

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 Cheryl and Jeff Riebel with thanks to God for His many blessings and in celebration of their daughter, Jordanna, on her birthday.

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.

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!

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 29th – Palm/Passion Sunday

Psalm 118:19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:1-27:66

John 12:12-19 (Processional Gospel)

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN –We'll see you all on Saturday, **March 21st**. **All are invited to join. No audition required.**

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP NOTE – Next Sunday, March 29th, is Palm Sunday, or the Sunday of the Passion. We will gather in the Narthex before the services for the opening and then during the hymn move into the sanctuary. If you are not able to stand for the opening, you are welcome to take a seat in the sanctuary. Children are especially encouraged to join Pastor Long to “parade” around the sanctuary with the palms

DIRECTORY PROOFS ARE DOWN –If you did not get to see them and want to correct something on your entry, please call the church office (309-688-4321). We want to have them out by Easter. 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.

EASTER LILY ORDERS – Envelopes have been placed in the mail boxes 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 Olivet, and see *The Promise Fulfilled*. Mid-Day Prayer is at 11:15 am on Wednesday, followed by a light lunch. Vespers is at 6 pm. This is the last Wednesday with services – next week is Holy Holy Week.

PASCHA/EASTER IS COMING! (SUNDAY, APRIL 5). There is one last Mid-Week service with lunch following. 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.

CAN-A-THON, 2026 – Did you see our Pantry

represented on the Local newscast on Thursday? Our Pantry will be at the Kroger Store on North Knoxville on Saturday, March 21st, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, handing out flyers and encouraging people to support the Can-a-thon. Any food collected during that time will come to our pantry. Anyone who can help stand (or sit) with them would be welcome to join them.

Bags are out on the table at the back of the Parish Hall for use at Mt. Calvary. They may be brought back anytime next week. The can-a-thon officially runs until March 29th, but we will accept bags anytime you can bring them.

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. – EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS -- Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Speaking Truth to Power, The 98th Academy Awards, Leisure & Love of Neighbor, Philippians 4:8: “Think on These Things,” Reaching Out to Gen Z Woman and more. You can listen on-demand 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: 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 22, 2026 -- “Grief is a road no one chooses, yet in this fallen world, it is a path we must all tread. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow of losing someone we love—no explanations that can make death seem natural or right. It wasn't meant to be this way. Death is the great intruder, a bitter consequence of sin's curse. And yet, even in the depths of sorrow, the Lord gives us this promise: He is near.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 22, 2026 5th Sunday in Lent – Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.

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 –

- **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>

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.

CONCORDIA NEWS

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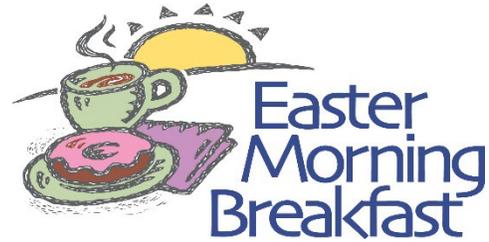
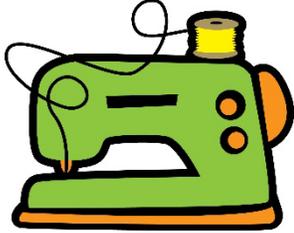
Concordia Positions Open -- Concordia Lutheran School is seeking applicants for the following positions for the 2026-2027 School Year:

- **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** –There is one performance left – Saturday, March 21st at 6:30 pm.

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY PROJECT DAY!

Saturday, March 28 ~ 9 AM to Noon

We are working on a sewing project for the young ladies in Uganda. We are in need of having 3 to 4 sewing machines capable of a straight stitch and zigzag to go through several layers of fabric. We can use help putting layers of fabric together, pinning, sewing, turning the project and pressing the edges and then more pinning and sewing. Come for an hour or stay for the entire time. The coffee will be brewing and certainly there will be treats too! Questions?...Call Luann Claudin or Lisa Cornelius



THE WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY ARE HOSTING AN EASTER BREAKFAST THIS YEAR.

Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM (after Easter Service)

We are serving a continental breakfast with egg casseroles, fresh fruit and pastries.

How can you participate?

- Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the number attending.

Help us plan for the appropriate number for seating and food by signing up TODAY!

- 2. Bring fruit or pastries for the continental breakfast on Saturday, April 4 at 9 AM.

This allows us to prep the fruit and get everything ready for Easter morning. If you are interested in bringing an egg casserole, please bring these on Sunday morning.

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Luann Claudin via phone, text or email to sign up to bring something, 309-369-2606 or claudfam1311@gmail.com

- 3. Help set up on Saturday, April 4th at 9 AM.

We'll be preparing the fruit and pastries plus setting up and decorating. We will need a few men to help set up tables and chairs for the breakfast.

Youth Group members - We welcome you to help on Saturday and Sunday!

Please sign up as soon as possible or no later than Sunday, March 29. Thank you!