

## **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**

**June 21, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 91:1-16

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – Altar flowers were given by Dr. Joel and Kelly Eckert in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary and with thanks for their many blessings.

### **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

✠ Gary Beenders – OSF Room 4350

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

**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](mailto:matson75@gmail.com), 309-360-9362) or Doug Auer ([douglas.auer@gmail.com](mailto: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 **this Sunday, June 14, 2026**. Thank you to everyone who turned in their reports on time. Any late reports will be printed in an Addendum and distributed at the meeting. Now we just need 25 voting members in attendance for a quorum.

**PASTOR AND FAMILY AWAY** – They'll be out of town June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> to pick up Sarah from "Camp Redhawk" and sneak in a "fun day" on the way home.

**6:00 PM THURSDAY EVENING DIVINE SERVICE OFF THIS WEEK.**

**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.

**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.

**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.** – **On hiatus for the Summer.** The classes meet in the church basement at **10:30 am September through May. Watch for information about next school year in August.**

**Sunday Morning Adult Class – The Lord’s Prayer from the Small Catechism with Explanation** –Join us as we explore the privilege of Prayer. Just what is prayer? What are we to pray for? We’ll take up these questions and a host of others as we explore the Catechism together. **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 – On hiatus this Thursday, June 18<sup>TH</sup>.** 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 June Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$32,203.00 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 --**

**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>

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### **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:**

Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Tune in to "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near" as we focus in on Matthew 5. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study of Romans and move right into the book of Acts! Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (6/20 at 10 a.m. CT) as we review our study of the Power and Primacy of the Pope. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!

**ISSUES ETC. --- EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST**

- Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: The Tragedy of Islam, Purgatory, An Update on the Legal Battle Between the LCMS & Concordia University Texas, Declining Public School Enrollment, Children's Right's & Same Sex Marriage and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE -- A Life Quote for Sunday, June 14, 2026**

"It is important for each of us that we not forget how our country came to be an independent nation. It's even more important that we individually remember how dependent we are upon God's provision, protection, and blessing for those liberties we daily enjoy and use. Take the time to turn to the Lord with a thankful heart. Pray also for the willingness to share in the responsibilities and duties that belong to you as a citizen of the United States of America." *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for June 14, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

-- Sin and death came into the world through one man, Adam. If you are able to die, you know that sin's infection has gotten you. We are able to die from the moment of conception because sin's infection is so deep in our very existence. But as Paul reminds us, God's mercy is also for all men. He sends out His servants to proclaim God's Word and the gift of eternal life that is yours in Christ Jesus. Do not stop the little ones from hearing God's Word and believing but let them come into the presence of God before they even exit the womb and hear God's Word. When they exit the womb, give them God's gift of Holy Baptism and continue to let them hear God's Word. That is the way to cure sin's infection and see your children in eternity.

**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](mailto:employment@concordiapeoria.com)

**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!



**CELEBRATING MENI** -- Cancelled

**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 this 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. 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!

