

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 Eileen Benne in thanksgiving for the blessing of mothers.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – Our offering for the General Fund for May 5, 2019, was \$5,863.00. **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 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:

May 19th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-7

John 16:12-22

JUNE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTER' MEETING – At the Administrative Council meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, the date for the June Voters' Meeting was set for Sunday, June 9th during the Sunday School Hour. This means the report packets should be in your mail boxes on June 2nd. Therefore, any board or committee chairman will want to have their report to the office by May 19th, typed and ready to print. (Sorry about the short notice, but I will be away that week-end so you might have an extra day to turn it in.)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE DIAPER SHOWER –

While today is the diaper shower for Lutherans for Life, we will accept diapers of any size (infant or adult) until we can get Bob Wegner over here to pick them up. We thank everyone who has contributed to this cause.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Please keep in your prayers the friends and family of :

✠ Gerald Hull, brother of Sally Taylor, who was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, April 27, 2019, and given Christian burial on Monday, May 6, 2019 in Geneseo, IL.

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

THANK YOU – The family of Ed Bohne (Dolores Bohne and the Tagge family) would like to thank the Women of Mt. Calvary for preparing and serving the luncheon following the service for Ed on Friday, May 3rd. They are very appreciative of the work that went into this meal and give thanks for the work of the Women of Mt. Calvary.

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY MEETING -- Because the parking lot was sealcoated last Monday, Women of Mt. Calvary will meet tomorrow, **Monday, May 13th, at 6:30 pm.**

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY -- Property Board has set aside **this Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am to 12 Noon**, as Spring Clean Up Day. They will be working both inside and out to get the building and grounds ready for summer. They request your presence and promise to find a job for you to do, no matter how much or how little time you have to help. Call Josh Joseph (645-3928) for more information or to volunteer.

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 next Sunday, May 19th.**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **May** our pantry will be in need of **Hotdog Buns, Canned Fruit, Jello, and Ketchup or Mustard.** 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.

FROM CONCORDIA

Music Department Concerts In May

- ✓ **May 13th, 11:00 a** — Arts in Education at the Peoria Courthouse
- ✓ **May 15th, 6:00 p** — Spring Band and Orchestra Concert @ Concordia
- ✓ **May 17th, 6:00 p** — Spring Choir, Recorder & Ukulele Concert @ Concordia.
- ✓ **May 29th, 6:30 p** — Concordia Band plays National Anthem at the Ball Park

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.

Mt. Calvary's Concordia Graduates -- Two of our young ladies, **Francesca Brill and Kendall Frank**, will be graduating from Concordia on May 24th. **The graduation is scheduled to be held at Mt. Calvary at 6:00 pm**, with a reception following. We congratulate Frankie and Kendall on their graduation._

Want to play some soccer this fall? -- All Mt. Calvary children in grades 1st-8th (Fall 2019) are invited to consider playing for Concordia Lutheran School's soccer teams this fall (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 at the church office 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.

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.

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.

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 – Among motherhood’s greatest works is comforting distraught little ones. Where the world would wipe out lives by murder, the Lamb once slain but raised again mothers us by wiping away our tears (Revelation 7:17). Heavenly Father’s forgiveness and salvation heal even the guilt of abortion, the grief of terminal diagnosis,

and the fear of complicated pregnancy. The Hand that rules the world also rocks the cradle.

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.

ISSUES ETC. – SANCTIFYING YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE WITH THE WORD OF GOD -- 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: Religious Liberty, The Book of Malachi, Jesus Walks on Water, The Historic Liturgy & the Apostles’ Creed 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 wish all mothers a blessed Mother’s Day, hear the Truth in Genesis 24-26 on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear God’s Word in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find all your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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.

THE GREAT CENTRAL IL CAMPOUT AT CAMP CILCA -- Camp CILCA’s annual Hog Roast is coming up Sunday, May 26. Dinner is served from 11:30-2:30. The Trading Post, beach, and new cabins will be open. A Jazz concert will be held from 1:30-3:00. Information will also be given about the camp’s ongoing capital campaign. Come for the day, or stay the whole weekend for camping, games, and devotions. See you there!

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP
SUNDAY WAS LAST SUNDAY, 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. 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 should 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.

The Sunday School Children are studying the various miracles of Jesus.

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:

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.**

Wednesday Evening Study Group:

C.S. Lewis’ Screwtape Letters: 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> 05/12/2019	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day</i> Worship Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Class Worship	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a
<i>Monday</i>	Concordia "Arts in the Park" at Courthouse Women of Mt. Calvary	11:00 a 6:30 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey</i> Concordia Spring Band & Orchestra Concert Wednesday Study Group - <i>Screwtape Letters</i>	6:30 a 6:00 p 6:30 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Pastor Has Chapel at Concordia Crafts & Conversation Bible Study - <i>Deuteronomy</i> Divine Service Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:30 a 10:00 a 1:00 p 6:00 p 6:45 p 7:45 p
<i>Friday</i>	Concordia Spring Choir, Recorder, & Ukulele Concert	6:00 p
<i>Saturday</i>	Spring Clean-Up Day Private Confession	9:00 a - 12:00 p 1-2:00 p
<i>Sunday</i> 05/19/2019	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Divine Service Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Study Divine Service Worship & Music Committee Meeting Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 12:00 p 1:30 p