

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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## Pastor's Column

But now thus says YHWH,  
He who created you, O Jacob,  
He who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be  
with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not over-  
whelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be  
burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
(Isaiah 43:1-3, ESV)

This is a verse I especially love to share with folks before surgery. Let me begin by saying this comes from the “Book of Consolation” in Isaiah – the section of the prophet’s proclamation that is focused on YHWH’s promise to redeem His people Israel in spite of all their transgressions.

But I’m willing to shamelessly take these words out of their original context to apply them to individuals facing daunting circumstances. For in Christ, YHWH speaks to us all as His redeemed people. And because of Christ’s triumph over sin and death, we

know that these promises are iron-clad.

So, where do we begin? With the word, “Now.” I think this word is important because it grounds YHWH’s Word in what is true at this moment. He’s not talking about what will happen someday. He’s not talking about what happened long ago. He is declaring what is real now – and His Word makes what is real – for He utters His Word and it is done, He speaks and it stands fast. In fact, we heard from 1 Peter in worship the other week, “The Word of the Lord remains forever.” Side note: you will sometimes see the letters VDMA in Reformation art and decoration. This points to the Latin version of that 1 Peter quote: *Verbum Dei Manet in Aeternum*. It was taken up as a kind of motto by the reformers, since they saw themselves standing on God’s changeless Word, rather than on the unsteady, and all too changeable, traditions of human craft.

Anyway – what is true “now?” What does YHWH declare? “I have redeemed.... I have called.... You are *Mine*.” Why? Because He created you, He formed you. So, the ground of all that is real right now is that you are redeemed already in Christ. YHWH has named you – given you your life and character, your calling and place. YHWH has claimed you – and He is a jealous God, meaning that He takes care of, guards, and zealously watches over what is His.

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So, what follows from that? "Fear not!" That's a command. Because of what is real right now with YHWH, fear has no place to take root. So, don't let it. Give no place to what YHWH drives out. You belong to Him, not to fear.

And with that established, we can now look forward to what may lie ahead in our lives.

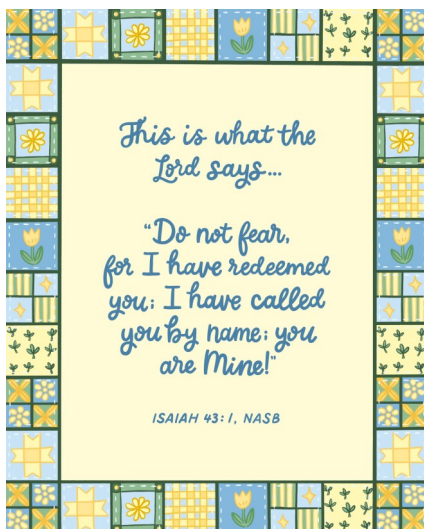
Are there waters ahead? Because you are Christ's, you will pass through them. Because He is with you, they will not overwhelm you.

Is there fire ahead? You will not be burned, you will not be consumed.

For YHWH is your God. He has redeemed you in Christ - He is your Savior In fact, the Hebrew there is more dynamic. YHWH is not merely your "Savior" as a title, He is *the One saving you*, now.

God bless,

Pr. Long



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

This year we have one confirmand, Ethan Horman. Having passed his questioning by the Elders, he will be welcomed into the congregation as a communicant member on May 10th, in the 9:00 am service. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service. Please keep him in your prayers as he makes his pledge of faithfulness to the Lord.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICES**

Thursday, May 14th, the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. We will offer two Divine Services, one at 11:15 am and the other at 6:30 pm. Please join us.



**GRADUATIONS**

With the month of May comes graduations – grade school, high school, college, higher degrees. We would like to honor any (and all) of our students who are graduating from any level. So, please, parents, grandparents, students, let us know of your family's graduates so we can list them in the June Messenger. Also, give us any information you have on future plans: next level school (high school, college, etc.) or vocations they will pursue following graduation. **Deadline for turning in information is May 25th.** Anything after that date will printed in the July Messenger.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2. Maddie Johnson  
Nathaniel Lampton
- 3. Josh Crosiar
- 4. Jared Savre
- 5. Pastor Long
- 7. Dennis Waldron
- 8. Lincoln Adcock
- 12. Bella Brill  
Kendall Frank  
Samantha Watkins  
Carol Wessler
- 13. Brandon Zeone
- 14. Connie Kissner
- 15. Tim Carver
- 16. Linda Crook
- 17. Brandon Armbrust  
Jennifer Johnson
- 20. Sophia Maxwell
- 21. Kayla Carver  
Dr. Joel Eckert
- 22. Jessica Horman
- 23. Olivia Johnson
- 23. Payton Sturtevant
- 24. Ashley Gavic
- 25. Pam Barr
- 28. Ralph Samp
- 30. Ezekiel (Beenders) Garrison
- 31. Vanessa Ruckle  
Rob Cairncross  
Daryl Claudin

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 David & Stacey Appell
- 10 Mike & Ashley Gavic
- 14 Derrick & Wendy Foote
- 21. Grant & Rashonda Szold
- 23 Daryl & Luann Claudin
- 23 Gabriel & Danielle Martinez
- 24 Greg & Christy Browning
- 24 Glenn & Abbie Matson
- 25 Steve & Jennifer Johnson
- 25 Ty & Lorie Livingston
- 26 Roger & Carole Hoffman
- 30 Leon & Lisa Adcock
- 30 Bill & Pam Barr

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- May 3 — Vonnie Brinkmann
- May 10 — Mike & Ashley Gavic
- May 17 — Connie Kissner
- May 24, — Glenn & Abbie Matson
- May 31 — **OPEN**



*Worship Notes*

**Lessons for Sundays in May**

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

Psalm 146; Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a,51-60;  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:16-31;  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

Psalm 68:1-10; Acts 1:12-26;  
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday**

Psalm 25;1-15; Numbers 11:24-30;  
Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> – Trinity Sunday**

Psalm 8; Genesis 1:1-2:4;  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

**Elders:**

May 3 – Phil King

May 10 – Daniel Keehner

May 17 – Dr. Joel Eckert

May 24 – Phil King

May 31 – Tom Brosowske

**Counters:**

Teresa Brusick & Anna Keehner

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**GROWING IN GOD'S word**



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

**What you need:**

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



**What you do:**

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV  
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



## ✠ Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- † Jacob Achterberg - grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Phyllis Basquin - mother to Luann Claudin
- † Ethan Saunders - grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten - friends of Jessica Horman
- † Pr. Hoech & Ivy - our “TIM” partners
- † Dave Maxwell - husband to Tina
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann - circuit pastor, disability
- † Jonathan Stutz - grandson to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba - Concordia parent
- † Christiane Ramahi - member
- † Yasmin Ramahi - daughter to Christiane
- † Eric Puterbaugh - friend of a member
- † Michael Teeter - friend to Long Family
- † Dale Warren -
- † Cathy Lenz - sister to Paula Horst
- † Jennifer Lenz - Cathy’s daughter, niece to Paula & Jerry
- † Alex Zook - grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Josh Crosiar - member
- † Anne Maske - member
- † Steve Brinkmann - son to Dale & Vonnie
- † Braylynn Davis - friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown - family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- † Gordon Dupres - family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens - brother to Brande Ruskusky
- † Lil Mulvaney - friend to Pauli family
- † Ginny Preston - friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick - friend to Brill family
- † Max Wessler - father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- † Bill & Pam Barr - members
- † Megan Primmer - cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Kenneth Garner - acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)
- † Lorrie Kaspar - mother to Julie (Kaspar) Eaton
- † Rod Pauli - member, son to Carolyn
- † Gloria Teeter - friend to Long Family
- † Mark Buettner - associate of Carol Wessler
- † Tamesha Gates - friend to Szold family
- † Sandra Boyer - daughter of food pantry contributor
- † Mark Leon - brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- † Shirley King - mother to Phil King
- † Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar
- † Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph’s aunt
- † Delcie Lane - member
- † Mark Manthey - member
- † Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister
- † Earl Boyett - father of Theresa Brusick
- † Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- † Luann and Shelby Cooper - members
- † Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Marshall
- † Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia
- † Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar
- † Jenny & Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo
- † Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke
- † Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver
- † Natalie Brusick - Daughter-in-law to Chris & Theresa
- † Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- † Carol Loughridge - member
- † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk (and David & Henry) - family to Dave & Jan Heien
- † Cheris Hofmann - member

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## ✠ Prayer List (cont.) ✠

*(Prayer List continued from page 4)*

† Harriet Caughey - member  
 † Maureen and children - extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman  
 † Teresa Kerrick -  
 † Pr. Drews - Pastor at Trinity, Pekin  
 † PJ Comacho - friend to Mark Manthey  
 † Lorie Livingston - wife to Ty  
 † Patty Caughey - member  
 † Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughey  
 † Jessica Horman - member  
 † Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to Doug  
 † Tomi - mother to Chris Brusick  
 † Diane Norris - friend of member  
 † Ginny & Marty Liex - friends to LaVelle Borders  
 † Ann Jacobson - sister in law to Carolyn Pauli  
 † Hugh - friend of member  
 † Vonnie Brinkmann - member  
 † Carolyn Pauli - member  
 † Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long  
 † Ryan & Carol Stetzler - friends of Katie Tagge  
 † Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston  
 † Tricia Smith - sister to Marcia Riddle  
 † Chris Walker - brother-in-law to Vicky Jones  
 † Brett Parrott - Erin's brother-in-law  
 † Paul Fager - member  
 † Diane Freeman - member  
 † Dan Moran - Judy Norman's brother  
 † Katie Tagge - member  
 † Bev Hoffman - niece to Gordon  
 † JayCee Grier  
 † Norah Rossman - friend to Riebel family  
 † Nan Borunda - sister to Lou Ann Cooper  
 † Chris Pacey - son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)  
 † Donna Kirkman - sister to Lynn Laredo  
 † Ilsa Adams - stepmother to Lynn Laredo  
 † Robert Marshall - father to Michael Marshall

† David Heien - member  
 † Ross Pauli - son of Carolyn  
 † Deaconess Gillian - friend of the congregation  
 † Gary Ruckle - member  
 † Trinity Foote - Kieth & Linda Crook's granddaughter  
 † Sherri Crosiar - Josh's mother  
 † Denise Shivers - member  
 † Jane Millard - visitor  
 † "Nylon" - visitor at Food Pantry  
 † Cisneros Family - friends of a member  
 † Joel Barr - Bill & Pam Barr's son  
 † Ruth and Richard Boch -  
 † Wendy Mirretti - Mother-in-law to Bronwyn (Beenders) Mirretti  
 † Vanessa Ruckle - member  
 † Nancy O'Brian - niece to Pam Barr  
 † Jim Smith - brother to Marcia Riddle  
 † Lee Mauschbaugh - member  
 † Tom Brosowske - member  
 † Jim Brosowske - Tom's brother  
 † Daryl Claudin - member  
 † Larry Frank - member  
 † Hazel Krenzke - daughter of Dcs. Christine  
 † Cindy Niebur - niece to Barb Zook  
 † Julie Riddle - daughter in law to Marcia  
 † Conner Brinkmann - grandson to Vonnie  
 † Joe Leon - husband to Susie  
 † Kathleen Tagge - daughter-in-law to Katie  
 † Ben Claudin - member  
 † Sandy Willaims-McFarlane - member  
 † Jonathan Tagge - member  
 † Doug Auer - member  
 † Rev. Larry & Pat Goetz - friends of the congregation  
 † Lois Whitby - grandmother to Hunter & Sam  
 † Larry Traub - member  
 † Michelle Teel - sister to Vicky Brosowske  
 † Gale Brill - father to Owen & Sydney  
 † Robert Grinslade - member

*(Prayer List continued on page 6)*

Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
4/2 Maundy Thurs.	43	37	—
4/3 Good Friday	54	—	—
4/4 Holy Saturday	12	9	—
4/5 Easter Sunday	94	77	\$7,184.00
4/12 Sunday, Easter 2	72	16	\$2,291.00
4/19 Sunday, Easter 3	59	44	\$1,975.00
4/26 Sunday, Easter 4	76	18	\$5,778.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$17,228.00</b>

**IN HIS SERVICE**

**PASTOR:**  
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

**CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
Mr. Ethan Yoder

**SECRETARY**  
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

**CONCORDIA SCHOOL**  
Ms. Emily Craine 691-8921  
Principal

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**  
Chairman.....Gerald Horst  
Vice-Chairman.....David Heien  
Secretary.....Judy Honig  
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler  
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston


**MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS**  
LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

**WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY**  
Chairperson Luann Claudin  
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston  
Secretary: Lisa Cornelius  
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar  
Treasurer: Linda Khattar

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar  
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Kelly Eckert  
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst & Tom Brosowske

# Puzzle!



In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A _____
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	___ C ___
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	_____ D ____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	__ E _____
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G _____
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H _____
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I _____
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J _____
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	_____ K ____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	__ L _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ N ____
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	_____ P _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	R _____
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ T ____
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	___ U ____
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	___ V ____
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	_____ Y
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z _____

**CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD**  
Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

**CONCORDIA FOUNDATION**  
Eileen Benne & Connie Kissner

**CONCORDIA TRUSTEES**  
Jarrod Horman

**BOARDS OF MT. CALVARY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

**BOARD OF EVANGELISM**  
Dormant

**BOARD OF YOUTH**  
Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

**BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING**  
Dormant

**BOARD OF PROPERTY**  
Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius, Jarrod Horman, Larry Frank & Vicky Brosowske

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**  
Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders & Mike Gavic, Brett Hammer

**BOARD OF ELDERS**  
(families under each Elder's care)  
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske  
Carver — Grinslade Phil King  
Halverson — Kissner Daniel Keehner  
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders  
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

**FOOD PANTRY**  
LaVelle Borders  
Paula & Jerry Horst

✠ *Prayer List (cont.)* ✠

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✠ Zeke Garrison - (military), Grandson to Gary & Kim Beenders

✠ Gary Beenders - member

✠ Shay Wright - former member

✠ Beth Martin - cousin to Cheryl Riebel

✠ John Bremer - broth to Jan Heien

✠ David Auer & daughter - son of Doug

✠ Jennifer Sarver - friend to Brandt Barr

✠ Mike O'Brian - cousin to Pam Barr

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elikanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebedee



Support Our

## Church Worker Students

### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT**

Each year our Central Illinois District designates **the first Sunday in May, (this year it is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.)** 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:cid@cidlcms.org) for assistance.

### **CONCORDIA NEWS**

#### **May Concert Schedule:**

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

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-pm** – All bands and orchestras

**May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm** – Classroom music and all choirs

Both evenings the programs will be held in the Ruppert Center.

#### **Graduation**

Concordia graduates its 2026 class on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Our graduates are: Darius Green, Jr., Olivia Johnson, Laurel Ruskusky, Mia Martinez, Kaiya Vais, Michael Long, Sam Whitby. We wish them God's blessings as they move on to new schools in the fall.

#### **Concordia Positions Open**

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

**Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](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)*

## **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.**

**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 have begun reading 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!**



## **MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER SHOWER** --

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is sponsoring their annual diaper shower on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY MEETING**

Next meeting is Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We will be electing officers for next year and planning summer events.

Also, reserve Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a Men's Game Day in honor of all men and fathers. More information will follow.

## **SPARE ROOM?**

Edward Kang (who we know from his CAT internship last summer), and his soon to be fiancée, Rachel Gibbons, will be moving to Peoria this summer. Because of finances, they can only afford one place to live, but for the sake of good order, would like to find Rachel a room until they can get married. If you know of something (or have something) please speak with Pastor Long.

April 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

June 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>3 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 9:00 a Food Pantry Set-Up</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 11 a-12 p Concordia Concert at Caterpillar Visitors Center 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 9:30 a Achterberg Visitation 11:00 a Achterberg Funeral Service</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 10:30 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>10 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:00 a Divine Service/Confirmation 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service</p>	<p><b>11</b> :30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 6:30 p Concordia Band &amp; Orchestra Concert (Ruppert Center)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 6:30 p Concordia Choir &amp; Class room Music Concert (Ruppert Center)</p>	<p><b>14 Ascension Day</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 11:15 a Divine Service 6:30 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>17 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation (?)</p>	<p><b>18</b> :30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia</p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:45 p Board of Elders</p>	<p><b>20</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia (?)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 10:30 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 6:00 p Concordia Graduation at Trinity Lutheran Church</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>24 Pentecost Sunday</b> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service</p>	<p><b>25 Memorial Day</b>  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 3:00 p Executive Committee</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:30 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 1:00 p Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>31 Trinity Sunday</b> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service</p>						

*"I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV

