

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 members of the congregation.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for April 14, 2019, was \$3,886.00. **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.

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST– Even if you didn’t sign-up for the Easter Breakfast, join us anyway – there’s always plenty of food.

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:

April 28th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148

Acts 5:12-32

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

THANK YOU – Thank you to everyone who helped make our Easter celebration so joyful. We could not have done it without the help of those who purchased food, helped prepare it, decorated the Parish Hall and Church, and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. Everything was beautifully done. Thanks also to those who participated in the Divine Services.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY

✠ Nick Brusick, who came into the congregation by Affirmation of Faith on April 7, 2019. If you haven’t introduced yourself to him, please do so, and make him feel welcome at Mt. Calvary.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

- † Ed Bohne – OSF St. Francis, room 2509
- † Bev. Watkins – Pekin Manor, room 106

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

- † The Rev. James Wuebben, former pastor of Mt. Calvary, who was called to his eternal rest in the Lord on Monday, April 15, 2019. A celebration of his life will be held at the Lutheran Hillside Village Chapel on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 am.

May his family find comfort, hope, and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection has swallowed up death for us.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -- *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*: Having finished 1st & 2nd 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.**

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 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.

LOOKING FOR GRADUATES FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER – The office is looking for the names of graduates for the June Messenger. If you have someone in your family graduating from any level of schooling, please let the office know. We would also like to know what their plans are for after graduation – more school (give name of school) or employment (give name of employer and position to be held). Deadline for printing the June Messenger is May 19th.

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 31st. 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 2020. 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 **next Sunday, April 28th**. 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 \$13,000 in gifts have been given toward the \$300,000 matching gift. This means we only have to raise another \$125,000 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

Want to play some soccer this fall? Concordia Lutheran School invites all Mt. Calvary children in 1st-8th grade (Fall 2019) to consider playing on one of the Concordia soccer teams this fall. The season runs from early August through early October. You do not have to be a Concordia student to play – all association church children are eligible. Registration information is available online at <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=clscougars> or you can contact Kendra Fleming, Concordia Soccer Coordinator, at 309-339-2375 or kendraj13@hotmail.com for more information. Please note that the Registration deadline is June 2nd.

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.

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!

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.

LWML CONVENTION NEWS – The Central Illinois District 74th Annual LWML Convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville, Illinois on Saturday, April 27th. Servant events will be held on Friday, April 26th 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.

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.

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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – A surprise pregnancy or an incurable condition can leave us feeling like we have to make friends with death just to keep from suffering alone. But God goes with us as our Savior and Father even into death's domain (Psalm 16:10). And He never escorts us there without also carrying us through it (Psalm 16:11). We don't have to surrender a single breath, because every Good Friday finds its Easter Sunday in Jesus!

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 29th, at 6:30 pm.**

ISSUES ETC. – TALK RADIO FOR THE EASTER SEASON -- 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 Easter Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," The Resurrection in Handel's "Messiah," Christ's Resurrection in John's Gospel, Evidence for the Resurrection, The Easter Hymn "He's Risen, He's Risen" and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at 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 our Risen Lord as we enter the season of Easter! April 25-27 is KFUE Radio's 2019 Sharathon, our yearly time of reflecting on the Lord's blessings to us and asking our listeners to partner with us financially so that we can continue to share the Gospel to people at home and abroad. Visit kfue.org/sharathon to learn how you can join us!

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 **this Friday, April 26th**. Please deliver items to the front entrance of LHV prior to noon on Thursday, April 25th. 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*

CONTINUING EDUCATION FROM THE FORT

WAYNE SEMINARY – On June 4th -- 6th, 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 Fort Wayne and Concordia University, Chicago. Registration forms are in the Narthex, or can be gotten from the church office.

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 this 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.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY IS MAY 5TH

-- 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 5th. 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:

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 for assistance. Thank you.

✝ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY ✝

SUNDAY:

YOUTH:

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

On hiatus this week for our Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt.

ADULTS:

Other Religions – On Hiatus today 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 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:

Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey: Having finished 1st & 2nd 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.**

Wednesday Evening Study Group:

C.S. Lewis’ Screwtape Letters: **On hiatus until May 1st.** 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 2nd.** 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>	<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
<i>04/21/2019</i>	Divine Service/Easter Proclamation	8:00 a
	Easter Breakfast	9:30 a
	Easter Egg Hunt	10:15 a
	Divine Service	10:45 a
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey</i>	6:30 a
<i>Thursday</i>	Crafts & Conversation	10:00 a
	Divine Service	6:00 p
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:45 p
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
<i>4/28/2019</i>	Worship	8:00 a
	Fellowship Coffee	9:15 a
	Sunday School/Bible Study	9:30 a
	Worship	10:45 a
	Youth Confirmation	1:30 a