

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 31st – Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Acts 2:14a,22-36

Matthew 28:16-20

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Glenn and Abbie Matson in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS JANUARY THRU MARCH – The statements are available in your mailboxes. Please check to make sure they are correct – we are using the new data-base and it’s slow going.

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:

✠ Lois Whitby, grandmother to Hunter and Sam and mother to Michele Whitby. who was called to her eternal home on Friday, May 8, 2026. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

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 sponsored their annual diaper shower **Mother’s Day, May 10th**. The purpose was 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 still be brought and placed on top of the coat rack across from the office.**

HELP WITH STREAMING THE SERVICES -- We are looking for 2 or 3 additional people to help support Mt Calvary's streaming service. The process is easy to learn and is fairly straightforward. If you would be interested in learning more about this service and service needs, would you please contact Glenn Matson (matson75@gmail.com, 309-360-9362) or Doug Auer (douglas.auer@gmail.com, 309-303-2379).

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.**

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 26th**. 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-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. **Sunday School goes on hiatus for the summer after today..**

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 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) 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.

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

DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS --

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 -- Kfu 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 and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfu.org), [X](https://twitter.com/kfu.org), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfu.org).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfu.org: Tune in to Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) for our latest study, "Springing into the Psalms!" This week will take us through Psalms 132, 13, 140, 144, and 150. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as Pastor Booe guides us through the Apostle Paul's longest epistle: his letter to the Romans! We'll pick up this week with chapter 4. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (5/30 at 10 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of the Power and Primacy of the Pope. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfu.org!

ISSUES ETC. – UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULT OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES

-- Was the universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You'll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Doctor Reed Lessing and Doctor Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "Wrestling with God." You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – A Life Quote for Sunday, May 24, 2026

-- "In grief, the world often feels empty. The absence of loved ones weighs heavily, leaving our days feeling hollow and incomplete without their presence. And yet, Scripture tells us that in these moments of deep sorrow, God draws near. He does not stand at a distance, waiting for us to be strong enough to move on with our life. He comes to us, holds us in our brokenness, and carries us when we cannot stand." *Rev. M.L. Smith,*

Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

A Life Thought in the Church Year for May 24, 2026 –

Pentecost Sunday -- The Holy Spirit, like streams of living water (John 37:38), flows forth from Christ, just as the blood and water flowed forth from His side when He was pierced on the cross. The Spirit brings life. The Spirit gives birth to the New Testament Church, which proclaims the message of abundant and eternal life in Christ crucified and risen (Acts 2:1-4). The Spirit makes us to know God's ways and teaches us His paths. He leads the humble in what is right (Psalm 25:4-5, 9). He enables us to share the Good News of Life with those who are troubled or afraid, that they may know that they do not face life's crises alone. As the Spirit rested on Eldad and Medad (Numbers 11:26) and rested on the heads of the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), so the Holy Spirit emboldens us to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life in an otherwise dark and frightening world.

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.

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
- **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*

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 – From Martin Dicke

SAVE THE DATE . . . PIE IN JULY
SATURDAY, JULY 11 @ 1:30 P.M.

The Women of Mt. Calvary along with Family Life are hosting our 2026 Summer Social with "Pie in July!" Save the date and join us for an afternoon of laughter, conversation and of course, PIE! More details and sign up coming soon.

IT IS TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING – IN THE KITCHEN! -- The Women of Mt. Calvary is going to spruce up, cleaned out, wipe down to get the kitchen ready for any and all activities here at Mt. Calvary. We plan to have a kitchen work day on Saturday, June 6 starting at 9:30 AM. Many hands make light work, so we hope you can join us for some fellowship, fun (hopefully), and conversation while we clean up the kitchen. Bring your favorite cleaning cloth, gloves, cleaner, etc. Thank you!

LWML MITE BOX FUNDING

As of early May, Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) has dispersed \$1.3 Million in funding for selected mission grants. Ten grants have been fully funded and LWML is not even halfway through the biennium with half the monies raised. Way to go, Congregations! Remember, we collect mite boxes on the **first Sunday of each month** with a collection box in the front entry way. You don't have to be a woman to put money into a mite box and you don't even have to have a mite box! Just drop your money/change into the large mite box and know you help fund some wonderful mission projects and activities. A list of those projects are available in the narthex. Thank you!



WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY PROJECT DAY!
SATURDAY, MAY 30 – 9:30 AM TO NOON

We are working on a sewing project for young ladies in Uganda. We are trying to secure 3 to 4 sewing machines capable of a straight stitch and zigzag to go through several layers of fabric to use this on this date. If you have a machine available, please let us know. 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. We had some great conversation and fun back in March, so please join us. The coffee will be brewing and certainly there will be treats too! Questions?...Call Luann Claudin or Lisa Cornelius

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHURCH
WORKER SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

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