

## **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 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](mailto: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.

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

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** – Our offering for the General Fund for April 7, 2019, was \$8,641.00. **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.

## **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](http://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 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher's Aide
Becky Garvey	- Administrative Assistant

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

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday**

Psalm 16

Isaiah 65:17-25

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

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## **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP NOTE** –

Today is Palm Sunday, or the Sunday of the Passion. We will gather in the Narthex before the services for the opening and then during the hymn move into the sanctuary. If you are not able to stand for the opening, you are welcome to take a seat in the sanctuary.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE** –

This week is Holy Week. We will have services on Maundy Thursday at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. Both will offer Holy Communion and the evening service will end with the Stripping of the Altar. On Friday we will have services at 12:00 Noon (featuring the reading of the Passion History from the 4 Gospels) and 6:30 pm (traditionally called

Tenebrae, or "Shadows"). Please join us as your schedules allow.

**ON EASTER SUNDAY** – we will have services at our regular times (8:00 & 10:45 am). The early service will feature the Easter Proclamation leading into the Divine Service. Easter Breakfast will follow, and there will be an egg hunt for pre-school through grade 5) around 10:15 am.

**HELP WITH BREAKFAST PREP AND CHURCH DECORATING FOR EASTER** – Meet here next Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We'll find something useful for you to do.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** –

- † Jonathan and Joy Wessler on the birth of their son, Benjamin Mehrings Wessler. Benjamin was born on Sunday, April 7, 2019 and weighed 5 lbs. 2 oz. Both mother and child are well. Peter and Carol Wessler are the proud grandparents.
- † Jenna (Moore) and Devin Taseff on the birth of their daughter Millie Rochelle Taseff. Millie was born Thursday, April 11, coming in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. Everyone is healthy and happy. The proud grandparents are Keith and Carey Moore.

**NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** -- **Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey:** Having finished 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, the men have decide to take a look at how God's grace in Christ shapes our lives on a daily basis. We'll be using the Rev. William Weedon's book *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey* to spark discussion and reflection. Texts will be provided. **Join us Wednesday mornings at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd. We meet for an hour or so starting at 6:30 am.**

**OUR MIRACULOUS MISSION VBS** -- will blast off on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need a full crew to launch this mission! **There is 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 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.

**LWML CONVENTION NEWS** – The Central Illinois District 74th Annual LWML Convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville, Illinois on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Servant events will be held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30 pm. The theme for this year's convention is *He Knows My Name (Isaiah 43:1)*.

More information is on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office, along with a list of items for *Gifts from the Heart*.

**For the LWML convention in April, they are asking for the societies to donate shaving cream and three packs of razors. Please place donations marked for LWML convention in the kitchen by Sunday April 21st.**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – During **April** our pantry will be in need of **Ramen, Fruit, Cereal, And Cake Mix**. 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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** -- Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Can-A-Thon event on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Once again, the Mount Calvary family joined together with volunteers from all over Peoria to put our Christian faith into action. The work you have done for our Lord and our neighbors will help prevent hunger in children and adults during the next twelve months until Can-A-Thon 2018. 2,089.25 pounds of food has been collected here at Mt. Calvary and various other locations. Thank you, and God bless you for your good deeds done in His name. (Food is still being accepted.)

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICES CROP WALK FOR HUNGER** -- This year's Crop Walk for Hunger will be held **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. The walk will begin at First

Federated Church, 3601 N. Sheridan Rd. with registration at 1:15 pm. The walk officially begins at 1:45 pm. Let LaVelle know if you would like to participate. You may participate by walking with LaVelle or by making a donation – we receive a percentage of the money collected for our Food Pantry.

**CONCORDIA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** – We're getting close! Since last week, another \$16,000 in gifts have been given toward the \$300,000 matching gift. This means we only have to raise another \$138,000 in order to get all the funds we've been offered. Remember, the deadline is the end of this month. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Donation forms are in the fellowship hall, or contact Carrie Kroenke (453-3632) for more information.

### **FROM CONCORDIA**

**Do You Shop At Kroger?** -- Link your Kroger Rewards Card to Concordia and Kroger Community Rewards makes a donation to Concordia each time you shop! Please use Concordia Lutheran School's account number, JK774.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm and April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

– Our Almighty Maker reserves the right and responsibility for decisions about life and death (Deuteronomy 32:39). Jesus has earned this authority by swallowing up death in His crucifixion. And He has proven Himself trustworthy in life-and-death matters by bringing forth joy even from sorrow in His resurrection. What a great relief! The times and terms of human lives and deaths rest securely in His loving and saving hand.

**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 evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.**

### **ISSUES ETC. – TALK RADIO FOR HOLY WEEK**

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 Church's Observance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, The Holy Week Hymn "The Royal Banners Forward Go," Apparent Contradictions in the Bible on the Crucifixion and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

### **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG.**

– Listen to Worldwide KFUE.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our 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**, we celebrate Palm Sunday with our listeners as we enter Holy Week. On Good Friday (4/19), hear Sacred Music throughout the day and also hear the Tre Ore Service broadcast 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT from Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Also Monday-Thursday this week, continue studying Genesis 16-18 on Sharper Iron at 8:00 a.m. CT, hear the final

chapters of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word at 11:00 a.m. CT, and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!

**JUST DESSERTS AT LUTHERAN HILLSIDE VILLAGE** -- What's your specialty? a cream pie? a cheesecake? chocolate chip cookies? Angel food cake? brownies?

We welcome your baked goods and sweet treats as we host JUST DESSERTS at LHV on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please deliver items to the front entrance of LHV prior to noon on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will sell them to the residents and staff from 8-11 am Friday morning. Some of these folks no longer bake much themselves, so your homemade treats will be a delightful surprise! This time, LWGP is offering refrigerated items in addition to fudge, caramels, small loaves of bread, frosted cookies, etc. Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund. Questions? Contact Redeemer member Lisa Mack (309) 360-2669 *Gracious words are like a honeycomb, bringing sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24*

**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.

### **WHAT'S GOING ON AT CAMP CILCA?**

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Camp CILCA Fundraiser** at Texas Roadhouse in East Peoria. Take your family to dinner between 3:00 and 10:00 pm on Tuesday April 23, 2019 and at least 10% of your total food purchase will go to support Camp CILCA. See bulletin board for more information.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FROM THE FORT WAYNE SEMINARY** – On June 4<sup>th</sup> -- 6<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Calvary will again host a continuing education class from Fort. Wayne. This year the subject is "Early Church Preaching and Catechesis in a Pluralist Society." As our culture in North America becomes more secular and less Christian, we can begin to see some similarities to the world of the first Christians. So the question is – do any of their ways of approaching their world help us in our efforts to pass on the faith today? The class will be taught by the Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall (who has family in Pekin), a pastor in Lowell, IN and an adjunct professor at Ft. Wayne and Concordia University, Chicago. Registration forms are in the Narthex, or can be gotten from the church office.

### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY IS MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

-- Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other full-time church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2019-2020 school year or be designated "CID Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be sent to the

Central Illinois District LC-MS  
1850 N. Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62702-1626

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or [colander@cidlcms.org](mailto:colander@cidlcms.org) for assistance. Thank you.

## ✝ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY ✝

### SUNDAY:

#### YOUTH:

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

Today's Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, Who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, *"Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."*

#### ADULTS:

**Other Religions – On Hiatus next Sunday for Easter Breakfast.** 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey:** Having finished 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, the men have decided to take a look at how God's grace in Christ shapes our lives on a daily basis. We'll be using the Rev. William Weedon's book *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey* to spark discussion and reflection. Texts will be provided. **Join us Wednesday mornings at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd. We meet for an hour or so starting at 6:30 am.**

#### **Wednesday Evening Study Group:**

**C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters:** **On hiatus until May 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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:** **On hiatus until May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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> 04/14/2019	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Divine Service Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Class Divine Service Worship & Music Committee Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 12:00 p 1:30 p
<i>Tuesday</i>	Board of Elders	4:30 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study Instrumental Group Rehearsal Adult Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 a 6:30 p 7:45
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Divine Service Divine Service/Stripping of the Altar Adult Choir Rehearsal Following Service	11:15 a 6:30 p
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i> Noon Prayer and Commemoration of the Cross Tenebrae	12:00 p 6:30 p
<i>Saturday</i>	Decorating Church and Preparing for Easter Breakfast Private Confession	10:00 a 1-2:00 p
<i>Sunday</i> 04/21/2019	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Divine Service/Easter Proclamation Easter Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt Divine Service	8:00 a 9:30 a 10:15 a 10:45 a