

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.

CONFESSION

Private confession is available on Saturdays before a Sunday with Communion as a preparation for the Sacrament on those Saturdays between 1 and 2 pm or by 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

Brooke Barr - Grade 2
Vanessa Ruckle - JV Volleyball Coach
Jan Heien - Title I Reading Tutor
Michele Keehner - 2nd Grade Teacher's Aide

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

October 1, 2017 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 25:1-10
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-18
Matthew 21:23-32

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS – were given to the glory of God by Barb Zook in celebration of her grand-daughter, Carissa's 14th Birthday.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for September 17, 2017, was \$4,109.00. Our weekly need for 2017 is \$7,175.55. We started this fiscal year with a “clean slate” in terms of expenses vs. income. But we'd still like to make up some of the ground we lost last year – so please continue to give as generously as your means allow.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CARS WHILE YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING FOR SERVICES OR MEETINGS.

DO YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT? – The office is looking for the address of your college student, and an e-mail address, so that they can be sent our monthly newsletter (via e-mail), Portals of Prayer (via snail mail), and for use by Women of Mt. Calvary for their February Valentine Boxes. Please write the information on the “Sermon Notes” page in your bulletin and put it in the office file outside the office door. Thank you.

WOMEN OF MT CALVARY WILL BE COLLECTING MITE BOXES NEXT SUNDAY.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

† Dorothy Hartnack – Methodist, South 414

† Sally Taylor – OSF, room 5007

TODAY WE WELCOME – Brayden Sturtevant, son of Matthew and Leanne Sturtevant as a baptized member of this congregation.

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

† Paul Smick, grandfather of Jenny Hamilton, great-grandfather to Delaney and Cooper Hamilton, who was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, and given Christian burial on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

May his family find comfort, peace, and hope in Jesus Christ our resurrected and ascended Savior.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK LUTHERAN OUTREACH

(POBLO) -- POBLO is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and their mission is outreach to Muslims. They will be with us next weekend, September 30/October 1. On Saturday, September 30, they will offer a 2-hour workshop on building relationships with Muslims and how to talk with them about our faith. The workshop will be in our fellowship hall from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Then, on Sunday morning, POBLO's director, the Rev. Duane Maas, will preach and lead the adult class so we can learn about the possibility of establishing an outreach to the Muslim community here in the Peoria area.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION -- It's not too late to join the adventure. Classes start up this Tuesday, September 26th. This year two sessions will be offered per week — Tuesdays, 4-5:30 pm or Sundays, 1:30—3:00 pm. Talk to Pastor Long if you know of anyone interested.

FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC – CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN!

-- Our regular choir season at Mt. Calvary has begun. **Adult Bells on Thursday, from 6:45 — 7:45 pm. Adult Choir on Thursday, from 7:45 — 9:00 pm.** Both of these groups rehearse in the balcony of the church. **Our men's group, the Anchormen, also began their season on Sunday, from 9:10—9:30 am.** They meet on non-communion Sundays in the balcony. Please consider coming to join us for any or all of these opportunities to praise our Lord. If you have any questions about these groups or about

solos, duets, or instrumental offerings, please call our Minister of Music, Bruce Tagge at 361-9821.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

-- During **September** our pantry will be in need of **Fruit, Pasta Sides, Boxed Potatoes, and Peanut Butter.** If you can help out by bringing some, 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.

REFORMATION BULLETIN BOARD

-- Check out the mini-bulletin board in the parish hall titled, "Tidbits of the Reformation." The 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be October 31, 2017. Each week features a Luther quote based on the Three-Year Lectionary, the Reformation timeline, along with symbols, people, or Luther's hymns. So, remember each Sunday to stop by and check it out!

"**Tidbits of the Reformation**" for Sept. 24 features a Luther quote for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, timeline date 1564, and notable person, Andreas Karlstadt. It is located on the table in the parish hall.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTER

-- Several books written by Martin Luther, about him, and about the Reformation are on display in the Parish hall. Please feel free to look through them or take them home. Please write your name and the date you took the book(s) on the card inside the book and leave the card on the table.

MT. CALVARY AT ACKERMAN FARMS:

-- Join us at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 15 at Ackerman Farms, 27158 Hwy.150 outside of Morton. We'll pay for the Sunday School kids and split the cost with the youth group for the corn maze. If the maze isn't for you, you can take a hay ride, feed the animals, and/or pick your own pumpkin. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Questions: call Michelle Keehner 693-8095 or Carrie Kroenke 453-3632. (Confirmation Students, if you join us, you can either attend the Tuesday evening class or make up your work.)

JR. & SR. YOUTH TYPES

-- Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Oct. 21.** We'll meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Forest Park Nature Center. Please join us to walk the trails and enjoy some autumn color on the trees!

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –

Reformation/Harvest Dinner -- On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, Women of Mt. Calvary will once again serve the Reformation/Harvest Dinner. The ladies

will be providing ham again this year. Sign-Up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board to obtain numbers for attendance and for dishes to bring for the dinner. Watch for more information as we get closer to the date.

Treats for Family House – Family House offers a home away from home for the families of patients receiving medical treatment in Peoria. Women of Mt. Calvary have signed up to sponsor treats on **the 4th Monday of each month**. These treats may be store bought or homemade, and do not have to be individually wrapped. Family House is also in need of laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. If you would like to donate, **please sign the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office** and bring your treats to church, leaving them in the kitchen marked “*Family House*.” Questions? Call LaVelle Borders, 681-9414.

Postage Stamps – The Women of Mt. Calvary are saving postage stamps for LWML. Please cut out your postage stamps from envelopes and place them in the striped box on the table in the parish hall. We will trim the stamps and send them to LWML to support their mission work. Thank you.

Downstairs Nursery Staffing – Women of Mt. Calvary are organizing the staffing of the downstairs nursery **during the 10:45 am service**. **Anyone who would like to help staff the nursery (we need two people per Sunday) please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor’s office** **Sign-Up sheets are up through November**.

LWML Fall Zone Rally -- Join ladies from the Peoria/Pekin Zone as they gather at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Washington, IL for the fall zone rally **this Wednesday, September 27th**, beginning at 9:00 am (Registration, Coffee Hour, and Servant Events — cutting stamps — begin at 8:00 am.)

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes lunch. (Form is available in Church office — ask Judy)

Gifts from the Heart will go to Moms Who Care Beverly Manor Junior High School in Sunnyland. Items needed are Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant (boys & girls), Body Wash, Body Spray (boys & girls), Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Lotion, Mouthwash (alcohol free), Lip Balm/Chapstick, Hair Brushes, Combs, Bobby Pins, Hair Clips/Barrettes, Hair Ties. (Non-travel sizes with these items, please.)

FROM CONCORDIA

Concordia Students to Sing — **Today** the Mt. Calvary students, along with “non-association” students, will be singing at the 8:00 am service.

Concordia Construction Update — Also **today** We will get an update before or after the services giving us

information on the progress of the Capital Campaign and where things stand with funding the cost of the new gym.

Concordia Lutheran School Foundation invites you to attend our Donor Recognition Chapel service on **Thursday, October 5 9:00-11:00 am**. We will participate in the chapel service with students, have a guided tour of the school, a question and answer session with our principal, Mr. Paul Thompson, and refreshments. To save your seat, please RSVP to Kendra Fleming [309.339.2375](tel:309.339.2375) or kendraj13@hotmail.com.

Lego-Robotics Coach Needed -- Concordia Lutheran School is seeking a Lego Robotics Coach for its 2017-2018 season. Lego competition includes three challenges; problem solving, robotics, and research. If you have a background in engineering and would like to work with Junior High youth, please contact Paul Thompson at 691-8921 or via email at pthompson@concordiapeoria.com.

Save the Date -- It’s time for another day of fun, fellowship and fairways!!! Concordia Lutheran School is proud to announce that the CLS Golf Outing 2017 will be held **Monday, October 9th** at the Country Club of Peoria. If you have any questions or want to help in any way, please contact Christopher Craine at 309-242-4535 or christopher.craine@yahoo.com. We can’t wait to see you there!!! **Registration forms and more information are available on the table in the Narthex.**

BOY SCOUT POPCORN TIME! -- Concordia cub scouts and boy scouts are selling their delicious popcorn beginning on September 15th through mid-October. This fundraiser helps to finance programs for the organization, however, more importantly it helps to pay for our young men to go to summer camp and continue their education as they grow into our future leaders. Please visit the table between services where you can purchase popcorn right away or order for delivery in early November. There are lots of flavors and variety available! Ask the boys – they sampled all of the flavors. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Vietti at 309-453-4229 or email her at kimberly.vietti@icc.edu. Thank you for your support!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY -- God’s plans and actions don’t always look good (Isaiah 55:8-9), especially when unforeseen events saddle us with panic and labor (Philippians 1:22). But He provides purpose and worth even in times of trouble (Philippians 1:20-21). Great reward awaits all who settle themselves into His generosity (Matthew 20:9, 15). *Lord Most High, lead us to speak the Word without fear, for the sake of all our fellow laborers. Amen.*

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life usually meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Mt. Calvary, except during the summer. We welcome anyone who would like to attend and learn more about life issues. Please call Deb Lakamp at 309/712-9751 or e-mail her at lakamps@gmail.com if you have any questions. Our next meeting will be tomorrow evening, Monday, September 25th.

LERT CHAINSAW TRAINING EVENT: -- Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6801 North Allen Road, Peoria, Illinois 61614, **Saturday, November 4, 2017, 9 am to 5:00 pm.** (Registration begins at 8:30am.)

ISSUES ETC. – CASTING CHRIST’S NET ON THE INTERNET -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: Gospel Reductionism, Proverbs, The Demographics of Christianity in America, The Authority of Jesus Challenged, the Movie “It” and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

FROM LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES

LSS Aging Answers: – Long-Distance Grandparenting -- Have you heard of Skype or Facetime? The same technology that lets our troops talk to their loved ones can also keep you connected with out-of-state family members. This Grandparents Day, buy a webcam for your computer and pay your grandkids a virtual visit. To get your questions answered on any aging topic call: 314.446.2475 – a free service offered through Lutheran Senior Services; where older adults live life to the fullest.

Lutheran Older Adult Retreat - October 25 - 26, 2017 -- “In Christ Alone We Stand”– Redeemed, Reformed, Renewed - Growing in Christ XVII. The Lutheran Older Adult Retreat, sponsored by the Southern Ill District and Lutheran Senior Services will apply Reformation themes to your life in the beautiful surroundings of Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, IL on October 25-26. For information and registration information, please contact Margo Wolf at 618-622-0264 or dmwvette74@gmail.com or www.sidlcms.org

Hope-Full Living, Devotions for Christian Seniors – The new books have arrived! There are copies on the table in the Narthex for **October through December.**

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG, -- your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and

Confession studies, current issues from a Lutheran worldview, and daily worship opportunities. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

This week on KFUE.org, we study the lectionary for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 21 on Thy Strong Word (9/27 @ 11am CT), begin working through the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays @ 8am CT), and continue examining our Lutheran faith in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/26 @ 2pm CT). Find programs archived on demand at kfue.org!

Call 800-730-2727 or email letstalk@kfue.org to join the conversation on "Let's Talk!"

INTERNET INFORMATION

E-Mail: We’re still actively collecting the e-mail addresses of members so that we can start communicating electronically. The long-term goal for this is three-fold. First, we’d like to be able to get specific information of interest to particular people in the congregation rather than having folks wade through all the news and announcements (e.g. target an e-mail note to council members for upcoming meeting, target Sunday School families for updates on Sunday School happenings, and so forth). Second, we’d like to be able to get time sensitive information out to all members quickly (e.g. closings or cancellations during bad weather, deaths in the congregation, or other items that everyone should have access to quickly). And finally, we’d like to be able to reduce some of the paper communication we’ve been doing as a way to economize. So, please help us! As I have noted in announcements, this is for internal use only, and will not be published or shared (unless you want it published in the directory).

Facebook: As we continue to look for ways to connect with folks outside the congregation, there is reason to believe that Facebook is still an effective tool. We have updated the Mt. Calvary Facebook group, and will be using that in our communications efforts. If you are a Facebook user, visit our page (Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church), “like” us, and indicate that you want notifications – then the magic will happen. And if you like something you see on our page, feel free to “share” it with others.....

Newsletter On-Line – How would you like to receive your Mt. Calvary Messenger? If you have notices even more stars on the mail-boxes, the silver stars mark those families who receive the newsletter via e-mail and we no longer put a printed copy in the box. If you would like to

receive your newsletter as an attachment to an e-mail, please let the office know and we'll try it out for a couple of months. If it works for you, we'll give your box a silver star also.

LIFE CHAIN – Peoria Area Lutherans for Life will be taking part in the 29th annual Life Chain **next Sunday, October 1st**. They will gather in the parking lot to the south of Culvers on University and stand along the sidewalk at Metro Center from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

FROM LUTHERAN HILLSIDE VILLAGE -- Enjoy a **gourmet brunch and help others!** Lutheran Hillside Village is hosting its annual Benevolent Care Brunch Extraordinaire on Sat., Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

New for 2017 we are featuring an “all-you-can-eat” upscale brunch buffet complete with personal chefs carving Illinois smoked hams and creating your favorite omelets right before your eyes!

Come and enjoy “a little of this or a little of that” from this bountiful buffet prepared by our world class culinary team.

The cost is \$50 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Hillside Village Benevolent Fund to support care center (nursing) residents who outlive their resources.

Barb Zook has the reservation forms – see her or call her (692-2725) to get one if you are interested in attending.

LCMS RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HARVEY AND IRMA

-- The LCMS is World Relief and Human Care and its LCMS Disaster Response now answer the call for two hurricanes, it's important that the kindness being expressed across the Synod continues in the aftermath of these catastrophes. Please pray for all involved. To give online, visit lcms.org/harvey or lcms.org/irma. Text “LCMSHARVEY” or LCMSIRMA to 41444 to give by text. Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438. By mail, make checks payable to “LCMS.” On the memo line, write “Disaster Response/Relief,” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-6861. Gifts also can be designated specifically for Hurricane Harvey and/or affected areas by stipulating in the memo line.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Rediscover the one you love on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekend is scheduled in Peoria on October 13-15, 2017. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Norm and Deb Lopez at peorialmereg@gmail.com for more information. Preregistration is required -- don't miss out! Registration deadline is September 22nd. Registrations after that date

will be on a space available basis.

REQUEST FROM TRIUMVIRATE AUTHORSHIP CLUB*, RICHWOODS HIGH SCHOOL

Becca Miller, a former Concordia student, has requested our help with a service project her group is doing. She made a presentation to the Administrative Council on Tuesday, August 1st, and the group decided to help with her collection for Children's Home during the month of September. The items needed are: **Rattles, Books, Coloring Books, Diapers (all sizes), Stuffed Animals, Small Toys (cars, legos, sports balls, dolls, etc.), Crayons, Colored Pencils, Plain Onesies, Shirts, Household Items, Developmental toys, Hair accessories, Hygiene Products (Body wash, wipes, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.). She has provided us with a collection box, which is in the Parish Hall on the back table – can we fill it for her? Only one (1) week left.**

*The Authorship Club is a group of Young Authors and Illustrators from the Central Illinois Region, who work to expand throughout the state. Currently they are centered at Richwoods High School.

LIFE WITH LUTHER – A WINE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING EVENT HOSTED BY “MARTIN AND KATIE LUTHER”

-- Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria invite you to enjoy a Wine and Chocolate tasting for adults (age 21 and above) at Mackinaw Valley Winery, at 2 pm on Reformation Sunday, October 29th, 2017.

Confections by The Chocolatier, John Shank from Bloomington, will be paired with Mackinaw Valley Vineyard wines for a fun and tasty sensory experience.

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with hosts Martin and Katie Luther, who will share some fascinating and personal aspects of their lives you probably didn't hear about in confirmation!

Door Prizes and a light supper (Grilled by the Mackinaw Lions Club) follow. Enjoy the picturesque scenery and explore the winery and vineyards. Additional wines and chocolates may be purchased.

Tickets are \$25 per person (write your checks payable to Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria) Proceeds will go to the LSSI Children's Community Services 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 tickets for you at the door. Questions? Call Pepper at (309) 697-5762 or Email: pepperbauer@att.net

✦ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY ✦

SUNDAY:

YOUTH:

Sunday School: -- This Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies "God Provides for Elijah." Just as God provided food and life for Elijah, the widow, and her son, so He provides food, forgiveness, and life eternal for us in Christ. Consider asking, "*How did God provide food for Elijah? In what ways does God provide for us today?*"

ADULTS:

Adult Class —

3rd John —We finish reading John's 3rd Letter to a congregation in the Ephesus circuit. What was his concern? How to deal with rogue leaders without tearing apart the congregation. What's the solution? Be very careful **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

WEDNESDAY:

Men's Bible Study:

Galatians: Join us as we sprint through Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Ever wonder where Lutherans came up with all this "Law-Gospel" stuff, or wonder why we're so insistent that justification by faith is absolutely essential for a proper understanding of Christ and His work? It's all here. Turns out St. Paul was a Lutheran....**We meet at the IHOP on Big Hollow Rd. (across from Target), Wednesdays at 6:30 am.**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study:

Letter to the Ephesians: One of Paul's "captivity Letters," this letter appears to be sent to a group of congregations around Ephesus, and addresses both what the Church is, and what membership in the Church involves. This is a challenging and glorious reflection on what it means to say "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10). **Meets in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.**

THURSDAY:

Afternoon Bible Study:

Leviticus: Far from being a handbook for priests or manual on holiness, the book of Leviticus gives a powerful witness to how the Holy God gives His people access to His grace and blessing. Join us as we journey through an unfamiliar world to find its wisdom for our own day. Turns out, the same God still comes to us as we gather for worship. **We meet at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR +

<i>Sunday</i> 09/24/2017	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Worship - Concordia Children K- grade 5 Sing Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Class Worship Worship & Music Committee Meeting	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 12:00 p
<i>Monday</i>	Peoria Area Lutherans for Life	6:30 p
<i>Tuesday</i>	Youth Confirmation	4:00 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>Paul's Letter to the Galatians</i> LWML Rally - Our Savior, Washington Executive Committee Wednesday Study Group - <i>Letter to the Ephesians</i>	6:30 a 9:00 a 4:45 p 6:30 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Pastor Has Chapel at Concordia Crafts & Conversation Bible Study - <i>Leviticus</i> Divine Service Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:30 a 10:00 a 1:00 p 6:00 p 6:45 p 7:45 p
<i>Friday</i>	<i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	POBLO* Workshop	1:30 - 4:00 p
<i>Sunday</i> 10/01/2017	<i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Divine Service* Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Study* Divine Service* Youth Confirmation Life Chain at Metro Center	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 1:30 p 2-3:00 p

***POBLO - People of the Book, Lutheran Outreach** - The Rev. Duane Maas, Director, will be leading the Workshop on Saturday, and preaching and leading the Bible Study hour on Sunday.