

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Joe and Suzie Leon in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – With Pr. Long back, it's time to get the Confirmation program going again. If you know of anyone in 6th 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 began last Sunday afternoon, October 5th at 1:30 pm.

CONCORDIA'S FALL CONCERT – Join the Concordia Music Dept. for their fall concert on **Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 pm**. The Band, Orchestra, and Concert Choir will be performing.

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 for information.

CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY

Brooke Barr - Kindergarten

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY –

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 121

Genesis 32:22-30

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

SCHOLARSHIP NEED, CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

-- While many of you know that we provide, by policy, a little over 50% support for the tuition costs at Concordia for our member families who have students enrolled there, we also have an informal policy to try to give additional support to families in good standing when there is a demonstrated need. We do this through our "Concordia Scholarship Fund" (and, sorry for the complications.... this is not the same as the "Concordia Foundation" envelope in your giving boxes). Our current balance in the "Scholarship Fund" is \$393.00.

We have a need of \$3,800.

As God has blessed you, please consider providing extra contributions to the Concordia Scholarship Fund so that we can help these needs. Checks should still be written to "Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church," but please put "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

God bless, Pastor. Long, and Tom Brosowski, Chair, Board of Elders

PASTOR TEACHES AT CONCORDIA -- Pastor begins teaching at Concordia again on **Thursday, Oct. 17th**. This means he won't be in the office until after class.

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.

LWML/WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY OPERATING FUND ENVELOPES – The request for donations to the operating fund for Women of Mt. Calvary has 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 30th.

WREATH MAKING DAY – Join us for a fun day of fellowship. We will be making Christmas Wreaths to take home on Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 am. Wreath decorations and assistance will be provided. No experience necessary. (Helpers will be there to assist.) Sign up on sheet in Parish Hall by November 2nd. Donations to defray costs will go to Women of Mt. Calvary. Hope to see you there.

LIFE ESSAY CONTEST – Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is announcing it's yearly "Life Essay Contest." The theme verse this year is from Job 12:10—"In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." There are two sections this year – 7th & 8th grades and High School. Topics are: Abortion, Euthanasia, Stem Cell Research, and In Vitro Fertilization. More information is on the bulletin board. Deadline for entries is December 12th.

CONCORDIA GOLF OUTING – The Concordia Golf Outing is scheduled for **this Monday, October 13th** 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.)

CONCORDIA FALL FESTIVAL – Join Concordia Lutheran School for their Fall Festival **on October 18th** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Activities include Trunk or Treat; Hot Dogs & Dessert; a Chili Cook-Off; and the return of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. To sign up see Cougar Prints on the Bulletin board and scan the QR code.

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 45 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 –This week we read Jude! Who was he, and what does his letter give us? Find out by joining us this this week!–**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 throughout the year. 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 \$42,072.00, in the General Fund and hopes not to have to ask for more before the end of the year.

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) 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. -- EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD

OF ALL BELIEVERS -- 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: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Critical Race Theory, Gen Z Rediscovering the Christian Faith, Did Martin Luther Invent the Doctrine of Justification? 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 KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: We're continuing our study on marriage on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we'll look at Song of Solomon 5-8, as well as Ephesians 5:22-33 and the marriage service in Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 8-11. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (10/18 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters. Pastor Finnern is beginning a new study of the Apostles' Creed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE A Life Quote for Sunday, October 12, 2025

“We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion ... We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father’s throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY’S WON!” *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan* –

A Life Thought in the Church Year for October 12, 2025, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23C

-- Nearly all of Jesus’ contemporaries would have been taught that lepers justly suffered the consequences of their own sinful decisions and were unworthy of God’s compassion. Jesus, whose works are always “faithful and just” (Psalm 111:7), shows us that there is no one who is unworthy of His care and compassion. Every single person, regardless of their size, condition, or past decisions, is loved by God, precious in His sight, and covered by His redeeming grace.

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

OCTOBERFEST AT TRINITY -- We cordially invite the Central Illinois District to join us for Trinity Lutheran-Peoria's Oktoberfest (noon-1:30) & Reformation Hymn Festival (2:00pm) on Sunday, Oct. 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church, [135 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria](http://www.trinitypeoria.com).

Under the direction of our Cantor Peter Wykert, the hymn festival theme is "God Is Our Refuge", focusing on Psalm 46. Musical selections will include choral and congregational singing with organ, piano, brass, percussion, and contemporary instrumentation. All Central Illinois District singers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the choir. If you are interested in doing so, contact Cantor Peter Wykert at peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com. You will be provided with practice tracks and PDF's of the music notation.

All are invited to join us for food and fellowship at our Oktoberfest Meal, served from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the gym at Trinity. The menu includes: Sausages, Schnitzel, Potatoes, apple sauce, and homemade Sauerkraut.

So that Trinity can prepare accordingly, we do ask for people to RSVP by October 20. The direct link to RSVP is

<https://subsplash.com/tlcpeoria/lb/ev/+y7948xh>

or you can find the sign up on the main page at <https://trinitypeoria.com/>

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY'S 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

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!



*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