

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 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 – were given to the glory of God by Rob Cairncross in celebration of his son, Alex's birthday and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Flowers are still needed for June 26!

LET'S CELEBRATE "90 YEARS OF HIS GIFTS"

2022 represents the 90th year of our congregation's founding. To help us commemorate this special occasion, we are planning a celebration for this Fall. Please help us with this special anniversary by sharing any congregational memories or church pictures you might have. The "90 Years of His Gifts" committee is looking forward to hearing from you!

Lisa Cornelius, Vicky Brosowski, and Abbie Matson

FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC – After looking at the results of the poll (we received 77 responses), the Worship & Music Committee recommended to the Administrative Council that **beginning today, June 5th,**

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 - Grade 2

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

June 12th – Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Acts 2:4a, 22-36

John 8:48-59

MITES CONTINUE! — Women of Mt. Calvary are collecting Mites today!..

we schedule Sunday worship at 9:00 am and 11:45 am with the Bible Study at 10:30 am.

NOMINATIONS – It is time again to call for nominations to fill positions left open since last June. Board of Education needs another member and we are losing an Elder. If you would like a role on one of the boards, please contact Pastor Long or Jerry Horst. Check the list on the bulletin board to see where you might fit in best.

JUNE VOTERS' MEETING – At the Administrative Council Meeting on May 3, it was decided to hold the **June Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting next Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 10:30 am** (during the Bible Study Hour) in the Parish Hall. This means that any reports from Committee or Board Chairmen must be in the church office --- e-mail them to me at secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org

THURSDAY LUNCHESES –Let's have lunch together!
Bring your lunch and join us in the Parish Hall at Noon.

THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES -- Do you have someone graduating this year? If so, we would like to recognize them and their achievements. The deadline for the June Messenger is past, but we still want to give recognition – so please get us names of anyone we missed.

SECRETARY ASKING FOR HELP – I would like to take June 16-22 to help Sarah make Katie's wedding dress. I am asking for people to cover the office during that time so that I can be in Cape Girardeau that week. Please call the office (309-688-4321) or see me at church to let me know you can help.

NOW HOME – Nancy Meyer, who had been in Reach at Lutheran Hillside Village, is now at home.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: -- **How Do You Hold on to Hope in a Hostile Culture?** 1 Peter gives an answer to that question as the apostle seeks to strengthen and encourage the Christians in Rome as they faced hardships because of their faith in Jesus.

We are meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Predesti – What? One of the teachings of the Bible that has given people pause over the years is “predestination,” the teaching that God has elected His people to salvation in Jesus before the beginning of time. What does this mean? Can I tell whether I'm elected? What about free will? We'll take a look at how these teachings are approached in the *Formula of Concord* over the next few weeks in Adult Bible Class.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WORK DAY — **Saturday, June 11 —9:00 – 12:00** — We need you for both light duty indoor and outdoor projects. Our primary tasks will be to refresh and paint the 1st, 2nd, and Aftercare room sink cabinets. Help us get ready for the new school year! Spread the word! Contact Jarrod Horman if you have any questions: Jarrod.Horman@gmail.com

NEWS FOR ALL MT. CALVARY WOMEN -- After a two year hiatus due to COVID, nine women met May 2nd to regroup for the 2022/2023 year. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 12 (second Monday of the month) at 6:30. Officers for the year are: Mary Ann Auer - president, Theresa Johnston - vice president, Dawn Henderson - treasurer, Marcia Riddle - secretary. A big thank you to everyone who quietly continued to carry on

with work of Women of Mt. Calvary since March of 2020. More news to follow.

TREATS FOR FAMILY HOUSE – We provide treats for Family House on the fourth Monday of each month (see note on bulletin board). **The list for 2022 is up**, so, if you are able to help, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LaVelle Borders (309-681-9414).

POSTAGE STAMPS – The Women of Mt. Calvary are saving postage stamps for LWML. Please cut out your postage stamps from envelopes and leave them in the office. Judy will get them to the ladies. They will trim the stamps and send them to LWML to support their mission work. Thank you.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION HAS BEGUN AGAIN ON THURSDAY MORNINGS – The ladies of the Crafts and Conversation Group that met at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings before the pandemic hit, have decided to meet again at 10:00 am on Thursdays. They will socially distance by moving tables together and sitting 6 feet apart. Also, be sure to wear your mask. This is open to anyone, bring a craft or activity you like to do, needlework, coloring, etc., and join the group.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **June** our pantry will be in need of **Saltine Crackers, Cooking Oil, Fruit, Jello, Shampoo, and Boxed Potatoes.** **They are also looking for the heavier plastic bags that grocery stores use for delivery.** If you can help out by bringing any of these items, your donation can be left in the church entry way during regular office hours.

COMING OUT OF COVID

1. Masks are optional “officially.”
2. We will continue with single-use bulletins.
3. Pew spacing has been removed – but there is still plenty of room to stay distanced if you need to.

Continuing Wisdom

1. Wash your hands.
2. If you are running a temperature, or don't feel well, please participate in one of our online options.
3. We will continue to record the main service on Sunday and make that available on our You Tube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQY14dddMygJRCjTXdM3r1Q>

RETURN TO “COMMUNION TABLES” – As COVID transmission remains under control, we are having folks come forward to receive communion (or a blessing) once again. However, due to a shortage of ushers, we are trying a new traffic pattern. We ask you to come up by

the center aisle, both sides, and then stand to either side of the font as appropriate. After being dismissed, please return to your places by the side aisles. If coming forward is a challenge, simply let the usher know, and Pastor Long will bring communion to you.

STEWARDSHIP – Please remember that the ministry of Mt. Calvary continues even in these odd days. Your prayers and contributions are still needed.

The Treasurer’s Report for April 2022 showed the year’s expenses at \$126,471.92, and income of \$102,589.14. 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%. People have begun donating through e-giving and have learned how easy it is to use.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY -- The builders of Babel tried to grasp God’s power and prestige for themselves. Their selfishness delivered only division. Physician-assisted suicide, embryo-destroying biotechnologies, and abortion also attempt to exercise God’s authority over life and death. But keeping the Word of the Lord—including the encouragement to love even the least of our neighbors—brings people together (Acts 2:9-11) and receives Gospel peace (John 16:23, 27).

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Acts 15-17 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Genesis on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Augsburg Confession Article XX: Good Works on Concord Matters (6/11 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN LADIES’ LOUNGE – **Story time with Sarah: Military Chaplaincy in American History** -- Just in time for Armed Forces Sunday, Memorial Day, and Military Appreciation Month, Sarah tells the story of

American military chaplaincy in general and LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces in particular. Beginning with George Washington and the Revolutionary War and continuing through the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and later conflicts, this Story Time episode shines a spotlight on the work Lutheran chaplains have done to share the love of Christ with soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coast guardsmen, guardians, and others.

For more information, visit the *Ministry to the Armed Forces page at LCMS.org*, where you can learn more about Operation Barnabas, the Adopt-a-Chap program, and more. Follow LCMS MAF on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter to read stories and see photos of chaplains in action.

To dig more deeply into the early history of LCMS military chaplaincy, check out *They Shall Not March Alone: Glimpses into the Life and History of the Chaplaincy of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*.

For more bonus stories from this episode, read about Chaplain Gregory Todd’s promotion to Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Navy, Chaplain Travis Ferguson’s service in Qatar, and Chaplain Chad Czischke’s service in Afghanistan.

ISSUES ETC. – TALK RADIO AND PODCASTS FOR THINKING CHRISTIANS

-- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s subjects include: The Movie “Top Gun: Maverick,” Just War Tradition, Science in an Age of Unreason, The Doctrine of the Trinity and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider

FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES -- In central Illinois this spring there is a great need for foster parents. We are asking members of your congregation to prayerfully contemplate this urgent demand. Long-term foster families are needed as well as short-term. As a short-term caregiver, you would serve as a respite or emergency foster family.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois provides supportive services for children in need and their families. Foster care services focus on placing children who have experienced neglect or abuse in a loving and secure home. Children’s Community Services offers numerous other services to at-risk children and their families in their communities.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a licensed child welfare agency – License #013005 The foster care system doesn’t work without Foster families.

If you have additional questions, you could visit their website LSSI.org. If you wanted to personally speak with someone locally, contact Dawn Presley (309) 671-0300, extension 4258.

THE CHURCH MOUSE -- Located near the campus of Bradley University, The Church Mouse is always looking for volunteers. Daytime only. Mon – Sat. Women and men, we need you! For more information, please contact Joan Ressler or Shirley Lewis at (309) 673-2363.

YOUTH SOCCER OPPORTUNITY:

To Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Families! -- Concordia Lutheran School invites all Mt. Calvary children in 1st -8th grade (Fall 2022) to consider playing on one of the Concordia soccer teams this fall. You do not have to be a Concordia student to play – all association church children are eligible. Below is a form to sign your child up to participate.

Soccer Information:

Concordia participates in the Peoria Parochial Soccer Association (PPSA).

Practices begin in late July. Games held mid-August through the first week of October.

Games are completed at the Mossville Soccer fields Concordia offers the following teams: 1st and 2nd Grade Co-ed, 3rd and 4th Boys, 3rd and 4th Girls, 5th and 6th Boys, 5th and 6th Girls, 7th and 8th Boys, and 7th and 8th Girls.

Parent Meetings are a choice from the following dates: July 18 or July 27 at 6:00 pm in the Concordia Commons Please complete this form as soon as you are able. Thank you so much!

<https://forms.gle/F8VDUVh6v1J9zqBG6>

If you have any questions contact Michael Holloway (Soccer Coordinator)

michael.holloway82@gmail.com or 309-397-5772