

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.concordiapeoria.com) for information.

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> – Pascha (Easter Sunday)**

Psalm 118:15-29

Exodus 14:10-15:1

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

**EASTER BREAKFAST – Sign-up sheets are up – please sign-up before you leave on Sunday, or call the church office (309-688-4321) and Judy will sign you up.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Chris and Teresa Brusick in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and in thankfulness to God for His 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** –We'll see you all on Saturday, **March 28th – Adult Choir at 1:00 pm, Bells at 1:45 pm. All are invited to join. No audition required**

**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!

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP NOTE** – This Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>. So if you have the time and would like to help, show up and she will find something for you to help with.

**THANK YOU** -- Thank you to all those who helped with set-up, clean-up, and especially, those who prepared the food for the Lenten Lunches. Everything was very well done.

**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** – Bags are out on the table at the back of the Parish Hall and in the Narthex for use at Mt. Calvary. They may be brought back anytime. The can-a-thon officially runs until this week-end, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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-6<sup>th</sup>. 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 -- The Formula of Concord:** After Luther's death, with pressure from the Emperor, and in debate with other "reformed" churches, the Evangelical Lutherans found themselves besieged on all sides. And the midst of that, they began debates among themselves that threatened to tear the "evangelical" churches apart. The Formula of Concord sought to resolve these debates on the basis of the Scriptures, and succeeded in giving the Lutheran Church a foundation that has proven sturdy into our own age. Join us as we read through it to discover the gifts it has for us. **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—On hiatus this week for Maundy Thursday Services.** 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](http://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/LCMSCentralllinoisDistrict/D4M>

**ISSUES ETC. – PODCAST PROGRAMMING FOR HOLY WEEK** -- Issues, Etc. is a podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Judas, the Lord's Supper & Closed Communion, The Holy Week Hymns "The Royal Banners Forward Go," "Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle" "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:** A blessed Holy Week to you! Join us for worship on Maundy Thursday with a broadcast from Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis at 11:30 a.m. CT. Tune in on Friday at 10 a.m. CT for a Good Friday German service, broadcast from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wartburg, IL. Following our Good Friday service, we will be broadcasting the three-hour long Tre Ore service (commemorating the three hours Jesus hung on the cross), live from St. Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis from 12:00-3:00 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE A Life Quote for Sunday, March 29, 2026** -- "No place on earth should be a safer refuge for that tiny innocent child than the womb, the place of *racham*, the place of mercy. Abortion invades and destroys that refuge, that mercy, at its very source. Sadly, abortion has become

a part of the brutalization of human life, a sad commentary on the cruelty of human nature." Rev. Paul Clark, *Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)  
**A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 29, 2026 -- Palm/Passion Sunday** – When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Matthew 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Isaiah 50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let "every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).

**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

**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.

## **CONCORDIA NEWS**

**.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ecraine@concordiapeoria.com), or Mrs. Drozd at [mdrozd@concordiapeoria.com](mailto:mdrozd@concordiapeoria.com)**

**April "Man-ness"** – CLS is sponsoring an open gym "Basketball Fellowship" (and possibly friendly competition) for the men (21+) of our congregations, as well as fathers or guardians of CLS students. Join us April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 12 pm.

## **WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY PROJECT DAY!**

**This 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



## **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](mailto:claudfam1311@gmail.com)

- 3. Help set up on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

<b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>	11:15 a Divine Service 6:30 p Divine Service/ Stripping of the Altar
<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>	12:00 p Noon Prayer/ Commemoration of the Cross 6:30 p Tenebrae
<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	8:00 p Easter Vigil
<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b>	9:00 a Easter Divine Service 10:30 a Easter Breakfast