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**August 31, 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 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 1

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-35

**WOMEN OF MT CALVARY WILL BE COLLECTING MITES NEXT SUNDAY.**

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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Tom and Vicky Brosowski in thanks and praise for the blessing of grandchildren.

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.

**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.
2. Blble Class on Sundays 8/31 and 9/7 -- will be led by David Heien. The topic for 8/31 is Elisha and the topic for 9/7 is Solomon.
3. Sunday 9/14 – The Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb will be with us again to lead both services and the Adult Class.
4. Thursday Services and Bible Study – are on hiatus through 9/18. Watch for news about 9/25.
5. 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

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.

CONCORDIA K-5th 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.

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

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 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.

**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 10:30 am.

**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 – 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 GOLD STANDARD FOR LUTHERAN RADIO & PODCASTING** -- 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: Making Your Congregation Easier to Find on the Internet, The 2025 Movie “Superman,” A Freedom of Speech & Religion Case Involving Lutheran Leaders in Finland, The Hymn “Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” and more. You can listen on-demand at 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:** We're continuing our study "Majoring in the Minors" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we'll wrap up the book of Hosea, covering chapters 11-14. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the return of God's people from exile. This week, we'll take a look at Ezra chapters 5-8. Don't forget to join us Friday morning for this month's Free Text First Friday episode! Pastor Booe and guest Timothy Winterstein will discuss the Council of Nicaea and the history of the Nicene Creed! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54af661ed49340a315983cb13&id=1eafbec7ed&e=9f5cc2cb8c) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **A Life Quote for Sunday, August 31** --“God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed.” *Christina, Missouri, Lutherans For Life Essay Contest*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 31 -- Pentecost XII (Proper 17C)** – God in His glory disguises the sanctity of life so that we may know the joy of finding it (Proverbs 25:2). Great delight awaits those who search beyond appearances, behind ages, beneath abilities to receive every neighbor as a blessing. May we with both lips and fingers reach into sin’s hiding places to pull sons and daughters out (Luke 14:5**).**

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.

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).

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.

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.

**WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY SEPTEMBER MEETING**

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**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!