

## **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 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](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.

## **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

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**April 7, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 148

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

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**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** – were given to the glory of God by Carol DeJarnett in celebration of family weddings and in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings

## **HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK**

Patty Caughey -- Methodist

## **POSITIONS ON COUNCIL THAT NEED TO BE FILLED ASAP** – There are several positions on the Church Council that have been open for quite some time.

1. Since the death of Jim Kaspar, who was the administrator of the **VANCO program**, this position is open. Also, Now there are some reports that need to be filed with the company and we need an administrator to do that.
2. Alex Kroenke has moved to Idaho and transferred to a new congregation. He was on **the Concordia Foundation Board**. So....now his position needs to be filled. Currently Eileen Benne is on the board, but we need a second person to serve with her. If our

members aren't at the meetings, no business can be transacted.

If you are moved to accept one of these positions, please talk to Jerry Horst or Pastor Long.

## **EASTER BREAKFAST INFORMATION**

The Women of Mt. Calvary are hosting an Easter Breakfast this year.

Sunday, March 31, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

We are serving a continental breakfast with egg casseroles, fresh fruit and pastries.

**BREAKFAST SET-UP** – The ladies will be preparing the food and setting the tables on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 am. Your help will be appreciated.

**LINDA KHATTAR ASKS FOR YOUR HELP** – On Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, she will be decorating the church for the Easter Sunday services. She will welcome any help she receives.

## WOMEN OF MT CALVARY WILL BE COLLECTING MITES NEXT SUNDAY.

### ALTAR GUILD WOULD LIKE SOME EXTRA HELPI

– We all attend Holy Communion when it is offered, but few of us realize what has to be done for setting it up and cleaning up after the service. There is a faithful group of ladies that take care of the 9:00 am service, but only two ladies who have faithfully cleaned up after the 11:45 am service since the beginning of COVID. So to give them a day or two off during the month, the Altar Guild is requesting extra helpers for cleaning up the Communion Ware after the 11:45 am service on Sundays. Contact Abbie Matson (309-224-9432) if you are available and would like to help.

CELEBRATION FUND – How has God blessed you lately? Warmth from the winter weather? Safe travels? Time with friends and family? Blessed worship with your church family? Good health? Please consider donating an offering of thanks to God by way of the Celebration Fund. See the table in the Parish Hall for more information. We are currently collecting for new Pentecost paraments.

TREATS FOR FAMILY HOUSE – We provide treats for Family House on the fourth Monday of each month (see note on bulletin board). If you are able to help, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LaVelle Borders (309-681-9414) for more information.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION – The Crafts and Conversation Group meets at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings and is open to anyone. Bring a craft or activity you like to do or just sit and visit. Sometimes LaVelle asks 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.

JOIN US!!!!!! – The Family Life Committee and the Women of Mt. Calvary invite you to join us for a evening at the Barn III Dinner Theatre in Goodfield on Friday, April 26 for their production of "Chaps". The cost of the evening is \$65 per ticket and includes the show, dinner, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages & gratuity. More info available on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. In addition, a sign-up sheet is available there to let us know that you'll be joining us. **DEADLINE** to sign-up with payment is **April 5**.

### CELEBRATION OF THE ERAS"

Join Concordia on April 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm for their annual dinner and fundraiser. The gala will be held at the

Gateway Building by Childers, 200 NE Water Street in Peoria. It will be a celebration of the "yesteryears" and the "tomorrows." You may purchase tickets at Concordia Lutheran School, 2000 W. Glen, Peoria or on-line at <https://concordiapeoria.com/eras>

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – During **April** our pantry will be in need of **Hamburger Helper, Canned Fruit, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Roni, Canned Carrots Jelly, (or anything else you would like to contribute).** They are also looking for the heavier plastic bags that grocery stores use for **delivery.** Your donation can be left in the church office during regular office hours.

### CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes – On hiatus this week. Sunday School has a new look, new activities, new lessons, new fun. Please bring your students, ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and encourage them to participate every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We will have 2 or 3 levels for classes depending on our turnout and hope to add more if needed. Any high schoolers interested in starting a class please let Pastor or Paula Horst know.

Sunday Morning Adult Class –"The Just shall live by Faith." On hiatus this week. These words drive the whole of Paul's Letter to the Romans, as he is inspired to show them both how we are justified and the life that flows from that. Join us Sunday mornings as we read Romans together.

Men's Bible Study – The men have finished Rosenblatt's article, and are now trying to decide what to read next. Join us in our deliberations!

**Men' Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! –Join us as Thursday lunches with Bible Study have started up again. We finished Ruth, and now on to "**Esther.**" Evil Haman wants to destroy God's people – but the Lord has placed Esther in the right position to help. Rejoice in God's providence.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:-- After two months of 2024, CID has completed its first two DFM projects this year: 1) mileage money to support Pastor David Dunlop's Prison Ministry visits to Lincoln, Illinois every week (\$1,800) and 2) funding for St. John, Beardstown to purchase a few Spanish language hymnals (\$300). The current DFM project is for \$2,100 to provide Pastor Pablo Dominguez of Cristo Rey, East Moline honoraria as he conducts Spanish languages services and

Bible classes in Beardstown twice a month for the second half of this year. Thanks to all CID churches participating in DFM! For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

### **CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE.org:**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Study Isaiah 54-57 and Lutheran Service Book 457 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (4/6 at 10:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us this Easter week in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

~ The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)!

### **ISSUES ETC. – SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON**

-- "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

### **THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Story Time**

**with Sarah: Justine Siegemund, Groundbreaking Midwife:** Justine Siegemund (born Justine Diettrich; 26 December 1636 – 10 November 1705) was a groundbreaking midwife whose illustrated medical book *The Court Midwife* (1690), was the first German medical text authored by a woman. In this episode, Sarah tells her story. Born in Silesia as the daughter of Lutheran Minister, Justine married age 19 but was unable to bear children. Her own struggles with infertility and a prolapsed uterus led her to study obstetrics and become a midwife — eventually delivering almost 6,200 infants in her 42-year career and serving as court midwife to several German princely families. Her inspiring story teaches us not only to value life but also to find purpose in the obstacles we face.

**STEWARDSHIP** – Please remember that the ministry of Mt. Calvary continues even in these odd days. Your prayers and contributions are still needed.

A preliminary Treasurer's Report for February 2024 showed the year's expenses at \$61,911.36 and income of \$55,385.96. 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](http://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.

### **PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

wants to thank the members of the Peoria Area Lutheran Churches who donated to our Pennies for Life collection during January, 2024. Your generosity has resulted in providing us with \$2696.45 that we will use to supply your churches with voter guides and other pro-life materials. We will conduct our annual Life Essay Contest for the Lutheran schools in our area later in the fall, and we will help support many life-supporting organizations in the Tri-county area and beyond. Some we have helped support in past years include Women's Care Center, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Peoria Rescue Ministries, Students for Life, Lutheran Hillside Village and Central Illinois Right-To-Life. We truly appreciate your help as we seek to serve the Lord of Life in these ways. We are always eager to welcome new members to our group. Contact Bob Wegner at 309-481-4886 or [cbwegner@outlook.com](mailto:cbwegner@outlook.com) for more information. May God bless your day.

### **FROM CAMP CILCA**

**Camp CILCA is seeking a food service manager/head cook.**

-- This position would be part time and include planning and preparing meals for campers at weekend retreats, outdoor education, and the summer program. Applicants should be willing to obtain an Illinois Food Service Manager license, which the camp will pay for. To get more information, or to apply, contact Pastor Theilen at 217-487-7497 or [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org).

### **Camp CILCA's Spring Work Day**

This Saturday, March 30, 2024

Join us for our Spring Work Day to get the camp ready for the summer. Rake leaves, clean and organize the kitchen, open up the beach shed, put together new beds, etc. The work day starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

**Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet**

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Come enjoy a catered dinner and dessert while listening to updates on Camp CILCA, a speaker, and live music. This year's speaker is Illinois Right to Life's director, Mary Kate Zander. Live music by Aly Hauser. The event will be held in the Dining Hall. Make sure to RSVP before April 10th by emailing [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org).

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**Information on Camp CILCA's summer programs** is available on the table in the narthex. If you have a child or children looking for a camp for a week during the summer, look at what CILCA has to offer.

Rev. Joshua Theilen  
Director  
Camp C-I-L-C-A

**SCHEDULE OF EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**8:00 a** Easter Proclamation & Divine Service

9:30 – 11:00 a Easter Breakfast

11:45 a Spoken Divine Service

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