

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

June 7, 2026^t – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:65-72

Hosea 5:15-16:6

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY WILL BE COLLECTING MITEES NEXT SUNDAY – GENTLEMEN, YOUR MITES COUNT ALSO

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Ray and Linda Khatrar 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

† Sawyer and Rebecca (Keehner) Meyers on the birth of their son, Caleb Francis Meyers, who was born May 25, 2026 at 10:42 am, weighing in at 8lb 11oz, and was 20.5 inches long. The proud and happy grandparents are Daniel & Michele Keehner.

STREAMING! -- Mt. Calvary offers a live stream of the **9:00 am service on Sunday mornings!** Just go to [youtube.com](https://www.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.

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).

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**. Thank you to everyone who turned in their reports on time. Now we just need 25 voting members in attendance 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 JUNE – During June our pantry is requesting donations of **Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Canned Corn, Sloppy Joe Mix, and Noodles, (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 for a brand-new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week marks the start of "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", a study on the book of Matthew! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're discussing Romans chapters 8-9. Stay tuned for this month's edition of Free-Text First Friday (6/5 at 11 a.m. CT)! Pastor Booe and Rev. Robert Smith will be tackling the subject of how to read the Bible. 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 31, 2026

-- "If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word 'abortion' and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for May 31, 2026 –

Trinity Sunday -- "O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1). The Triune God Who made heaven and earth and all things, and Who breathed into Adam the breath of life (Genesis 1), is the same God into Whose Name we are baptized—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20). This Jesus, Who was crucified by men, but Whom God raised from the dead (Acts 2:23-24), brings hope and courage to those who have lost their way in life. Through the forgiveness of sins in Christ, the

past can no longer haunt us, and we are free to live in the light of God's Word. Whether the woman facing an unexpected pregnancy, or the person who has received a terminal medical diagnosis, or the one who feels as though their life no longer has purpose or value, Jesus—the Lord of Life—will not forsake us. The promise of Christ stands: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

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

- Part-time Teacher Aide – Duties include assisting instructional staff with student supervision, assessment, and individualized student needs;
- Substitute Teachers – Are you looking for a flexible and rewarding position where you decide when and what grade levels you want to work with? Concordia is looking for substitute teachers for the next school year.

Please contact Emily Craine 309-691-8921 or email your resume to employment@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



IT IS TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING --

IN THE KITCHEN! -- The Women of Mt. Calvary are going to spruce up, clean 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

MEN'S GAME DAY -- The Ladies are planning a "Men's Game Day" on June 20th for the men of the congregation. More information will be coming in the following weeks so watch the Weekly Newsletter for ways you can help.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Women of Mt. Calvary's **June Brunch on Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 AM.**

Come and join us as we celebrate another year of supporting our congregation and our freedom to worship. We've had a great year of meals, activities and projects (most of them finished) and we've elected officers for next year, so now we get to sit back and relax and have some fun and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share...breakfast, lunch, sweet or savory and sign up on the bulletin board **no later than June 7**, sooner if possible so we can start planning. To show your American spirit, wear your favorite red, white and blue! We look forward to seeing you on June 13th for a morning of treats and being free to worship our Creator and King!