

## **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**

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.

## **SIGN-UP FOR SERVICES** – Here is the link for the

Services during May:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship16>

## **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

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

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 148

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-7

John 16:12-22

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE SIGN-UP GENUIS**

**The numbers there will tell us how much to set up for Holy Communion and how many bulletins to print.**

**MITES CONTINUE! – Last Sunday was Mite Sunday – if you forgot, you can still bring them.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Dale and Vonnie Brinkmann in thanksgiving for God’s gift of mothers.

## **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

✠ Patty Caughey – Now Home

**Mother’s Day Diaper Shower:** Please bring disposable diapers of any size to church (infant, child, and adult sizes). If you forgot, you may bring them anytime this month – we will be happy to receive them. Please join Lutherans for Life as we collect diapers again this year for area charitable organizations who serve women and their children as well as seniors. Your generosity will benefit worthy life-affirming organizations including

Women’s Pregnancy Center, Esther House, Lutheran Hillside Village, Washington Christian Village, and Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center.

## **GIFTS AND CARDS FOR OUR SHUT-INS** – The

Concordia 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have decorated pots and planted flowers for our shut-ins. Now we have to deliver them. **Take a look at what’s on the table in the Parish Hall and if you are able to deliver one (or more) please do so.** Thank you to the Concordia 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the beautiful work they did in preparing these gifts.

## **CARPET CLEANING** – Tomorrow, **Monday, May 9th**,

Property Board has arranged to have the carpets in the Parish Hall, Narthex, and Main Hallway shampooed. Therefore the building will be closed from Noon on

Monday to 9:00 am on Tuesday. If you have need of anything, please call the office (309-688-4321) as Judy will be there until 3:00 pm on Monday.

**THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES** -- Do you have someone graduating this year? If so, we would like to recognize them and their achievements in the June MC Messenger. So ... please get their names to the church office by **May 19th** along with any other information you would like printed — parents' names, plans for the summer/next year, awards, accomplishments they have received, etc. This applies to all graduates: pre-school through college and beyond. We can also include December, 2021 graduates.

**NOMINATIONS** – It is time again to call for nominations to fill positions left open since last June. The big one is a position on the Concordia School Board. Board of Education needs another member and we are losing an Elder. If you would like a role on one of the boards, please contact Pastor Long or Jerry Horst. Check the list on the bulletin board to see where you might fit in best.

**JUNE VOTERS' MEETING** – At the Administrative Council Meeting on this past Tuesday evening, it was decided to hold the June Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. This means that any reports from Committee or Board Chairmen **must** be in the church office --- e-mail them to me at [secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org](mailto:secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org) -- by Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**LET'S CELEBRATE "90 YEARS OF HIS GIFTS"**  
2022 represents the 90<sup>th</sup> year of our congregation's founding. To help us commemorate this special occasion, we are planning a celebration for this Fall. Please help us with this special anniversary by sharing any congregational memories or church pictures you might have. The "90 Years of His Gifts" committee is looking forward to hearing from you!

Lisa Cornelius, Vicky Brosowske, and Abbie Matson

**FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC** – After looking at the results of the poll (we received 77 responses), the Worship & Music Committee recommended to the Administrative Council that beginning in June, we schedule Sunday worship at 9:00 am and 11:45 am with the Bible Study at 10:30 am. In light of the responses, they further recommended that the 9:00 am service alternate between a Communion service and Matins service every other week, while the 11:45 am service will be a spoken Communion service every week. After

prayerful discussion, these recommendations have been adopted. However, if we find that they don't sufficiently serve the needs of the congregation, they can be revisited in the Fall.

**RETURN TO "COMMUNION TABLES"** – As COVID positivity remains low, we are ready to have folks come forward to receive communion (or a blessing) once again. However, due to a shortage of ushers, we are trying a new traffic pattern. We ask you to come up by the **center aisle**, both sides, and then stand to either side of the font as appropriate. After being dismissed, please return to your places by the side aisles. If coming forward is a challenge, simply let the usher know, and Pastor Long will bring communion to you.

**TREATS FOR FAMILY HOUSE** – We provide treats for Family House on the fourth Monday of each month (see note on bulletin board). **The list for 2022 is up**, so, if you are able to help, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LaVelle Borders (309-681-9414).

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

**CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION HAS BEGUN AGAIN ON THURSDAY MORNINGS** – The ladies of the Crafts and Conversation Group that met at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings before the pandemic hit, have decided to meet again at 10:00 am on Thursdays. They will socially distance by moving tables together and sitting 6 feet apart. Also, be sure to wear your mask. This is open to anyone, bring a craft or activity you like to do, needlework, coloring, etc., and join the group.

**THURSDAY LUNCHESES** – Now that Easter is over, let's have lunch together! We've done it a couple of Thursdays and we'll do it again this week. Bring your lunch and join us at Noon.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – During **May** our pantry will be in need of **Cooking Oil, Pasta Sauce, Canned Peas, Manwich, and Toilet Paper**. **They are also looking for the heavier plastic bags that grocery stores use for delivery**. If you can help out by bringing any of these items, your donation can be left in the church entry way during regular office hours.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY –Psalms – no, not all of them.** Join us Sunday mornings as we explore the “hymnbook of Israel” (and the Church’s earliest hymnal as well). We’ll take a quick look at the various “types” of Psalms and their poetic style – and then just read through some of our favorites as we seek to use them to enrich our prayers and devotions. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall and on Zoom.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC:** -- **Let’s read James together.** Sure, Luther didn’t much care for it – but it is still God’s Word, and reliable counsel when understood properly. After all, despite their arguments with Rome about the relation of works to salvation, the Reformers still acknowledged – faith without works is dead. **We are meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 am at Gebby’s Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

### **COMING OUT OF COVID**

1. Masks are now optional “officially.”
2. We will continue with sign-ups for services so that people wanting a “less crowded service can be accommodated.  
The sign-up for May is:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca4a728a5fb6-worship16>
3. We will continue with single-use bulletins and pew spacing as well, just to stay on the safe side.

### **Continuing Wisdom**

1. Wash your hands.
2. If you are running a temperature, or don’t feel well, please participate in one of our online options.
3. We will continue to record the main service on Sunday and make that available on our You Tube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQY14dddMygJRCjTXdM3r1Q>

**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 April 2022 showed the year’s expenses at \$126,471.92, and income of \$102,589.14. 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.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** -- “Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Boundaries do not restrict freedom but complete it by releasing from the dangers beyond. Moms—like God—discipline because they love. So let us heed His voice (John 10:27) and not shrink from declaring anything that is profitable, both in public and at home (Acts 20:20), including that abortion is sinful and every human life is precious.

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

KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us **on** social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Acts 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into 1 John 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study Free Will in Article XVIII of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (5/14 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.

**THE LUTHERAN LADIES’ LOUNGE – Wild Card: Head Coverings in the History of Womanhood** -- Recently, more and more Lutheran women have expressed curiosity in the ancient Christian practice of female head covering.

In this wildest of Wild Card episodes, Rachel delves deeply into the history and meaning of veiling, examining the New Testament and its cultural context, the teachings of the Early Church Fathers, the Medieval art traditions, Luther’s writings, the Lutheran Confessions, and other sources as she seeks to better understand this now generally defunct tradition.

Why did most married Christian women faithfully cover their heads during worship (and in many cases, in all public settings) throughout the first 1900+ years of the Church’s history? And given this long history, why—and how—was the practice almost universally abandoned by Western Christians in the twentieth century?

### **ISSUES ETC. – GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE**

-- 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: A New Study on Stay-at-Home Moms,

The Lord's Supper Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing," The Vocation of Citizen, The Active & Passive Obedience of Christ and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **MAY FINE ARTS SCHEDULE AT CONCORDIA**

**Arts in Education** — The annual Arts in Education celebration is on for this spring! Please consider coming to the Peoria Courthouse at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 10 to hear our Concert Band, Concert Choir, and select orchestra students as they share their musical talents and represent our school. We will be performing at the corner of NE Adams and Main.

**Spring Concerts** — The Cadet Band, Concert Band, and all Orchestras will have their spring concert on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm**. The Kids of the Kingdom Choir (Grades 3-5), Joyful Noise Recorders (grade 3 & 4), and Concert Choir will have their spring concert on **Friday, May 20 at 6:00 pm**. Come support all our amazing young musicians!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** -- Congratulations to the Concordia Concert Band and the Concert Choir for their high ratings at the IGSMA Organizational Contest. The Band received an "Excellent" rating and the Choir a "Superior" rating. Well Done!

**FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES** -- In central Illinois this spring there is a great need for foster parents. We are asking members of your congregation to prayerfully contemplate this urgent demand. Long-term foster families are needed as well as short-term. As a short-term caregiver, you would serve as a respite or emergency foster family.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois provides supportive services for children in need and their families. Foster care services focus on placing children who have experienced neglect or abuse in a loving and secure home. Children's Community Services offers numerous other services to at-risk children and their families in their communities.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a licensed child welfare agency – License #013005 The foster care system doesn't work without Foster families.

If you have additional questions, you could visit their website [LSSI.org](http://LSSI.org). If you wanted to personally speak with someone locally, contact Dawn Presley (309) 671-0300, extension 4258.

### **FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA:**

**General Membership Meeting, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** — St. Mark's Lutheran Church off the square in Washington is hosting the General Membership meeting for LWGP on Fri, **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am**. Our guest speaker is Karen Henrikson from Walnut, IL. Karen will share her testimony in a cake talk entitled You Are His Masterpiece. A continental breakfast will be served along with coffee and a piece of her delicious cake! **Please RSVP to Lisa Mack (309) 360-2669 by May 5<sup>th</sup>** so that we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there! Ladies of all ages are welcome.

**The Church Mouse** -- Located near the campus of Bradley University, The Church Mouse is always looking for volunteers. Daytime only. Mon – Sat. Women and men, we need you! For more information, please contact Joan Ressler or Shirley Lewis at (309) 673-2363.

### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY WAS LAST SUNDAY, MAY 1ST.**

Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2022-2023 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Envelopes are available on the tables in the Narthex. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who are qualified to serve to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

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 or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or [colander@msn.com](mailto:colander@msn.com) for assistance. Thank you.