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

**September 7, 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 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Cross Day**

Psalm 119:169-176

Ezekiel 34:11-24

1 Timothy 1:5-17

Luke 15:1-10

**WOMEN OF MT CALVARY ARE COLLECTING MITES TODAY.**

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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Robert and Janet Frericks on the occasion of their 58th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for their many 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: UPDATE – Pr. Long's surgery was successful, and he is recovering well (already he only needs the cane to get around). However, despite his begging, the medical professionals still don't want him driving or back in the office.... yet. He continues to thank all for their prayers. God is good.

1. Sunday, 9/7 – The Elders will lead one service (Matins at 9am), with a sermon prepared by Pastor Long.
2. Blble Class on Sunday 9/7 -- No Class. Sadly, David Heien has been sidelined with bronchitis. Prayers his quick recovery!
3. Sunday 9/14 – The Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb will be with us again to lead both services and the Adult Class. The Adult class will look at Paul’s first Mission Journey, and District Evangelism projects. The 11:45 service will be the Spoken Divine Service (Holy Communion).
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.

A NOTE FROM MARCIA RIDDLE– In a note received in the office this week Marcia said: “Cannot believe I’ve already been away from Peoria for a month! A large part of my heart will always be there, especially with Mt. Calvary and so many special people. Love and God’s blessings to everyone. Marcia”

CONCORDIA K-5th GRADES TO SING – This Sunday, September 7th, the Concordia Students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade will be singing at Mt. Calvary. 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 30 minutes, but it is important for all of the families to attend.

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.

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.

**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 again last Tuesday, 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 this week, September 7. This week he will guide us through the end of Solomon's reign, and the troubles that lead to the kingdom breaking into the North and the South. Next Sunday, September 14th, Pr. Schurb will discuss Paul's First Missionary Journey and the District's plans on evangelism during the Adult Class.

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 news on when we’ll resume. 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 $45,000.00, with $25,000 available 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

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. -- **CHRISTOLOGICAL, CREEDAL, CONFESSIONAL** -- 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 teachings include: A Lutheran Perspective on Philosophy & Theology, The Nicene Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Image of God in a Broken World, Witnessing Tips and more. You can listen at your convenience 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:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we're continuing our series: “Majoring in the Minors.” This week, we'll be studying the book of Joel. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for our study on the return of Israel's exiles! This week will take us into the account of Nehemiah. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (9/13 at 10:00 a.m. CT)! This week we'll be looking at the 7th commandment. How can we help protect our neighbor's possessions and income? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](https://kfuo.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54af661ed49340a315983cb13&id=0939df00cc&e=9f5cc2cb8c) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **A Life Quote for Sunday, September 7th** -- Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life –*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for September 7, 2025, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** -- Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

FROM PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – LIFE CHAIN INFORMATION -- Please join Peoria Area Lutherans for Life and many other tri-county Christians for the national Life Chain event on Sunday, October 5, 2:00-3:00pm.

Life Chain is a *peaceful* and *prayerful* public witness of pro-life individuals quietly standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. This is an annual observance of the Life Chain which occurs simultaneously in over 1,200 locations across our nation and in Canada (see [www.LifeChain.net](http://www.LifeChain.net)).

We will meet at 2:00pm at the Planned Parenthood on 2709 N. Knoxville, Peoria, IL. The Life Chain will stretch north and south from there. Signs are provided by Central Illinois Right to Life. If you have any questions, please contact LFL President, Bob Wegner, at 309-481-4886.

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 last 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!

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| NOMINATIONS FOR SYNOD POSITIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 18 |
| The Committee for Convention Nominations requests nominations of qualified members of Synod member congregations for the following positions to be filled by the Synod convention, which will meet July 18–23, 2026.Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and member congregations of the Synod *and their lay members* are all invited to submit nominations, to be received no later than October 18, 2025.Nominees are sought for:* Secretary of the Synod
* LCMS Board of Directors (at-large and regional)
* LCMS Boards for National and International Mission (regional)
* Commission on Theology and Church Relations
* Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors
* Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors
* Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors
* LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees
* Concordia University System Board of Directors
* Synod University and Seminary Boards of Regents

Important information — including an explanatory memorandum, a detailed description of the offices to be filled (with present terms and incumbents), and instructions for use of the new online nomination system — is available at [lcms.org/nominate](https://www.lcms.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2fwww.lcms.org%2fnominate&srcid=185524&srctid=1&erid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31&trid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31). Any member of a member congregation with a valid email address will be able to establish an account and submit a nomination.To complete a nomination, visit [forms.lcms.org](https://www.lcms.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2fforms.lcms.org%2f&srcid=185524&srctid=1&erid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31&trid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31) and log in using an email address you control. If you need assistance to log into the system, the following documentation is available to assist you:* [Instructions for logging in using an email address](https://www.lcms.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2ffiles.lcms.org%2ff%2f2026-convention-email-login-instructions-for-nomination-forms&srcid=185524&srctid=1&erid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31&trid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31)

If you have already created an account, you can follow this [direct link to the Nomination Form](https://www.lcms.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2fforms.lcms.org%2fform%2fLCMS%2fCCN%2fNOMINATION&srcid=185524&srctid=1&erid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31&trid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31).Sincerely in Christ’s service,John W. SiasSecretary, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod2026 LCMS conventionFor general information on the upcoming convention, see [lcms.org/convention/timeline](https://www.lcms.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2fwww.lcms.org%2fconvention%2ftimeline&srcid=185524&srctid=1&erid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31&trid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31). Congregation administrators, please make sure your email addresses are up to date at [lc.lcms.org](https://www.lcms.org/page.redir?target=https%3a%2f%2flc.lcms.org%2fdashboard&srcid=185524&srctid=1&erid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31&trid=374095c9-40ed-4197-b854-ab574ffc6f31) so you will receive important convention-related announcements. |