

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:

March 17th – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 4
Jeremiah 26:8-15
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

THIS WEEK’S FLOWERS – were given to the glory of God by David and Tina Maxwell in celebration of Donavon’s 16th birthday.

The last Sunday in March is still open on the Flower Chart – if you can fill March 31st, please sign your name and let Judy or Patty know.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for February 24, 2019, was \$5,875.00. **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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS – Did you remember to set your clocks ahead last night?

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES -- This week Wednesday we begin our Mid-Week services at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm with the theme, *Restoration in Law and Gospel*. This Wednesday we look at *Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – The Lord Brought Us Out*. Following the 11:15 am service there will be a light lunch served in the Parish Hall – this week, Chicken Noodle Casserole, Salad, Peaches, Cottage Cheese, and Dessert.

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 whose address we have. **If you wish to receive these notifications, please see that the office has your e-mail address.**

NEED A DISCIPLINE TO ADD TO YOUR PREPARATION FOR EASTER? – JOIN THE CHOIR! -- Once again this year, we would like to invite everyone who would like to sing with the Easter Festival Choir to join us for rehearsals. **Our Adult Choir rehearses at 7:45 pm on Thursday evenings**, and voices are needed in all sections. The rehearsal lasts roughly one hour. We would love to have you – please come. This is not a long term commitment, but who knows, you might like us well enough to stay with us the rest of the season.

OUR MIRACULOUS MISSION VBS -- will blast off on Monday, June 10th and run through Friday, June 14th. We will need a full crew to launch this mission! There will be a sign-up sheet on the board in the hallway for all mission specialists. So please say a prayer and find your space gear to embark on this journey. Any questions please contact Paula Horst (657-3129) or Sherri Long (243-2042), Flight Directors at Mission Control. Thank you.

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **March** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Cereal, and Rice Sides**. 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.

CAN-A-THON DAY IS MARCH 31st -- and we are asking the members of Mt. Calvary to help in making this annual event a great success. You’ll remember that this is the event that helps to stock our Community Food Pantry for the coming year. Please watch for information on how you can help serve hungry families in our neighborhood. Several groups at Mt. Calvary will be assisting in a variety of ways, and everyone will be invited to help by donating a bag of food! We can use all the foot soldiers we can find, especially on the March 31st collection day!

FROM CONCORDIA

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!

Calling all 5th through 10th-grade girls -- who enjoy the outdoors, want to go on adventures and are interested in gaining leadership skills!! Please come join us for an informational meeting about a new Girls BSA Scout Troop on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the Concordia Lutheran School Commons. This is an exciting opportunity! Any questions, please contact Tina Maxwell 309-357-9775 or Kim Vietti 309-453-4229.

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

– Satan goaded Jesus to produce physical proof of His identity and importance (Luke 4:3). But God's promise and power entitled Him to life even in the absence of bread (Luke 4:4). The evil one still insists we gauge a person by material measures. Thanks to our Savior, no one's age, appearance, or ability can impair or improve their sanctity. God's creating, redeeming, and calling Word already renders every human being precious.

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. **Next meeting is Monday, March 25th at 6:30 pm.**

ISSUES ETC. – SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

-- 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: 5th Century Missionary to Ireland Saint Patrick, The Book of Habakkuk, Holy Baptism, Jesus Teaches Nicodemus and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR [mobile](#) app.

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This week on KFUE.org, we talk with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour about when Ministry needs a Resurrection (March 12 at 9:15 a.m. CT), worship together in this first week of Lent during mid-week service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview in St. Louis (March 13 at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue "In the Beginning was the Truth" on Sharper Iron with Rev.

Jonathan Fisk and his guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 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?

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Register your child for one of the summer camp programs at Camp CILCA.** Registration material is available on the "card " table in the Parish Hall and in the Narthex.

LWGP Easter Parade Style Show and Tea

-- The Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria present the fourth "Easter Parade" Style Show and Tea at 2 pm on Saturday, April 6th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1427 W. Lake Ave. Peoria. Models will show off some of the delightful spring styles available at The Church Mouse while everyone enjoys coffee, flavored teas, and "English Tea Room" type desserts. Pastor Michael Jones from St. John in Bartonville will be our Master of Ceremonies, and will entertain us with some songs, and Don Bauer from St. John will provide background piano music and accompany the singers and models. Door prizes, raffles, items from the Church Mouse for sale and more will round out the afternoon. Tickets will once again be \$10, \$5 for children under 12. Call 309-697-5762 or 309-697-5098 or your LWGP delegate for reservations. You can pay in advance or at the door. Groups can reserve tables together on a first come first serve basis. Proceeds go to Lutheran Social services of Illinois Children's Programs. If you'd like to model call 309-697-5762.

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.

WE WELCOME A NEW CLEANING LADY –

Because Constance has been having back problems and is not yet able to do our cleaning, Joann Gabbert has provided us with Cindy. She will be cleaning in the place of Constance. Cindy is still learning her way around the building, so if you notice anything that hasn't been cleaned let Judy know, as she is serving as a go-between. We ask your patience until Cindy knows the building as well as Constance does.

CID LLL ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

Will be held March 30th at the Lutheran Church of St John, 3340 State St., Quincy. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. The day's activities include our Annual Business meeting, LHM Resources by Polly Gregali of International office, a catered lunch with music, and our Keynote Speaker Tony Cook. We plan for a 2:30 p.m. adjournment. Please respond by **March 18, 2019**. Make checks payable to: **Central IL LLL District**, and send Bob Kassel, 20 Fairlane Drive, Altamont, IL 62411. (See bulletin insert for more information.)

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER –

Christ Lutheran Church will be holding the 47th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Sausage, Pancake and Potato Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 23, 2019, in the Christ Lutheran School Gym B, 1311 S. Faraday, Peoria, 61605, from 4:00-6:30 pm. Cost will be: Adults -- \$7.00, Students, K—8 -- \$4.00. Proceeds will go toward the Music Program at Christ Lutheran (Adult Choir, Adult Bell Choir & Praise Band).

+ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY+

SUNDAY:

YOUTH:

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

Today in Sunday School we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. *You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"*

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: **On hiatus until after Easter.** 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> 03/10/2019	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> – Daylight Saving Time Begins Again Worship Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Study Worship Worship & Music Committee Meeting Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 12:00 p 1:30 p
<i>Tuesday</i>	Pastor at Circuit Conference	11:00 a
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>2nd Samuel</i> Mid-Day Prayer - Lunch Follows Evening Prayer	6:30 a 11:15 a 6:30 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Crafts & Conversation Bible Study - <i>Deuteronomy</i> Divine Service Bell Choir Rehearsal Neighborhood Watch Adult Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a 1:00 p 6:00 p 6:45 p 7:00 p 7:45 p
<i>Saturday</i>	Private Confession	1-2:00 p
<i>Sunday</i> 03/17/2019	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> Divine Service Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Class Divine Service Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 1:30 p