

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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## Pastor's Column

<sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But, we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. .... <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.  
*(2 Corinthians 4:6-10, 16-18. ESV)*

So, this is another passage I often share with folks who are facing hardships of one sort or another. And I'll again admit that I'm taking it shamelessly out of context. The context in Paul's letter has to do with the defense of his ministry over against the so-called “super

apostles” who were turning the Corinthian congregation against Paul, and encouraging the congregation to use its Christian liberty as an excuse to give free rein to their old natures. So, in 2 Corinthians when Paul speaks of the “treasure” we have, he's speaking of the Gospel ministry entrusted to himself and other pastors – which means that “we” is not all Christians in general, but pastors and teachers in the Church. The hardships listed in verses 8 and 9 are the things Paul himself had experienced because of his service to the Gospel. The rest is pretty straight-forward.

But this can be applied to all of us. We start with verse 6 – God has shone in our hearts to give us the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus. One of the things we always need to appreciate is the variety of ways Scripture presents the foundation of the faith-life to us. But, no matter the image, the action is always initiated by God, and it always results in certain knowledge. We know that God was/is in Christ, and we have seen His glory – not in mystic experiences, but in the concrete things of His Church. Reading the Word, coming to worship, receiving the Sacraments – none of this makes the least sense apart from knowing God is here, at work, bringing us life.

Yet, for all the glory God reveals, we still carry this knowledge in our humble humanity – the “jars of clay” in verse 7. We are nothing fancy to look at. We have no great accom-

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plishments to boast of. We are fragile and easily damaged. And yet we continue in faith because of God's power and love.

So, we don't fear the hardships of life in this fallen world, and we don't fear that our weaknesses will somehow leave us bereft of salvation or grace. Many of us have experienced exactly what Paul describes here: we have been afflicted, yet not crushed. Our afflictions aren't necessarily because of our confession of faith - but they are real. They are painful. We'd prefer not to have them. Yet, we discover even in the darkest night, that we are not abandoned - and our God Who has redeemed us in Christ, will not let us be crushed. Similarly, we are perplexed - we don't understand why the world is as crazy as it is, we don't understand why we ourselves are as inadequate as we often are, yet by His promises and Spirit, God does not leave us to despair. We understand that as we are joined to Christ's death by Baptism, Christ's life is also at work in us.

Hence, we don't lose heart. We look to the hand of God to provide what we need. And we understand that the trials of this life are not the last word. When Jesus returns, and we see the whole cosmos renewed, we will look back on our life here and realize that all our troubles were just a momentary blip as we are overwhelmed by the eternal weight of the glory.

Which means that our attention is not finally caught up in the things we're going through right now - by God's grace in Christ, we always have an eye toward what is to come. This stuff now? It is transient. But what is coming is quite literally, forever. Alleluia.

God bless,

Pr. Long



**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.
- † It is the intention of Kathleen Elizabeth Tagge and Douglas Brian Auer 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.

**OFFICIALLY A MEMBER** - Please welcome into the church family Kristen Hammer. She officially became a member of Mt. Calvary on April 26<sup>th</sup> by Profession of faith. She is the daughter of Dr. Joel and Kelly Eckert and wife of Brett Hammer.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO 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.



**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. Service was held at Mt. Calvary on Wednesday, May 6, 2026,
- † Cheris Hoffmann, who was called to her eternal home on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Services will be held later this summer when family can be present.
- † 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 was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in Christ and His triumph over sin and death.



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1. Megan (Brosowske) Kovash  
Kelly Eckert
3. Tru Brewer
4. Joseph Mirretti  
Allys Pauli
5. Sophie Barr
6. Wendy Foote
7. David Heien  
Judy Honig
8. Amy Maske
9. Frankie Brill
13. Carol DeJarnett  
Anne (Heien) Bolwerk  
ShaeLynn Sturtevant
18. Adam Lawler
19. Gabe Martinez  
Sydney Brill
20. Paul Horst  
Stella Kimble  
Danielle Martinez
22. Vicky Brosowske
26. Erin Parrott
28. Jaymeson Claudin  
Robert Kissner
30. Angela Hamm  
Linda Khattar



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

2. Jeff & Cheryl Riebel
15. Dr. Joel & Kelly Eckert
16. Pastor & Sherri Long
17. Andy & Jamie Matson
28. Therry & Jill Adcock
30. Scott & Brande Ruskusky

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- June 7 –Eileen Benne
- June 14 - Dr. Joel & Kelly Eckert
- June 21– Pastor & Sherri Long
- June 28– Therry & Jill Adcock



*Worship Notes*

**Lessons for Sundays in June**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 119:65-72; Hosea 5:15-6;6;  
Romans 4:113-25; Matthew 9:9-13

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 100; Exodus 19:2-8;  
Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:20

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 91:1-16; Jeremiah 20:7-13;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10::5a, 21-33

**June 28<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 119:153-160; Jeremiah 28:5-9;  
Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42



**Elders:**

- June 7 – Daniel Keehner
- June 14 – Dr. Joel Eckert
- June 21 – Phil King
- June 28 – Tom Brosowske

**Counters:**

Brett Hammer & Eileen Benne

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**WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!**

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father’s Day.



**What you need:**

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

**What you do:**

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad’s character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you’re happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.





### **College & Above**

**Kendall Frank**, daughter of Jeremy and Norma Frank, graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana with a degree in Environmental Science. In the Fall she will be attending Southern Illinois to earn her Masters Degree.

**Carissa Freeman**, daughter of Brian and Diane Freeman, granddaughter of Barb Zook, graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Psychology. She will begin her graduate studies in Clinical Mental Health Counseling this fall at Bradley University.

**Anna Larson**, daughter of Josh and Michelle Crosiar, graduated with honors from Bradley with her bachelor's in marketing. She plans to continue work in her field in the area for now.

**Ella Ruskusky**, daughter of Scott and Brande Ruskusky graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in religious studies, with minors in American studies and gender studies. She will be getting her Master's Degree at Harvard divinity school in the fall.

### **High School**

**Isaac Beenders**, son of Josh and Angie Beenders, grandson of Kim and Gary Beenders, graduated from Morton High School in May. He will be going to Western Illinois University in the fall, studying Business Finance and playing football for the Leathernecks.

**Cameron Rebecca Dorsey**, daughter of Samantha Dorsey, graduated from Dunlap High School and ICC on May 17th with both her diploma and Associate of Arts Degree with Highest Honors. Cameron will be transferring to Bradley University as a Junior in the Fall to become a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS).

**Sarah Long**, daughter of Pastor and Sherri Long, graduated from Notre Dame High School. She plans to attend Southeastern Missouri State University in the Fall.

**Hunter Whitby**, son of Michelle Whitby, graduated from Peoria Christian High School. He will be continuing in the ICC Welding Program after graduation.

### **Grade School**

**DJ Green, Jr.** son of DJ, Sr. and Erin Green, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School. He will be attending Richwoods High School in the Fall.

**Michael Long**, son of Pastor and Sherri Long, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School. He plans to attend Notre Dame High School in the Fall.

**Laurel Ruskusky**, daughter of Scott and Brande Ruskusky, graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Concordia and will be going to Richwoods in the International Baccalaureate program in the fall. Laurel is the Valedictorian for this year's Concordia Graduating Class.

**Sam Whitby**, son of Michelle Whitby, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School as Class Salutatorian, and will be entering Peoria Christian High School in the fall.

**Olivia Johnson**, daughter of Tracie Johnson, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School.

**Kaiya Vais**, daughter of Jessica Walker, graduated from Concordia Lutheran School.

**Mia Martinez**, daughter of Gabe and Danielle Martinez, graduated from Dunlap Grade School.



## ✠ 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 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
- † Daryl Claudin – member
- † Natalie Brusick – Daughter-in-law to Chris & Theresa
- † Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- † Carol Loughridge – member
- † 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

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## ✠ Prayer List (continued) ✠

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Patty Caughey - member</li> <li>† Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughey</li> <li>† Jessica Horman - member</li> <li>† Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to Doug</li> <li>† Tomi - mother to Chris Brusick</li> <li>† Diane Norris - friend of member</li> <li>† Ginny &amp; Marty Liex - friends to LaVelle Borders</li> <li>† Ann Jacobson - sister in law to Carolyn Pauli</li> <li>† Hugh - friend of member</li> <li>† Vonnie Brinkmann - member</li> <li>† Carolyn Pauli - member</li> <li>† Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long</li> <li>† Ryan &amp; Carol Stetzler - friends of Katie Tagge</li> <li>† Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston</li> <li>† Tricia Smith - sister to Marcia Riddle</li> <li>† Chris Walker - brother-in-law to Vicky Jones</li> <li>† Brett Parrott - Erin's brother-in-law</li> <li>† Paul Fager - member</li> <li>† Diane Freeman - member</li> <li>† Dan Moran - Judy Norman's brother</li> <li>† Kate Tagge - member</li> <li>† Bev Hoffman - niece to Gordon</li> <li>† JayCee Grier</li> <li>† Norah Rossman - friend to Riebel family</li> <li>† Nan Borunda - sister to Lou Ann Cooper</li> <li>† Chris Pacey - son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)</li> <li>† Donna Kirkman - sister to Lynn Laredo</li> <li>† Ilsa Adams - stepmother to Lynn Laredo</li> <li>† Robert Marshall - father to Michael Marshall</li> <li>† David Heien - member</li> <li>† Ross Pauli - son of Carolyn</li> <li>† Deaconess Gillian - friend of the congregation</li> <li>† Gary Ruckle - member</li> <li>† Trinity Foote - Keith &amp; Linda Crook's granddaughter</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Sherri Crosiar - Josh's mother</li> <li>† Denise Shivers - member</li> <li>† Jane Millard - visitor</li> <li>† "Nylon" - visitor at Food Pantry</li> <li>† Cisneros Family - friends of a member</li> <li>† Joel Barr - Bill &amp; Pam Barr's son</li> <li>† Ruth and Richard Boch -</li> <li>† Wendy Mirretti -Mother-in-law to Bronwyn (Beenders) Mirretti</li> <li>† Vanessa Ruckle - member</li> <li>† Nancy O'Brian - niece to Pam Barr</li> <li>† Jim Smith - brother to Marcia Riddle</li> <li>† Lee Mauschbaugh - member</li> <li>† Tom Brosowske - member</li> <li>† Jim Brosowske - Tom's brother</li> <li>† Larry Frank - member</li> <li>† Hazel Krenzke - daughter of Dcs. Christine</li> <li>† Cindy Niebur - niece to Barb Zook</li> <li>† Julie Riddle - daughter in law to Marcia</li> <li>† Conner Brinkmann - grandson to Vonnie</li> <li>† Joe Leon - husband to Susie</li> <li>† Kathleen Tagge - daughter-in-law to Katie</li> <li>† Ben Claudin - member</li> <li>† Sandy Willaims-McFarlane - member</li> <li>† Jonathan Tagge - member</li> <li>† Doug Auer - member</li> <li>† Rev. Larry &amp; Pat Goetz - friends of the congregation</li> <li>† Larry Traub - member</li> <li>† Michelle Teel - sister to Vicky Brosowske</li> <li>† Gale Brill - father to Owen &amp; Sydney</li> <li>† Robert Grinslade - member</li> <li>† Zeke Garrison - (military), Grandson to Gary &amp; Kim Beenders</li> <li>† Gary Beenders - member</li> <li>† Shay Wright - former member</li> <li>† Beth Martin - cousin to Cheryl Riebel</li> <li>† John Bremer - broth to Jan Heien</li> <li>† David Auer &amp; daughter - son of Doug</li> <li>† Jennifer Sarver - friend to Brandt Barr</li> <li>† Mike O'Brian - cousin to Pam Barr</li> </ul> |
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Attendance	Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering	
Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	70	53	\$5,626.00
Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	97	73	\$2,687.00
Ascension, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	23	13	—
Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	50	44	\$3,190.00
Pentecost, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	70	54	\$1,960.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>13463.00</b>

**IN HIS SERVICE**

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

**CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
Mr. Ethan Yoder

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

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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

**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

# Puzzle!

## A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

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|-------------------------|--|
| Shem, Ham & Japheth = M | John the Baptist = N                   |
| Solomon = O             | Jacob & Esau = A                       |
| Jonathan = I            | Cain, Abel & Seth = O                  |
| Jesus = C               | Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, |
| Rachel & Leah = S       | Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,   |
| Isaac & Ishmael = P     | Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S            |

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." \_\_\_\_\_
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. \_\_\_\_\_
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. \_\_\_\_\_
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. \_\_\_\_\_
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. \_\_\_\_\_
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. \_\_\_\_\_
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. \_\_\_\_\_
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. \_\_\_\_\_

As a father has \_\_\_\_\_  
on his children, so the LORD has  
\_\_\_\_\_ on those who  
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answer: compassion

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD?"

A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery  
B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright  
C. Rahab, a prostitute  
D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13)



## 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. **We will be off for the Summer, beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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!**

## JUNE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

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1. The June Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am.
  2. The agenda for this meeting will include the election of Board Members and Officers. The outline of the positions is on the bulletin board. Please take a look at it and if there is a board or officer position that interests you, please talk to Pastor or Jerry Horst. (Just because there is a name in the position, doesn't mean that there isn't an opening.)
  3. We will need a quorum of 25 voting members to conduct business. Please plan to attend this meeting.
  4. Also, Board and Committee Chairs -- Your reports were due in the office in the office on May 26<sup>th</sup> -- did you get yours in? (There still is time, but don't wait too long.)

**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](mailto:matson75@gmail.com), 309-360-9362) or Doug Auer ([douglas.auer@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.auer@gmail.com), 309-303-2379).

## **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

## Women of Mt. Calvary

### **WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY PROJECT DAY! —**

**Saturday, May 30th, 9:30 a 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.

**SAVE THE DATE —** The Ladies are planning a "Men's Game Day" on June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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!



### **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 is available in the narthex. Thank you!



### **IT IS TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING – IN THE KITCHEN!**

-- The Women of Mt. Calvary is 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!

*Save the Date . . . Pie in July*

*Saturday, July 11 @ 1:30 p.m.*

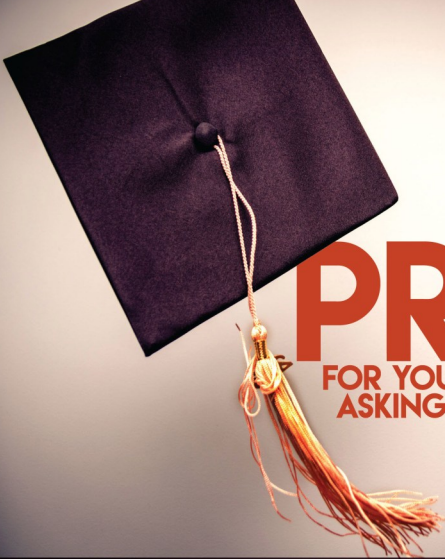
The Women of Mt. Calvary along with Family Life are hosting our 2026 Summer Social with "Pie in July!" Save the date and join us for an afternoon of laughter, conversation and of course, PIE! More details and sign up coming soon.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>1</b> 9:00 a Food Pantry Set-Up	<b>2</b> 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:00 p Executive Committee 7:30 p Administrative Council	<b>3</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary Kitchen Cleaning
<b>14</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Sung Matins Service 10:30 a Semi-Annual Voters' Mtg. 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>11</b> <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary Brunch
<b>21</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service <b>FATHERS' DAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:45 p Board of Elders	<b>17</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Men's Game Day — Sponsored by Women of Mt. Calvary
<b>28</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 a Sung Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 2:00 p Tagge —Auer Wedding
<b>29</b> <i>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Apostles</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
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**PRAY**  
FOR YOU CONSTANTLY,  
ASKING GOD ...

TO GIVE YOU SPIRITUAL  
**WISDOM**

AND **INSIGHT.**  
EPHESIANS 1:16-17, NLT