

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	- 2 nd Grade Teacher’s Aide
Becky Garvey	- Administrative Assistant

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

February 24th – Festival of St. Matthias

Psalm 134

Isaiah 66:1-2

Acts 1:15-26

Matthew 11:25-30

THIS WEEK’S FLOWERS – were given to the glory of God by Ray and Linda Khattar in celebration of Jarrod’s birthday and in thanksgiving for their many blessings.

February 24th is still open, as are the last two Sundays in March on the Flower Chart – if you can fill any of those days, please sign your name and let Judy or Patty know.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for February 10, 2019, was \$5,191.00. **Our weekly need for 2019 is \$7,695.39.** We start 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.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER – We will post on our web page and list with the cancellations on WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI should the weather be such that coming out for a service would be dangerous. We will also send out an e-mail for those we have an address for. **If you wish to receive these notifications, please see that the office has your e-mail address.**

LOST AND FOUND – A black and silver thermal coffee mug was left on the table in the Narthex by the elevator. If it is yours, or you know the owner, the mug is on that table in the Narthex. Please retrieve your property.

HOSTITALIZED THIS WEEK

† Dolores Bohne -- OSF room 5002

YOUTHFUL MINDS TYPES -- Deaconess Gillian is planning to be here on **Sunday, March 3rd**. She would like to have lunch with you and suggests that you all meet at the **Flat Top Grill at the Shoppes at Grand Prairie, at 12:30 pm** for an hour or two of good food and good conversation. Remember, you have to eat and we foot the bill, so grab a friend or two and join the group.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY -- Other Religions – The United States has prided itself on having “Freedom of Religion” as a cornerstone of our democracy. But just what is religion? What religions do we encounter in our neighbors? How does that influence our witness? These are just some of the questions we will encounter as Pastor Long shares a version of the class he teaches 8th graders at Concordia. Over the next few weeks we’ll cover religion in general, and an overview of Christianity and Judaism. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –

Women of Mt Calvary -- Women of Mt. Calvary would like to thank everyone who helped with the boxes for the college students and military – those who helped pack the boxes and those who brought goodies. They also would like to thank those who helped with the bake sale – both those who baked and those who bought the sweets. It is all very much appreciated.

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.

FROM CONCORDIA

Save the Date – Concordia will be holding their *annual Pint Size Hero Blood Drive* on **this Tuesday, February 19th from 2-6:00 pm**. Appointment request forms are available on tables in the Narthex and Parish Hall, or from the office.

Blue Jean Ball -- Help support Concordia! Wear your favorite blue jeans and join us on Saturday, **April 6th** at Weaver Ridge Golf Club. Enjoy an evening of dinner, silent and live auction, dancing and great fellowship. Tickets will be \$50 per person. Watch for your personal invite in the mail! We can’t wait to see you there!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **February** our pantry will be in need of Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Canned Soup, and Fruit. 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.

During 2018, Mt. Calvary donations totaled 1,828.5 lbs. of non-perishable (canned or boxed) food items and several monetary donations. Thank you very much.

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 January 2019.**

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE

DAY – Blessed are the pretty? Blessed are the popular, the prosperous, the powerful? The Author of Life does not evaluate according to productivity. Blessed are the poor (Luke 6:20ff.!) Blessed are the hungry, the weeping, the excluded and reviled ones among humankind! Blessed are the embryos, the elderly, and the incapacitated persons on account of the Son of Man who brings forth life where the world writes it off.

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 new meeting place is Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd., Morton.

ISSUES ETC. – EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST

-- 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 topics include: The Book of Obadiah, Judging Others, First Century Martyr Polycarp, Jesus Calls Philip & Nathanael and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR [mobile](#) app.

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This week on KFUE.org, we continue in the book of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word with Rev. William Weedon and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), ward off theological boredom with curious topics and questions on Cross Defense with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller and his guest (2/18 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and hear God's Word preached to us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

WHAT'S GOING ON AT CAMP CILCA?

✓ **CALLING ALL LADIES** -- Been wanting to finish that baby book or family photo album? The Women's Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp CILCA February 22-24 is the opportunity you have been looking for. Join other women from around Central Illinois for a

weekend of scrapbooking, devotions, worship, and spirited conversations. Find out more at www.cilca.org or call 217-487-7497.

✓ **LWML SERVANT EVENT AT CAMP CILCA** – The ladies will be working with LOVE Packages Ministries in Butler, IL to provide Bibles and Christian literature for people around the world. This event is March 29 & 30. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information. Registration forms are available in the church office.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR -- On Sundays, at 7:30 a.m., on radio stations WTIM 870 am (Central Illinois), 96.1 FM (Christian County) & 107.5 (Shelbyville County) the Lutheran Hour is being broadcasted. This broadcast is sponsored by congregations of the Springfield East & West Circuits and any other congregations or individuals who wish to give their support. Your support is welcomed especially if you are enjoying the Lutheran Hour on one of these stations.

Donations can be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 N. Webster St., Taylorville, Illinois, 62568. Checks can be made out to: Trinity Lutheran Church. On the Memo line write: The Lutheran Hour on WTIM.

A DUO PIANO CONCERT

Friday February 22, 2019 @ 7:30 PM at Westminster Presbyterian, 1420 West Moss Avenue, Peoria

A program featuring the Crown Prince of musical instruments...

The second half of the Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series opens with the brilliant piano-duo of Choi and Orfe. Chee Hyeon Choi from the Bradley Faculty joins John Orfe, founder of the contemporary music group "*Alarm Will Sound*" and organist at First Methodist Church, Peoria in a concert featuring the rich textures created by using two pianos. The program opens with Three Symphonic Dances by Cyril Scott, arranged by Percy Grainger. Next on the program are the Symphonic Dances from "*West Side Story*" of Leonard Bernstein, a composer who sits on the cusp between serious art music and the Broadway musical. Two pieces of Nikolai Metner begin the second half of the program which concludes with the Symphonic Dances of Sergei Rachmaninoff. An ambitious program played by two consummate musical artists. Don't miss this glorious evening of unforgettable music.

GERMANY TRIP -- Pastor David Buelmann is taking another group to the Martin Luther Sites in Germany in July. He is hosting a gathering at the Buffalo Village Hall (600 S Main St) on Feb. 17, 2019, at 2:30 pm to explain more details. All are welcome.

+ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY+

SUNDAY:

YOUTH:

Sunday School: – Ages 3-Grade 8 meet in the basement.

Today in Sunday School, we learn more about “John Prepares the Way.” As John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, so our pastors point us to this same Jesus, who grants us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Ask your children, “*What did you learn about John, what he ate, and how he dressed?*”

ADULTS:

Other Religions – The United States has prided itself on having “Freedom of religion” as a cornerstone of our democracy. But just what is religion? What religions do we encounter in our neighbors? How does that influence our witness? These are just some of the questions we will encounter as Pastor Long shares a version of the class he teaches 8th graders at Concordia. Over the next few weeks we’ll cover religion in general, and an overview of Christianity and Judaism. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

WEDNESDAY:

Men’s Bible Study:

2nd Samuel: If you are looking for adventure, intrigue, betrayal, faithlessness, and a testimony to God’s abiding love, join us as we follow ancient Israel through David’s reign as king to the division of the kingdom, and into exile. Turns out turmoil in politics is not just a modern problem. **We meet at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd. near the Walmart.**

Wednesday Evening Study Group:

C.S. Lewis’ Screwtape Letters: Join us as we look at C.S. Lewis’ classic *The Screwtape Letters*. This imaginative work looks at the temptations Christians face in the midst of ordinary life by presenting a series of “letters” supposedly written by a senior “tempter” to his young nephew. If you don’t have a copy, we’ll get you one. **Meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

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 +

<i>Sunday</i> 02/17/2019	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	
	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
<i>Tuesday</i>	Blood Drive at Concordia	2-6:00 p
	Board of Elders	4:30 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>2nd Samuel</i>	6:30 a
	Wednesday Study Group - <i>Screwtape Letters</i>	6:30 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Pastor Has Chapel at Concordia	8:30 a
	Crafts & Conversation	10:00 a
	Bible Study - <i>Deuteronomy</i>	1:00 p
	Divine Service	6:00 p
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:45 p
<i>Sunday</i> 02/24/2019	<i>Festival of St. Matthias Apostle</i>	
	Worship	8:00 a
	Fellowship Coffee	9:15 a
	Sunday School/Bible Class	9:30 a
	Worship	10:45 a
	Youth Confirmation	1:30 a