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- 2. Matt Morrow
- 5. Delcie Lane
- Jenna Taseff
- 7. Jason Benne
- 8. Tess Ruskusky
- 10. Jarrett Khattar
- 12. Larry Traub
- Harriet Caughey
- 13. Thomas Eaton
- 14. Daniel Keehner
- 15. Maggie Cornelius
- Brianna Laredo
- 17. Kenyon Gillespie
- James Henderson
- 18. Gordon Hoffman
- Carey Moore
- 19. Kent Watkins
- Scott Grinslade,
- Keahgynn Szold
- 20. Emery Halverson
- 21. Etta Romero
- 22. Destinee Miller
- 23. Darian Wilson
- 24. Michael Leon
- Ryder Norman
- 26. Tyler Crosiar
- 28. Harper Benne

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 1 —Jerry & Paula Horst

February 8 —Eileen Benne

February 15 —Lisa Cornelius

February 22 —Open

COUNTERS

Doug Auer & Kim Beenders



Worship Notes

Lessons for Sundays in February

February 1st — 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 15; Micah 6:1-8;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

February 8th — 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:3-9a;
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

February 15th — Transfiguration Sunday

Psalm 2:6-12; Exodus 24:8-12;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 22nd — 1st Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-21;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

ELDERS:

February 1st — Tom Brosowske

February 8th — Phil King

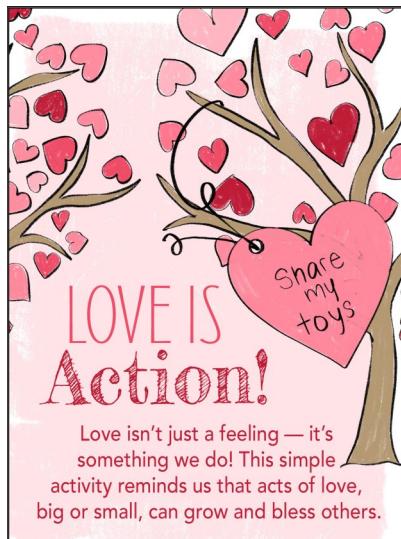
February 15th — Dr. Joel Eckert

February 22nd — Daniel Keehner

WEATHER ALERTS — With winter weather here are the ways to receive cancellations. The TV stations, WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI will be notified, an e-mail will be sent out (if I don't have your e-mail and you want these notifications, please let me know) and it will appear on our web-site (www.mtcalvarypeoria.org) and facebook page.



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What you need:

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!





Ash Wednesday: February 18, AD 2026

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion offered at 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Because of the solemn character of this day, there will be no meals offered with the services.

Thursday, Quinquagesima (the week of the "50th day" before Easter): March 6, AD 2024

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

1st Sunday in Lent: February 22, AD 2026

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.

Concordia Sunday! Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Strings at the 9:00am service

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 1st Week of Lent: February 25, AD 2026

"Mt. Ararat: Sin & Judgment"

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 1st Week of Lent: February 26, AD 2026

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday in Lent: March 1, AD, 2026

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 2nd Week of Lent: March 4, AD 2026

"Mt. Sinai: The Law & The Promise"

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2nd Week of Lent: March 5, AD 2026

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

3rd Sunday in Lent: March 8, AD 2026

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

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Wednesday, 3rd Week of Lent: March 11, AD 2026
“*The Mount of the Transfiguration: Jesus Our Savior*”
Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)
Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd Week of Lent: March 12, AD 2026
Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

4th Sunday in Lent: March 15, AD 2026
Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.
Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 4th Week of Lent: March 18, AD 2026
“*Mt. Calvary: Christ’s Sacrifice*”
Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)
Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 4th Week of Lent: March 19, AD 2026
Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

5th Sunday in Lent: March 22, AD 2026
Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.
Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 5th Week of Lent: March 25, AD 2026
“*Mt. Olivet: The Promise Fulfilled*”
Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)
Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 5th Week of Lent: March 26, AD 2026
Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29, AD 2026
Procession & Blessing of the Palms (all services),
Reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew (9:00 a.m.)
Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.



The Triduum: The celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter were the first regular festival in the Church's calendar - dating back as far as around 150 AD. In fact, together, they were seen as one great "service" of worship - with the congregation simply dispersing between the various parts of the liturgy, but never really ceasing the receiving of God's gifts in Christ or their worship - hence the ancient name for these services is *the Triduum*, "the Three Days." We earnestly entreat you to join us for the "Three Days" at Mt. Calvary as we again celebrate Christ's great work by which our redemption is accomplished.

Maundy Thursday: April 2, AD 2026

Divine Service - 11:15 a.m.

Divine Service & the Stripping of the Altar - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: April 3, AD 2026

Noon Prayer & Commemoration of the Cross - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae - 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: April 4, AD 2026

The Great Vigil of Pascha/Easter - **8:00 p.m.**

The Vigil begins with the "Service of Light" which features the kindling of the "new fire" (Jesus' resurrection), lighting of the Paschal candle, procession into the church by candlelight, and the intoning of the Exsultet. Then we move into the reading of salvation history from the Old Testament. Then comes Holy Baptism (or any confirmations or renewal of Baptismal vows that are desired). Then we move into the first Communion service of the Paschal/Easter season. It is a service filled with mystery and joy - and we highly recommend that you give it a try!

Pascha/Easter Sunday: April 5, AD 2025

Divine Service with "abbreviated" Service of Light & Easter Proclamation - **9:00 a.m.**

(note: since the Vigil was conducted on Saturday, this is at our "usual" time of Sunday worship - and will be the only service this day)

Congregational Easter Breakfast to follow.



†*Prayer List* †

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time "who all are we praying for?" Here's a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- † Jacob Achterberg - grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Phyllis Basquin - mother to Luann Claudin
- † Ethan Saunders - grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten - friends of Jessica Horman
- † Pr. Hoech & Ivy - our "TIM" partners
- † Dave Maxwell - husband to Tina
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann - circuit pastor, disability
- † Jonathan Stutz - grandson to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba - Concordia parent
- † Christiane Ramahi - member
- † Yasmin Ramahi - daughter to Christiane
- † Gloria Carter - friend of Nancy Meyer
- † Eric Putterbaugh - friend of a member
- † Michael Teeter - friend to Long Family
- † Dale Warren -
- † Ward & Cathy Lenz - sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- † Jennifer Lenz - their daughter, niece to Paula & Jerry
- † Alex Zook - grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Josh Crosiar - member
- † Anne Maske - member
- † Steve Brinkmann - son to Dale & Vonne
- † Braylynn Davis - friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown - family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- † Gordon Dupres - family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens - brother to Brande Ruskusky
- † Lil Mulvaney - friend to Pauli family
- † Ginny Preston - friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick - friend to Brill family
- † Max Wessler - father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- † Bill & Pam Barr - members
- † Megan Primmer - cousin to Ginger Able
- † Kenneth Garner - acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel's daughter)
- † Lorrie Kaspar - mother to Julie (Kaspar) Eaton
- † Rod Pauli - member, son to Carolyn
- † Gloria Teeter - friend to Long Family
- † Mark Buettner - associate of Carol Wessler
- † Tamesha Gates - friend to Szold family
- † Sandra Boyer - daughter of food pantry contributor
- † Mark Leon - brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- † Shirley King - mother to Phil King
- † Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar
- † Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph's aunt
- † Delcie Lane - member
- † Mark Manthey - member
- † Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann's sister
- † Earl Boyett - father of Theresa Brusick
- † Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- † Luann and Shelby Cooper - members
- † Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Marshall
- † Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia
- † Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar
- † Jenny & Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo
- † Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke
- † Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver
- † Daryl Claudin - member
- † Natalie Brusick - Daughter-in-law to Chris & Theresa
- † Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- † Carol Loughridge - member

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†Prayer List (cont.)†

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† Anne & Miguel Bolwerk (and David & Henry) - family to Dave & Jan Heien
 † Cheris Hofmann - member
 † Harriet Caughey - member
 † Maureen and children - extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman
 † Teresa Kerrick -
 † Pr. Drews - Pastor at Trinity, Pekin
 † PJ Comacho - friend to Mark Manthey
 † Lorie Livingston - wife to Ty
 † Patty Caughey - member
 † Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughey
 † Jessica Horman - member
 † Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to Doug
 † Tomi - mother to Chris Brusick
 † Diane Norris - friend of member
 † Ginny & Marty Liex - friends to LaVelle Borders
 † Ann Jacobson - sister in law to Carolyn Pauli
 † Hugh - friend of member
 † Vonnie Brinkmann - member
 † Carolyn Pauli - member
 † Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long
 † Ryan & Carol Stetzler - friends of Katie Tagge
 † Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston
 † Tricia Smith - sister to Marcia Riddle
 † Chris Walker - brother-in-law to Vicky Jones
 † Brett Parrott - Erin's brother-in-law
 † Paul Fager - member
 † Diane Freeman - member
 † Dan Moran - Judy Norman's brother
 † Katie Tagge - member
 † Bev Hoffman - niece to Gordon
 † JayCee Grier
 † Norah Rossman - friend to Riebel family
 † Nan Borunda - sister to Lou Ann Cooper
 † Chris Pacey - son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)

† Donna Kirkman - sister to Lynn Laredo
 † Ilsa Adams - stepmother to Lynn Laredo
 † Robert Marshall - father to Michael Marshall
 † David Heien - member
 † Ross Pauli - son of Carolyn
 † Deaconess Gillian - friend of the congregation
 † Gary Ruckle - member
 † Trinity Foote - Kieth & Linda Crook's granddaughter
 † Sherri Crosiar - Josh's mother
 † Zeke Garrison - military, Gary & Kim Beenders' grandson
 † Denise Shivers - member
 † Ron Achterberg - member
 † Bob Shoreak - friend to Bob Frericks
 † Mike Solis - friend to Bob Frericks
 † Jane Millard - visitor
 † "Nylon" - visitor at Food Pantry
 † Cheryl Frericks - Bob Frericks' sister-in-law
 † Cisneros Family - friends of a member
 † Addie Wilson - Eileen Benne's mom
 † Joel Barr - Bill & Pam Barr's son
 † Ruth and Richard Boch -
 † Wendy Mirretti -Mother-in-law to Bronwyn (Beenders) Mirretti
 † Vanessa Ruckle - member
 † Nancy O'Brian - niece to Pam Barr
 † Jim Smith - brother to Marcia Riddle
 † Lee Mauschbaugh - member
 † Tom Brosowske - member
 † Jim Brosowske - Tom's brother
 † Larry Frank - member
 † Hazel Krenzke - daughter of Dcs. Christine
 † Cindy Niebur - niece to Barb Zook
 † Julie Riddle - daughter in law to Marcia
 † Conner Brinkmann - grandson to Vonnie
 † Joe Leon - husband to Susie
 † Kathleen Tagge - daughter-in-law to Katie

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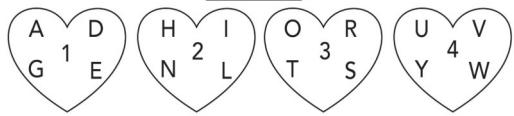
Attendance	Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
January 4	40	—
January 11	61	21
January 18	119	37
January 25	48	16
	Total	\$17,986.00

Puzz[e]!

We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

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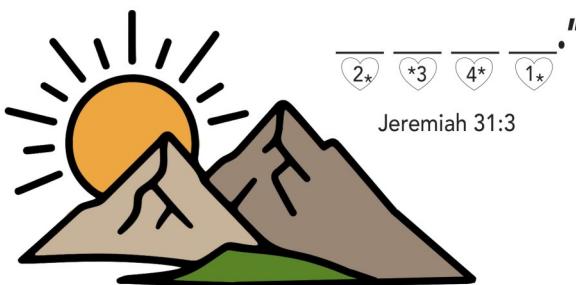


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Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

CHOIR DIRECTOR:
Mr. Ethan Yoder

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

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD
Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION
Eileen Benne & Connie Kissner

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES
Jarrod Horman

BOARDS OF MT. CALVARY

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Dormant

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

**MEMORIALS
AND SPECIAL GIFTS**
Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders
& Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY
Chairperson Luann Clauin
Vice Chair Theresa Johnston
Secretary Lisa Cornelius
Treasurer Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson
& Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Linda Khattar

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

**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

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

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- † Ben Clauin — member
- † Sandy Williams-McFarlane — member
- † Jonathan Tagge — member
- † Doug Auer — member
- † Peter Hippel — son to Mr. Hippel at Concordia
- † Rev. Larry & Pat Goetz — friends of the congregation
- † Lois Whitby — grandmother to Hunter & Sam
- † Larry Traub — member
- † Michelle Teel — sister to Vicky Brosowske
- † Gale Brill — father to Owen & Sydney
- † Robert Grinslade — member



The Women of Mt. Calvary is hosting a bake sale on **Sunday, February 8 between services**. We will have a variety of goodies for sale, so please stop by and pick up your favorite treats while supporting the Women of Mt. Calvary. The bake sale proceeds provide funds to help the Seminary Food Banks, our congregational meals during Lent, Easter, Fall Harvest and Advent, receptions and congregational gatherings plus keeps our kitchen stocked and functional along with funds for special projects. We hope you will come by the tables in the parish hall and purchase some baked goods for Super Bowl Sunday, the upcoming Valentine's Day or just an everyday treat!



WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY FEBRUARY MEETING — Saturday, February 14th at 9:30 AM

Love is in the air during the month of February and God's love is all around us each and every day! Please plan to attend the Women of Mt. Calvary for our monthly meeting on Saturday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. as we will be packing boxes for our college students and planning out our next few months of activities and events. At 11 AM, we will be writing cards for Veterans and sending them off to the VA Clinic in Danville, Illinois to share with Veterans who are need of medical services and are hospitalized. All congregational members are invited to bring your favorite pen and a message to share (we will have some pre-written messages as well for inspiration.) Please come and join us!

HELP US GATHER ITEMS FOR OUR VALENTINE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE YOUTH AND MILITARY

During their meeting on **Saturday, February 14th**, Women of Mt. Calvary will be packing boxes for our young people who are in college or serving in the military. In this endeavor we need your help: 1) Please get the names and addresses of your college youth or military to Kelly Eckert (309-256-1423) or Dawn Henderson (309-691-5547); and 2) Consider contributing candy, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, tissue packages, pencils, pens, hotel samples (**no bar soap, please**), or anything a young person away from home might need. Your items can be placed on the kitchen counter, but please mark them for **Women of Mt. Calvary College Student Project**. The ladies would like them there **before Saturday, February 14th**.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Linda Khattar and the Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas de-decorating on January 11th. The decorations were packed up and put away for use next Christmas in short order.



LENTEN LUNCHES (already)

Easter is early this year (Sunday April 5). Mid-week Lenten Services begin February 25. We will again be serving a light lunch after the 11:15 am service. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet across from Pastor's office. Many hands make light work. Please contact Abbie Matson 309-224-9432 with any questions.





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 invited to attend the Adult Class, during the time your children are attending Sunday School.

Sunday Morning Adult Class - Per a resolution from our District Convention this past summer, we'll be taking a few weeks to look at the Synod's "Everyone His Witness" program. While we may not be called to go out and convert everyone, we can learn how to talk about the faith in helpful ways. **Class meets in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.**

Men's Bible Study: We are looking at Paul's Letters to Timothy. **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 currently reading the book of the Prophet Jeremiah and will hear God's word of promise and judgement in the face of national calamity. **We meet in the Parish Hall for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**



BLESSING OF NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR –

On February 1st, in the 9:00 am service, a blessing was given to Mr. Ethan Yoder as he begins his position as Mt. Calvary's Choir Director. There will be a time to meet and greet him before the Bible Study Hour. Please welcome him and think seriously about joining one of the choirs (Adult Choir, Bell Choir, or Anchormen).

Choir Rehearsals Begin on Saturday, February 7th at 1:00 pm (Adult Choir and Bell Choir at 1:45 pm., Anchormen on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after the Matins service)

LENT MID-WEEK SERVICES BEGIN

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, begins the penitential season of the church year. Our services will be at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm as usual. On Ash Wednesday we will provide the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at both services.

Then on **February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, Mid-Day Prayer is at 11:15 am with lunch following, and Vespers at 6:00 pm.** The Theme for the year is "On God's Mountains." Please plan to attend as many of these services as possible.

EASTER IS EARLY THIS YEAR (SUNDAY

APRIL 5). -- Midweek Lenten Services begin February 25. We will again be serving a light lunch after the 11:15 service. If you can help, there is a signup sheet across from Pastor's office. Many hands make light work. Please contact Abbie Matson 309-224-9432 with any questions.

THANK YOU

Dear Members of Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church:

Your continued support of Mt. Calvary's Food Pantry is so appreciated. We who serve in the Pantry are blessed by this support and thankful to our Lord for your generosity. In total, you have provided 2,939.75 lbs. of food.



Love in Him,
Co-managers, LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst



ASH WEDNESDAY -If you have palms from last year that you want used for this year's ashes, it's time to bring them in. Pastor Long will be making ashes on **February 17th**.



CONCORDIA NEWS

Substitute Teachers - As the season for colds catches up to us, Concordia could use more folks in their substitute pool. If you, or someone you know is interested, contact the school at 309-691-8921, or e-mail Ms. Craine at ecraine@concordiapeoria.com

Librarians And Librarian Subs Needed --If you are available during the day, we could use your help in the school's library. If interested, contact Ms. Craine at ecraine@concordiapeoria.com, or Mrs. Drozd at mdrozd@concordiapeoria.com or call the school office at 309-691-8921

The next Playtime Pals is Friday, February 6th, from 9:00 - 11:00 am in Gym A.

Concordia Discovery Days - Invite your friends (and yourself) to visit Concordia on one of their Discovery Days, February 11th, and 25th. Tours are from 9 to 11 am.

Pack the Den - Saturday, January 31st everyone is invited to basketball action at Concordia. They will also be giving tours of the building from 10-12.

MEET THE NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!

At our January 2026 Administrative Council meeting we voted to extend a contract to Mr. Ethan Yoder to be our choir director.

We'll have a blessing for him as he starts his duties on February 1. There will also be a reception after the 9:00am service so you can meet him in person.

Here's a brief introduction: Ethan Yoder (b. 2002) is a composer, tenor and conductor from Granger, Indiana. An active musician, Yoder has performed with ensembles including the award-winning Wooster Chorus, the Wooster Concert Band, the Illinois State University Concert Choir, the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana, and the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, with whom he was a Shari Bierman Singer Fellow. He travelled to New York with the College of Wooster Scot Symphonic Band as a featured vocalist during their 2025 tour.

Ethan earned his Bachelor of Music degree from the College of Wooster in 2025, studying composition with Dylan Findley and Daniel Knaggs, voice with Edward Vogel, and conducting with Lisa Wong and Jeff Gershman. He is currently pursuing Master of Music degrees in Composition and Choral Conducting at Illinois State University, studying composition with Alex Taylor and Alex Stephenson, and conducting with Andrew Bruhn. When he's not making music, Ethan enjoys cooking, biking, playing table-top games, and spending time with family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

† Lydia Keehner & Ronán Sovitzky, who were wed on Saturday, January 10 at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood, Wisconsin.

† Daniel Auer & Anna Marden, who were wed on Saturday, January 10 in Twin City Baptist Church in Marinette Wisconsin.

May God bless these couples as they begin their life together in His name.

† Leanne & Matthew Sturtevant on the birth of Ripley Sue on January 14, 2026. Ripley Sue weighed 5 lbs, 12 oz. and is 17 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well.

January 2026						
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THE FEBR UARY 2026



March 2026						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	2 <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	3 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	4 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia	5 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	6 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal	7 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
8 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 a Matins Service 10:00 a Anchormen Rehearsal 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	9 10	10 11	11 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 9-11:00 a Discovery Day at Concordia	12 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	13 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal	14 9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary
15 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	16 <i>President's Day</i> 17	17 3:00 p Worship & Music 4:45 p Board of Elders	18 <i>ash Wednesday</i> 19	19 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 11:15 a Divine Service	20 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	21 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
22 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> <i>LC&S Sunday at Mt. Calvary</i> 9:00 a Matins Service 10:00 a Anchormen Rehearsal 10:30 a Sunday School & Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	23 24	24 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> 25	25 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 9-11:00 a Discovery Day at Concordia 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer (lunch follows)	26 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	27 3:00 p Executive Committee	28 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal

"For where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I among them."

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

