

October Calendar 2024

<u>Events</u>			<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Wed.	2-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
Sat.	5-Oct		5-Oct	(B) Madison Lotz
				(B) Ruth Summann
Sunday	6-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	7-Oct	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting	7-Oct	(A) Rusty & Lexie Bick 2023
Wed.	9-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
		(E) 7pm Council Meeting (Elections)		
Thur.	10-Oct		10-Oct	(B) Aleia Beckman
Sat.	12-Oct		12-Oct	(B) Denise Wolf
Sunday	13-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
		(E) 7pm Voters Meeting (Elections)		
Mon.	14-Oct	Columbus Day	14-Oct	(A) Eric & Cathy Dothager 2000
Wed.	16-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	16-Oct	(B) Linda Rhodes
Thur.	17-Oct		17-Oct	(A) Mathew & Sarah Sasse 2010
				(B) Amy Schaal
Fr	18-Oct		18-Oct	(A) Lee & Fran Schaal 1958
Sunday	20-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Tues.	22-Oct		22-Oct	(B) Abigail Rogers
Wed.	23-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	23-Oct	(A) Joe & Rachel Schaal 2004
				(A) John & Ruth Ann Moyer 1971
				(B) Grace Kruenegel
				(B) Rachel Koonce
Thur.	24-Oct		24-Oct	(B) Garrett Austin
Sat.	26-Oct		26-Oct	(B) Dennis Schukar
				(B) Kenny Dothager
Sunday	27-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Tues.	29-Oct		29-Oct	(B) Abigail Wolf
Wed.	30-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	30-Oct	(B) Dennis Lange
Thur.	31-Oct	(E) Reformation Day		

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

As the month of October begins and our attention turns toward pumpkins and candy, the Church year starts to shift toward the festival of the Reformation and toward the theme of Jesus' return for the resurrection of the dead. Remembering the Reformation leads us to consider what we believe, teach, and confess in Christ's Church, and how important it is for us to clearly speak and remember what we believe. That's why we use Creeds in the Church service. The Creeds are there so that we have the words to remind ourselves and each other what we believe.

A creed is a statement of faith, telling the world what we believe. You believe a lot of things, and you probably don't have a problem telling people what you believe. You might have a favorite sports team or band or hobby, and you tell people about it by what you wear, what you say, and how you spend your time. But the Creeds in the Church are different. They confess the life-giving Gospel of God. We say a lot that we believe about God in the Divine Service, but the Creeds are agreed-upon statements that confess who God is and what God has done for us. The three Creeds that we use (the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed) don't belong to any single church body or denomination, but are representative of the belief of the whole Church. It's for that reason that they are called "Ecumenical Creeds", meaning that they are a confession of the whole Christian Church. Lutherans and Roman Catholics and Presbyterians and Methodists and the Eastern Orthodox share these Creeds in common.

But still, using the Creeds in the Divine Service can seem really repetitive. We use them day in and day out, and sometimes we wonder if that time could be spent better with another hymn or Bible reading or even by having the service end a little bit earlier. The truth is that the consistent confession of the Creeds is really important to the Church as we remember who God is and what God does. As we speak about God's work of creating everything that exists, restoring it by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and appreciate the holiness that we receive from God, it's important that we never forget these things. So, week in and week out, we confess the Creed so that we remember it and so that everyone else who hears it knows exactly what we believe.

Sometimes, people wonder if Creeds have outlived their usefulness. Do we still need these specific Creeds? After all, we have the whole Bible. Can't we just say that we say everything the Bible says? We do say everything the Bible says, but having a short confession of exactly what we believe is really helpful. The Bible is a big book and says a lot of things, and sometimes there is discussion and/or disagreement about what the Bible says and what it means for Christians. Having Creeds that agree is a helpful way to say that we are in agreement about these particular things. There is plenty of room for Christians to agree on the Creeds and still work out the details of what the Bible teaches, but if someone disagrees with the Creeds, it shows that there is something to work out about their understanding of Christianity. For example, if someone disagreed with the Creeds' statement that Jesus is coming again to raise the dead we

would certainly open our Bibles and talk about what Scripture says. The Creeds give us a place to continue our conversations among Christians.

But the Creeds also give us a template of how to share our faith with people who aren't Christians. How do you summarize what you and the Church believes? If a friend or a coworker asked you what you believe, where would you start? The Creeds give us just that starting place so that we can briefly talk about God's work. Is there more for us to say? Absolutely! But we don't have to start from scratch, and we can start by saying what the Creeds say. We can start paraphrasing the Creeds to others so that they understand what we believe in the Church. Not only are these internal statements that are helpful as we talk to other Christians, but they are also evangelical statements that help us speak the faith to others.

This October, while you're surrounded by pumpkins and candy and all the other fall decorations, remember what you believe about God and Christ. You confess it at Church with your fellow Christians, both the ones in this building and the ones in other congregations around the world. This is a testimony of the whole Christian Church, and we say it together as we are one Church in God's grace. I look forward to confessing that faith with you!

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Landskroener

P.S. Thank you to all who have donated in support of my Bike MS ride (Sept. 7-8). I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity which has helped me raise \$4,378 this year. I rode 100 miles on Saturday and 50 miles on Sunday. I will gladly accept donations until the end of October.

P.P.S. On Sunday, November 3, we will remember those who have died since the last All Saints' Day. If you have someone you'd like remembered, please give the name to me in writing before the end of October.

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

October 6 Pentecost 20 (Proper 22)
Gen. 2:18-25
Heb. 2:1-13 (14-18)
Mark 10:2-16

October 20 Pentecost 22 (Proper 24)
Eccl. 5:10-20
Heb. 4:1-13 (14-16)
Mark 10:23-31

October 13 Pentecost 21 (Proper 23)
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Heb. 3:12-19
Mark 10:17-22

October 27 Festival of the Reformation
Rev. 14:6-7
Rom. 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

LWML SUNDAY---CID MISSION GRANTS 2024-2025

Ladies of the congregation are encouraged to support the mission work of the LWML by taking part in the MITE offering today. The 2024-2025 Mission goal of the CID LWML is **\$110,00.00**. Seventy five percent will go toward the CID grants and remaining will go toward the National grants. Below is a list of the CID grants which will be paid off in the order listed.

1.Student Aid for Church Workers.....\$30,000

With education costly, this grant provides partial funding to CID students to help compete their schooling. These funds are distributed through the LCMS CID scholarship committee.

2.Deaconess Kim Bueltmann.....\$10,000

Deaconess Kim Bueltmann assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz, Germany, providing outreach to sociology-economically disadvantaged Germans and refugee primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. She is trained to share the Gospel through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the Christian faith. These funds would provide annual support need to continue her work.

2.Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families \$10,000

Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) holds two Chaplain training seminars each year to help teach chaplains how to care for themselves and their families while they care for the military families they serve. MAF has opened these seminars to chaplains' wives so they also get the opportunity to network with other wives and learn valuable self-care techniques. This grant would cover travel cost and per diem expenses for ten spouses to attend the seminar.

4.Bibles for All.....\$5,000

Lutheran High School in Springfield wants to provide a Concordia Self-Study Bible for each of their students. In daily use, the variety of Bibles now used leads to confusion and many potential misinterpretations. These funds will be used to purchase 125 Bibles through CPH for the Lutheran High School students.

5.Children's Books for State Fair\$4,000

The Central Illinois District's Lutheran Laymen League has sponsored a booth at the Illinois State Fair for over 20 years. Bibles, children's Bible storybooks, Lutheran Hour ministry booklets, and water are given away free of charge. These funds would be used to purchase the materials distributed during the Fair.

6.Large Print Bibles, Prison Bibles & Devotion Mailings.....\$12,000

Effingham's St. John Large Print Center prints, binds and ships large print Bibles and devotionals for people world-wide who have a visual impairment. These funds would be used for upkeep of printers and purchase of paper, spirals, cartons, tape, and envelopes.

7.Servants of the Gospel Through Dots \$10,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) uses funds to produce at least 1,500 volumes of the Braille Bible, large print Bibles, prison Bibles, and other Christian materials, such as scripture calendars. These funds will be used to do just that.

8.Bible Storybooks for Ghana's Children..... \$1,500

The mission field in Ghana is unique in that many Muslim children attend Lutheran grade schools to receive a quality education. Ghanaian pastors want to use Lutheran books in that education. Funds would be sent to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for the translation and subsequent printing of 'A Child's Garden of Bible Stories' and Luther's Small Catechism.

*Pray that all our grants are funded and God's word is spread
in correctness and abundance throughout the world.*

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... 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 are: Pro-Child Politics & Race, Using Legal Reasoning with Unbelievers, The Minor Prophets Haggai & Malachi, Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts and more. You can listen at on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

LWML SUNDAY, Oct. 6th Ladies of the congregation are invited to celebrate the 82nd anniversary of the LWML spreading God's word throughout the world, by taking part in our **MITE Offering** during the service. We thank you for your past support and pray for your continued support. See the posting in Narthex showing where the funds are sent.

Bids for Grounds upkeep, Service preparation & Church custodian should be given to Trustees by Wednesday, Oct. 9th.

Council meeting is Oct. 9th at 7:00 pm. Elections

Voters meeting is Oct. 13th at 7:00 pm. Elections

Lighthouse Pregnancy is collecting donations in baby bottles this fall. If you would like to participate please pick up a bottle in the Narthex.

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

The current Dollar for Missions project is for replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb, which is expected to cost some \$25,000. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future. For more information visit <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

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.

Bible Word Search:

OCCUPATIONS IN THE BIBLE

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CUPBEARER	EMPEROR	ENGRAVER	FARMER
GATEKEEPER	HARPIST	INNKEEPER	JAILER
MAIDSERVANT	MERCHANT	MIDWIFE	PHARAOH
PHILOSOPHER	POET	TEACHER	WARRIOR

References: Isaiah 47:13; 1 Samuel 13:19; Mark 6:3; 1 Chronicles 19:18; Genesis 40:1; Acts 25:25; Exodus 28:11; 2 Timothy 2:6; 2 Samuel 18:26; Revelation 14:2; Luke 10:35; Acts 16:23; Deuteronomy 15:17; Matthew 13:45; Genesis 35:17; Genesis 12:15; Acts 17:18; Acts 17:28; 1 Chronicles 25:8; Judges 11:1