

## **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 web site at [www.concordiapeoria.com](http://www.concordiapeoria.com) for information.

## **CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY**

Brooke Barr - Kindergarten

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha (Easter)**

Psalms 68:1-10

Acts 1:12-26

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

## **WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY ARE STILL COLLECTING MITES THIS SUNDAY.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – Altar flowers were given by the Gavic family in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

### **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

✠ Robert Grinslade –now at Arcadia, 700 Main St., in Toulon

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

✠ Cheris Hoffmann, who was called to her eternal home on Tuesday, May 7, 2026. Services will be held later this summer when family can be present.

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

**MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER SHOWER** -- Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is sponsoring their annual diaper shower **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. Diapers may be placed on top of the coat rack across from the office.

**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 this Sunday, May 10th, in the 9:00 am service. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall following the service. Please keep him in your prayers as he makes his pledge of faithfulness to the Lord.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** – Samantha Moore and Kevin Hernandez who were united in marriage on April 25, 2026 in Nipomo, CA. Blessings to them – may God grant many years of faithful love.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO:** It is the intention of Douglas Brian Auer and Kathleen Elizabeth Tagge to be joined together in the estate of Holy Matrimony on June 27, AD 2026. They would cherish your prayers for them as they seek to live as husband and wife according to God's will.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICES** – This Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PASTOR LONG AT CONCORDIA** – He get's another shot at trying to teach the 8<sup>th</sup> graders something before they move on to greener pastures. Also, May will be his month for leading Chapel.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup>. Anything after that date will printed in the July Messenger.**

**JUNE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** – At the Administrative Council Meeting on May 5, 2026, the June Semi-Annual Voters Meeting was scheduled for **June 14, 2026**. This means that reports from Boards and Committees are due in the office on **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting. We need 25 voting members for a quorum.

**CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION** – The Crafts and - 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.

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS IN MAY** – During May our pantry is requesting donations of **Tuna, Soup, Vegetable Oil, Canned Fruit, and Boxed Meals (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-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 – On hiatus this week for the Ascension Day service** -- We're 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!**

**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 May Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$21,153.59 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** --

**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>

**KFUO RADIO** -- KfuO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [X](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfu.org:** Tune in for "Spring into the Psalms" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we'll study Psalms 56, 64, 72, 82, and 94. We're continuing our study of the book of James on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT). Join us for chapters 3-5! Stay tuned for our next study, beginning next Monday, May 18th! Pastor Booe will be leading us in a study of Paul's longest epistle: the Book of Romans! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting [kfu.org](http://kfu.org)!

### **ISSUES ETC. – PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR**

**LUTHERAN LAITY** -- You're invited to attend the 2026 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference, Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist, LCMS President Matt Harrison, Megan Basham of The Daily Wire, Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the

Lord Endures Forever, Erin Hawley of Alliance Defending Freedom and YouTuber Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. Registration is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

### **FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – A Life Quote for Sunday, May 10, 2026** --

“If you’re a single parent, don’t count yourself out ... If you’re widowed or divorced, don’t count yourself out. If you’ve never married, don’t count yourself out. We sinners are all in this together. We want to see the relevance of faith for our daily lives. We hear the religious talk and we humbly ask, ‘How does this apply to me?’ The answer is that the glory of Christ’s resurrection is for us all. It continues in the message of forgiveness and hope we experience each time we gather together.” *Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Speaker Emeritus of “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **A Life Thought in the Church Year for May 10, 2026 –Sixth Sunday of Pascha(Easter)** --

Like Athens at the time of the Apostle Paul’s preaching (Acts 17:16), this world is full of idols. Today’s idols may take on a different shape, but they are just as deadly. These idols craftily disguise themselves with practical-sounding words and phrases, such as “reproductive health care” and “death with dignity.” The One True God, the Lord of Life, offers a better way. Jesus says, “Because I live, you will also live” (John 14:19). Though in this life we may be tested and tried like silver, and what may appear to be a crushing burden is laid on our backs, the Lord God has promised to bring us into a place of abundance (Psalm 66:10-12). We have been given the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, who dwells in us (John 14:16-17), that we may serve God in our various vocations as Gospel-motivated voices for Life, always being ready to make a defense for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

### **.STREAMING!** -- **Mt. Calvary offers a live stream of the**

**9:00 am service on Sunday mornings!** Just go to [youtube.com](http://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.

**WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY** – Your meeting is this Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. You will be electing officers for next season and planning June activities.

### **CONCORDIA NEWS**

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

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

- **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.

**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](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)**

**LILIES** – are now “salvage on the high seas.” If you are able to give some a good home in your garden, take what you can use, even if you didn't purchase one.

### **FROM CAMP CILCA** –

**Summer Camp Registration** is OPEN for 2026! Please encourage families to register early to save their spot.

**LEFT BEHIND** – One black folding umbrella. If it is yours, it is hanging under the coat rack across from the office.

**PEORIA BACH FESTIVAL, 2026** -- Join us for the 2026 Peoria Bach Festival. Eight wonderful concerts and events will be held from May 31 through June 5. This year we explore the music of the Bach family and his circle. The festival begins with a free organ concert at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 31. A chamber concert on period instruments will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 2. The Festival Concert will be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, June 5. Additional concerts will be held at noon during the week of the festival. For details and to reserve your seats, visit [www.peoriabachfestival.org](http://www.peoriabachfestival.org) – From Martin Dicke

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

Each year our Central Illinois District designates the first Sunday in May, (this year it was 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.