

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 12, 2026 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 65:1-13

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:12-17

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY ARE COLLECTION MITES THIS WEEK-END. MEN, YOUR MITES COUNT ALSO

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Doug and Kate Auer in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings, and for family and friends.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

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

CONGRATULATIONOS TO:

✠ Kate and Doug Auer who were untied in marriage on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

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

May God bless these couples as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

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 a our TIM Pastor 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 at 9:00 am.

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 JULY – During July our pantry is requesting donations of **Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Canned Corn, Sloppy Joe Mix, Noodles, snack size chips, pretzels & Goldfish, (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 –**On hiatus 7/5, 7/12. On 7/19 Class will be led by our TIM Pastor.** 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 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 look at Matthew 8 and 9. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we move forward in our study of Acts! We'll be picking up this week with chapter 9. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (7/11 at 10 a.m. CT)! Pastor Finner is leading us through a mini-study on the significance of the Lutheran Confessions. This week, we answer the question, "Is the Book of Concord even practical?" Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

ISSUES ETC. --- WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS

CULTURE... -- 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: Pro-Life Democrats; Divorce & Remarriage; Down Syndrome Children & Abortion; Campus Ministry and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE -- A Life Quote for

Sunday, July 5, 2026 "The Fourth of July is an ideal time to thank God if you have a good homeland ... or in the U.S., a free country. What a blessing! Just like Job or Jonah, this isn't the case for everyone. And we should continually pray for those whose homelands or countries are ravaged by war, politics, or disease. Praise God for giving us a country where we can worship Him and live our lives in relative freedom and peace." *Katrina Harrmann, Time of Grace -- A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for July 5, 2026 -- 6th

Sunday after Pentecost -- Sin dwells in each one of us so that even when we desire to do what is right, we are seldom able to do it without stain (Romans 7:18). Therefore, even Christians fall into sins which dehumanize our neighbors. We treat others differently or harbor hatred toward them because of their race, political views, past sins, etc. Thanks be to God that He is pleased to reveal His salvation to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, forgiving our sins, delivering us from the power of sin, and considering us as His own beloved children (Matthew 11:25-27; Romans 7:25).

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

JUDY AWAY – Judy will be gone July 17th, 18th, and 19th for her grand-daughter, Megan Benkendorf's marriage to Jack Fletcher in St. Louis, MO. If you are available to baby sit the office on Friday, July 17th, please let Judy know (309-688-4321).

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 Claudin (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

CHRIST IS RISEN; TELL THE NEXT GENERATION

During a convention year, the LCMS gathers a National Offering. This year the offering will support making the Good News of Jesus Christ available among families.

The National Offering theme is based on *Psalm 78:4*:

"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done."

Mt. Calvary will support this effort by providing self-addressed envelopes for you to send your gift directly to the Synod. The envelopes will be on the table in the Narthex, attached to a flyer about the offering. Please take one if you wish to participate.