

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

October 4th 19th Sunday after Pentecost LWML Sunday

Psalms 80:7-19

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

NEXT SUNDAY WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY WILL BE COLLECTING MITES

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Barb Zook in celebration of her granddaughter, Carissa and her birthday, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN: We began rehearsals on Saturday, September 5th: Adult Choir at 1:00 pm and Bell Choir at 2:00 pm. There are no auditions – just come and sing along. Everyone is invited.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

✠ Carol DeJarnett – Now at Reach, room 22, at Lutheran Hillside Village

TODAY WE WELCOME -- The Kindergarten through 5th grade students as they share their talents with us. They will be singing a song written by a group of people from Concordia University, Irvine, CA – “The Songwriters Initiative.” Please join us as these young people tell us through song about the wonderful love of Jesus. (Note: Miss Hoech graduated from Concordia, Irvine).

CONCORDIA FAMILY MEETING

The annual meeting of Concordia families with the Elders and Pastor Long is scheduled **for today, Sunday, September 27th** immediately following the **11:45 am service**. If you are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Long and he will set up a time for you to meet. Discussion for the meeting will include expectations and answer any concerns that the parents have.

“CHOICES, CHOICES” – The Family Life Committee has two different dates at two different places for you to enjoy dinner and a play! On Friday, October 23 at 5:30 pm will be “Knives In” murder mystery at the Mackinaw Valley Winery. Tickets \$57 + tax. On Saturday, October 24 showtime at 7:30 pm will be “Elvis Has Left the Building” a comedy at the Barn III in Goodfield. Tickets are \$70. Sign up on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office. **Deadline is October 4.**

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, and then join us for Bible Study.

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 SEPTEMBER – During September our pantry is requesting donations of **Boxed Dinners, Boxed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, (other than corn or green beans), and 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.** – **SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HERE!** And with a new season, we're changing up the format. We will now offer Sunday School for ages pre-K through Jr. High on the ***second Sunday*** of each month. The Sunday School hour will include a lesson, snacks, an activity, and fellowship. This is a great opportunity for our younger members to grow in faith, knowledge, and community. So, come join us! **Our next meeting day will be October 11th.** The class is from 10:30-11:30 am.

† **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 Prophet Nahum:** Often passed over as one of the "Minor Prophets," what Nahum was inspired to proclaim to God's people remains relevant to the life of the Church in a fallen and hostile world. The Northern Kingdom had fallen to Assyria. Judah suffered multiple attacks from the Assyrians as God chastened them for their faithlessness. Yet, they remained God's people, and through Nahum (whose name means "consolation") God promised that there would be deliverance, and that the wickedness of the Assyrians would finally be judged. Find out what all this

has to do with us as we read through Nahum. **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 September 1st Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$25,047.03 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) 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. --- 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: How to Read the Bible, Why Men Aren't Marrying, The No Contact Movement, Debate Over the Location of the Town of Bethsaida and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

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KFUO RADIO -- CHRIST FOR YOU -- 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 26! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of Paul’s letters to the Corinthians! We’ll be picking up this week with 1 Corinthians 12. Don’t forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/3 at 10 a.m. CT)—Pastor Brady Finnern and Rev. Dr. Rick Serina will be unpacking the doctrine of free will as found in Article 2 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfu.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 to 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, September 27, 2026 “Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org***A Life Thought in the Church Year for September 27, 2026 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost**-- The consistent refrain of the foes of life is something like, “You are more significant than others” or “Look to your own interests.” This refrain seeps into the everyday

routine of many because it resonates with our sinful nature. In fact, we grumble at the slightest infringements on our lives of convenience. The Apostle Paul instructs each of us to “look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). The world tries to drum into our minds that raising up children, serving those in need, caring for the elderly, and tending to those who are dying are useless pursuits. But in Christ we see the value of each life and the joy that God provides in seeing people loved.

ANNUAL CONCORDIA GOLF OUTING – will be held on **Monday, October 12th** at the Peoria Country Club, 4700 N. Grand View Drive, Peoria. To get more information or to register a team go to: <https://www.golfeventsguy.com/concordia.html#/> All registrations etc. are to be done online. For sponsorship information contact Nate Gregg, 309-210-4656, n Gregg19@gmail.com.

STATE GOLF COMPETITION – Congratulations to 5th grader Logan Phegley -- he finished 13th in a 3 way tie out of 92 golfers!

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).

LIFE CHAIN – The annual Heart of Illinois Life Chain is **next Sunday, October 4th from 2-3 pm** at the sidewalks in front of and south of Planned Parenthood, 2709 N. Knoxville, in Peoria. Join Bob & Cindy Wegner and other area pro-life representatives from around the area as they stand to promote life.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE is seeking a part-time Pregnancy Counselor & Adoption Caseworker to serve women and families from a new office location near the University of Illinois campus in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois.

This meaningful ministry position provides life-affirming counseling to women facing unplanned pregnancies and supports adoptive families through education, assessments, home studies, placement, and post-placement care. The position also includes connecting with churches, healthcare providers, and community partners to strengthen Lutheran Family Service's pregnancy and adoption ministries.

Qualified candidates should have a bachelor's degree in social work or a related human-services field, strong communication and organizational skills, and a desire to serve in a Christian, faith-based ministry. Child-placing experience is preferred. This position is approximately 20 hours per week and requires some travel throughout Central Illinois.

If you feel called to help women choose life and assist in building Christian families through adoption, please visit: www.lutheranfamilyservice.org/careers/

DIRECTORY ADDRESS CHANGE

Dennis Waldren has moved from his home on North Gale in Peoria to Pekin to be nearer his daughter, Kathy.

His new address is:

Dennis Waldron
Charter Senior Living, Apt. 230
2700 S. 14th Street
Pekin, IL 61554

Dennis' phone number remains the same as printed in the directory: 309-256-3319

We also have a phone number for his daughter, Kathy Armbrust: 309-214-6937.



We had such a great response last year of 172 socks donated that we are doing a SOCK drive again for the Center for Prevention of Abuse. During the month of October, the Women of Mt. Calvary are asking congregational members to donate new pairs of socks. The socks can be for women, men, teenagers, girls, boys and babies! They can be all shapes, sizes and colors. The donated socks will be given to the Center for Prevention of Abuse, who help all people live free from violence and abuse providing confidential and free services to survivors of abuse here in Central Illinois. Just look for the clothes basket and clothesline to place your socks in anytime during the month of **October Socktober**. Share a pair to show you care! Let's try to reach 200 pairs! Thank you!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Concordia Lutheran School is seeking candidates willing to fill long-term substitute positions:

- Immediate Short-Term Medical Leave: 3rd Grade Teacher for approximately 7 weeks, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- Spring Maternity Leave: Jr. High ELA & 8th Grade Homeroom approximately March-May, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Long-term Substitutes should have, at minimum, an associate's degree with substitute experience; however, a bachelor's degree in education is 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 exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct. Duties include lesson planning, grading, student supervision, and classroom management. Compensation is \$132/day. If you are interested, or know of someone, please contact Principal Emily Craine at ecraine@concordiapeoria.com or 309-691-8921.

May the Spirit move you... to join us for the next Women of Mt. Calvary Gathering & Meeting!

Join us for the Women of Mt. Calvary October Gathering/Meeting on **Saturday, October 10** at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall! We will begin with chair yoga promptly at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting starting around 9:45 a.m.

- Finalize plans for our Fall Harvest Dinner
- Prepare for the holiday activities & festivities coming up
- Continue the Lord's work & ways to support our congregation
- Fellowship time together and treats
- Stay Tuned...a special speaker might be joining us!

We invite all ladies of the congregation and hope to see you in October!



Join us for the
Fall Harvest Congregation Dinner
on
Sunday, October 25 at 12:00 PM
(after Bible study and church service)

The Women of Mt. Calvary will provide the turkey*, corn* and mashed potatoes*. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

* - Gluten-Free

Sign up indicating your attendance, your dish to share.

If you would like to help with set-up, serve and clean-up, please sign up as well.

Gather with fellow Mt. Calvary members for fellowship, food, celebration and giving thanks.

For questions, contact Michele Keehner 309-360-3389 or Paula Horst 309-657-3129.