

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – Altar flowers were given by Joe & Susie Leon in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

- ✠ Carol DeJarnett – Now in Assisted Living, Room 1117, at Lutheran Hillside Village
- ✠ D.J Gibler and Theo James – Now Home

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

- ✠ Sandra Purtcher, mother of Debbie Hoffman, grandmother to Kyle and Emma Hoffman, who was called to her eternal rest on Sunday, October 4, 2026. Services were held on Saturday October 10, 2026.

May her family find comfort, hope, and peace in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 25, 2026, Reformation Sunday

22nd Sun day after Pentecost

Psalms 46

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, REFORMATION SUNDAY.

- 9:00 am – Bible Study
- 1030 am Divine Service, Luther's Mass of 1525
- 12:00 pm- Harvest Reformation Dinner served by Women of Mt. Calvary (sign up sheet on Bulletin Board)

PASTOR LONG AND MICHAEL NSUPERVISED!

– Sherri and Bekah are off to Florida to check on Sherri's Mom, which leaves the men on their own, and Pastor Long running a couple of different directions at once. If all goes well, order will be restored on October 24th.

PASTOR HAS CHAPEL AND TEACHES AT CONCORDIA

– Because Pastor Long has chapel this month on Wednesday mornings, and it's his quarter to teach 8th grade religion he will not be in the office until later than usual.

“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. If you didn’t get your money to Paula Horst, see her to make arrangements for getting it to her.

LWML/WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY OPERATING FUND ENVELOPES – The request for donations to the operating fund for Women of Mt. Calvary has been put in your mail boxes. This fund provides for kitchen supplies, coffee, LWML Quarterlies, and funds for the Peoria/Pekin Zone. Please help the ladies keep up all the good things they do for our congregation and the Zone. They would like your donation by November 1st.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION – The Crafts and Conversation Group meets at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings and is open to everyone. 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 OCTOBER – During October our pantry is requesting donations of **Green Beans, Corn, Soup, Fruit, Cranberries, and Gravy (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 Sunday, November 8th. 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 Augsburg Confession:** While the 95 Theses often are credited with getting the Reformation “started,” the document that gave the “Evangelische” Church (as opposed to the “Catholische” Church) its distinct shape was the Augsburg Confession of 1530. The Holy Roman Emperor called the teachers and leaders of the evangelical churches to present their confession of faith at Augsburg so that it could be examined and judged. The document they presented stresses the common ground shared between the Evangelicals and Catholics, while at the same time marking the areas of disagreement. The “Augustana” remains one of the confessions that Lutherans around the globe share in common. Join as we read through this confession and explore its riches. **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!**

ISSUES ETC. — A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... October is National Depression Education and Awareness Month. You can listen to the audiobook, “*I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression*” by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression. This audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio, Inc., based in Collinsville, IL. LPR, Inc. produces radio talk shows, podcasts, sacred music and talk stations, books, audiobooks, conferences, hymn recordings and videos.

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 August 6th Administrative Council Meeting that she currently has \$19,277.78 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.

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

Last week, we began a new study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), and that study continues this week as we pick up with Job 3! 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 looking at 2 Corinthians 7-11. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/24 at 10 a.m. CT)—Pastor Brady Finvern and Rev. Dennis McFadden will be unpacking the doctrine of good works as found in Article 4 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. 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 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, October 18, 2026 -- “Do not be silent. You have

the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

October 18th – St. Luke, Evangelist—The Lord provides laborers in His harvest field. We pray for our pastor and for more pastors in the Church of Christ (Luke 10). We, the harvest, will receive the crown of righteousness on the Last Day. There will be suffering between now and then, but we endure knowing that God provides (2 Timothy 4). The Lord turns everything on its head and provides for His people healing, restoration, life today, and life everlasting (Isaiah 35).

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.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION AT TRINITY, PEORIA

We cordially invite the Central Illinois District to join us for Trinity Lutheran-Peoria's Oktoberfest (noon-1:30) & Reformation Hymn Festiva (2:00pm) on Sunday, Oct. 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church, [135 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria](https://www.google.com/maps/place/135+NE+Randolph+Ave.,+Peoria,+IL+61654).

Under the direction of our Cantor Peter Wykert, the hymn festival theme is "Built on the Rock". Music selections will include festival hymn arrangements of

Kevin Hildebrand and historic chorales from Martin Luther's era placed side-by-side with modern songs from The Songwriter Initiative (TSI). All Central Illinois District singers are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the choir. If you are interested in doing so, contact Cantor Peter Wykert at

peterwykert@trinitypeoria.com. You will be provided with practice tracks and PDF's of the music notation.

All are invited to join us for food and fellowship at our Oktoberfest Meal, served from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the gym at Trinity. The menu will be traditional German fare, featuring sausages and schnitzel. So that Trinity can prepare accordingly, we do ask for people to RSVP by October 19. The direct link to RSVP is <https://subsplash.com/tlcpeoria/lb/ev/+hwx7htv> or you can find the sign up on the main page at <https://trinitypeoria.com/>

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA **PRESENT:**

IT'S THE MOST WINE-DERFUL TIME OF THE **YEARI**

Enjoy a Wine Tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery, at 2 pm on Sunday, November 1, 2026. You'll taste several Award-Winning Mackinaw Valley Vineyard wines matched with samples of foods you can serve at your holiday parties.

Enjoy door prizes, a Make-your-own ornament table, fun games, surprises, and a light supper of holiday hors d'oeuvres. Also, a Raffle of donated items and some great gift items for sale. Relax with live piano Christmas music by Don Bauer.

Enjoy the picturesque scenery and explore the winery and vineyards. Additional Wines, Cheeses, and Gourmet Chocolates may be purchased.

Tickets are \$35 per person (write your checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria). Proceeds will go to the LSSI Room at the Inn program that provides Christmas gifts for Children in their Foster, Mental Health, and Family Support program.

ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED! To get yours, mail a check and your Email address to: Pepper Bauer, 5220 S. Cameron Lane, Mapleton IL 61547. We will send you an Email receipt and hold your tickets at the door. We need your reservations by Monday October 26. Questions? Call Pepper at (309) 657-5726, or Email: pepperbauer@att.net.



SOCKTOBER -- 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.



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.