

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

May 3rd – 5th Sunday of Pascha (Easter)

Psalm 146

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by, Barb Zook in thanksgiving for the blessing of grandchildren and for God’s many blessings.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

✠ Robert Grinslade – Snyder Village – room 215

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Ron Achterberg, father of Linda Khattar and Jennifer Johnson, who was called to his eternal rest on Thursday, April 23, 2026. Services are pending.

May his family find comfort, hope, and peace in Christ and His triumph over sin and death.

FROM THE BOARD OF PROPERTY – The Property Board will be spreading mulch in the landscaping beds around the church **this 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.

MR. MOM RIDES AGAIN – Sherri is off to Florida Saturday (4-25) Leaving Pastor Long to hold down the fort. She’s scheduled to come back May 2nd.

PASTOR LONG AT CONCORDIA – He get’s another shot at trying to teach the 8th graders something starting May 1st. Also, May will be his month for leading Chapel.

NEW DIRECTORIES ARE PRINTED – Check your mail box. If you need an extra, ask Judy for one.

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're just starting the Gospel according to St. Luke. Trained as a physician, Luke is inspired to give an orderly account of Jesus' work so that all who hear can be "certain" of the things in which they have been catechized. He emphasizes the universality of God's grace in Christ, the completeness of the forgiveness that Jesus won for all, and Christ as the seeker of the lost and lowly. **We meet in the Parish Hall for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm. Come, join us!**

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: Sharathon 2026 is finally here, and you don't want to miss out on the fun! Join us from Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd for live programming, giveaways, and more! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUE Radio, visit kfuo.org/sharathon. It is your support that makes our work possible!

ISSUES ETC. – WEEKLY BACH CANTATAS –

Lutheran Public Radio streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 pm and 8 p.m. Central on Sundays. This week's cantata will be BWV 103 “You Will Weep and Wail.” You can listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and with the LPR mobile app.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE A Life Quote for Sunday, April 26, 2026

-- “Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 26, 2026 –

Fourth Sunday of Pascha -- The first generation of Christians were “selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). They did this because they recognized that the Gospel of Jesus grants worth and dignity to every person. This doesn't mean that each Christian needs to sell all they have. But it does mean that we would “die to sin and live to righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24), loving the poor and needy as well as the unborn, the sick, and the dying.

.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.

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 81st Annual Convention of the Central Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be held **this 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

CONCORDIA NEWS

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.

Another Discovery Day – Concordia is holding another “Discovery Day” on **Monday, 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**

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY MAY MEETING – Women of Mt. Calvary meet on Saturday, May 9th at 9:30 am. We will be electing officers for next year and planning summer events.

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHURCH
WORKER SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT**

Each year our Central Illinois District designates the first Sunday in May, (this year it is May 3rd,) to encourage financial gifts to assist CID students who are studying for full-time church work vocations. Gifts will be used to support our 19 CID students. This includes five seminarians and eleven undergraduates who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Last year we were able to send \$174,000 to offset \$375,185 worth of unmet needs. Please plan to make a generous gift on or before May 3rd. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2026-2027 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" and the income from your gift will be used to help CID students for years to come. Checks may be sent to: Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626 Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to our District President, Rev. Mark Eddy, at meddy@cidlcms.org. If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact the CID office at cid@cidlcms.org for assistance.