

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:PRBLong@aol.com).

## **HOSPITAL CALLS**

Pastor Long is not currently allowed access to the local hospitals or nursing homes unless a person is in danger of eminent death. However, we want to keep hospitalized members in prayer, so please keep us informed. If a person is available by phone, please give us a number and Pastor Long will call.

**SIGN-UP FOR SERVICES** –Here is the link for the rest of April:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship10>

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** –were given to the glory of God by LaVelle Borders in praise to Christ, her risen Savior.

## **CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN – MITES UPDATE**

-- The following is from Pat Heinecke, VP of Mission Grants...Praise God!

I just couldn't wait any longer to tell you some great news! The LWML CID women have surpassed their mite goal of \$105,000!! The total amount raised was \$116,447.80 with over \$40,000 of it being collected just in March!

This means that the next project by vote, "Filling Haitian Tummies--Project HOPE", will receive \$3,778.88 of the \$5,000 they requested! Thank the Holy Spirit for inspiring so many people to give to our projects. Praise the Lord!

## **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](http://www.concordiapeoria.com) for information.

## **CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY**

Brooke Barr - Grade 2, & Cheerleading Coach  
Jan Heien - Title I Reading Tutor

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 4

Acts 3:11-21

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

## **WOMEN OF MT CALVARY ARE COLLECTING MITES.**

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## **WORKDAY, SATURDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>)**

### **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

† LaVelle Borders – Proctor

† Joe Leon – Now Home

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

† George Taseff, father-in-law to Jenna (Moore) Taseff, who was called to his eternal rest on Friday, April 2, 2021. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

May his family find hope, peace, and comfort in the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has taken the sting out of death, and gives us the victory of eternal life.

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS WILL BE IN THE MAIL.** -- Please check them carefully and let the office know if there are any mistakes. They include offerings from 1/1/21 to 3/31/21.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TOPIC –**  
**Brushing up on the Catechism** -- For the next several weeks we'll be looking at the 10 Commandments in the Small Catechism with Explanation (edition 2017). While the Law may always accuse us, it doesn't only accuse. Join us as we discover the gifts contained in this Word God gives us. **(On Hiatus for Easter Sunday)**

**CONFIRMATION** – This year we have six candidates for confirmation. If they all pass their interview with the Board of Elders, they will be confirmed on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The candidates are:

- † Cameron Dorsey
- † Kenyon Gillespie
- † Maddie Johnson
- † Sarah Long
- † Sophia Maxwell
- † Hunter Whitby.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for their confirmation.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – During **April** our pantry will be in need of **Corn Muffin Mix, Cereal, Beef Gravy, and Canned Soup.** If you can help out by bringing some, your donation can be left in the church entry way during regular office hours.

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** – The open house held by the school in January was so successful that they are doing it again **next Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you know of anyone who might want to send a child to Concordia, or if you have family members that might be interested, call the school (691-8921) and schedule an appointment.

### **COVID-19 ERA —Phase 4**

After searching through both state and county health department guidelines, we are unable to find any information indicating that our current measures for addressing the pandemic should change. Therefore, we remain in our current routine.

1. **Regular Office hours** will continue – feel free to call or visit.
2. **Pastor Long is still making an effort to reach out to folks who haven't been able to make it back to church yet.** — mostly this is to “check in” — but please share your concerns or prayer requests as

well. If you think you've been over-looked, please call us!

3. **You Tube Devotions:** Pastor Long is still posting devotions to You Tube three times a week. We're currently using them to take brief looks at the “other” readings from the previous Sunday. Look for them Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays.
4. **Worship:** We're now recording the main service from Sunday and uploading it to YouTube Sunday afternoon. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel or look for links on Face book or our web page.
5. **In Person Worship: Until conditions change, our schedule will remain as it is.** We are allowed to have in-person services with up to 25% of the sanctuary's maximum occupancy. The Fire Department has determined that our max occupancy is 264 in the pews which means 25% is 66. We will continue to use Sign-Up Genius to pre-register attendance. If you haven't had a chance to sign up this week here is the link for the rest of April:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship10>
6. **Bible Studies** – We will be “Brushing Up on the Catechism!” in the Sunday morning Bible Study. You may attend by Zoom, or in person – 10:30 am. The Men's Bible Study continues in a “Zoom” format, and is now reading the *Gospel According to St. Luke* — we meet Wednesdays at 6:30 am.
7. **Challenge:** As we are away from one another, we can still be “church,” even if in a different way. One of the things St. Paul commends to us as the “body of Christ” is to share each other's joys and burdens. Turns out, you can do that by phone, even with someone you don't “know” all that well. So, I urge you all to join me (if you can) in “calling around the congregation” to check in on each other, get to know each other and encourage each other. Lost your directory? Judy will send you a new one.
8. **Stewardship during COVID-19:** While God has blessed us with a “cushion” financially during these odd days, the ministries of Mt. Calvary still need your support – whether it's Judy taking care of the office, Pastor Long trying to provide study and worship opportunities, the Pantry continuing to reach out to our area, or Mr. Tagge providing music.  
The Treasurer's Report for February 2021 showed Year to date expenses of \$64,290.28, and offerings of \$55,398.74. Please, prayerfully continue to send in your contributions.

**Phase 4 Protocol** -- Some quick reminders for those of you attending the “larger” worship service this Sunday (and things for everyone to consider).

1. If you are not feeling well or have a temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over, please stay home and get well.
2. If you are in a “high risk” category and don’t feel safe, then also continue to take proper care – but make sure you are in touch with us so we can properly minister to you.
3. We ask you to wear your mask when entering and exiting the building. You may take it off during worship.
4. In the sanctuary, please “socially distance” yourselves in the pews. Family/household groups may sit together. You should leave an empty pew between you and folks sitting in front of you. Signs indicate which pews should be left empty.
5. Single use bulletins will be available as you enter the nave. Please leave them in the recycling container when you depart (unless you are taking yours home).
6. Communion will be brought to you in the pew.
7. The offering plate will be at the entrance of the nave for you to leave offerings as you are so moved.
8. Please do not socialize in the building - but do visit outside (weather permitting) with safe distancing.
9. If you have not indicated your preference for individual or common cup at communion, please go back to Sign Up Genius and do so (it allows us to prepare ahead of time).

**Remember**, we are continuing to offer the abbreviated communion services for those who feel more comfortable in the smaller settings. And we are continuing to make a service available on You Tube for those who prefer to worship remotely.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER, HOPEFUL LIVING, MY DEVOTIONS, AND HAPPY TIMES (for children)**

– New editions of these publications are available on the table in the Narthex or from the church office — you can stop by and pick one up (call first and let us know you are coming) or we will mail them to you. Just let us know what you need and whether you need regular size or large print.

**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 February 2021 showed year to date expenses of \$64,290.28, and offerings of \$55,398.74. 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](http://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. Currently seven people have used this method of giving. Thank you.

**FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY**

With the “Phase 4 Protocols” we are choosing to not meet until the virus is less of a threat. However — please keep an eye out for some of our special activities!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 call the office** and bring your treats to church, leaving them in the office marked “*Family House*.” Questions? Call LaVelle Borders, 681-9414. **A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.**

**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 also. Judy will get them to the ladies. They will trim the stamps and send them to LWML to support their mission work. Thank you.

**LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG**, – KFUE Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**This week on KFUE.org**, study 1 Peter 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish 2 Thessalonians and begin 1 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Renew, resume, or begin your partnership with KFUE Radio during Sharathon 2021 on April 22-24. Learn more at [kfue.org/sharathon!](http://kfue.org/sharathon)

**PODCAST FOR LUTHERAN WOMEN** – Have you scrolled through your podcasts, searching for one that catches your ear – a place you can escape to with inviting conversations, laughter, and fellowship with your Lutheran sisters? Look no further! Join Sarah, Erin, Rachel, and Bri on the sofa in the Lutheran Ladies Lounge, a podcast oasis for you, dear sisters, to sit, rest your feet,

and stay a while. And on the way out, we'll check your lipstick. Podcast episodes are available at [kfu.org/lutheranladieslounge](http://kfu.org/lutheranladieslounge) and wherever you get your podcasts. For bonus content from the show and a chance to help shape future on-air conversations—and enjoy friendly fellowship with other Lutheran ladies—join The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge Facebook discussion group: [facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge](https://facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge).

**Adventures in Lutheranism: The Easter Vigil!** -- Emmy Woock describes the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil service she helped establish at her church and offers practical advice for church leaders and musicians interested in holding their own Easter Vigils.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** – Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29) that even an embryo is a life worth having. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed that even becoming incapacitated or uncommunicative is a life worth living. Blessed are we who believe the Risen Savior proves every life precious!

#### **FROM CAMP CILCA –**

There are camp programs open this summer for every age group from preschool through high school. These programs are designed to get campers out-of-doors and into God's creation as much as possible, something everyone needs more of these days. There are brochures on the table in the Narthex or see the electronic brochure with the following link: <http://www.cilca.org/summer-camp.html>.

**ISSUES ETC. – EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...** -- 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: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Members Knew about the Church Calendar, Eastern Orthodoxy, Christians in a Woke World, The Prophet Jonah and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**SIGN UP TO SAVE A LIFE** – Join Sophia Maxwell and Scouts4theCure for a drive through registry drive. Sophia is a Star Scout in the BSA and has a life-saving goal of adding 100 people to the National Marrow Registry to help those with life-threatening diagnoses. If you are 18-44, a donation of your bone marrow could save a life! **Secondly**, Thousands of patients with blood cancers could be cured with a blood stem cell donation from a genetically matched donor. These patients rely on the Be the Match registry to find a healthy donor like you! Join us at a "Drive-Thru Drive" to sign up for the registries! See pages following:

**Saturday, May 1st**

9:00am- 2:00pm

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Concordia Lutheran School  
2000 W Glen Ave, Peoria, IL 61614

Any questions? Contact Maureen (309)696-7319 or [mleuba@comcast.net](mailto:mleuba@comcast.net)

[Join.BeTheMatch.org/Scouts4TheCure](http://Join.BeTheMatch.org/Scouts4TheCure)

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**To Join:  
Text:  
Scouts4TheCure  
To: 61474**



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## MARROW REGISTRY DRIVE



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