

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 web site at www.concordiapeoria.com for information.

CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY

Brooke Barr - Kindergarten

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

April 26th – 4th Sunday of Pascha (Easter)

Psalm 23

Acts 42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Alice Johnston in loving memory of her husband Earl on his birthday, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

- † Carolyn Pauli – Carle Proctor, now back at Lutheran Hillside Village
- † Robert Grinslade – Snyder Village – room 215
- † Ron Achterberg – Apostolic Christian Home, Salem, room 147

FROM THE BOARD OF PROPERTY – The Property Board will be spreading mulch in the landscaping beds around the church on **Saturday, April 25th beginning at 9:30 am**. Please plan to come out to help them. Remember – many hands make light work.

MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER SHOWER -- Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is sponsoring their annual diaper shower on **Mother’s Day, May 10th**. The purpose is to collect as many disposable diapers and wipes as possible for infants

and toddlers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6); plus, adult protective underwear for use by seniors. These will be distributed to local pregnancy resource centers and senior living facilities. May the Lord of life bless you as you help us make this event a success again this year.

NEW DIRECTORIES ARE PRINTED – Check your mail box. If you need an extra, ask Judy for one. Thank you to the ladies of Crafts & Conversation for putting them together, and to Michele Keehner for putting them in the mail-boxes.

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 APRIL – During April our pantry is requesting donations of **Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Corn, Cake Mix & Frosting, Dried Milk, Vegetable Oil, Mac & Cheese, (or 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 -- 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 in 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 — 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 April Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$25,321.00 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 --

The second 2026 project for Dollars for Mission is a new lighted sign for Wittenberg Lutheran Center. \$7,000 will be collected for the cost. Project: A new lighted, cast aluminum sign for Wittenberg Lutheran Center at ISU. Reminder that online one-time and recurring donations can now be made at: <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: We're wrapping up our study of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Tune in as we discuss chapters 48-50. Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) has just started a new series on the book of Ecclesiastes! Join us for chapters 5-9 this week. Sharathon 2026 will be here April 30-May 2! Mark your calendars and tune in to join the fun! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUE Radio, visit kfuo.org/sharathon.

ISSUES ETC. – EXPERT QUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST -- **Book of 2 Timothy 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 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE A Life Quote for Sunday, April 19, 2026 -- “Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 19, 2026 – Second Sunday of Pascha -- The practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are “for you and your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the “precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.

.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.

CONCORDIA NEWS

Another Discovery Day – Concordia is holding another “Discovery Day” on April 27th from 4-6 pm.. If you want to visit the school to see how it has grown and what programs they offer, this would be a good time to go.

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
- **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**

MAY CONCERT SCHEDULE:

Please mark your calendars for the Spring Music Concerts at Concordia:

- **May 5th – 11:00 am -12:00 pm** -- Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Concert Orchestra will be representing Concordia at the Caterpillar information Center during Arts in Education
 - **May 12th, 6:30-pm** – All bands and orchestras
 - **May 13th 6:30 pm** – Classroom music and all choirs
- Both evenings the programs will be held in the Ruppert Center.

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 81st Annual Convention of the Central Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be held Saturday, April 25th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Dr., Decatur. The theme, "*For the Lord will be your Everlasting Light,*" is based on Isaiah 60:20. Martha Dahlke, LCMS Mission Advancement, will be our speaker. Linda Guterres, VP Communication, will be the LWML representative. Servant events and an evening worship service will begin on Friday afternoon at 1 pm on April 24th. These will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2727 N Union St., Decatur. On Saturday, our convention will include the above-named speakers, breakout sessions, important business items, and wonderful fellowship with each other. Additional invitation information may be found at www.lwml.org or from your local group

EASTER LILY THANK YOU

The Altar Guild would like to thank all those who purchased Easter Lilies for use in Easter Sunday's decorations: (Updated List)

Eileen Benne
LaVelle Borders
Tom and Vicky Brosowske
Chris and Teresa Brusick
Luann and Daryl Claudin
Lisa Cornelius
Keith and Linda Crook
Tim Gosnell
Roger and Carole Hoffman
Jarrod Horman
Jerry and Paula Horst
Alice Johnston
Theresa Johnston
Daniel and Michele Keehner
Linda and Ray Khattar
Pastor and Sherri Long
Glenn and Abbie Matson
Mark and Judy Norman
Carolyn Pauli
Cheryl and Jeff Riebel
Barb Zook

