

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK – were given to the glory of God by Carol DeJarnett in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

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 Brosowski, and Abbie Matson

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

MITES CONTINUE! — **Women of Mt. Calvary are still collecting Mites.**

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 26th – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 16

1 Kings 19:9b-21

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

INSTALLATION TODAY IN 9:00 AM SERVICE --

Today we will be installing our newly elected and re-elected Council members. If you were elected to a position on one of the committees or boards but are not able to be at this service, you will still be installed by proxy.

SECRETARY ASKING FOR HELP — I would like to take **June 22nd through June 29th** to help Sarah make Katie’s wedding dress. I am asking for people to cover the office during that time so that I can be in Cape Girardeau that week. Please call the office (309-688-4321) or see me at church to let me know you can help.

THIS YEAR’S GRADUATES -- Did you have someone graduating this year? If so, we would like to recognize them and their achievements. Please get us names of anyone we missed.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

† Joella Michel

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: -- **How Do You Hold on to Hope in a Hostile Culture?** 1 Peter gives an answer to that question as the apostle seeks to strengthen and encourage the Christians in Rome as they faced hardships because of their faith in Jesus.

We are meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.

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.

NEWS FOR ALL MT. CALVARY WOMEN

The women's group provides for a great number of events during the course of a year. Some of these are: Reformation dinner, Thanksgiving food boxes and remembrance bags for our shut ins, Holiday Hope Chest for LSSI (Christmas gifts), women's Christmas party, Advent and Lenten lunches, Valentine boxes to college students and members of the military, monthly provisions for Family House, altar responsibilities, donations to a Concordia Seminary, and representatives to LWML and Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. If you are interested in participating in any of these, please let one of the officers know. As you can see, many hands are needed and your help will be greatly appreciated. Additional ideas of opportunities to help will follow next month. Marcia Riddle, secretary

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., **join the group and then stay for lunch.**

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.

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>

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.

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 May 2022 showed the year's expenses at \$145,226.62, and income of \$124,604.89. 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

-- The unique dignity of fatherhood includes protecting others as God does (Psalm 3:3)—even defending them from themselves. Practices like abortion and measures like assisted suicide situate our people among the tombs (Isaiah 65:4). Let us not abandon them to demonic deceptions about “bodily autonomy” but instead with courage and compassion proclaim how much God has done for us (Luke 8:39), creating and redeeming and calling every member of our race precious.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study the Lord's Supper In Two Kinds on the Anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession on 6/25 at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Acts 20-22 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and learn more about Genesis 18-21 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs live or on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE: Kitchen Table

Talks: Original Sin -- In a shocking break with convention, the Lutheran Ladies welcome a man (GASP!) into the Lounge as they introduce a new segment called Kitchen Table Talk, inspired by Martin Luther's famous Reformation “table talk” conversations with his students. In this debut episode, Rev. Sean Daenzer offers wise and friendly counsel on the theological hot topic of original sin. What does it mean that human beings not only commit sins but are actually born sinners? When and how was the doctrine of original sin first identified and developed? How do Jesus' two natures (human and divine) get around this knotty problem and work together for our salvation? What about baptism? The so-called “age of accountability”? Concupiscence? (For that matter, what even is concupiscence?)

The Rev. Sean Daenzer serves as director of worship for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and as chaplain of the LCMS International Center in Saint Louis. A veteran guest of KFUE Radio programs including *Concord Matters*

and *Sharper Iron*, Rev. Daenzer can now be heard regularly through his *Daily Chapel* sermons.

ISSUES ETC. -- CHRIST-CENTERED, CROSS-FOCUSED

-- 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: The Movie “Jurassic World: Dominion,” The Sanctus, The Hero's Journey & Jesus, Black Liberation Through the Marketplace, The Return of Christ and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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.

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.

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

Register Now For The FREE Concordia Soccer Camp

Soccer Camp JULY 25th - 28th

1st - 4th GRADE: 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

5th - 8TH GRADE: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Water and Snacks Provided

AND IT IS FREE

Please register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU99gY2LhGAbBWOvBpQUGkjACYfbzT34v78gRKVxR-Q_dpcA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

If you have any questions please contact Coach Mike @ 309-397-5772