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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 Alice and Theresa Johnston in loving memory of husband and father, Earl Johnston, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK

Patty Caughey – Now Home
Amanda (Wilson) Carpenter – Now Home

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

✠ Roy McIntire, who was called to his eternal home on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Services are scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024.

May his family find comfort, hope, and peace during this Easter Season in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

April 21, 2024 –4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

Acts 4:1-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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.

1ST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS – are in your mail boxes. Please retrieve them and check to make sure there are no mistakes.

MR. MOM RIDES AGAIN – If Pastor Long seems a bit distracted, he’s taking care of the family while Sherri goes to Florida to help her Mom again. She will be gone from April 17th to April 24th.

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY APRIL MEETING
JOIN US THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH!

Please plan to attend the Women of Mt. Calvary monthly meeting **this Saturday, April 13 at 9:30 AM**. We will be working on our upcoming activities and events, which include May baskets for our shut-ins, confirmation reception, nominations for next year's officers and our new June Brunch (Saturday, June 8 -- Save the Date!) We would love your input and participation as every woman in the congregation is automatically part of the Women of Mt. Calvary! Let's keep this group thriving for our congregation! We hope to see you there!



A NOTE ABOUT MR. TAGGE

After a fantastic service on Easter Day, and a very busy Holy Week, our Minister of Music, Bruce Tagge, is stepping back from his duties for a bit so that he can concentrate on his health. Please keep the Tagges in your prayers, and feel free to send him notes or cards expressing encouragement and appreciation. Their address is:

516 W. Detweiller Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

THANK YOU FROM ALTAR GUILD – Thank you to Michele Keehner, who has offered to help with the clean-up after the 11:45 am services on Sunday. Of course, extra help is always welcomed. Call Abbie Matson – 309-224-9432 – if interested.

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. The new paraments have been ordered and the committee is now discussing what their next project should be.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE ERAS

Join Concordia on **this Saturday, 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>

JONAH’S DRUTHERS – The 3rd and 4th grade musical will be presented on **Friday, April 19th at 7:00 pm** in the Concordia Theater. No tickets are required. Join the children for a “Whale of a Tale from the Good Book!”

CONCORDIA “CROP EVENT” -- Calling all scrapbookers! Join us for a fun day of crafting and fellowship at Concordia Lutheran School and help raise money for our PTC. Bring a project to work on and a snack to share. The PTC will provide bottled water, ice and a few treats. Concordia is located on Glen, close to several restaurants and craft supply stores. Registration forms (available in the church office) are due April 22nd. Or you can e-mail Email amyjobecker16@gmail.com to register.

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 – Sunday School has a new look, new activities, new lessons, new fun. Please bring your students, ages 3 through 8th 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.” 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 – What is Jesus' True Glory? The Evangelist, John, is inspired to set that before his readers in many ways. Join us as we read the Gospel according to John.

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! –We're taking up the **Prophet Malachi** for the next few weeks. What did this "messenger" have to say to God's people – and more importantly, what does God have to say to us through him? Join us to find out. **We meet for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:-- The current DFM project is to continue a project already begun. In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois during 2024. With the funds gathered, Central Illinois District started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. The current project is to ensure that funds are available so that such new ministries can be continued in 2025. The current target is \$10,000. See the video at <https://youtu.be/LwYgCqIXzqI>

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE.org: It's Sharathon 2024! Celebrate nearly 100 years of KFUE Radio with us this week as we gather for Sharathon, April 18-20. Prayerfully consider financially supporting our ministry so we can continue sharing the Gospel of Christ for another 100 years. Learn more and give at kfuo.org/sharathon.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

ISSUES ETC. – 1 PETER BIBLE STUDY -- The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of 1 Peter. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

THE LUTHERAN LADIES LOUNGE – Iron Ladle Challenge: HAM-ERGENCY! Leftover Ham. -- Easter Sunday is over and done — but what's a Lutheran lady to do with all that leftover ham?

In this Iron Ladle Challenge, Sarah, Erin, and Rachel (together with dozens of ladies from the Lutheran Ladies Lounge Facebook group) are coming to the rescue, with a smorgasbord of recipe ideas all involving ham.

Will you use your leftover ham in savory Cuban sandwiches? Fluffy crustless quiche? Hawaiian-inspired ham musubi? Ham empanadas? Korean bahn mi sandwiches? Ham-and-bean soup? Ham-and-potato casserole? Devilled ham? Ham salad? Ham balls? Whatever recipe you choose, the fridge (and the table) will be empty when you're done.

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 \$104,029.11 and income of \$79,909.62 (This does not include the offering for Easter Sunday). 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.

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.

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