

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 Pastor Long and family in celebration of Michael and 'Bekah's birthdays and 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

CAROLYN PAULI'S NEW ADDRESS:

Carolyn has moved to Lutheran Hillside Village: her address is 1212 Assisted Living, 6901 N. Galena Rd., Peoria, 61614.

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN – There are no rehearsals this Saturday, March 14th. We'll see you all again on Saturday, March 21st. **All are invited to join. No audition required.**

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 22nd – 4th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:1-11
John 11:1-53

BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED – On this Monday, March 16th, the office (and the building) will be closed. The water line coming into the building supposedly contains lead, and must be replaced. So, since we will be without water for the day, the office will be closed. If you need Pastor for an emergency you may contact him at home: 309-243-2042.

DIRECTORY PROOFS ARE UP! – They will only be up for two Sundays (this is this second Sunday) and then they come down, corrections will be made and the directory printed. If you will not be in one of the services this Sunday and want to correct something on your entry, please call the church office (309-688-4321). No exceptions to this time frame.

CONCORDIA AT RIVERMEN GAME – Due to Concordia's Boys Varsity Basketball team going to Nationals that weekend (Go, Cougars!), Concordia's Band and Choir will not be at the Rivermen game on March 28th.

A NOTE ON WORSHIP – Now that Mr. Yoder has the Adult Choir fired up again, he’s using them to support the congregation’s singing of hymns. So – when you hear the choir joining in on verses, that’s not a time to silence your voice – it’s time to join with the choir in making a joyful noise!

EASTER LILY ORDERS – Envelopes were placed in the mail boxes last week for Easter Lily Orders. The lilies are \$9.00 per plant this year. Please get your order(s) in to Linda Khattar’s mail box by Easter Saturday.

HELP WITH EASTER DECORATING –_Once again this year Linda Khattar is requesting help with decorating the church for Easter Sunday. She would like to begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 4th. So if you have the time and would like to help, show up and she will find something for you to help with.

MID-WEEK SERVICE – As we continue visiting God’s Mountaintops, this week we arrive at Mount Calvary, and see Jesus our Savior, sacrificed for us. Mid-Day Prayer is at 11:15 am on Wednesday, followed by a light lunch. Vespers is at 6 pm.

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, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, 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 (309-688-4321) would be appreciated.**

Sunday Morning Adult Class – Paul's Letter to the Galatians Paul's letter to the church of Galatia is aimed at stamping out a particularly bad, yet earnest, heresy: the claim that in order to be a "good" Christian, you "must" keep particular rules or laws. Paul counters such notions with the Gospel's insistence that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.**

Men's Bible Study: Titus -- We're currently finishing up Paul's "pastoral" epistles with a quick read of his letter to his colleague, Titus. Again we are warned to stand against false teaching, and to keep congregational life centered on Christ's gifts. **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 March Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$55,028.00.00 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 -- Support travel costs for Rev. Pablo Dominguez – Hispanic Ministry in Beardstown, IL. 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. – EXPLAINING LUTHERANISM TO NON-LUTHERANS---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 a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book “Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans” at issuesetc.org/nonlutherans.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 29! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 22. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (3/21 at 10 a.m. CT)! We'll be continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. How often should we be receiving the Lord's Supper? 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 15, 2026 -- “Never will a time come when the most marvelous recent invention is as marvelous as a newborn baby.” *Carl Sandburg – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 15, 2026 4th Sunday in Lent – Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to

“walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

STREAMING! -- Mt. Calvary offers a live stream of the **9:00 am service on Sunday mornings!** Just go to [youtube.com](https://www.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 –

- **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
 - 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 **this Saturday, March 14th, at 9:30 am**. You will be discussing the Easter Breakfast. Come and see what Luann has planned for the morning.

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH DETAILS - MARCH 19, 2026

The Illinois Pro-Life March will be held in just over a week, on *Thursday, March 19, 2026*.

There will be a LCMS Matins service prior to the rally and march. We hope you will not only attend the service but also then march in order to confess before the world to the sanctity and dignity of human life, from conception to natural death.

The details:

- 11:00 AM – Matins at Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 S. Second St., Springfield, IL
- Following the Service – Box lunches available in the Grand Ballroom at the State House Inn, 101 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL (suggested donation of \$5/lunch, please; cash or check made out to Central Illinois District)
- 1:00 PM – Rally at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building, 401 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL
- 2:00 PM – The March
- Following the March, consider heading into the Capitol Building to lobby your state legislator and senator.

Parking

Parking is available in the lot to the west of the State House Inn, at the northwest corner of the intersection of 1st St. and W Adams St. Please consider carpooling with other marchers from your area in order to reduce the number of cars in the parking lot and ensure spaces for all. Otherwise, parking is available in paid lots and spaces throughout downtown Springfield.

CONCORDIA NEWS

Concordia at Rivermen Game – Due to Concordia’s Boys Varsity Basketball team going to Nationals that weekend (Go, Cougars!), Concordia’s Band and Choir will not be at the Rivermen game on March 28th.

Concordia Positions Open -- Concordia Lutheran School is seeking applicants for the following positions for the 2026-2027 School Year:

- **Jr. High (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) Teacher** - Subject area instruction (Subject areas flexible based on interest and experience) and homeroom supervision

- **First Grade Teacher** - Self-contained classroom instruction and supervision
- **Part-time Teacher Aide** - Assists instructional staff with student supervision, assessment, and individualized student needs
- **Part-time Kitchen Assistant** - Assist the Kitchen Manager in providing food service for students
- Please contact *Emily Craine 309-691-8921* or email your resume to employment@concordiapeoria.com
- **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*
- **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.

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.
- Faith 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.
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- 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