

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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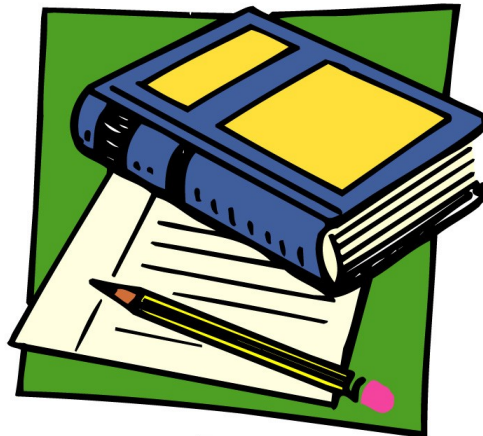
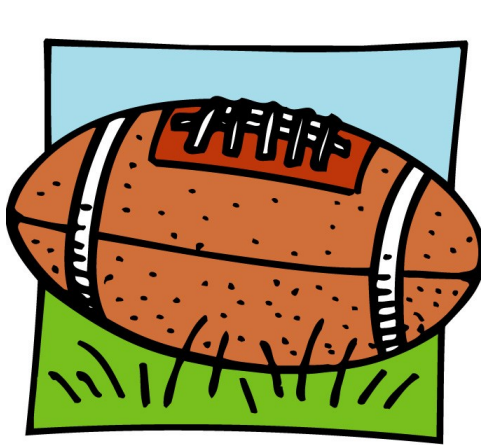
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# September



#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3. Joshua Varvil
4. Jorrdyn Foote
5. Brady Carver
10. Brooke Barr
14. Jill Adcock  
Vonnie Brinkmann
15. Mary Etta Romero-Cortes
17. Dan Bremer  
Adley LaGrand
19. Paul Meyer  
Jessica Shivers
22. Jacqueline Pendarvis
23. Keith Moore
24. Phil King
27. Hunter Whitby
29. Swayde Gibler



#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Bret & MacKensie Greenberg
- 4 Jerry & Paula Horst
- 5 Brian & Diane Freeman
- 9 Robert & Janet Frericks
- 9 Josh & Michele Joseph
- 20 Jonathan & Michelle Tagge
- 25 Ben & Allison Claudin
- 28 Keith & Carey Moore

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

- September 7  
Robert Frericks
- September 14  
Carolyn Pauli
- September 21  
Marcia Riddle
- September 28  
Barbara Zook

#### COUNTERS

Diane Freeman & Barbara Zook



## Worship Notes

### Lessons for Sundays in September September 7th – 13 after Pentecost

Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 30:15-20;  
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35

### September 14th – Holy Cross Day

Psalm 40:1-11; Numbers 21:4-9;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; High 12L20-33

### September 21st – Festival of St. Matthew

Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11;  
Ephesians 4:7-16; Matthew 9:9-13

### September 28 – 16 after Pentecost

Psalm 146; Amos 6:1-7;  
1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31



### ELDERS

- September 7 – Dr. Joel Eckert
- September 14 – Gary Beenders
- September 21 – Tom Brosowski
- September 28 – Phil King

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## Sweet little sheep treats

Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

**What you need:**

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

**What you do:**

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!

**Lesson tie-in**  
Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11, KJV



Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
Thurs., July 31	11	6	—
Sunday, August 3	85	66	\$5,488.00
Thurs., August 7	5	3	—
Sunday, August 10	86	23	\$5,390.00
Thurs., August 14	6	4	—
Sunday, August 17	66	52	\$3,877.00
Thurs., August 21	7	2	—
Sunday, August 24	73	26	\$3,785.00
Total			\$18,540.00

# Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.  
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks  
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

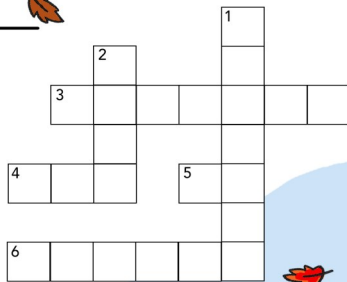
**WORDS:**  
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,  
YIELDS, US, LAND

## ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

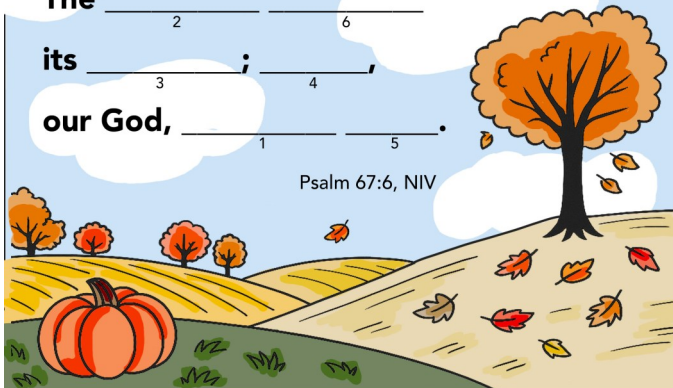
## DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The \_\_\_\_\_  
its \_\_\_\_\_;  
our God, \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV

## In His Service

**PASTOR:**  
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

## MINISTER OF MUSIC

**SECRETARY**  
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

**CONCORDIA SCHOOL**  
Ms. Emily Craine 691-8921  
Principal

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**  
Chairman.....Gerald Horst  
ViceChairman.....David Heien  
Secretary .....Judy Honig  
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler  
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

## WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson Luann Claudin  
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston  
Secretary: Lisa Cornelius  
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

## ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson  
& Linda Khattar  
Treasurer:

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook  
& Linda Khattar  
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick  
& Kelly Eckert  
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst  
Tom Brosowske

## CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

## CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Eileen Benne & Connie Kissner

## CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrold Horman

## BOARDS OF MT. CALVARY

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

### BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Dormant

### BOARD OF YOUTH

Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

## BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

## BOARD OF PROPERTY

Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius,  
,, Jarrod Horman, Larry Frank  
Vicky Brosowske

## BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders  
Ashley Gavic & Brett Hammer

## BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)  
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske  
Carver — Grinslade Phil King  
Halverson — Kissner Daniel Keehner  
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders  
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

## FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders  
Paula & Jerry Horst

## THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU,~ THANK YOU ~

Mt. Calvary was such a wonderful blessing to me as I recovered from my fall, from the one who called for help and stayed with me until help came, from all your prayers and cards, from those who brought meals and included LaVelle in the meals, from Pastor Long for his visits and for covering the office for me, the list goes on and on. Without your help I could not have recovered as well and as quickly as I have. St. Paul in Phil. 1:3 says "I thank my God in every remembrance of you." It is good to be able to worship with you again and serve in the office as your secretary. Thanks be to God.

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**





**LWML FALL ZONE RALLY — *Precious in His Eyes (Isaiah 43:3-4)***

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**Gifts from the Heart suggestions:**

- ♥ Shampoo
- ♥ Deodoant
- ♥ Dish Soap
- ♥ Boxed Tissues
- ♥ 4 pk. Toilet Paper
- ♥ Instant Potatoes (Box or Bag)
- ♥ Jelly
- ♥ Canned Peaches
- ♥ Mustard & Katsup

Cash Donations will be accepted for St. John's Food Bank. If a check is written, make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church, and write "Food Bank" on the memo line.

Also, in keeping with our theme, *Precious in His Eyes*, we are collecting used eyeglasses and eyeglass cases for MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) trips..

Registration is \$15.00 and should be sent to Betty Weyhrich, 1103 Diane Lane, Pekin, Il 61554 before September 8<sup>th</sup> (this is before the Women of Mt. Calvary September meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>). Checks should be made out to Epiphany Society. For more information, see posting on bulletin board. Registration forms are available in the church office.

**LWML CID FALL RETREAT — *Count Your Blessings***

*Count Your Blessings* is the theme of the LWML CID Fall Retreat, to be held at Camp CILCA on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>, and forms are to be sent to Pat Heinecke, 412 Hickman Rd. Camp Point, IL 62320

**LWML QUARTERLY** – The Fall issue of the *LWML Quarterly* arrived this week. There are copies in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Ladies, pick one up and read what "Lutheran Women in Mission" learned during this summer's national convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

**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.

# CLASSES for All Ages

## CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

**Youth Sunday School Classes** – “Fall” back into Sunday School! We will resume classes on September 14th with a Fall themed kick off. We will have activities and treats. Bring friends you would like to have join you weekly. Sunday School starts at 1j0:30 am. We look forward to a full house.

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** – David Heien will lead class on August 31 & September 7. On the 31st, he'll recount the ministry of the prophet Elisha with particular attention to the healing of Naaman. On the 7th, he'll guide you through the end of Solomon's reign, and the troubles that lead to the kingdom breaking into the North and the South. on the 14th, Pr. Schurb (from the District Office) will lead the class, topic to be determined.

When Pr. Long gets back, we'll finish the Small Catechism on The Apostles' Creed. We're getting toward the end of the Third Article on the Work of the Holy Spirit. We're using the Small Catechism with Explanation (CPH 2017) as our guide. All classes meet 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 while Pastor is on leave for surgery.** 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.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS IN SEPTEMBER –

During September our pantry will be in need of Canned Peas, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable Oil, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and Pancake Mix & 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.



## CUB SCOUT ROUNDUP!

Cub Scout Pack 155 will host our annual Cub Scout Roundup Night on Monday, September 15, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran School. Weather permitting, we'll be outside between the Commons and Gym B (rain location: Gym B). This open-house style event features S'Mores and a chance to learn more about Cub Scouting, which is open to all boys and girls in grades K-5.

For specific questions about Pack 155 or joining, email [cubmasterpack155peoria@gmail.com](mailto:cubmasterpack155peoria@gmail.com).

## CONCORDIA K-5<sup>th</sup> GRADES TO SING

On next Sunday, September 7th, the Concordia Students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade will be singing at Mt. Calvary. On that Sunday there is only one service at 9:00 am, so come and see how our youngsters share Christ through song.

## CONCORDIA FAMILIES

The Concordia Family Meeting is scheduled for after the 11:45 am service (approximately 1:00 pm) on September 28th. The meeting usually lasts less than an hour, but it is important for all of the families to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting let Pastor Long know and he will set a time to meet with you..

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** – Scott and Lindsay Brosowske on the birth of their daughter, Eden Cecelia on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Eden weighed 9 pounds, and is 20.5 inches long. The proud grandparents are Tom & Vicky Brosowske



## Our 2025 Graduates



### **Grade School Graduates:**

**Abby Horman** – daughter of Jarrod and Jessica Horman, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will be attending Richwoods High School this fall.

**Gus Meyer** – son of Paul and Ali Meyer, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Nathan Riddle** – son of Timothy and Jennifer Riddle, grandson of Marcia Riddle, graduated from Altona Middle School in Longmont, CO. He will attend Silver Creek High School.

**Ke'niya Shivers** – daughter of Jessica Shivers, granddaughter of Denise Shivers, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will be attending Richwoods High School in the fall.

**Karmen Holman granddaughter of Vicky Jones** graduated from 8th grade on Tuesday, May 27th from Sterling Middle School. She is going to be a Junior Camp Leader at Great Oaks Camp this summer and she will go to Richwoods High School in the fall.

### **High School Graduates**

**Tyler Crosiar** – Tyler Crosiar, daughter of Michelle and Josh Crosiar, graduated from Metamora Township High School on May 18th and plans to go to Bradley this fall and study psychology.

**Sophia Joseph**, daughter of Josh and Michele Joseph, grand-daughter of Bill and Molly Joseph and Debbie Magedanz, graduated from Richwoods High School with honors and will be attending ICC in the fall.

**Molly Riddle** – daughter of Timothy and Jennifer Riddle, granddaughter of Marcia Riddle, graduated from Silver Creek High School in Longmont, CO. She will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder as Neuroscience Major.

**Simone Whitfield** – daughter of Elizabeth Honig-Whitfield, granddaughter of Judy Honig, graduated from Stamford, High School in Stamford Ct. She will attend Quinnipiac College in upstate Connecticut, majoring in English with a minor in Political Science.

### **College Graduates**

**Megan Benkendorf** – daughter of the Rev. Rod and Sarah Benkendorf, granddaughter of Judy Honig, graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology. She will be working for Raytheon in Boston.

**Ms. Kayla Hoech**, daughter of Rev. Kip and Ivy Hoech, was commissioned as a Minister of Religion in the LCMS and installed as Concordia's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She graduated from Concordia Irvine.

**Lydia Keehner**, daughter of Daniel & Michele Keehner, graduated Magna Cum Laude on December 14, 2024, from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Architecture & Design. She is a Project Coordinator at Reality Construction in Butler, WI and interior design assistant at Mary Best Designs in Shorewood, WI

**Nathan Wohletz** graduated with his Bachelor of Arts & Science Degree from Colorado State University and has many certifications. He is the son of the Rev. Roger & Jenniffer (Ruckle) Wohletz. Nathan is working in the technology and space program. His proud grandparents are Gary & Ardeane Ruckle. He will be married to Jaina Zillenger on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs.



## WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY SEPTEMBER MEETING



**See what is in store for the Women of Mt. Calvary in September! Help us reach new heights!**

Mark your calendars for our first meeting on **Saturday, September 13 at 10 AM** to plan and explore a new year with your sisters in Christ! Meetings are held in the Parish Hall.

- All Mt. Calvary women are welcome to attend. Be a part as we navigate and continue

the Lord's work and mission of our lady's group . . .

- working on projects
- doing the Lord's work
- providing meals
- creating activities
- serving our congregation
- enjoying fellowship with one another
- supporting organizations like LWML, LWGP, Family House
- having a great time
- Plus, we have snacks!
- Please come join us and be a part of our adventure this year!



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October 2025						
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*Sunday*

*Monday*


*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

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*Friday*

*Saturday*

<b>7</b>	9:00 Worship 10:30 a Bible Study? — topic is Solomon — led by David Heien Concordia Grades K-5 to sing in the service	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	9:00 — 11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	<b>3</b>	6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	10:00 a Crafts & Conversation	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>14</b>	<i>Holy Cross Day:</i> 9:00 a Worship 1030 a Bible Study led by The Rev. Dr. Schurb Sunday School 9:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>	6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>11</b>	10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>21</b>	<i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School 9:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>	3:00 p Worship & Music 4:45 p Board of Elders	<b>17</b>	6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:00 p Annual Anti-Hunger Meeting	<b>18</b>	10:00 a Crafts & Conversation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>28</b>	9:00 a Sung Matins 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 12:45 p Concordia Family Meeting	<b>22</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>	6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>25</b>	10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		<b>29</b>	<i>St. Michael &amp; All Angels</i>	<b>30</b>							

