9t5cab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001fFPXphksZsVyUXgxGwHBU-3Qhapg7SoXTr6m4p4j3HF9sujmFwhd1Z852hO85UqJ12I0tbzzxghDdu7FGo3QxhjX1OEn0PyrIro9N92VzFSpmZRCbSx_XbIp0h2JGI0IqshMHoHvPqikdMVWot7hbm8udwyp7m-spung9xZjc-g=&c=fbLKXnUT03-TMhSr53YcBb8UFkF3vVlYvoJ17kMgzcZuP1p8M51JuA==&ch=31gFQ1egbeaMZbafZZQTDs52iDJzfOPmkgRU5tf2M-5MFai010r6HA==)**.**

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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 studying the minor prophets! This week, we'll continue in Hosea, picking up with chapter 6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series on the return of Israel's exiles. This week's study will take us through several chapters of Zechariah. Don't forget to tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT)! We'll be continuing our newest series: "Portraits in American Lutheran Sacred Music." Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54af661ed49340a315983cb13&id=a80e8dbe19&e=9f5cc2cb8c) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **A Life Quote for Sunday, August 24:**  “We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God’s precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself.” *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 24 –Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle:** Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to “your navel.” Belly buttons testify to gestation. Scripture’s prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If the Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for “my body, my choice.”

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 at the Voters’ Meeting in June, 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.

**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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – Trinity Lutheran Church, 135 N. E. Randolph, Peoria is once again sponsoring Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University on September 3rd through October 29th. There is no cost for the class, but there is a cost for accessing the Ramsey Solutions materials. Sign up by using the QR code on the poster on the bulletin board, or at fpu.com/OFDCF5, or contact Scott Rauch (scottrauch@gmail.com or 309-251-2623).

RECYCLING – We try to recycle as much paper as we can, and sometimes there is quite a load, but we no longer have a person to carry it out for us. The people who did this in the past (Marcia Riddle, Pam Lehman, & Marilyn Miller) took it home and put it in their recycle bins to be carried away. So if anyone would like to help with this, please see Judy.