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

November 8, 2026, 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 70
Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Women of Mt. Calvary are collecting mites this week.

Altar Flowers This Week – Altar flowers were given by Tom and Vicky Brosowske in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Now at Lutheran Hillside Village

- ✝ Carol DeJarnett is now in Assisted Living , room 1117

Our Christian Sympathy – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ✝ Ken Warren, brother of Carol Wessler, who died unexpectedly this last week.

May his family know the hope and comfort of Christ's grace.

Don't forget to change your clocks this Saturday, October 31st – we return to Central Standard Time (CST) on Sunday, November 1st.

Pastor Teaches at Concordia – It's Pastor Long'a quarter to teach 8th grade religion at Concordia, he will not be in the office until later than usual.

Pledge Sunday – **Next Sunday, November 8th** has been designated as "Pledge Sunday." Pledges will be received during the services and then dedicated. A letter was sent out last week concerning the reason for making a pledge – if you did not receive one, copies will be available in the Narthex on Sunday. If you can't be in the services on November 8th, your pledge can be brought in or mailed in when it is ready. (The Pledge Box is out, so bring it whenever you are able.)

Administrative Council – meets this Tuesday at 7:30 pm. If you have any reports for the meeting have them in the office by Monday morning. The main topic on the agenda is the 2027 Budget.

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.

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.

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS IN NOVEMBER – During **November** our pantry is requesting donations of **Pancake Mix, Syrup, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Soup, and canned fruit, (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 next Sunday, November 8th.** The class is from 10:30-11:30 am and meets in the church basement.

✞ **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, 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. –- EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST -- 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: Lutheranism in Israel, Postpartum Depression, ADHD, 20th Century Lutheran Theologian Hermann Sasse and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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 KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: We're continuing our study of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT). Join us as we pick up this week with chapter 13! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we've just begun a new series in Chronicles! Tune in as we discuss 1 Chronicles chapters 2-4! Don't forget to join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT) as we talk with leaders of the Lutheran church bodies in the Czech Republic and England; hear stories from Rev. James Thomas, Lutheran pastor and soldier, and Rev. Karl Gibbs, active duty Navy Chaplain; and explore the November edition of Searching Scripture! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org.

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS -- **T**his 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, November 1, 2026 -- "I would also like to remind you that we are part of something much bigger than a nation or a political party: the Kingdom of God. It is the eternal reign of God that shows itself in time, and it can do things we think impossible. It is the true source of justice and peace and our shelter when the storms of life are raging. No matter what happens - in the days to come, our hope is in the true King, Jesus Christ, Who works through, around, or in spite of our human institutions." *Rev. Chris Wheatley – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts for November 1st – 24th Sunday after Pentecost -- Every believer (saint) lives a life of tribulation, being hated by the world and mourning the sin in their own heart and the sins of the world, like abortion, human trafficking and other such evils (Revelation 7:14; 1 John 3:1). Yet, God's children live hopefully, awaiting the day in which He will wipe every tear away from our eyes. When we find ourselves in that great, innumerable multitude, we will rejoice to be freed from all such evil and to greet all the saints washed in Christ's blood, including many of the victims of our culture of death (Revelation 7:9, 14, 17).

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.

PLAYTIME PALS AT CONCORDIA -- is up and running again. 9am - 11 a.m. on these dates**: November 13** , December 11, January 8, & 22nd, February 5, & 19th. Park on the west side of the building & follow the signs. Beat the chilly weather with some play time for Kinder age and under in a clean, safe environment!

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.

NEW ADDRESS – PLEASE CORRECT YOUR DIRECTORY –

Brett & Kristen Hammer
7304. N. Windsor Lane
Peoria Illinois 61614

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS –

St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin is once again hosting a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing, this year in support of University Lutheran Church, our LC-MS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at the University of Illinois in Champaign, on **Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**

We will join together in singing some hymns, and in listening to sacred organ, choir, vocal solo, and hand bell music, all under the theme, "Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord." Featured musicians will include guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalist Allison Harley and the combined choirs and hand bell ensembles of St. John's and Trinity, Pekin.

A free will offering will be gathered to help support our University Lutheran Church in Champaign, which is served by Pastor Michael Schuermann. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Please set aside the time to participate in and enjoy the music program, and to support our Central Illinois District mission work. The church is located at 711 Court Street in Pekin. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-347-2136.

ADOPT-A-BAG IS HERE!!!!



-- Women of Mt. Calvary are sponsoring the Adopt-A-Bag Project again this year. The bags will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall or Narthex on Sundays, November 1st, 8th, & 15th. If you wish to help with this project, please select a bag, fill it with non-perishable food items and return the filled bag to the Parish Hall any time before 9:00 am on Saturday, November 21s . We will use items from these bags to fill our Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution on Saturday, November 21st. beginning at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Helpers are welcome!

DON'T FORGET OUR SHUT-INS!!!!!

THANKSGIVING BAGS FOR SHUT-INS --

Women of Mt. Calvary will again be preparing remembrances for our shut-ins for Thanksgiving. They need your help — can you bring wrapped candies, cookies, small bread loaves, fruit (oranges and apples), raisins, etc. and put them on the counter in the kitchen marked for the shut-in bags? They would like to prepare these bags on Saturday morning, November 21st, beginning at 9:00 am.

LET'S COME "TOGETHER" FOR OUR NEXT WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY MEETING!



Join us for the Women of Mt. Calvary November Gathering and Meeting on **Saturday, November 14** at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall!

We will begin with chair yoga promptly at 9:30 a.m., followed by our guest speaker starting around 9:45 a.m. Afterward, we will hold a short meeting and make holiday ornaments together.

- ✓ Participate in Chair Yoga at 9:30 a.m. - getting fit **together**
- ✓ Hear our special Speaker: Therry Adcock - bringing us **together** with music
- ✓ Chat about upcoming activities & festivities - spending time **together**
- ✓ Review Adopt-A-Bags and Shut In Remembrances on Nov. 21 - sharing **togetherness** through food and thoughfulness
- ✓ Plan for LSSI Giving Tree & Family House gifts - giving an opportunity to share resources and generosity with others for their time **together**
- ✓ Enjoy fellowship time and treats **together**

We are better and stronger **together (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).**. We invite all ladies of the congregation and hope to see you in November as we gather **together** in the Lord's name!



LSSI GIVING TREE…

You can make someone's Christmas extra special!

Again this year, the Women of Mt. Calvary is asking our congregation to participate in supporting Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) and their Intact Family Services program through gift donations. The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, November 15. If you choose, take a tag(s) off the tree, purchase the item(s), and place the unwrapped gift(s) under the tree. Gift cards should be placed in the locked wooden box located under the tree. The Women of Mt. Calvary will deliver the items to LSSI in early December, who will then wrap and distribute them to foster kids in their program. Also, there are tags with LSSI's Mindful Giving site for your shopping convenience, which will be shipped directly to LSSI. The Peoria location serves 318 children in foster care and 197 families in their Intact Family Service program. **Thank you** for thinking of these families and for your generous contributions. Please bring all gifts no later than Sunday, December 6. Your gift will make a difference and bless a family and child!