

May Calendar 2024

Events

Anniversary & Birthdays

Sunday	5-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	5-May	(B) Alex Gramlick
		(E) 10am Worship Service		(B) Renee Smith
Monday	6-May	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting		
Tuesday	7-May		7-May	(B) Shelby Rowcliff
Thursday	9-May	(E) 7pm Ascension Day Service	9-May	(W) Josh & Rachel Koonce 2015
Friday	10-May		10-May	(B) Camille Brown
				(W) Greg & Amy Schaal 1986
Sunday	12-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Friday	17-May		17-May	(B) Amanda (Mandy) Torbeck
Saturday	18-May		18-May	(B) Alex Kleinik
Sunday	19-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	19-May	(W) Jake & Whittney Roberts 2018
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Monday	20-May		20-May	(B) Betty Rethorn
Tuesday	21-May		21-May	(B) Janice Torbeck
Friday	24-May		24-May	(B) Albert Wefer
Sunday	26-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Monday	27-May		27-May	(B) Dennis Meseke
				(B) Eleanor Newcomb
				(B) Matthew Sasse
				(B) Art Schukar
Tuesday	28-May		28-May	(B) Logan Sasse
				(B) Fran Schaal
				(B) Tom Wolf Sr.
Thursday	30-May		30-May	(W) Tom Sr. & Denise Wolf 1999
				(W) Adam & Jamie Tischhauser 2015

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 7, 2024

Chairman Mo Schukar called the meeting to order and Pastor Landskroener led all present in prayer.

Minutes from the January 14, 2024 voters' meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion on these minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None
Communicant members: None
Baptisms: None
Transfers:
 Transfer out: None
 Transfer in: None
 Releases: None

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly treasurer's report was presented by Fran Collier. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

All is good. Nothing new to report. Meeting regularly with the pastor.

Pastor's Report: A copy of the pastor's report is included with these minutes.

Trustees' Report:

Checking on repairs to the sound system in the cry room/nursery.

Sunday school:

The Easter egg hunt was a success. It was well attended and appreciated by all there. Thank you to everyone involved in making the hunt possible. A special thank you to Pastor and Kathy for the children's books handed out at the event. As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. Please come join us.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business:

The congregation completed officer nominations for the synodical convention coming up later this year.

New Business:

None

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mothers' Day – LWML Ministry
- Fathers' Day – Armed Forces Ministry

A motion was made to accept the special collections, seconded, and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Steven R. Hickerson

First Quarter**2024**

Beg. Balance	January 1, 2024	\$62,696.76
Total Received		\$47,748.71
Total Paid Out		-\$43,280.07
Ending Balance	March 31, 2024	\$67,165.40

Synod Missions collected	\$2,247.00	
Lutheran World Relief	\$0.00	Total Other Missions
AbleLight (Bethesda)	\$115.00	\$776.00
Lighthouse Pregnancy Center	\$176.00	
District Deaf	\$102.00	
School for the Deaf (Jacksonville)	\$150.00	
St. Louis Seminary	\$120.00	
Fort Wayne Seminary	\$113.00	
LCMS Disaster Response	\$0.00	
Christ Our Rock	\$0.00	
Lutherans for Life	\$0.00	
Lutheran Child & Family of IL	\$0.00	
KFUO	\$0.00	
CID500	\$0.00	
Memorials		
Cemetery	\$95.00	
Building	\$0.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$638.00	
Church	\$0.00	

Dedicated Funds

Home	1/1	\$40,101.89
	3/31	\$43,747.46
Building Fund	1/1	\$4,988.01
	3/31	\$4,988.01
Cemetery Fund	1/1	\$18,334.93
	3/31	\$18,429.93

Total Funds for 1st Quarter **\$67,165.40**

Special Fund, Property Maintenance **\$ 45,293.27**

Total All Funds for Quarter **\$112,458.67**

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May, 2024

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

I borrowed/adapted the following from another pastor:

Our Divine Service liturgy is built around the Ordinary. Just as its name implies, these are the parts of the service that are not ordinarily omitted or changed. These parts include the Kyrie eleison ("Lord, have mercy"), the Gloria ("Glory to God in the highest"), the Credo ("I believe in one God"), the Offertory, and the parts of the Lord's Supper including the Preface, Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy"), The Lord's Prayer, Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God"), and the Benediction.

The Ordinary provides continuity week-to-week, is easily learned and memorized, and becomes an essential part of our Christian vocabulary. In addition to the Ordinary are the Propers, the elements that change each week. The Propers are unique to each Sunday and occasionally to each service during festivals. The Propers include the readings assigned (lectionary), the collect for the day (prayer), the gradual, alleluia verse, tract, or sequence (responses to readings), the proper preface, and the hymn of the day.

Through the Ordinary and the Propers, we receive a service that is in continuity with the previous and upcoming weeks but also has its own specific focus or emphasis. During the festival season from Advent through Holy Trinity, this is on the work of Christ for our salvation. During the season after Trinity Sunday (May 26 this year), marked by green paraments and vestments, we grow in Christ through His teaching.

The hymn of the day is the newest of the Propers. While the appointed readings, prayers, and our liturgy are usually at least a millennia old in their use, the congregation in most places did not have the opportunity to sing. One of the fundamental tenets of the Lutheran reformation was to put the Scriptures in the hands and upon the lips of all the people of God. Hence, the Scriptures were translated into the native language of the people and the hymns of the church were composed as sung sermons on the assigned texts for the day.

Lutheran Service Book is an excellent resource to teach this tradition of the Reformation. On the bottom of each hymn page you will find the composer of the text and of the tune. Even more helpful are the various Scriptures directly or indirectly referenced in the hymn. From this you learn that our hymns are not merely idle speculation about God but are the Word of God re-composed to be sung.

Since the Reformation gave a voice to the people to confess with singing, our churches have also appointed a new proper, the hymn of the day. This hymn is specifically chosen because

it is a strong confession of the themes of the readings and especially the Gospel. Often it was composed specifically for a Sunday in the church year.

One such hymn, “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,” is designated for Easter Day. Martin Luther specifically composed the text of this hymn for that celebration. He took the text of the sequence hymn for Easter, *Victimae Paschali* (LSB 460), and wrote a hymnic meditation on the same theme. This magnificent and ancient hymn from the 11th century was expanded and clarified by Luther in his hymn version.

Through the singing of these ancient and more recent hymns, we receive the faith of our Fathers, the apostles, and the very Word of God spoken by our Lord Himself. As these hymns are sung over and over again, we learn them by heart and they become an increasing part of our faith and life.

Now a note from me: We do not sing all of the Hymn of the Day selections for various reasons. Oftentimes it’s because I don’t think we know them. (Yes, I know, I select other hymns you don’t know.) Yet, contrary to what some may think, I do not choose hymns to intentionally stump or upset you. I try my best to select hymns that reflect the readings, the theme of the day, or the season of the Church Year, AND that are fairly singable or easy to learn. There are some hymns that are really difficult or just not as strong as others, and I try to avoid those. Still, even if you don’t know a hymn (or can’t sing it), at least follow along by reading the words. You will be richly blessed.

God bless you always. In Jesus’ Name,
Pastor Landskroener

Whenever we gather for the Divine Service, it’s good to prepare by reading the readings for the day during the week/days before. Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

May 5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:34-48
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17

May 19 Day of Pentecost
Ezek. 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 9 The Ascension of our Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Eph. 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 26 The Holy Trinity
Is. 6:1-8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 3:1-17

May 12 The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11b-19

THE BABY BOTTLES ARE HERE! – Please help support the work of Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services by filling one of the “BABY BOTTLES” with your coins, cash, or checks. Bottles will be available in the narthex beginning on Mother’s Day, May 12th through Father’s Day, June 16th. By filling a bottle, you are directly supporting the life changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men and women (and their babies) throughout Fayette and Montgomery counties. You are helping LPHS provide the vital resources that enable them to touch the lives of everyone who passes through their doors. Please return your baby bottles to the church narthex by Father’s Day, June 16th. (Personal checks are welcome and should be made payable to “Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services”).

I want thank everyone for your prayers, cards & visits during my lengthy illness. My strength has come from your prayers. Also thanks for all your prayers for Albert as well. God’s Blessings, Colleen & Albert Wefer

Ladies Aid meeting will meet May 6th at 7:00 pm.

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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: Taylor Swift’s Latest Album, Men Competing in Women’s Sports, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship, “I Have Overcome the World,” “Love One Another” and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Does God the Father take away from us more than He gives to us? To hear an answer to this question, go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/myth-or-faith/4.3.mp3>

The Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir will be presenting a spring concert, *"Music Through the Ages"*, Sunday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the CORLHS gymnasium. Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert!

The Camp CILCA Hog Roast is Sunday, May 26th and we are looking for willing hands to assist with set up, clean up, and serving. There will be a Matins service at 10:30am followed by dinner from 11:30am-2:30pm. If you would like to assist with set up, serving or clean up, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAEAC2FA5FFC43-camp>

DFM is funding new prison ministries in central Illinois. If a congregation lends its pastor to prison ministry one day a week, Central Illinois District is in a position to thank that church with \$5,000 per year. In 2023 it received DFM funds for starts of new ministries in as many as four prisons or county jails. Now in 2024 the project is to gather sufficient money to continue such new work into 2025. The current target is \$10,000. See the video at <https://youtu.be/BcyFWxbA-ww>

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don’t know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

Contact Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 or email lawandgospel@hotmail.com for a Pastoral visit.

Please Sign attendance books in the pew, so Pastor is better able to serve you.

Prayer List - Phil Richards, Keith Cole, Colleen & Albert Wefer, Will Williams (Friend of Diana Bauer), Anita Meadows (Mark Meadow’s mother), Harlan Schukar, Charles Wasmuth, Jim Bowen (Bob William’s friend), Linda Rhodes, Patty Hapeman (sister of David Wasmuth), Steve Hickerson, Pastor Ryan Meyer, Danny Ledford (Mary Dierks' nephew)

Shut-Ins - Dennis & Evelyn Meseke, Charlie Kruenegel, Lila Knecht, Janet Schukar, Janice Torbeck

Bible Word Search:
TRUST IN THE LORD
(PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV)

U W V K I X M O Q S P P S C W
C N A T P P B R T Q J R R L R
Q A D Y R X H R B J I O T Y X
G P Y E S A A L I T U G C E J
I T O D R I E J A V J I L A D
C J R P G S Y H A S O K V C Z
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Y Z U Q K P T G H Q L F G D J
S R O Q H G F R P F U T Y G O
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ACKNOWLEDGE
LORD
TRUST

HEART
PATHS
UNDERSTANDING

LEAN
STRAIGHT
WAYS

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.