

✠ MT. CALVARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠  
SEPTEMBER 28, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Barb Zook in loving memory of her husband, Tom, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

## **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

Lee Mauschbaugh – Now Home

Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Roger Woolsey, brother of Carolyn Pauli, was called to his eternal rest on July 20, 2025.

✠ June Moran, sister-in-law to Mark and Judy Norman, who was called to her eternal home on September 1, 2025.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus Christ.

## **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.

## **CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY**

Brooke Barr - Kindergarten

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY** –

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalms 62

Habakkuk 1:4, 2:1-4

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10

**CONCORDIA FAMILIES** – The Concordia Family meeting is scheduled for **this Sunday, September 28th** after the 11:45 am service (approximately 1:00 pm). The meeting usually lasts less than 30 minutes, but it is important for all of the families to attend.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – With Pr. Long back, it's time to get the Confirmation program going again. If you know of anyone in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older who wants to dive into a systematic study of the Christian Faith, point them in Pr. Long's direction so he can include them in the schedule. Classes begin on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** -- Scott & Lindsay Brosowske on the birth of their daughter Eden Cecelia on August 23, 2025. Eden weighed 9 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long. Tom & Vicky Brosowske are the proud grandparents.

### **LWML/WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY OPERATING FUND ENVELOPES**

– The request for donations to the operating fund for Women of Mt. Calvary have been put in your mail boxes. This fund provides for kitchen supplies, coffee, LWML Quarterlies, and funds for the Peoria/Pekin Zone. Please help the ladies keep up all the good things they do for our congregation and the Zone. They would like your donation by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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 next 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 2:00 pm 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.

**CONCORDIA GOLF OUTING** – The Concordia Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Peoria, 4700 N Grandview Dr, Peoria Heights, IL 61616. Shotgun start at 10:00 am. Proceeds go to support Concordia Lutheran Athletics. (See poster on bulletin board for more information.)

**LWML CID FALL RETREAT** – *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

**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 OCTOBER** – During **October** our pantry will be in need of **Dry Milk, Vegetable Oil, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Yams, Stuffing, Cranberries and Cereal (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 Pantry day, more than 50 families visited our pantry, and we are low on everything.

### **CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**

**Youth Sunday School Classes.** Sunday School has begun again. The classes meet in the church basement at 10:30 am for grades Pre-K-6th. Jr. & Sr. High if there are enough of you a class will be formed, otherwise you may help with the younger students or attend the Adult Class led by Pr. Long. Parents, you are welcome to attend the Adult Class, also.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Class** –

Pr. Long is back to work on the third chief part of the Small Catechism: The Apostles' Creed. We're getting toward the end of the Third Article of the Creed concerning the Church and 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**—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 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 \$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. -- PROMISES OF GOD 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 teachings on God's promises for you with Pastor Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." You'll find the entire series at [issuesetc.org/promisesofgod](http://issuesetc.org/promisesofgod).

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theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio), [X](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we're concluding our series: "Majoring in the Minors." This week, we'll be wrapping up with the final chapter of Micah, as well as the book of the prophet Nahum! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for a new study of the Gospel of Matthew. Don't forget to join us on Friday (10/3) for Thy Strong Word's monthly Free-Text Friday episode! October's edition will take a look at death— is it our final destination? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

### **FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE A Life Quote for Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** --

"Being a child is a calling. Being a parent is a calling. Being a student is a calling. Being a citizen is a calling. Each so-called occupation is a calling. The role one fills in one's church is a calling. As God crafts each of us in our callings, He places us in the presence of neighbors whom we are to love on His behalf." *Rev. Adam Osier, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for September 28, 2025, 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21C)** Abortion and physician-assisted suicide find their primary motivation in protecting leisure and luxury. The prophet Amos proclaims woe to such priorities (Amos 6:1), and the Apostle Paul warns Timothy that they invite evils (1 Timothy 6:10). Instead, we get to remind one another to "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19), namely the Savior and the neighbor right in front of us (Luke 16:20-22).

### **WINE COUNTRY FAIR – WINE TASTING AND FUN FOR LSSI** --

Enjoy a Wine Tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery, at 2 pm on **Sunday, October 19, 2025**. You'll taste several Award-Winning Mackinaw Valley Vineyard wines while playing some old-fashioned "School Carnival" games and winning prizes.

Door Prizes, fun and fellowship, and a light supper grilled by the Mackinaw Lions Club will follow. Also, a Silent Auction and Raffle of donated items. Relax with live piano music by Don Bauer.

Enjoy the picturesque scenery and explore the winery and vineyards. Additional Wines, Cheeses and Gourmet Chocolates may be purchased.

Tickets are \$35 per person (write your checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria) Proceeds will go to the LSSI Children's Community Services program.

**ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED!** To get yours, mail a check and your Email address to: Pepper Bauer, 5220 S. Cameron Lane, Mapleton IL 61547. We will send you an Email receipt, and your tickets, or hold your tickets for you at the door. We need your reservations by **Monday October 13**. Questions? Call Pepper at Home, (309) 697-5762, Cell (309) 657-5726, or Email: pepperbauer@att.net

## **FROM CAMP CILCA**

**G.R.I.T. Run** -- The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run is next **Saturday, October 4 at 11:30 am** at Camp CILCA. Run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Find out more and sign up at [cilca.org/grit-run](http://cilca.org/grit-run) or call 217-487-7497 for more information.

## **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](http://lcms.org/nominate). 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](http://forms.lcms.org) 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](#)

If you have already created an account, you can follow this [direct link to the Nomination Form](#).

Sincerely in Christ's service,

John W. Sias

Secretary, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

2026 LCMS convention

For general information on the upcoming convention, see [lcms.org/convention/timeline](http://lcms.org/convention/timeline).

Congregation administrators, please make sure your email addresses are up to date at [lc.lcms.org](http://lc.lcms.org) so you will receive important convention-related announcements.



*Join us for our  
Gather Together & Give Thanks Meal  
On Sunday, October 26 at 11:45 AM  
(Just following Bible Study & Sunday School in the Parish Hall)*

The Women of Mt. Calvary will provide the ham, green beans and potatoes (all gluten-free.)  
Bring a salad or dessert to share.

Please sign up on the bulletin board your attendance and also if you would like to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.

Gather with fellow Mt. Calvary members for fellowship, food, celebration and giving thanks.

For questions, contact Luann Claudin, 309-369-2606 call/text or by email: claudfam1311@gmail.com

### **Monthly Theme**

During the month of ~~October~~ Socktober, the Women of Mt. Calvary are asking congregational members to donate new pairs of socks. The socks can be for women, men, teenagers, girls, boys and babies! They can be all shapes, sizes and colors. All socks will be donated to The Center for Prevention of Abuse, who help all people live free from violence and abuse providing confidential and free services to survivors of abuse here in Central Illinois. Just look for the clothes basket and line to place your socks in anytime during the month of ~~October~~ Socktober. Share a pair to show you care! Thank you

### **Sunday, October 5 is**

Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) Sunday! Celebrate with us during both services as we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others.

**Women of Mt. Calvary is collecting operating funds for LWML. Please use the envelope in your mailbox to return your contribution this month.**

Please remember to bring your mite boxes and pick up a LWML brochure and bookmark.

### ***gather + give***

*Join us for the Women of Mt. Calvary October meeting on Saturday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall as we will "gather + give" our time to support our congregation, continue the Lord's work, install officers (now that Pastor has recuperated), update our by-laws, plan for the upcoming congregational meal in October, and various activities in November plus have fellowship time together as we gather. Hope to see you there!*