

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

CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY

Brooke Barr - Kindergarten
web site at www.concordiapeoria.com for information.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

March 8th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 95:1-9
Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-8
John 4:5-30, 39-42

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY ARE COLLECTING MITES THIS WEEK.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Tom & Vicky Brosowske in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

✠ Robert Grinslade – Now at Snyder Village – room 215
✠ Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN -- We will rehearse again this Saturday at 1:00 pm (Adult Choir) and at 1:45 pm (Bell Choir). Anchormen will rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (after the Matins service). **All are invited to join. No audition required.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH AT 2:00 AM. DON'T FORGET TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 7TH.

PASCHA/EASTER IS COMING! (SUNDAY, APRIL 5). -- Midweek Lenten Services began 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.

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.

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 MARCH – During **March** our pantry will be in need of **Tuna,, Canned Fruit, Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix, Dried Milk, Vegetable Oil, Mac & Cheese, and (anything else you might wish to bring will be greatly appreciated.)** And again, they can always use **volunteers** –the volunteers they have (and are very thankful for) are stretched to the limit.

CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes. 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. **Please let us know if you can't attend so the teachers know what to prepare. Messages to the church office would be appreciated.**

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.**

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.

Carol reported at the February Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$39,836.00 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) 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

Our first project for 2026 is support for *Hispanic Ministry in Beardstown, IL*. \$1800 will be collected to support travel costs for Rev. Pablo Dominguez. Reminder that online one-time and recurring donations can now be made at:

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>

ISSUES ETC. – BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE

STUDY – "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs: 11-20. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.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 through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT). Tune in as we discuss chapters 24-26! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as Pastor Booe leads us through the book of Numbers! This week's studies will take us through chapters 15-18. Join us for the Wednesday broadcast of our Lent service from Peace Lutheran here in St. Louis (3/4 at 11 a.m. CT). On Concord Matters this Saturday (3/7 at 10 a.m. CT), we'll be studying the Sacrament of the Altar as discussed 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, March 1, 2026.

"This is love—the God Who became a human baby for us, Who suffered for us, Who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation." *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 1, 2026 Transfiguration Sunday – Salvation comes only through

faith in Christ, Who was “lifted up” on the cross as the payment for the world’s sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person’s own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16).

STREAMING! -- Mt. Calvary offers a live stream of 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 CAMP CILCA –

- **ACT LIKE MEN WOODCUTTERS'** Retreat is February 27-28, 2026
- **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION** is OPEN for 2026! Please encourage families to register early to save their spot. Early Bird Registration Deadline for Summer Program at Camp CILCA is March 31
- **Camp CILCA -WOMEN’Ss RETREAT,**
 - March 6-7, 2026
 - Calling all ladies! Our retreat theme is Pew Sisters: gather and celebrate our true sisterhood—our pew sisterhood!
 - Guest Speaker: Mrs. Katie Schuermann
- Two choices for our retreat...
 - You can join us overnight for \$100 and stay in the Christian Growth Center.
 - Want to stay at home, but still want to come to the conference? There is a commuter option for \$75.
 - Registration <https://www.cilca.org/womens-retreat.html>
- **CAMP CILCA SPRING WORK DAY & PANCAKE DINNER:** March 14
 - 8 am – 11 am: Help get the campground ready for spring and summer fun!
 - 11 am – 1 pm Free pancakes for all!

MARTIN & KATIE CONFERENCE

Join us for the 2026 Martin + Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, 2026. At this free conference, grow as Christmas men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle and his wife, Nicole, will be our presenters. Rev. Dr. Boyle will teach about cultivating the pious Christian life as men and women. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 20th. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>.
Plus: Bonus activities are planned for Friday night, March 27, and Saturday night, March 28! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Palm Sunday, March 29.

FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Christ Lutheran Church in Peoria will be hosting an “all you can eat” potato pancake and regular pancake supper on March 21st from 4 pm until 6:30 pm in gym B. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for K-8 grade. The meal includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, water, iced tea, milk, carrots, and celery. Take-out will be available. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit our youth program and activities.

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –Your next meeting is Saturday, March 14th. Come and see what Luann has planned for the morning.

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
- **The next Playtime Pals is Friday, March 6th** from 9:00 - 11:00 am in Gym A.
- **Concordia Red Cross Blood Drive – March 2nd from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.** Sign up with a student or call the school (309-691-8921 to make an appointment.
- **Hans Christian Anderson, A Musical Fable of Copenhagen** – Tickets are now on sale for the performances on March 20th at 10:00 am, and 6:30 pm and March 21st at 6:30 pm.

CONCORDIA AUCTION AND GALA – Step Right

Up! will be held on **March 14, 2026** at the Warehouse on State, 736 Washington St., Peoria. Doors will open at 5 pm. For tickets, sponsorships, Cougar Cash, and Silent Auction Bids, visit:

<https://www.concordiapeoria.com/steprightup>

or use the QR code in Cougar Prints on the bulletin board. It is requested that you kindly RSVP by March 5th.

LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION, MARCH 21, 2026

'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Joshua 24:15

- A majority of practicing Christians participate in spiritual conversations, prayer and Bible-reading with their households.
- Fatih heritage impacts Christians' beliefs and practices for the long term.
- Join with others at the Central Illinois LLL District at the annual convention on Saturday, March 21 at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois.
- The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.
- Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address.
- Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates.
- The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361,1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.
- Strengthen and encourage your faith walk as you encourage others in their faith journey as partners in His mission. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026. (Registration form should be in the office by next week and in the next Newsletter – it was unavailable at printing time.)