

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

July 5, 2026 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 145:1-14

Zechariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:14-25a

Matthew 11:25-30

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Therry and Jill Adcock in celebration of their wedding anniversary and with thanksgiving for their many blessings.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

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

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The Rev. Roger Disbro has learned of the death of his eldest son, Russell Disbro, in Washington, MO. He died unexpectedly in his sleep on May 30th. A graveside service will be held in Washington on June 27th.

CONGRATULATIONOS TO:

✠ Kate Tagge and Doug Auer who were untied in marriage on Saturday, June 27, 2026. May God bless them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

✠ Rob Cairncross and De Ann Hohulin who were joined in marriage on June 16, 2026

✠ PASTOR LONG & FAMILY AWAY!

They're off to Florida to see Sherri's mom and make sure all is well. The Elders will lead the services on July 5th & 12th, and Pastor Hoech & Ivy will be with us to lead service on July 19th,

✠ **NOTE!** – While Pastor Long is away, Thursday services are on hiatus (until July 20th). Also there will only be one service on Sundays 7/5, 7/12, and 7/19 (9:00 am).

✠ **PASTOR HOECH & IVY!** – Will be with us on July 19th. Pastor Hoech will preside for worship and then both Pastor and Ivy will update us on the work going on in Kyrgyzstan.

"DID YOU KNOW?" FROM PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

-- Due to the generosity of the members from ten LCMS congregations in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties, Peoria Area Lutherans for Life has been able to distribute 8,516 baby diapers and 16,048 baby wipes to four local Christian non-profit entities that help women who have chosen life for their babies. These baby supplies are provided at no cost to the mothers who also

receive Christ-centered counseling, parenting classes, and other loving support from Living Alternatives in Pekin, and Women's Care Center, Destiny for Women, and Empower Life Center in Peoria. In addition to the baby supplies, 854 donated adult garments were distributed to Aperion Care Center in Morton. Thanks to all who donated to our Mothers' Day Diaper Collection in May and made it possible for us to bless people in Jesus' name in this way. God bless you for your generosity!

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 while Pastor's family is on vacation.** 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 Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting that she currently has \$14,799.00 in the General Fund and is a little concerned that she may not be able to pay all our bills.

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.

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 KFYO AM850 & kfuo.org:

We're continuing our study of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we'll take a look at chapters 6 and 7. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we've just begun a brand-new study in the book of Acts! Tune in as we pick up with chapter 7. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this Saturday (7/4 at 10 a.m. CT)! Pastor Finnern is taking us through a mini-series on the significance of the Lutheran Confessions. This week, we are asking how the Confessions form us. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

ISSUES ETC. --- EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

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 topics include: The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marxism & Liberation Theology, Expressive Individualism & the Christian Life, The Sevenfold Graces of the Spirit in Isaiah 11 and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE -- A Life Quote for Sunday, June 28, 2026

"God always makes life, and He always makes life worth it. The Good Giver of Life also accompanies each one as the Almighty Lord of 'my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Corinthians 12:9). The crucifixion forgiveness of Jesus Christ proves that He constantly populates the adversities themselves with delights." *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life -- A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for June 28, 2026 --5th Sunday after Pentecost

-- Jesus said: "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42). God does not demand from us that we have success with everyone to whom we proclaim the Word of God. God knows the hearts of men. He knows that many have turned their hearts from hearing God's Word and desire death and not life. They desire to stay in their sins and not hear God's mercy and love for them. They will still kill their children, murder their elders, and seek to destroy life at every step because of who their father is. But we as God's children are to speak the truth even when it is received with hostility and even when it seems meager and worthless. For God says if we even give a cup of cold water, God will bless us. If we seek to save the life of a human being according to God's Word, God will bless us.

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

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!



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.

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).

PIE IN JULY

SATURDAY, JULY 11 @ 1:30 P.M.

As the summer season gets into full swing we'd love to take a moment to pause, connect, and spend a relaxing time together!

The Women of Mt. Calvary and Family Life Committee are hosting a pie sampling afternoon, and we would be thrilled to have everyone join us.

What: Pie in July

When: Saturday, July 11th at 1:30 pm

Where: Mt. Calvary Parish Hall

What to expect: Fellowship and a variety of tasty pies made by the members of Mt. Calvary

Please sign up on the bulletin board so that we can finalize the pie count.

If you are interested in bringing a pie, please contact Luann Claufin (309-369-2606) or Lisa Cornelius (309-370-6338).

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE!

Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and music on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. in front of Kelleher's Irish Pub & Eatery (619 SW Water, Peoria) for dinner and the Peoria Municipal Band concert! There are many items available on their menu \$10-\$30 (approx.).

The Peoria Municipal Band concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and the theme is "It's an evening of *Folk Songs*". Courtney Huffman Frye is singing a special piece by Eric Whitacre and xylophone soloist Christopher Brandt moves from the back of the band to the front. The concert is free.

We're planning on getting some tables for dinner. If you'd like to join us, please contact Paula Horst (309 657-3129) or Michele Keehner (309 693-8095) or sign up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office by Tuesday, July 14.

Rain date is Wednesday, July 22

FREE FOR THE ASKING –

Michele Whitby is in the process of cleaning out her mother's home in preparation of selling it. She has the following items that she needs to find a good home for. If you are interested in any of them, give her a call – (309-550-0560) and she will set a time to meet you.

- Floral print couch
- Queen size bed and box spring with metal bed frame.
- Twin bed and mattress
- Circa 1960 century high boy dresser - blond wood color
- Full bed and mattress. Bed frame painted white
- Dresser painted dark brown
- Futon
- Lift assist recliner
- Green recliner
- Grayish brown sofa
- Bookcase (oak color)
- Short 2 shelf book case/shelving unit
- 18 inch TV (flat screen)
- Larger flat screen (about 36 inch) TV -- wall mount (no feet/stand)
- Flat screen TV (medium--unsure of size)