

✠ MT. CALVARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠
AUGUST 7, 2022

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 Tom & Vicky Brosowske 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 Brosowske, 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, eat and visit for a while, and then read a chapter of

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 14th – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 119:81-88

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Hebrews 11:17-12:3

Luke 12:49-56

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 -- Don’t Blink – otherwise you’ll miss the study of 2 Peter that the men are doing during their Wednesday morning class. 2 Peter brings a powerful word of hope to us as we struggle with the world’s decay and the threat of false teaching.

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 are collecting Mites today. New boxes are out on top of the large boxes. If you need one, take one.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

- Deb Wilson – OSF -- room 2353

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

† Patricia Fincham, cousin to Carolyn Pauli, who was called to her eternal rest on Monday, July 25, 2022. A graveside service will be held on August, 20, 2022.

May her family find comfort in Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

IS IT ALL JUST CHASING THE WIND? – Join us as we engage a mature and chastened Solomon reflecting on the meaning of life in the book of Ecclesiastes. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Coffee and goodies available (usually).

CHOIR REHEARSAL FALL SCHEDULE

In anticipation of the 90th Anniversary Worship Service, the choirs will begin worshipping earlier this year than usual. The 1st rehearsal of the Bell Choir will be on **Thursday, August 25th at 6:45 pm.** The Adult Choir will have its 1st rehearsal on **Thursday, September 1st at 7:45 pm** (following Bell Choir as usual.) And finally, Anchormen will begin rehearsing on **Sunday, September 18th immediately following the 9:00 am service.** If you are interested in joining any of the groups, or just want to try us out, we would welcome new members, especially in the Adult Choir. Questions? Call Bruce Tagge at 309-361-9821

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 **Asst. Jellies, Rice-a-Roni, 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.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Deuteronomy 3-5 on Sharper Iron’s “The Law of God is Good and Wise” series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), begin the book of Romans on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and finish out the study of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (8/13 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

**THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE:
Conversation with Creatives: Jessie Bell,**

Concordia Collective -- Jessie Bell is a Navy chaplain spouse, homeschool mother of four, and the creative entrepreneur behind the Concordia Collective line of “fun Lutheran merch”—including its signature Family Lectionary.

In this “Conversations with Creatives” episode, Jessie talks with the ladies about growing up as a third culture missionary kid, supporting (and being supported by) her chaplain husband, raising kids to love the church year, and finding the courage and verve to start a creative online business venture.

ISSUES ETC. – LUTHERAN TALK AND MUSIC

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE

DAY – Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can inflict real anxiety about material necessities. But abortion and assisted suicide will only leave its victims lacking even more. Our Heavenly Father, on the other hand, gets giddy to furnish sufferers with not just what we need but all the assets, land, and families He has (Luke 12:31-32). Death, even when we wield it, leaves us empty, but faith never fails to fill hands and hearts.!

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.

OPENING CHAPEL AT CONCORDIA – You are

invited to attend the opening chapel at Concordia Lutheran School on Monday, August 15th at 8:45 am. You may attend either in person or on-line:

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82585486122?pwd=c0lmNkFkenREYThTbTRKRnVmNnc3OT09>)

New teacher, Melissa Drozd will receive a blessing as she begins her service at Concordia as well as all returning Faculty and Staff as they continue to serve at Concordia

FROM THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Cancer Companions Meetings to Resume at Our Savior's, Springfield

-- Cancer Companions, a 9-week group for current or former cancer patients and/or any friend, family member, loved one, caregiver, neighbor, or co-worker of someone living with a cancer diagnosis. When a cancer diagnosis interrupts your life, the potential exists for relationships to change; relationships with one another...and with God. Join us to learn how to navigate those issues that some Christians find difficult. A one-time fee of \$20 covers the cost of materials and can be paid on the first evening. Our next session will begin on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's. Registration is required as class size is limited. For more information or to register, please contact Kim Meyer at: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2645 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62704 217-546-4531 or kimmeyern@hotmail.com

FROM CAMP CILCA

Chicken Fry & Auction: September 4, 2022

The meal is served 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12. The menu includes fresh fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, a roll, homemade desserts, and drinks. The live auction begins at 12:30!

Act Like Men Shooting Retreat: September 17, 2022

-- Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends along with your firearms and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. Shooting provides a perfect opportunity for talk to men, young and old, about responsibility, strength, and discipline. Bible study will also focus on what it means to be a man in an increasingly confused society.

A range officer will be on hand for safety. Lunch will be served between morning and afternoon sessions. Total cost is \$15 per person. Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own. Contact the camp office for more information or to register. **217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org**

G.R.I.T. Run: October 1, 2022 -- The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is for the bravest of souls. The 5-kilometer course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs. Runners 6-17 run for \$10. Runners 18 and up run for \$30. Register at cilca.org/grit-run.



Whippoorwill Challenge

Hickory Point, Forsyth, IL
Friday, September 23, 2022
Check-in: 11:00am
Shotgun Start: 12:30 PM
Format: **Scramble** (bring or join a team)
Registration deadline: 9/20/2022

To Register: email individual or group (include names and email addresses) to: revdms@gmail.com
call or txt: 309-335-1532 or check out CILCA.org



Costs: Due to the generosity of the Lutheran Legacy Foundation, much of the cost of the outing have been underwritten. Proceeds collected from sponsors and players will all go directly to Camp CILCA and the CILCA Endowment Fund! While \$65 will cover your basic cost (golf, cart, dinner), you are free to give more with the knowledge that it will go for the betterment of Camp CILCA.

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.