

September 2025

<u>Events</u>			<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Monday	1-Sep	Labor Day	1-Sep	(W) Kenny & Shelley Dothager 2006
		(E) 7pm Ladies' Meeting		
Thur.	4-Sep		4-Sep	(B) Steve Hickerson
				(A) Bob & Janet Williams 1960
Sat.	6-Sep		6-Sep	(A) Doug & Pam Stein 1986
Sunday	7-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	8-Sep		8-Sep	(B) Mandi Austin
Tues.	9-Sep		9-Sep	(B) Deborah Harmeier
				(B) Steve Lotz
Thur.	11-Sep		11-Sep	(B) Kathy Crippen
Fri.	12-Sep	-	12-Sep	(B) Ryan Gramlick
				(A) Ronald & Abby Rogers 2015
Sat.	13-Sep		13-Sep	(B) Keith Cole
Sunday	14-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	14-Sep	(B) Roberta Schmid
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	15-Sep		15-Sep	(A) Phil & Phyllis Richards 1967
				(B) Bella Walk
Tues.	16-Sep		16-Sep	(B) Tom Wolf Jr.
Wed.	17-Sep		17-Sep	(B) Kathy Landskroener
				(B) Kay Schukar
				(B) Jase Torbeck
				(A) Travis & Amanda Torbeck 2011
Thur.	18-Sep		18-Sep	(B) MeLissa Gramlick
				(A) Pastor & Kathy Landskroener 1976
Fri.	19-Sep		19-Sep	(A) Gary & Roberta Schmid 1964
Sat.	20-Sep		20-Sep	(B) Michael Bauer
Sunday	21-Sep	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	21-Sep	(B) Liam Meadows
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Tues.	23-Sep		23-Sep	(B) Phyllis Richards

Immanuel Lutheran Church Augsburg
1297 E 900 Ave
Shobonier, IL 62885
618-846-8383
website: augsburgchurch.com email: augsburg@augsburgchurch.com

Pastor Timothy J. Landskroener
Cell: 330-204-4180 Email: lawandgospel@hotmail.com

September 2025

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

Last month I mentioned that I would have a heart valve replaced. I did, and all went well, except that my heart rate fell quite low. I wore a heart monitor for two weeks and it showed that I have an occasional electrical blip. I will possibly/probably need a pacemaker at some point, but not now. I've been cleared to continue riding and to participate in Bike MS on the weekend of September 6 & 7. Thank you very much for your concern and prayers.

I write this after attending the funeral of Henry V. Gerike, a pastor/cantor/composer/music director and so much more. He had a hand in the production of our current hymnal, Lutheran Service Book which has more than twenty of his settings included. All of the music at the funeral was spectacular, proclaiming God's praises and confessing the faith and the resurrection in Christ.

One of the last hymns that he heard (and sang) was LSB 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All my Heart." Here are two versions for you to hear it: <https://youtu.be/GK6TdX7QME4> and https://youtu.be/jOg4Rmy_14E This second one is an actual congregation singing it. Here are the words:

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

What wonderful words of faith! We love Him because He first loved us. We pray that God would never leave us nor forsake us. We ask that in the midst of the sorrows of this life, that God's Word, His mercy, would cheer us. For while we live on earth, this is not our home. Even heaven itself would be "void and bare" without the presence of our Lord. And no matter the trials

of this life, we ask that nothing would shake our trust in Christ, whose “precious blood my soul has bought.”

Stanza 2 continues:

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

Again, a wonderful confession of faith. All that we have in this life, our body, soul, and all we have is a gift from God, though we often think it's all the result of our labor. While we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, we pray that God would lavish His grace upon us so that we might “help and serve my neighbor.” We also ask for His care and protection against false doctrine (teaching), and that the devil have no power over us. And, oh, how we need to pray, “Give strength and patience unto me / To bear my cross and follow Thee.” Indeed, it's hard to bear the cross laid upon us, and it's impossible to bear it without our Lord, and especially so when we face death.

But it's the third stanza that really brings it all together. It is especially appropriate for the dying. I often have trouble singing it without tearing up a little. I highly recommend that you learn it by heart so that you can comfort yourself and others who may be facing death.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

As we, or others, face death, these powerful words give comfort and hope. As we lay dying, we pray that God would help us face our final hour without fear by sending His holy angels to gather us into His eternal presence. And even as we lay in the grave, “its narrow chamber,” we pray that God would keep us even then and there until He returns in glory. And then you can hear the overwhelming power and joy as we look forward to our own resurrection, when Jesus awakens us from sleep. You can hear the confident confession of one who most

desires to see his Savior face to face. And in the resurrection, we will truly join all the saints in singing His praises “without end.” I can’t wait.

By the way, this is the hymn of the day for September 28, and we will certainly sing it with faith, joy, confidence, and hope.

God bless you with such faith, now and always.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

September 7 Pentecost 13 (Proper 18)

Deut. 30:15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-35

September 21 Pentecost 15 (Proper 20)

Amos 8:4-7

1 Tim. 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

September 14 Pentecost 14 (Proper 19)

Ezek. 34:11-24

1 Tim. 1:(5-11) 12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 28 Pentecost 16 (Proper 21)

Amos 6:1-7

1 Tim. 3:1-13

Luke 16:19-31

Ladies' Aid will meet on September 1 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall

I'm still planning and hoping to ride Bike MS again this year. I still hope to do 100 miles on Saturday, and at least 50 miles on Sunday, and hopefully 75. You've donated very generously in the past. May I please count on you again this year? Cash & checks are accepted, thanks for your support.

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

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

CORLHS's Tee Off Golf Scramble is on Sunday, September 25th at 1pm with registration beginning at noon, at Greenview Golf Course in Centralia. It includes 18 holes of golf with a dinner catered by the Sizzling Stallions. Cost is \$100 per golfer/\$400 per team. Come join us for this fun-filled fundraiser for the school. We still have openings for sponsorships as well. Please contact Dan Kueper at dkueper@corlhs.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Text Messaging updates – If you don't receive messages about Church info and would like to, please let Scott know. This is an easy way to get messages to a lot of members in a timely manner. If there is a message you would like sent to several members, please let Scott know as well.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

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

WORD LIST

ARK
CAIN
EDEN
ELIJAH
EXODUS

ISAAC
JACOB
JONAH
JOSEPH
JOSHUA

KING
MOSES
NOAH
PSALMS
REDSEA

RUTH
SAMUEL
SAUL
TEMPLE
WISDOM