

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS** – were given to the honor and glory of God by Marilyn Miller in thanksgiving for her many blessings.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** – Our offering for the General Fund for November 10, 2019, was \$6,430.00. **Our weekly need for 2019 is \$7,695.39.** We started 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](http://www.concordiapeoria.com) for information.

## **CONCORDIA STAFF FROM MT. CALVARY**

Brooke Barr - Grade 2, & Cheerleading Coach  
Jan Heien - Title I Reading Tutor

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Sunday of the Church Year/Sunday of the Fulfillment**

Psalm 46  
Malachi 3:13-18  
Colossians 1:13-20  
Luke 23:27-43

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**TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY** –Letters containing pledge forms and pledge envelopes have been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider how you would be able to help the congregation by your financial giving, by volunteer time, by serving on boards or committees, etc. Bring your forms and place them in the Pledge Box at the appropriate time during the service.

**HELP WITH ADVENT WREATH** – Would you and/or your family like to help with lighting the Advent Wreath during December? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We need someone for the 8:00 am service, and someone for the 10:45 am service. Sign-up now – don't get left behind. All ages welcome to help!

**DIRECTORY PROOFS** – In an effort to print a new directory with as few mistakes as possible, there are proof pages posted in the Parish Hall and Narthex. Please check your name and address, and that of any family members, especially if they are listed as out-of-town or college students. If the information is correct, initial it, but if changes are needed, write in the corrections. **Today is the last time they will be available for corrections.**

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

† Barbara Craig – Rosewood of East Peoria, Room 204

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

† Robert Johnston, brother of Earl Johnston who was called to his eternal home on November 5, 2019. Services are pending.

† Dolores Bohne, mother of Katie Tagge, who was called to her eternal rest on Saturday, November 9, 2019 and given Christian burial through Kosary Funeral Home, 9837 S. Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park, on Friday, November 15, 2019.

† Larry Smith, brother to Susie Fink, who was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

† Gilbert Radtke, uncle of Carrie Kroenke, who was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Services will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**COUNTERS NEEDED!** – In the past few months we have lost some of our counters for various reasons. We are looking for someone to help count the weekly offering and then take the money to the bank. You don't have to be a CPA, but just have an hour or so during the week to work with a partner for a month. If you can help us out, call the church office (688-4321) and we'll get you on the schedule.

**SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** – The December Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am (during the Sunday School Hour.) I would like to have the reports turned in by Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> typed and ready to print. They can be sent to [secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org](mailto:secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org) or put in the file outside the office door. Thanks, Judy

**JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH** -- **Don't Miss The Mark!** coming up **THIS Friday, November 22!** We'll meet here at church at 6:50 p.m. and then go to Sunset Lanes in

Pekin for Laser Tag (if you want you may meet us there at 7:25 p.m. - 3000 Court St, Pekin). Cost for the event is \$5.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office or call Michele 693-8095 or Brande 258-3216. We need to have enough drivers, so if you're going let us know! Remember friends are welcome to join us.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS** – Today the children begin working on the Sunday School Worship Service scheduled for 10:45 am on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It is vitally important that all children be in Sunday School from now until then so that they can learn and practice what they have to do. Please let us know if you will not be able to take part in that service.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – During **November** our pantry will be in need of **Peanut Butter, Tuna, Baked Beans, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tuna, Yams, and Tuna.** 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.

**STICKY TRAPS IN KITCHEN** – Once again we have “sticky traps” in the kitchen around the cabinets. Please do not let your children play with them and do not discard them. They were put there by our representative from American Pest Control.

**FROM CONCORDIA**

**Concordia Music Schedule for December** –

- ✓ Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Choir at 11:15 am Mid-Week Service
- ✓ Sunday, December 15, 2:00 pm Choir and Recorder Concert at Concordia
- ✓ Tuesday, December 17, 6:00 pm Band and Orchestra Concert at Concordia

**Service Opportunity at Concordia Lutheran**

**School:** -- **Faculty changes for the 2020-2021 school year:** Mrs. Mantick has announced that after 35 years of teaching, she will be retiring at the close of the 2019-2020 school year. With this Mrs. Manahan, currently serving as our 4th grade teacher, will be transitioning to Kindergarten leaving Concordia with an opening for a 4th grade teacher.

**Classroom Teacher:** Concordia Lutheran School is seeking candidates for a fulltime, self-contained classroom teacher to serve in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a Bachelor's Degree in education, have a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred). Priority consideration will be given to candidates that are

synodically trained, members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Expectations include classroom instruction, participation in professional development opportunities, curriculum development, and various supervision duties. All employees are to be in agreement with the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria IL and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.

Please direct resumes and questions to Mr. Paul Thompson, Concordia Lutheran School 2000 W Glen Ave. Peoria IL 61614

Email: pthompson@concordiapeoria.com

Phone: 309-691-8921

**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.

### **FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –**

**Annual Christmas Party** – Early Warning – Ladies, your Christmas Party this year will fall on **Monday, December 2nd**. They will be having an open house with appetizers and desserts. They will eat at 6:30 pm and then play Bingo. All ladies are welcome to join them. Bring friends, an appetizer or dessert, and a Bingo prize.

**Thanksgiving Bags for Shut-Ins** -- Women of Mt. Calvary will again be preparing remembrances for our shut-ins for Thanksgiving. They need your help — can you bring wrapped candies, cookies, small bread loaves, fruit (oranges and apples), raisins, etc. and put them on the counter in the kitchen marked for the shut-in bags? They would like to prepare these bags on **Saturday morning, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 9:00 am.

**Adopt-A-Bag Is Here!** -- Women of Mt. Calvary are sponsoring the Adopt-A-Bag Project. The bags will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall or Narthex yet this Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to help with this project, please select a bag, fill it with non-perishable food items and return the filled bag to the Parish Hall **any time before 9:00 am on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will use items from these bags to fill our Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Helpers are welcome.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. **Sign-up sheet is up through November.**

**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** – Surprise pregnancies can feel worse than the world ending. Terminal diagnoses can seem like the universe working against you. They also bring opportunity to bear witness to God's love for humankind (Luke 21:13). The Son of Man has entered in, even in just such humble circumstances. While society crouches in fear and anger (Luke 21:25-26), we may stand up straight, lift heads and hands (Luke 21:28), and receive each life as a gift!

**Peoria Area Lutherans for Life -- Come and Get to Know Us!** -- You are being invited to attend a meeting of the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life organization. We meet at 6:30 pm on the fourth Monday

of each month at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.** You might have noticed that interest in issues involving the sanctity of human life has been increasing across our nation. This is an exciting time to be involved in life saving efforts. We work to be gospel-motivated voices in support of life from conception to natural death. Please consider attending a meeting to see who we are and what we do. You might find you want to serve the Lord of Life by working with us. Come and see! Thank you.  
Bob Wegner, LFL Chapter #268 president  
cbwegner@outlook.com

**LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG.** – Listen to KFUE.org, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us at: @KFUEradio or on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**This week on KFUE.org,** hear curious theological topics with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller on Cross Defense (11/18 at 2:00 p.m. CT), study Psalm 29 and Isaiah 42-45 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 p.m. CT), and hear Pastor "Jolly" John Lukomski and Pastor Matt "Youngblood" Clark wrestle the basics of Scripture on Wrestling with the Basics (11/23 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or your favorite podcast app!

**ISSUES ETC. – RENEWING OF YOUR MIND** -- 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: 1 Corinthians, Is Divorce Contagious? First Century Bishop Clement of Rome, Temptation, Evil and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS** -- The Illinois Valley Fuller Center for Housing is offering the following fall services to Veterans and widows of Veterans: Volunteers will provide a maximum of 2 hours of raking yards in November. In addition, there will be furnace safety checks offered through a Partnership with Fritch Heating & Cooling. To sign up for either of these services or to learn about the home repair program through the Fuller Center call 309-363-3737.

**CID ENDOWMENT FUND** -- The CID Endowment Fund was established by the CID at the 2003 District Convention. For many years prior to this the Clara and

Spencer Werner Foundation provided financial support for CID students. The Clara and Spencer Werner Foundation encouraged the CID to establish this Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund provides a vehicle for others to join in the funding of church worker education.

The CID Endowment Fund's Board of Trustees manages Fund assets and establishes policies for disbursement gifts. Congregations and individuals are asked to prayerfully consider giving generously to the CID Endowment Fund. Your gift, when combined with the gifts of others, will help the CID continue its support for those answering the call to serve His church.

**A NEW PODCAST FOR LUTHERAN WOMEN** -- Lutheran Ladies: Are you searching for a Lutheran podcast that really catches your ear? An audio retreat full of inviting conversations, laughter, and fellowship with your Lutheran sisters? Look no further! Join Sarah Gulseth, Erin Alter, Rachel Bomberger, and Bri Gerzevske on the sofa in The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge. It's a podcast oasis for you, dear sisters — so come on in, sit, rest your feet, and stay a while. Podcast episodes are available at [kfue.org/lutheranladieslounge](http://kfue.org/lutheranladieslounge) and wherever you get your podcasts. For bonus content from the show and a chance to help shape future on-air conversations—and enjoy friendly fellowship with other Lutheran ladies—join The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge Facebook discussion group: [facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge](https://facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge).

## **FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA**

**Do You Like To Bake?** -- If you are willing to bake prior to Thurs, Dec 12th we need you! We are asking for sweet treats, specifically cookies and candies, for the annual Cookie Walk at Lutheran Hillside Village. Please put your items in a container that you do not need back. They can be delivered prior to 11 am to the main entrance at LHV, 6901 N. Galena Road, Peoria. Marked "For Cookie Walk". The residents will be delighted with your efforts of making homemade goodies. Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund. Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria say THANK YOU!!

**Christmas Cookies, Anyone?** -- Fudge, Christmas cut outs, Thumbprints, Chocolate Covered Popcorn, Peanut Brittle, No Bake Cookies, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Springerlie Cookies, holiday treats by the dozen. That's what you will find at the Annual Cookie Walk at Lutheran Hillside Village. Stop by between 8-11 am on Fri, Dec 13th. Located in the main lobby/front entrance to LHV, 6901 North Galena Road, Peoria. Public welcome! Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund for those residents that outlive their resources.

**A HYMN FESTIVAL** -- entitled "Praise and Thanksgiving" will be held **today, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3:00 PM** at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL. As a part of the festival, there will be devotional readings on ten Lutheran hymns from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) followed by singing each hymn along with special accompaniments. Following the Hymn Festival there will be fellowship and dessert in the Parish Hall. Please come and join in learning more about our Lutheran hymnody in word and song.

**FROM CAMP CILCA** -- Camp CILCA is observing National Take a Hike Day today with an hour-long hike at **3:30pm** around the 225 acres of God's creation at the camp. **Meet up at the Dining Hall today, November 17**, with your hiking boots on. The hike will end with a campfire and s'mores at 4:30. See you there!

## + CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MT. CALVARY+

### SUNDAY:

#### YOUTH:

**Sunday School: – Ages 3-Grade 8 meet in the basement.** Students in Sunday School explored the story "God Forgives David." Just as God accepted and forgave King David and other great saints who committed grave sins, so He accepts and forgives us, all for the sake of Christ. Parents could ask, "Who reminds you of your sins? Who tells you about forgiveness?"

#### ADULTS:

**Augsburg Confession:** So, why does something written in 1530 matter to us today? Simply because it gives voice to the core beliefs of our Christian Faith. While Lutherans often get lumped in with "Protestants," when the cities and princes first defended their faith to the Emperor, they called themselves "Evangelical" (Gospel-oriented) to distinguish themselves from both Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. And as we read the Confessions, we'll discover that the Reformers weren't seeking to start a "new" church, but very much saw themselves calling all Christians back to a common heritage and confession drawn from Scripture and the Early Church. Join us Sunday mornings as we read together and discuss the meaning of this crucial document. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

### WEDNESDAY:

#### **Men's Bible Study:**

**Romans:** If you've travelled in Lutheran circles long, you've heard it hundreds of times: "The just shall live by faith," or "we are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone." But what does this mean? And what does a life shaped by faith look like? Join us as we read Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. **We meet Wednesday mornings at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd for an hour or so starting at 6:30 am.**

#### **Wednesday Evening Study Group:**

**Isaiah** – Perhaps the greatest of the "writing" prophets, Isaiah's voice continues to speak to us with promise about the future, redemption, and the work of Christ. Join us as we do a "quick" read of the prophet and discuss God's Word given to us through him. **Meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.**

### THURSDAY:

#### **Afternoon Bible Study:**

**Joshua** -- After 40 years of wandering, it is finally time for the Israelites to enter the Promised Land. What are the challenges they face, and how did God sustain and encourage them? Find out as we read through the history of Israel moving into Canaan. **We meet Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR +

<i>Sunday</i> 11/17/2019	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – Pledge Sunday</i> Divine Service Fellowship Coffee Sunday School/Bible Study Divine Service Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 1:30 p
<i>Monday</i>	Pastor Teaches at Concordia	8:30 a
<i>Tuesday</i>	Pastor Teaches at Concordia Youth Confirmation Board of Elders	8:30 a 4:00 p 5:30 p
<i>Wednesday</i>	Men's Bible Study - <i>Romans</i> Pastor Teaches at Concordia Wednesday Study Group - <i>Isaiah</i>	6:30 a 8:30 a 6:30 p
<i>Thursday</i>	Crafts & Conversation Bible Study - <i>Joshua</i> Divine Service Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a 1:00 p 6:00 p 6:45 p 7:45 p
<i>Friday</i>	Pastor Teaches at Concordia	8:30 a
<i>Saturday</i>	Women Pack Shut-In Bags and Thanksgiving Baskets	9:00 a
<i>Sunday</i> 11/24/2019	<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year/Sunday of the Fulfillment</i> Worship Fellowship Coffee Anchormen Rehearsal Sunday School/Bible Class Worship Youth Confirmation	8:00 a 9:15 a 9:15 a 9:30 a 10:45 a 1:30 p