

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.

THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS – were given to the glory of God by Pastor and Sherry Long in celebration of Michael & Bekah's birthdays and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for March 10, 2019, was \$16,023.31. **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.

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 24th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 85
Ezekiel 33:7-20
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES -- Last week Wednesday we began 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 *Jeremiah 28:8-15 – "Amend Your Ways"*. Following the 11:15 am service there will be a light lunch served in the Parish Hall – this week, Baked Potato Bar, 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 –

Easter Breakfast – Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for providing casseroles and for attendance at the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

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 at **6:00 pm 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!

What are Fish Tales? -- Fish Tales are stories that are "supernatural, completely factual and actually occurred." Why? Because these Fish Tales come from God's Word! At the Fish Tales Fishing Tournament kids will join their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, for a great time of "fishin' 'n listenin'" to Bible stories...about fish. So, why not grab a rod and a reel, meet us at the lake to catch the Gospel message in our Fish Tales? Concordia Lutheran School, Kids of the Kingdom Choir (grades 3 & 4); April 17th, 6:00 pm and April 18th, 8:45 am; Ruppert Center – admission is free.

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

– My body, my choice? We don't have to settle for so little. Each human body belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20-21)! He paid by dying and rising to make it His twice over. He is perfecting it after the pattern of His own glorified body. Even on earth and amid adversity, He declares and demonstrates His heavenly kingdom through our bodies. My body, God's gift! His bidding, my delight!

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. –YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY

-- 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 teachings include: The Parable of the Rich Fool, Joseph: The Guardian of Jesus, Jesus & the Samaritan Woman, The Annunciation of Our Lord and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR [mobile](#) app.

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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, hear from Tim Young Eagle of Lutheran Indian Ministries on The Coffee Hour about the future of Native Ministry (3/18 at 9:00 a.m. CT), get in depth in Genesis chapters 4-7 on the Sharper Iron Series "In the Beginning was the Truth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in our study of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us during midweek Lent Worship broadcast from Peace Lutheran Barracksview in St. Louis, MO (3/20 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org!

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.

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.)

THE GATEPOST – Copies of *The Gatepost*, the Central Illinois District's newsletter are available on the table in the Narthex. Please help yourself. If you have a computer and internet connection, you can sign-up (instructions on the publication or the website, www.cidlcms.org) and receive them in your e-mail.

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, the children learn the story of “Jesus Changes Water into Wine” at the wedding in Cana. Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means—water, bread, and wine—to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children: *“How we are like the disciples, not sure just Who Jesus is? How do we sometimes doubt Him and His Word?”*

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> 03/17/2019	<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
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>St. Joseph, Guardian of Our Lord</i> Board of Elders	4:30 p
<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 Adult Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a 1:00 p 6:00 p 6:45 p 7:45 p
<i>Sunday</i> 03/24/2019	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> Worship Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Class Worship Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 1:30 p