

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 Ray and Linda Khattar in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

Looking ahead – we still need flowers for August 28th.

LET’S CELEBRATE “90 YEARS OF HIS GIFTS”

As we get nearer to the “90 Years of His Gifts” Celebration on Sunday, September 25, 2022, the committee is looking forward to hearing from you! Maybe you have some pictures to share, or some stories about the early church – whatever you have, the committee would like to have had it by July 24th. But Lisa is still collecting memorabilia, so let’s help her out, the sooner, the better.

Lisa Cornelius, Vicky Brosowski, and Abbie Matson

THURSDAY LUNCH TOGETHER AND BIBLE STUDY!

-- Starting this month, we’re adding a little extra to our Thursday lunches: a little Bible study. As we start expanding our offerings at Mt. Calvary, one of the natural places to begin is around a time of fellowship and meal sharing. So, the plan is to gather for lunch at Noon,

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

August 7th – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 33:12-22

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1-16

Luke 12:22-40

eat and visit for a while, and then read a chapter of Scripture together and talk about it. Some days we might have more to say, some days less – so there’s no “set” time for this. In fact, if you need to run after lunch, you can; and if you don’t want to join us until we get to the Bible part – you can do that too (try to arrive around 12:30pm for that). We’ll start with reading the Gospel according to St. Matthew together. Come join us!

THE SINKS IN THE KITCHEN ISLAND ARE OUT OF ORDER – PLEASE DO NOT USE THEM. If you must use a sink, use the janitor’s sink.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: -- The men have finished 1st Peter and have begun reading 2nd Peter. **Join them on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby’s Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

MITES CONTINUE! — Women of Mt. Calvary will be collecting Mites next Sunday. New boxes are out on top of the large boxes. If you need one, take one.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

- Deb Wilson – OSF -- room 3304

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS – We didn't have time last Sunday to select a topic for the coming weeks, so if you have an idea come, join us, and let your voice be heard. Pastor is thinking he would like to look at a book of the Bible this time.

NEWS FOR ALL MT. CALVARY WOMEN

For all women of Mt. Calvary:

Here are some additional responsibilities of Women of Mt. Calvary: decorating for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, bake sales, gifts and refreshments for confirmands, salad and dessert luncheon in June, mite boxes, having Christian greeting cards available for purchase for births, sympathy and get well, taking care of the kitchen cleaning, organizing and purchasing supplies, and providing donuts and coffee during Sunday Bible class. Although not a duty of Women of Mt. Calvary, special note should be made regarding the Food Pantry. This is a huge responsibility and undertaking and takes many, many hours of work. Your help would be very welcome!

If you wish to help with any of these events, please let us know. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend our meetings (second Monday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm on September 12). Your attendance and/or help will be welcome. Note: there are always refreshments at our meetings! 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 -- The Crafts and Conversation Group is meeting again at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings and is open to anyone. Bring a craft or activity you like to do, needlework, coloring, etc. Sometimes Paula and LaVelle ask for help packing goody bags for children that come to pantry. Sometimes Judy has mailings to put together. Come join them, bring your lunch and eat with the group.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **August** our pantry will be in need of **Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Manwich, Boxed Potatoes, and Laundry Soap**. **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>

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.

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 June 2022 showed the year's expenses at \$202,712.13, and income of \$168,724.45, which includes the \$20,000.00 from the Endowment. 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.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFYO.org: Begin studying Deuteronomy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), near the end of Genesis on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfyo.org or the KFYO Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE: Adventures in Lutheranism: The LCMS Youth Gathering --

More than 20,000 Lutheran high school students, leaders, and volunteers recently attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, and in this Adventures in Lutheranism conversation, Sarah, Erin, and Bri get the inside scoop from one young Lutheran lady in particular.

Rachel yields her spot at the mic to her 17-year-old daughter Elanor, who shares the highs and lows of her time in Houston. From sessions and skits to shuttle buses and servant events, Ela provides an honest teen's-eye view of the LCMS's signature youth event.

To learn more about the LCMS Youth Gathering, visit lcmsgathering.com. Interested youth leaders should also check out *End Goals*, the official podcast of LCMS Youth Ministry, where they can listen to "Gathering Finishing Pack" episodes full of ideas for how to bring home the lessons learned in Houston.

ISSUES ETC. – REAL REFORMATION RADIO --

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 Christian Heroes Who Stood Against Islam, Clinging to Christ in College, Apparent Contradictions on Paul's Conversion Story in Acts, Old Testament Patriarch Joseph and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY --

Why settle for "my body, my choice?" Death used as a solution like in abortion or assisted suicide offers pride, pleasure, property, and popularity, but all these only end up in vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:2). The real wealth that eyes don't always see and money cannot ever buy comes from believing our bodies, hearts, and lives belong to the Father and Savior Who made each one for His own (Psalm 100:3). Let God give life!

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.

Therapeutic Foster Care – Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is starting a new program called "Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)." TFC helps children ages 6-14 with histories of severe trauma and emotional/behavioral issues thrive in family treatment homes. We are looking for people interested in becoming foster parents. With this program, foster parents receive 24/7 support, specialized training, and a generous stipend. For more information, please contact Andrea at 309-671-0300 ext 4267.

HELP SUPPORT SCOUT TRAILBLAZERS TROOP

155 & 1155 -- Come to Avanti's Ristorante at Rockwood on **August 3rd, 2022 from 10:30 am to 9:30 pm**. Printed flyers are in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Use them and the Scouts will receive 15% of the proceeds. Good for dine-in/delivery or carry out orders. Tax, gratuity and alcohol sales are not included in the donation.