

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

August 23, 2026

Psalms 138

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by LaVelle Borders in honor of her great-grandchildren and in thankfulness for God's many blessings.

CHOIR SEASON KICK-OFF PICNIC

Adult Choir, Bell choir, Anchormen and any past or future members, save the Date for our Kickoff Picnic!

- Sunday August 30th, 4:30 PM
at the Matson's
- 521 East Swords Drive, Edelstein

Barbecue pulled chicken-brats. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dessert or dish to pass. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. Please sign up to help us plan for food.

If you have any questions,, please call Abbie at 309-224-9432.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT CONCORDIA – Classes began again at Concordia Lutheran School this past Wednesday, August 12th. Please remember the students, their parents, and the faculty and staff in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ James Morby, husband of Karen Morby, who was called to his eternal home this past week.

While Mr. Morby taught in the public schools, Mrs. Morby taught at Concordia and their daughters attended Concordia. May the family and friends find comfort in our risen and ascended Savior, Jesus Christ.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION – The Crafts and - Conversation 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 AUGUST – During August our pantry is requesting donations of **Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, (other than corn or green beans), Vegetable Oil, (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 the next school year, coming soon.
- **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** – 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 \$43,119.58 in the General Fund. She has taken the maximum amount out of the Endowment, and if she needs more it will require a special congregational vote.

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.

ISSUES ETC. --- TRUTH, GOODNESS, BEAUTY --

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 teachings include: What Is Critical Theory?, The Reliability of the Bible, The Population Bust, The Term "Flesh" in the Bible and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

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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 16-18. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we move forward in our latest study of the minor prophets. We'll be picking up this week with the book of Nahum. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (8/22 at 10 a.m. CT)! Pastor Brady Finnern is leading a new study through the Formula of Concord, and this week we'll

be discussing the controversies which led up to the Formula's writing. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS – This year five projects have been approved and three have already been completed. Dollar for Missions has assisted in the funding of:

- Hispanic ministry in Beardstown,
- paid for a beautiful aluminum sign for Wittenberg Student Center at Illinois State,
- provided funds for Immanuel – Charleston to revamp its student library.

The two remaining projects include new flooring for the Wittenberg Student Center sanctuary and fellowship hall, and providing technology equipment and instruction materials for Central IL Deaf Outreach (current project). New this year, you can now support DFM through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online at: <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>

All new recurring gifts will be matched by a special one-time gift, up to \$20,000. Rev. Patrick Gumz at the district office.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – A Life Quote for Sunday, August 16, 2026 “The message concerning the work and person of Christ is meant to bring joy to the sorrowing and light to those in the darkness. The light of God's mercy shines into the darkest of situations; the Holy Spirit guides people to confess their sins and brings forgiveness to those who have participated in abortions, pointed people to end their own lives, or suggested that someone be harmed in some other way.” Rev. Dennis Norby, *Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 16, 2026 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost-- “Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ...” (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. “For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all” (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry

for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.

CONCORDIA POSITIONS OPEN – Concordia Lutheran School in Peoria, IL is seeking candidates for the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jr. High (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) Teacher:

- Duties: Subject area instruction in Science, and/or PE. Expectations also include participation in professional development opportunities, curriculum development, and various student supervision duties.
- Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in education (or have completed an approved alternate path for state licensure) and a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred).
- All employees are expected to act in a manner that supports the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria, IL, and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.

Title 1 Academic Tutor:

- Duties: Work with individual students or small groups to target specific academic learning gaps. Create and deliver individualized learning plans and lessons based on student performance data. Maintain accurate records of student growth, behavior changes, and assessment results. Report observations and coordinate strategies with the principal and classroom teachers
- Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in education (or have completed an approved alternate path for state licensure) and a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred). All employees are expected to act in a manner that supports the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria, IL, and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.
- Special Note: This position is payrolled through Peoria Public District 150, by allotted Title I funds. Schedule is flexible, averaging 10-15 hours per week.
- Please email employment@concordiapeoria.com with resumes or contact principal Emily Craine at 309-242-4601 for further information.

JR. & SR. HIGH NEWS! -- All Jr. & Sr. High Youth!

There are only a few weeks left until the **End of Summer All Youth Hangout** (youth from Christ, Mt. Calvary, Redeemer, Trinity) at Redeemer's pavilion on **Sunday, August 30** from 5-8 PM! Dinner, games, s'mores, and devotions will be included in the evening's activity. There is no cost for this event, but we ask that you sign up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office or call Michele (309) 693-8095 so we can let them know how many to plan for.

WOMEN OF MT CALVARY'S NEXT MEETING --

Ladies be aware of a change in scheduling -- for September only, your meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday, September 19th due to Claudins' being out of town on the 12th. Please mark your calendars accordingly. More information on that meeting will be published in the coming weeks.

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

still seeking 2 or 3 additional volunteers to help with Mt. Calvary's streaming service. The process is easy to learn and straightforward. If you would like more information about this service opportunity, please contact Glenn Matson (matson75@gmail.com, 309-360-9362) or Doug Auer (douglas.auer@gmail.com, 309-303-2397).