

November Calendar 2024

<u>Events</u>		<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Sunday	3-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Wed.	6-Nov (E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	6-Nov	(B) Carla Newcomb
Sunday	10-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	10-Nov	(B) Krystal Elam
Mon.	11-Nov (H) Veterans Day		
Tues.	12-Nov	12-Nov	(A) Rick & Marsha Sasse 1977
Wed.	13-Nov (E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
Fri.	15-Nov		
Sunday	17-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	17-Nov	(B) Laura Schukar
Tues.	19-Nov	19-Nov	(B) Quenten Austin
Wed.	20-Nov (E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	20-Nov	(A) Scott & Karen Torbeck 1982
Thurs.	21-Nov	21-Nov	(B) Stacy Kruenegel
Sat.	23-Nov	23-Nov	(B) Rick Sasse (B) Brad Courson
Sunday	24-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	25-Nov		
Wed.	27-Nov (E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline (E) 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	27-Nov	(A) Jerry & Laura Schukar 1981
Thur.	28-Nov (H) Thanksgiving	28-Nov	(B) Carolyn Sasse
Wed.	29-Nov	29-Nov	(B) Bob Williams

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 13, 2024

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

Minutes from the July 7, 2024 voters meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Tellers were appointed for the election of church officers. Tellers were Rick Sasse, Scott Torbeck, and Denny Lange.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: Wrenlee Mae Roberts

Transfers:

Transfer out: Brian Brown, Mallory Koch, and Lydia Collier

Transfer in: None

Releases: Joseph Bauer

A motion was made to accept the transfers and releases, seconded, and approved

Treasurer's Report:

Quarterly treasurer's report was presented. 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:

No report. Members are encouraged to contact the elders with questions that they may have regarding the church.

Pastor's Report:

All activities for the quarter are included in the Pastor's report attached to these minutes.

Trustees' Report:

Railing for the parsonage steps is in progress.

Concrete work for the parsonage and church steps are still in process. Looking for a contractor.

Basement door still needs repair.

Trustees received bids for church maintenance for 2024. They were as follows:

- Custodian – Karen Torbeck \$5,700.00
- Church Prep – Karen Torbeck \$3,100.00
- Mowing & Snow removal (sidewalks), basement step maintenance – Steve Lotz \$6,300.00

A motion was made to accept the bids as presented, seconded, and approved.

An annual budget for the church was also presented for 2024, and is as follows:

- Home \$127,000.00
- Synod \$10,000.00

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, and approved.

Sunday school:

We are starting to prepare for the upcoming Christmas program. An invitation for participants has been posted to Facebook. As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren.

Bible Class:

Meeting every Sunday before church. Come and brush up on your knowledge of the Bible at our class in the parish hall.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

A discussion was held on moving the October Voters' meeting to immediately after church service like the other quarterly meetings. We also discussed advertising the bid process and office positions prior to the meeting so everyone has an opportunity to participate. We need to make sure the information at the July meeting and gets into the newsletter and bulletin 4 to 6 weeks prior to the October meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

We need a representative for the upcoming Circuit Forum to be held at St. Peter on November 2, 2024 to vote for a new Circuit Visitor. Lee Schaal volunteered to represent the church and vote at the meeting.

Elections:

- Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Keith Cole (volunteer)
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: Rick Sasse
- Treasurer: Fran Collier (volunteer)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Denny Lange
- Sunday School Superintendent: Sue Williams (2nd year of term)
- Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: Rick Sasse (2nd year of term)
- Finance Man: Lee Schaal
- Financial Reviewer: Jerry Schukar (outgoing elder appointee)

- Sexton: Rick Sasse (volunteer)
- Parish Hall Director: Scott and Karen Torbeck (volunteer)

A standing motion was made to accept the voting results and the new officers.

The tellers were released and thanked for their service.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Thanksgiving: Lutheran World Relief
- First Advent: The Lutheran Hour
- Christmas Eve: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Candlelight Service: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Christmas Day: KFUE
- New Year's Eve Issues, Etc. (if a service is held)

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

Pastor's Salary:

After considering and discussing district guidelines for salary and the Concordia Plan insurance and retirement funding, a motion was made to increase the Pastor's current salary level by the guidelines suggested 5% and maintain the Concordia Plan and retirement funding. The motion was 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

Pastor's Quarterly Report

Released:

Transfer out:

Brian Brown to Friendship Lutheran Church of Joy, Champaign, IL
Mallory Koch & Lydia Collier to Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, IL

Release/Remove:

Joseph D. Bauer - member at St. John's Lutheran Church, Taylor, MI

Baptisms:

August 18 - Wrenlee Mae Roberts

Funerals:

July 6 - Anita Meadows

Third Quarter**2024**

Beg. Balance	July 1, 2024	\$63,890.13
Total Received		\$34,894.87
Total Paid Out		-\$42,307.02
Ending Balance	Sept. 30, 2024	\$56,477.98

Synod Missions collected	\$2,698.00	
LCMS Disaster Response	\$0.00	Total Other Missions
World Relief		\$121.20
Armed Forces	\$0.00	
Christ Our Rock	\$0.00	
Lutheran Child & Family Services	\$0.00	
Lutheran School for the Deaf (Jacksonville)	\$0.00	
Fort Wayne Seminary	\$0.00	
LWML	\$0.00	
Special Mission Tools for School (VBS)	\$121.20	
Memorials		
Cemetery	\$0.00	
Building	\$0.00	
Church	\$0.00	
Thrivent	\$0.00	
Dedicated Funds		

Home	7/1	\$38,879.69
	9/30	\$32,019.68
Building Fund	7/1	\$4,988.01
	9/30	\$4,988.01
Cemetery Fund	7/1	\$20,022.43
	9/30	\$20,022.43

Total Funds for 3rd Quarter **\$57,030.12**

Special Use Account	7/1	\$ 44,521.06
Interest		\$11.31
Paid Out		(\$1,035.00)
	9/30	\$ 43,497.37

Total All Funds for 3rd Quarter **\$101,551.18**

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

This article is adapted from one written by a friend of mine and is used with his permission.

After months of commercials and news coverage, the time has come for “election day” where citizens have the opportunity to cast ballots for federal, state, and county officials. If you believe the ads and the pundits, this is “an election to preserve democracy.” It seems that people throughout the political spectrum perceive this year’s election and ballots as critical. To hear them tell it, this election may change the course of the nation, of the sense of democracy, of world-wide politics. However, caution is needed about over-exaggerating the stakes of this election. This election is certainly important to all Americans and to the world. However, for Christians, all power and authority comes from God. Romans 13:1 says, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” This means that all authority is derived from God, and no president, governor, or legislator rules without God’s foreknowledge and authority over them. Nations come and go. Leaders and rulers come and go. Political systems and thoughts come and go. The Lord is forever, even as everything else changes.

So, what should a Christian do on election day? As a citizen of this nation who has the right to vote, use your vote not only for your own good, but also for the good of your neighbor. Vote on behalf of you, your children and grandchildren, your neighbors, the poor, the unborn, and those who are in need. As a Christian, you are called to love your neighbor as yourself. Don’t merely vote for what’s best for yourself, but exercise this right with the idea of what is best for your neighbor. Cast your ballot with others in mind, as well as yourself. This is one of the ways that God calls you to love and serve your neighbor.

Secondly, as a Christian you should pray for this nation. This great nation is a gift from God, but it’s not specifically selected by God as His nation. Christians do well to take a lesson from the Lord’s instructions to the people of Israel who were in exile in the rival nation of Babylon. In Jeremiah 29:4-7, the Lord commands Jeremiah to write a letter to His people in Babylon, saying this: “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” The Lord commanded His people to make a temporary home in Babylon, but He went on to promise that He would return them to Jerusalem in 70 years. Yet, during their exile, they were to pray for Babylon’s welfare while they were there. They were to live there, not forgetting their identity, but living as God’s people in a foreign land.

In essence, that describes the presence of Christians in this world. Our time in this sin-filled world is temporary, and our identity is not simply that of “Americans” but of “Christians.” Our hope and our home is with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Philippians 3:20-21 says, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” The results of election day do not define us or the world that we live in. No matter who serves as president or vice-president, senator or representative, judge or governor; all authority is from God and our identity is defined by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Thirdly, as God’s chosen people, His elect, we are told, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.” (Psalm 146:3). Indeed, no matter who is elected, that one is not our savior. Rather, “trust in the Lord with all your heart.” (Prov. 3:5). Trust in the One who “who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.” (Psalm 146:6-7). Whoever is elected next week will eventually die. But, “The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.” (Psalm 146:10).

Finally, as this election day approaches, do not despair. Do not be filled with fear about the relationship between the world and the Church. Hear the words that the Lord commanded Joshua in Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” The Lord is with you and with His whole Church. Take comfort in His gracious presence, and be confident in His goodness for you, for this nation, and for the whole world.

And since I said you should pray, feel free to join this prayer: Almighty God, every authority that exists comes from You. As You rule over the heavens and the earth, look with Your favor upon the United States of America as her citizens cast their ballots. Fill Christian voters with wisdom and love for their neighbors. Comfort the poor, the needy, the aged, the sick and disabled, the orphaned, and all who need support in this nation. Use Your Church to provide love and care to those in need, and provide peace, justice, and righteousness in this country and around the world.”

See you in Church!

In Christ’s Peace,

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

November 3 All Saints’ Day (observed)

Rev. 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matt. 5:1-12

November 17 Pentecost 26 (Proper 28)

Dan. 12:1-3

Heb. 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-13

November 10 Pentecost 25 (Proper 27)

1 Kings 17:8-16

Heb. 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 24 Last Sunday of the Church
Year

Is. 51:4-6

Jude 20-25

Mark 13:24-37

KARAOKE FOR LUTHERAN HYMNS... You can sing hymns like "For All the Saints," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of almost 50 hymns with text and music featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org.

Nominations forms for elected positions of leadership in the Central Illinois District are available in the narthex. All are asked to help with this process. If you are aware of someone who could serve the District in one of the positions where nominations are being sought you are encouraged to fill out the form and mail it to the District Office. Please get the consent of the person you are nominating. All nominations forms are due at the Central Illinois District Office, 1850 N. Grand Ave. W., Springfield, IL 62702-1626, by December 31, 2024. An electronic nominations form is also available: <https://www.cidlcms.org/nominations/>

Jennie Williamson will be in concert at St. Peter Lutheran School on November 15 at 6:30 pm. Free dinner at 5:00. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for more info.

Dollar for Missions finds itself able to include an unexpected project this year. Furnace replacements at the campus ministry center in Macomb did not cost as much as anticipated, so CID can now devote incoming dollars to a couple of needed items at University Lutheran Church, Champaign: new toilets in a men's room and a new water heater. This project is for \$5,000. Will that amount be received by the end of 2024? You can help. *For additional information please visit www.cidlcms.org.*

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

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.

Prayer Request – When prayers are requested, we ask that we are informed of the relationship of the person with our congregation. There has been concerns about names on prayer list & who they are. We will add the relationship to the prayers. This will allow members to ask about the individual's progress in recovery. In an effort to manage the list more effectively, individuals will be placed on the list for a period of four weeks. If at the end of that time, those people still need additional prayers, they may be re-added to the list for another four-week term. This may be done as long as the individual continues to need the added strength of the church prayer for their special need.

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

Do you have a cell phone? Do you text? Do you have a home phone? Some do some don't. How do you want to be contacted by the Church? The Church would like to contact you via text with any info, updates or closings. To receive a text message, you will need to give us your cell number. Normal text fees will apply. Please provide info to Scott with a note or email storbeck@augsburchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

Church office is looking for help in maintaining accurate records for Augsburg. Have you moved since our last directory or had a change in marital status or phone number changes? Have you noticed a birthday or anniversary that is incorrect or missing? Please notify Scott Torbeck to get our Church records updated.

Traditional Christian Hymns

Word Search

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A Mighty FORTRESS Is Our God
All Hail the POWER of Jesus' Name

Amazing GRACE

Because He LIVES

BLESSED Assurance

Christ the Lord Is RISEN Today

Great Is Thy FAITHFULNESS

How GREAT Thou Art

HOLY, Holy, Holy

How Firm a FOUNDATION

It Is WELL with My Soul

JOYFUL, Joyful, We Adore Thee

What a FRIEND We Have in Jesus

When I SURVEY the Wondrous Cross

Instructions:

Find and circle the words in ALL CAPS listed above. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

