

October Calendar 2025

Events

Anniversary & Birthdays

Wed.	1-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
Sunday	5-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	5-Oct	(B) Madison Lotz
		(E) 10am Worship Service		(B) Ruth Summann
Tues.	7-Oct	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting	7-Oct	(A) Rusty & Lexie Bick 2023
Wed.	8-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
		(E) 7pm Council Meeting (Elections)		
Fri.	10-Oct		10-Oct	(B) Aleia Beckman
Sunday	12-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	12-Oct	(B) Denise Wolf
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
		(E) 11am Voters Meeting (Elections)		
Mon.	13-Oct	Columbus Day		
Tues.	14-Oct		14-Oct	(A) Eric & Cathy Dothager 2000
Wed.	15-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
Thur.	16-Oct		16-Oct	(B) Linda Rhodes
Fri.	17-Oct		17-Oct	(A) Mathew & Sarah Sasse 2010
				(B) Amy Schaal
Sat.	18-Oct		18-Oct	(A) Lee & Fran Schaal 1958
Sunday	19-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Wed.	22-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	22-Oct	(B) Abigail Rogers
Thur.	23-Oct		23-Oct	(A) Joe & Rachel Schaal 2004
				(A) John & Ruth Ann Moyer 1971
				(B) Grace Kruenegel
				(B) Rachel Koonce
Fri.	24-Oct		24-Oct	(B) Garrett Austin
Sunday	26-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	26-Oct	(B) Dennis Schukar
		(E) 10am Worship Service		(B) Kenny Dothager
Wed.	29-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	29-Oct	(B) Abigail Wolf
Thur.	30-Oct		30-Oct	(B) Dennis Lange
Fri.	31-Oct	(E) Reformation Day		

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

Each year as we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation, it's an opportunity to go back to the basics of our faith. Some in his day thought that Martin Luther was the angel with an eternal gospel to proclaim as is stated in Revelation 15:6-7, the first reading appointed for the day. And there was some justification for that since Luther was concerned about the Gospel in every way because it is the message of our salvation from sin, death, and the devil. Then again, the same could be said of every faithful pastor who preaches the saving Gospel of Christ in its fullness and purity.

And while the main theme of the Reformation was/is a proper understanding of justification, it was also emphasized that this teaching is based on Scripture (the Bible) alone. This second point is critical because there is no other source from which we learn the full truth about God and our standing before Him. If God had not revealed it to us in His Word, we would never have been able to come up with it ourselves. Indeed, we (mankind) did and do try to come up with ways to please God, but they all fail. That's why it good to constantly review what the Bible says about our justification.

The first thing we learn is that we are sinners through and through. By nature we are dead in our trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1) and are enemies of God (Rom. 5:10). We can do nothing to please God. "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Rom. 3:20). We deserved nothing but eternal death, eternal separation from God, eternal punishment in hell.

But rather than give us what we deserve, God does the unthinkable (at least to us). He provides a way to save us. He sends His only Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity, to become flesh in order to keep the law perfectly in every respect, including suffering the punishment for our sins, not His. Jesus kept the Law and He paid the price, the penalty, that our sins deserve. He paid our ransom price so that we could be restored to God's family.

What a gracious gift! "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith." (Rom. 3:23-25). This is the core of the Gospel. We poor, miserable sinners can stand before God because Jesus died for our sins. More than that, God has revealed it to us and even causes us to believe it. That faith by which we believe in Jesus and all that He has done for us is God's gracious gift to us (Eph. 2:8-9). Our salvation, our justification, is all His work from beginning to end.

That's what God brought to light through His servant Martin Luther. It's a glorious gift that we receive by faith and in which we live before God now and forever.

Thus, this is our prayer:

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Landskroener

P.S. Thank you for your support (encouragement, prayers, and donations) of my riding Bike MS (Sept. 6-7). I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity which has helped me raise over \$5,000 this year. I rode 75 miles on Saturday and 50 miles on Sunday. If you'd still like to donate, I will gladly accept donations until the end of October.

P.P.S. On Sunday, November 2, 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 5 Pentecost 17 (Proper 22)

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4

2 Tim. 1:1-4

Luke 17:1-10

October 19 Pentecost 19 (Proper 24)

Gen. 32:22-30

2 Tim. 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 12 Pentecost 18 (Proper 23)

Ruth 1:1-19a

2 Tim. 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19

October 26 Festival of the Reformation

Rev. 14:6-7

Rom. 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Pork Burger Sale - October 4 from 10 am to 1 pm on the Triangle in Altamont. Proceeds go to support the Lutheran Hour on the Vandalia Radio station every Sunday. More information may be found on the bulletin board.

The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is Saturday, October 4 at 11:30am at Camp CILCA. Run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Find out more and sign up at cilca.org/grit-run or call 217-487-7497 for more information.

October 5th is LWML Sunday - Ladies of the congregation are invited to celebrate the 83rd 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.

Council meeting is Oct. 8th at 7:00 pm. in Parish Hall (Elections)

Voters meeting is Oct. 12th at 11:00 am immediately following the service (Elections)

CORLHS's Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction is right around the corner on October 18, 2025. We would greatly appreciate donations of new items for the silent and live auctions. You may also purchase tickets via our Facebook page or by contacting the school at (618) 226-3315. Thank you for your continued support. ~ Sterling Evening Planning Committee

Dollar for Missions Project: Replace original kitchen equipment in the sexton's apartment at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb was dedicated in 1969, but some of the equipment in the kitchen of the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the student center (the sexton) has not been replaced since then. DFM funds would be used to replace the original kitchen equipment. **Amount to be funded:** \$11,000

The Children's Christmas program will be Christmas Eve @ 6 pm. Children will begin practicing on November 2 during Sunday School. Please have your children here to practice.

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.

We need your help! The election of church officers is coming up. Please help the congregation with the managing of church business and programs. We need your input and voice to keep us moving forward. Following is a list of the positions that need filling:

- Elder
- Finance person
- Sunday school superintendent and assistant
- Financial reviewer
- Trustee
- Chairman
- Vice chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sexton (appointed volunteer)
- Parish hall director (appointed volunteer)

If you have any questions concerning these positions, or are interested in filling one, please contact Steve Hickerson, Mo Schukar, or Pastor Landskroener.

The Lord's Prayer

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the words from the word bank in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

AMEN, ART, BREAD,
DAILY, DAY, DELIVER,
DONE, EARTH, EVER,
EVIL, FATHER,
FORGIVE, GIVE, GLORY,
HALLOWED, HEAVEN,
KINGDOM, LEAD, LORD,
NAME, POWER, PRAYER,
TEMPTATION, THINE,
THY, TRESPASSES, WILL



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.