

+ MT. CALVARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS +
FEBRUARY 5, 2012

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 PRBLong@aol.com. **Lutheranism 101 class meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.**

CONFESSION

Private confession is available on request; just contact Pastor Long for an appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Long is generally available at Mt. Calvary Tuesday 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.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICE AVAILABLE

The Multi-Media Committee has made available a “hearing assist device” for use by those who cannot hear the service clearly. You can call the office during the week (688-4321) or see Pastor Long or the elder for the day on Sundays if you are interested in using one. Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear clearly and plainly the means of grace offered in the services.

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

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| Jan Heien | - 2nd Grade |
| Bruce Tagge | - 5 th Grade & Choirs |
| Katie Tagge | - 3 rd Grade Homeroom & 6 th -8 th Grade Art |
| Brooke Barr | - 3 rd Grade Teacher's Aide, Cheerleading Coach |

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

February 12, 2012, 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 30

2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Corinthians 10:19-11

Mark 1:40-45

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS – were given to the glory of God by Deaconess Gillian in celebration of her daughter-in-law Eileen's birthday.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for January 29, 2012, was \$3,963.00. Our weekly need for 2012 is \$5,833.00.

TODAY WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY ARE COLLECTING MITES AND YOUTH ARE COLLECTING EMPTY ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS.

UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY TO WORSHIP – Please remember to keep a respectful quiet (as best as your family can), especially in the time before worship begins. Some of your brothers and sisters use that time for prayer and to prepare themselves for worship and Holy Communion. You are encouraged to visit with friends and family in the Narthex (lobby) or Fellowship Hall.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Board Meetings – Monday, 6:30 pm
- Administrative Council – Monday, 7:30 pm
- Women of Mt. Calvary – Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- Neighborhood Watch – Thursday, 7:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Bowling or Roller Skating? – Anyone interested in bowling or roller skating? Let Pastor or Deaconess know if you are interested and we'll put something together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

– There will be a meeting of the Sunday School Teachers and the Board of Education immediately following the late service (about 12:00 pm) on **Sunday, February 12th**. Sunday School teachers will receive their teaching materials for the next quarter at this meeting, so please plan to attend.

FROM CONCORDIA

Positions Open at Concordia

4th Grade Position - Concordia Lutheran School is looking for a 4th Grade teacher for the 2012-13 school year. The Personnel Committee is asking for submission of the names of any potential candidates whom you believe would serve Concordia well. Candidates should either be a trained LCMS educator, or be willing to take the courses required to become an LCMS educator. Names may be submitted to the school office or to the Personnel Committee through Carrie Kroenke - ckroenke@bradley.edu until February 24, 2012.

Fine Arts Director Position -- Because of the high regard which Concordia places on the Fine Arts, Concordia is looking for a talented, qualified, and experienced person to supervise, oversee and promote the Band, Choral, and Strings programs, as well as, to coordinate classroom art and music. The Personnel Committee is asking for submission of the names of any potential candidates whom you believe would serve Concordia well. Candidates should either be a trained LCMS educator, or be willing to take the courses required to become an LCMS educator. Names may be submitted to the school office or to the Personnel Committee through Carrie Kroenke - ckroenke@bradley.edu) until February 24, 2012.

Midwinter Masquerade, February 18th – Indulge in an extravagant evening of Mardi Gras excitement at the 2012 Red Rose to benefit Concordia Lutheran School! This fun-filled evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. where you can peruse a wide array of silent auction donations from generous Friends of Concordia. The annual specialty wine auction returns with a unique selection of vintages you can't find locally. We'll enjoy delicious New Orleans fare and indulge in decadent desserts. Guests will be treated to fabulous New Orleans Jazz until 9 p.m. and can request party favorites from 9-11 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available for donors who wish to cover expenses for the evening, and

Silent Auction items are also encouraged at this time. Please see Concordia's website or call the school for details. Thank you for your support, Mt. Calvary!

Concordia Scrip – Scrip is a program that allows you to make the purchases you already do and help Concordia. Enrollment forms and more details for the Concordia Scrip program are available from Luann Claudin, Concordia School, or the church office.

Scrip is now also online at Concordia.scriporder.com! Members need simply to contact one of the Scrip leaders to get an ID and password. If you aren't enrolled, call the school to sign up.

What's New and Exciting at Concordia – Visit their web site www.concordiapeoria.com to find out.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – This month our pantry would like to give out **1lb cans of ham** for Easter. If you can help out by bringing one, your donation can be placed in the baskets in either the Narthex or the Parish Hall or on the table in the Pantry room and will be greatly appreciated.

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Valentine Packages for Our College Youth and Military

– During their February meeting **this Tuesday, February 7th**, Women of Mt. Calvary will be packing boxes for our young people who are in college or serving in the military. In this endeavor we need your help: 1) Please get the names of your college youth to Dawn Henderson (691-5547); and 2) Consider contributing candy, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, tissue packages, pencils, pens, hotel samples (no bar soap, please), or anything a young person away from home might need. Your items can be placed on the kitchen counter, but please mark them for Women of Mt. Calvary College Student Project.

LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS – What are the basic teachings of the Christian faith? What gifts are given us by God so that we can live with Him in peace? Why do we worship the way we do? Where do Lutherans come from anyway? These and other questions — including yours — may well be answered during our current Lutheranism 101 class. **Meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

HOPE-FULL LIVING, DEVOTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN SENIORS

– This book of daily devotions is published by Lutheran Senior Services, the parent company for Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria. There are copies available on the tables in the Narthex and outside Pastor's office. Please help yourself to a copy.

THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICES CONTINUE – Have you tried the Thursday evening Worship/Holy Communion service at 6:00 pm? It's a great alternative service for those who will be out-of-town over the week-end or want to commune weekly. The service is in a spoken and abbreviated format, but still traditional and reverent. The homily is based on the readings of the "one year" lectionary, so it's not a rehash from last Sunday! Give it a try and bring a friend!

ISSUES ETC. – ALL THEOLOGY IS CHRISTOLOGY -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen to interviews on topics like: Jesus Heals a Leper, Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter, The Office of the Ministry, Silas and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Paul exhibits great empathy. He identifies with people and meets them on their own terms (1 Corinthians 9:20-22). He does so to share the blessings of the Gospel with them (9:23). We can do the same. The life issues, for example, give us opportunity to empathize and identify with people dealing with difficult situations or struggling with guilt and regret because of sin. We do so to share the blessings of the Gospel with them, the only thing that can lift them up and give them hope. **Peoria Area Lutherans for Life generally meets at 6:30 pm the 4th Monday evening of the month at Mt. Calvary September to June. The next meeting will be February 27th. Please join us.**

FROM THE LUTHERAN LAYMENS LEAGUE – The 64th Annual Bowling Tournament will be held at the K-Bowl Bowling Center in Effingham, Illinois, sponsored by the Friday Night Lutheran Mixed Bowling League and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sigel, Illinois. The tournament will be held for 4 weekends, starting on March 17th & 18th and ending on April 14th & 15th, with no bowling on Easter weekend of April 7th & 8th. This tournament will be one open division, with 5 person men's, women's or mixed teams being accepted for entry! All bowlers must be a member of a Lutheran Church. Entry forms and rules may be obtained from the church office, just ask Judy.

FROM CAMP CILCA

Men's Retreat February 24-26 -- Cutting trees, fixing buildings, and splitting wood are the main focus of our men's retreat. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or a tractor to come to this event. Here at Camp CILCA we are asking for all able bodied men (18 years and older), who have a desire to serve Christ with their own sweat. The cost for this event is \$25.00 and this will help pay for the materials needed to accomplish our goals. Camp CILCA's men's retreat also serves as a wonderful opportunity to explore God's word as we will have morning and evening devotions/Bible studies and conclude with a Sunday worship service in the morning. To register or ask questions email at camp@cilca.org

Summer Camp Schedule -- Summer is coming quickly!!! The new summer program is available for Camp CILCA on our website at www.cilca.org. Take advantage of our early bird discounts and our new simple store online. Registration is much easier this year. Hope to see you this summer for another great adventure as we explore "Logos" God's word to all people. Any questions feel free to call Rev. Johnson at 217-416-1833.

POSITION OPEN AT LUTHERAN HILLSIDE VILLAGE –

Registered Nurse – This is a full time, 12 hour - 1st and 3rd shifts position. There are also PRN positions for all shifts available. Go to our website to apply: www.LSSLiving.org/LHVcareers Or email resume to: sgoodin@LSSLiving.org

+ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY+

SUNDAY:

YOUTH:

Sunday School:

Age 3 through grade 6 – “Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed” is the lesson for Sunday School today. The miracle of healing the paralytic confirms that Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins and it confirms what the Son of Man chiefly came to do: deliver us and all believers from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Consider discussing, “In addition to healing the paralyzed man, what else does Jesus tell him? How has Jesus healed us from our sickness of sin?”*

High School Students meet upstairs in room above the kitchen.

ADULTS:

Adult Class:

James: Join us as we read through this challenging letter. It is a reminder that faith is never content to be idle, but wants to show itself in how we live and treat each other. **Meets in the Parish Hall during the Bible Study hour.**

Women’s Class:

Women’s Class: The class is working through the study *The Unexplained*, which explores in detail the fascination and beliefs our contemporary society has with spirituality and the spirit world and what Scripture tells us about these issues. **They meet in the nursery room during the Bible Study Hour.**

TUESDAY:

Lutheranism 101: What are the basic teachings of the Christian faith? What gifts are given us by God so that we can live with Him in peace? Why do we worship the way we do? Where do Lutherans come from anyway? These and other questions — including yours — may well be answered during our current Lutheranism 101 class. **Meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

WEDNESDAY:

Men’s Bible Study:

The Gospel According to St. Mark: While it is the “shortest” of the Gospels, Mark brilliantly emphasizes what it means for Jesus, the Mighty One, to break into this sin-broken world. Join us as we read through this engaging account of Jesus’ work to redeem us. **Meets 6:30 am at Bob Evans on Big Hollow Road.**

Evening Bible Study:

The Gospel According to St. Luke: What does it mean for Jesus to be the One Who brings God’s Kingdom to earth? Find out as we read through the Gospel according to St. Luke with its wonderful emphasis on Jesus’ grace, His fellowship with sinners, and the journey of the life of faith. **Class meets in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.**

THURSDAY:

Afternoon Bible Study:

The Gospel According to St. John: Sometimes simply called the “Fourth Gospel,” this account of Christ’s work and teaching was given as a supplement to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John is given to focus on Jesus’ divine nature, the power of His word, and that faith in Him is what brings life now and in eternity. Join us as we read through this powerful witness to Jesus. **We meet at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Thursday Evening Women’s Study: **Meets the first Thursday of the month – next meeting is Thursday, March 1st -- at 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall.** Deaconess Gillian is leading this study. Their topic is “*Women of the Bible.*” This study looks at Eve, Sarah and Hagar, Rebekah, and Leah and Rachel. (See page 2 for further information about this class.)

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR +

<i>Sunday</i> 02/05/2012	<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Worship/Holy Communion Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Classes Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10-:45 a
<i>Monday</i>	Board Meetings Administrative Council	6:30 p 7:30 p
<i>Tuesday</i>	Food Pantry Women of Mt. Calvary Lutheranism 101	9-11:00 a 6:30 p 7:00 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>The Gospel according to St. Mark</i> Bible Study - <i>The Gospel according to St. Luke</i>	6:30 a 7:00 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Bible Study - <i>The Gospel according to St. John</i> Divine Service Bell Choir Rehearsal Neighborhood Watch Adult Choir Rehearsal	1:00 p 6:00 p 6:45 p 7:00 p 7:45 p
<i>Saturday</i>	Youth Confirmation	10:30 a
<i>Sunday</i> 02/12/2012	<i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Worship Fellowship Coffee Anchormen Men Rehearsal Sunday School/Bible Classes Worship Worship & Music Committee Board of Education & Sunday School Teachers Meeting Circuit Forum Ruckle/Stutz Cell Group	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 12:00 p 12:00 p 2:00 p 7:00 p



Lutheran Child and
Family Services of Illinois

Tolerance

The United States was founded because of a basic desire for freedom and human rights. Our founders sought to establish a society that allowed every person the right to his or her beliefs and practices.

In today's world, ethnic, cultural and religious differences are all around us. What we do not understand about others can be frightening and that in turn can lead to fear, suspicion and hatred; in short, prejudice. Children are not born with prejudice; it is a distinctly learned behavior and they take their cues about interacting with others from the adults around them. A child who sees a parent exhibiting fear or hatred toward a member of another ethnic or religious group may internalize the message that all members of those groups should be feared or hated.

Tolerance is the acceptance of, and respect for, the differences of others. We are exposed to differences on a daily basis in our jobs, schools and neighborhoods. In a world that is constantly changing, parents who teach, speak and model tolerance will be preparing their children to become productive members of an increasingly diverse society.

Parents can teach tolerance not only through words, but also behavior. For example, parents can model tolerance by avoiding negative statements about others' religion, race or ethnicity. They can show equal respect to all individuals regardless of dress or skin color. They can use the various religious or ethnic holidays to talk with their children about the significance of those days. Parents can attend local religious or ethnic festivals with their children and sample the food, music and language of other groups.

What is important to remember is that if we are open and willing to look around us, we will find a multitude of opportunities that allow us to expose our children to the wonderful world of diversity and at the same time, practice tolerance.

You and your family do not have to struggle alone. Counselors at Lutheran Child and Family Services help families generate hope and cope better with life's challenges. We are just a telephone call away. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call us NOW at 800-363-LCFS (5237) or visit our website at www.lcfs.org.