

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 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.

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 for this Sunday, May 29th.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Steve and Jennifer Johnson in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

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. The deadline for the June Messenger is past, but we still want to give recognition – so please get us names of anyone we missed.

CONCORDIA GRADUATION – Last Friday Concordia held Graduation services at Mt. Calvary. Mt. Calvary’s graduates are: Cameron Dorsey (Salutatorian), Kenyon Gillespie, Maddie Johnson (Co-Valedictorian), Sarah Long,

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 for information.

CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY

Brooke Barr - Grade 2

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

June 5th – The Day of Pentecost

Psalm 145

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:23-31

MITES CONTINUE! — Women of Mt. Calvary will be collecting Mites next Sunday!..

and Hunter Whitby. We wish these young people God’s richest blessings as they enter a new level of education.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: -- The Rev. Sawyer & Rebecca Meyers on the birth of their son Andrew Ezekiel Meyers on May 20, 2022. Andrew weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and is 20.75 inches long. All are doing well. The grandparents are Daniel and Michele Keehner. Matthias, Marcus, and Esther welcomed their new brother home.

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

† Lloyd Burdette, step father to Rick Laredo who was called to his eternal rest on May 23, 2022, and will be given Christian burial on June 2, 2022

May his family find comfort, hope, and peace in the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

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 May 3, it was decided to hold the June Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 10:30 am (during the Bible Study Hour) 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 -- **If they are not in by Monday, May 30th, they will not be included in the report packet.**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WORK DAY — **Saturday, June 11 —9:00 — 12:00** — We need you for both light duty indoor and outdoor projects. Our primary tasks will be to refresh and paint the 1st, 2nd, and Aftercare room sink cabinets. Help us get ready for the new school year! Spread the word! Contact Jarrod Horman if you have any questions: Jarrod.Horman@gmail.com

NEWS FOR ALL MT. CALVARY WOMEN -- After a two year hiatus due to COVID, nine women met May 2nd to regroup for the 2022/2023 year. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 12 (second Monday of the month) at 6:30. Officers for the year are: Mary Ann Auer - president, Theresa Johnston - vice president, Dawn Henderson - treasurer, Marcia Riddle - secretary. A big thank you to everyone who quietly continued to carry on with work of Women of Mt. Calvary since March of 2020. More news to follow.

LET'S CELEBRATE "90 YEARS OF HIS GIFTS"
2022 represents the 90th 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

THURSDAY LUNCHESES –Let's have lunch together!
Bring your lunch and join us in the Parish Hall at Noon.

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 next Sunday, June 5th, we schedule Sunday worship at 9:00 am and 11:45 am with the Bible Study at 10:30 am.**

RETURN TO "COMMUNION TABLES" – As COVID transmission remains under control, we are having 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **June** our pantry will be in need of **Saltine Crackers, Cooking Oil, Fruit, Jello, Shampoo, and Boxed Potatoes.** **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 – Predesti –

What? One of the teachings of the Bible that has given people pause over the years is “predestination,” the teaching that God has elected His people to salvation in Jesus before the beginning of time. What does this mean? Can I tell whether I’m elected? What about free will? We’ll take a look at how these teachings are approached in the *Formula of Concord* over the next few weeks in Adult Bible Class.

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 optional “officially.”
2. We will continue with single-use bulletins.
3. Pew spacing has been removed – but there is still plenty of room to stay distanced if you need to.

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 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 -- How good and pleasant it is when brothers, mothers and their babies, children and their elderly parents live together (Psalm 133:1) without putting one another to death! In this sanctity of every life, God has not just invited but commanded and accomplished blessing by the coming of His Son! And if He has wrought good from the casting of lots (Acts 1:26), may we not trust Him to wring even better from surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Genesis 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Acts 12-15 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dig into The Cause of Sin in Augsburg Confession Article XIX on Concord Matters (6/4 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find programs live and on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN LADIES’ LOUNGE – Erin’s One

Question Interview: Deaconess Ministry -- Across the LCMS, consecrated deaconesses share Christ’s love through works of mercy, spiritual care, administration, and teaching. Yet many Lutherans remain largely uninformed about who these professional church workers are and how they serve.

In this One Question Interview, Deaconess Sarah Longmire begins with one big question (What even *is* a deaconess?), before satisfying the Ladies’ curiosity on a number of related subjects: What does a deaconess do? How are deaconesses formed and trained? How are they different from other church workers, especially pastors? What common misconceptions exist about deaconess ministry?

Deaconess Sarah Longmire is president of the Concordia Deaconess Conference, a free association of LCMS-rostered deaconesses and LCMS-certified deaconess candidates who subscribe to and live by the confessional position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and who hold membership in a congregation or partner church of the same.

ISSUES ETC. – SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE -- 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 topics include: The Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Southern Baptist Convention; Harold Frank's WWII Story of Faith & Courage; Rep. Nancy Pelosi Denied Communion by an Archbishop; The Mind of Christ and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

YOUTH SOCCER OPPORTUNITY:

To Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Families! -- Concordia Lutheran School invites all Mt. Calvary children in 1st -8th grade (Fall 2022) to consider playing on one of the Concordia soccer teams this fall. You do not have to be a Concordia student to play – all association church children are eligible. Below is a form to sign your child up to participate.

Soccer Information:

Concordia participates in the Peoria Parochial Soccer Association (PPSA).

Practices begin in late July. Games held mid-August through the first week of October.

Games are completed at the Mossville Soccer fields Concordia offers the following teams: 1st and 2nd Grade Co-ed, 3rd and 4th Boys, 3rd and 4th Girls, 5th and 6th Boys, 5th and 6th Girls, 7th and 8th Boys, and 7th and 8th Girls.

Parent Meetings are a choice from the following dates: July 18 or July 27 at 6:00 pm in the Concordia Commons Please complete this form as soon as you are able. Thank you so much!

<https://forms.gle/F8VDUVh6v1J9zqBG6>

If you have any questions contact Michael Holloway (Soccer Coordinator)

michael.holloway82@gmail.com or 309-397-5772

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.

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. If you wanted to personally speak with someone locally, contact Dawn Presley (309) 671-0300, extension 4258.

FROM CAMP CILCA

ANNUAL HOG ROAST – THIS SUNDAY - MAY 29, 2022 -- Camp CILCA is hosting its 38th Annual Memorial Day Hog Roast on Sunday, May 29, 2022 from 11:30am-2:30pm! The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age 4-12. Please come for the great food and great fellowship time with other Camp CILCA friends, and show support for your Lutheran camp!

GREAT CENTRAL III. CAMP-OUT – THIS WEEKEND, May 27-30 -- Make a weekend of it and come for an entire weekend of outdoor recreation: hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, disc golf, squishy ball, campfire devotions, and Christian fellowship. Campsites, cabins, and hotel-style rooms in the Christian Growth Center are available. ***Contact the camp office (217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org) for reservations.***