✢ Mt. Calvary News and Announcements ✢
November 11, 2018

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, & Cheerleading Coach
Jan Heien	-	Title I Reading Tutor
Michele Keehner	-	2nd Grade Teacher's Aide
Becky Garvey	-	Administrative Assistant

Scripture lessons for next Sunday:

November 18th – 26th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 16
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-13

This week's flowers – were given to the glory of God by David and Jan Heien in celebration of their 35th anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Weekly stewardship update – Our offering for the General Fund for November 4, 2018, was $7,235.00. Our weekly need for 2018 is $7,222.93. 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.

Choir members take note – Both Bell Choir and Adult Choir will rehearse at the regular times (6:45 & 7:45 pm) on Wednesday this week.

Today is stewardship Sunday – During the services this morning there will be a Dedication of Pledges and the opportunity to bring your pledge to the altar. If you forgot your pledge form, there are extra copies on the podium with the bulletins.

Youth group *"Sunday movie matinee"* -- is **this afternoon at 3:00 PM**! We'll be watching a movie here at church. The movie selection will be decided by your vote. Please join us for the movie and a popcorn bar and remember to bring your friends too!

PLEASE WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP – Rob Cairncross and Phil King. They have been worshiping with us for some time now and have transferred their membership to Mt. Calvary.

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Children's Christmas Program – Rehearsals for the children's Christmas program have begun. Mrs. Garvey and Mr. Tagge are working with the children on music and speaking parts. It is important that the children be in Sunday School as often as possible between now and December 16th, so that they know what they are doing for the program.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL -- will host its annual Veterans' Day Assembly **at 9:30 A.M, tomorrow, Monday, November 12th**. The assembly will feature special guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel, Steven Hokana, an active-duty Army chaplain with 28 years of service. The Marine Corps JROTC Drill Team from Richwoods High School will present the colors and Concordia students will provide music. The community is invited to attend.

Help Needed -- We are looking for volunteers to help load tables from Trinity into our trailer on **November 19th** for our Thanksgiving feast and bring them back to Trinity on **November 20th**. We need the tables after school on the 19th and they can be returned after lunch on the 20th. Please let us know if you can help to make sure we have enough room for all of our guests! Even if you don't have a truck, your help moving the tables would be greatly appreciated.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students:
Concordia Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **November** our pantry will be in need of **Soup, Corn Muffin Mix, and Pancake Syrup.** 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.

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –

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 **next Saturday morning, November 17th beginning at 9:00 am**.

Adopt-A-Bag Is Here! -- Women of Mt. Calvary are sponsoring the Adopt-A-Bag Project. The bags are available for pick-up in the Parish Hall or Narthex today. 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 next Saturday, November 17th**. We will use items from these bags to fill our Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution on **Saturday, November 17th beginning at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Helpers are welcome.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING – ***DATE CHANGE*** -- We are sorry, but please note that due to a scheduling conflict the Congregational Caroling event date has been changed to **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM.** This is such an important event for our shut-ins who so much enjoy and appreciate the time that we give to them during this special time of year. So please mark your calendars for this special congregational event and watch for additional details!

THANK YOU! – FOOD & DRINK – We understand that some folks and families need to bring beverages and food into the sanctuary to help keep everyone content and healthy during services. We would simply ask that you make sure crumbs, spills, and scraps are picked up before you go. Thanks!

LOCK YOUR CARS! – Please remember to lock your cars at all times when on our parking lot and do not leave anything of value in them. And, especially in the evenings, be aware of your surroundings. More lighting had been installed, and the security cameras have been put up. They are on a motion sensor and will record anyone or anything that crosses in front of them. New signs warning that the cameras are there are now posted and the police department knows about them also.

HELP! PEOPLE TO STAFF NURSERY NEEDED! – Women of Mt. Calvary would like to have at least two people in the nursery during the 10:45 am worship service **every** Sunday. Please consider helping with staffing the nursery and then sign the sheet indicating when you are available to serve. **Sign-Up sheets are on the bulletin board through November 2018.**

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – *"Put not your trust in princes"* (Psalm 146:3a). Neither stake yourself upon congresses or courts or physicians or popular opinions. None of these delays even their own death and only hastens the demise of others. Turn away from their life-shortening ways and take refuge instead in the God Who made the universe. He Who formed your body watches over the hopeless. He lifts up the lowly and saves life still. *Lord Jesus, deliver into abundant and everlasting life all who cry out in desperation. Amen.*

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life usually meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm 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 **Monday evening, November 26**, 2018, at 6:30 pm. Our new meeting place is Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd., Morton.

ISSUES ETC. – YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY -- Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: An Introduction to the Koran, Hallowed Be Thy Name, Worship in the Tabernacle, The Abomination of Desolation and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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This week on KFUO.org, we wish our listeners a blessed Veterans Day, finish our study of Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), begin an in-depth study of 2 Corinthians 3 with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and celebrate KFUO Radio's Rally Week all week. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

FROM THRIVENT – HELPING HANDS -- Please join us for a community service event sponsored by Thrivent Financial **next Sunday, November 18th from 1:00-4:00 pm at Concordia Lutheran School**. We will meet in the Commons and make tie blankets for OSF Children's Hospital. This is a great event for families to work together to help bless children who are hospitalized with a warm and cozy blanket. This event is also a great opportunity for Jr. or Sr. high youth needing service hours. Our goal is to make 200 blankets and we will need lots of community to assist with this service project! All materials will be provided through Michael Fleming and Keith Hubble of Thrivent Financial, but they need your helping hands to complete the work. Come when you can, stay as long as you are able! Please also invite your family, friends and neighbors. Please RSVP to Kelly Schuetz at Kelly.Schuetz@Thrivent.com or 309/691-9600 by November 15th.

FROM THRIVENT -- Thrivent members pray for those who have been affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Thrivent – a membership organization of Christians – is mobilizing its financial resources and members to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who want to help with recovery efforts are encouraged to visit Thrivent.com to learn more.

COOKIE WALK AT LUTHERAN HILLSIDE VILLAGE -- Friday, December 14, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Homemade fudge, homemade cookies and candies, individual loaves of bread, a variety of sweet treats - sound good? Stop by the main entrance of LHV at 6901 North Galena Road in Peoria. The goodies will be displayed on long tables, and you can select your own personal favorites. Sound easy? It is! Your Styrofoam container will be weighed - you can get a lot of yummy sweets for a pound! Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund for those folks who have outlived their resources. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria.

Bakers are needed for this event. We are requesting donations to be in containers that you do not need back delivered to the main lobby/front desk of Lutheran Hillside Village between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. We will gladly accept homemade cookies, fudge, baked breads, or Christmas candies. The residents and staff will be delighted by your efforts!

FROM TRINITY – You are invited to the 39th Annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton and Randolph, Peoria, IL **this Friday, November 16th from 5-7 pm.** Tickets are: Adults $8 and Children (under 12) $3. Please use the entrance off North Street. This event is sponsored by Trinity Thrivent Financial Fellowship Group. Come enjoy food and fellowship. There will be vendors set up. IF you are interested contact Laura Meyer at laurajjmeyer@gmail.com for information.

+ Christian Education at Mt. Calvary+

Sunday:

Youth:

Sunday School: – **Ages 3-Grade 8 meet in the basement.** Today in Sunday School, students will study "Worship in the Tabernacle." In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. Ask students*, "Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?"*

Adults:

Letter to the Hebrews: In a world of disorder, trouble, and faithlessness, how does a believer hang on? Through confidence in the reality of Jesus' reign here and now. This is a letter of encouragement and exhortation for believers to hold fast to their confession of faith and to keep looking to Jesus. Join us as we work through this letter to see how it speaks to the challenges we face today. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

Wednesday:

Men's Bible Study:

1st Samuel: The men are jumping from Genesis to 1st Samuel in order to consider God's work in establishing the kingdom. YHWH is faithful to His promises despite the weakness of the people, and provides for them by raising up Samuel, Saul, and finally David. Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 am. **We meet at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd. near the Walmart.**

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study:

On Hiatus until in January.. Meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The class is discussion format rather than lecture.

Thursday:

Afternoon Bible Study:

Deuteronomy: Join us as we finish reading the "Five Books of Moses" with the study of Deuteronomy. This is Moses' "farewell address" to Israel as they prepare to cross into the Promised Land. But, more than that, this is a renewal of God's Covenant with a new generation, and an explanation of how the Law applies to their new lives. Even though the book contains a lot of political and ceremonial law that doesn't apply to us — the moral law still holds us. And the same God still calls us to live out love for Him and our neighbor in tangible ways. So, come learn with us. **We meet Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday	*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – Veterans Day*	
11/11/2018	Worship	8:00 a
	Fellowship Coffee	9:15 a
	Anchormen Rehearsal	9:15 a
	Sunday School/Bible Class	9:30 a
	Worship	10:45 a
	Worship & Music Committee	12:00 a
	Youth Confirmation	1:30 p
	Youth Movie Matinee	3:00 p
Monday	Pastor Teaches at Concordia	8:30 a
Tuesday	Pastor Teaches at Concordia	8:30 a
	Pastor at Circuit Conference	11:00 a
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study – *1st Samuel*	6:30 a
	Pastor Teaches at Concordia	8:30 a
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:45 p
Thursday	Pastor Has Chapel at Concordia	8:30 a
	Crafts & Conversation	10:00 a
	Bible Study – *Deuteronomy*	1:00 p
	Divine Service	6:00 p
Friday	Pastor Teaches at Concordia	8:30 a
Saturday	Ladies Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets	9:00 a
	Private Confession	1-2:00 p
Sunday	*Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*	
11/18/2018	Divine Service	8:00 a
	Fellowship Coffee	9:15 a
	Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30 a
	Divine Service	10:45 a
	Youth Confirmation	1:30 p