

**June Calendar 2024**

<b><u>Events</u></b>		<b><u>Anniversary &amp; Birthdays</u></b>	
Sat.	1-Jun	1-Jun	(A) Art & Kay Schukar 1957
<b>Sunday</b>	2-Jun		(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service
Mon.	3-Jun	3-Jun	(B) Tyler Kruenegel
Wed.	5-Jun	5-Jun	(B) Travis Torbeck
Thur.	6-Jun	6-Jun	(A) David & Lisa Wasmuth 1987 (B) Lisa Lange
Sat.	8-Jun	8-Jun	(B) Camdyn Meadows
<b>Sunday</b>	9-Jun		(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service
Mon.	10-Jun	10-Jun	(A) Keith & Fran Cole 1977
Tues.	11-Jun	11-Jun	(B) Mona Beckman
Sat.	15-Jun	15-Jun	(B) Loretta Harrison
<b>Sunday</b>	16-Jun	16-Jun	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (B) Lexie Schukar (B) Austin Schukar
Tues.	18-Jun	18-Jun	(B) Jordan Walk
Wed.	19-Jun	19-Jun	(B) Owen Roberts
Thur.	20-Jun	20-Jun	(B) Phillip Richards
<b>Sunday</b>	23-Jun	23-Jun	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (B) Eugene Schaal (B) Kim Kloss
Mon.	24-Jun	24-Jun	(A) Alan & Loretta Harrison 1962
Teus.	25-Jun	25-Jun	(B) Kevin Gramlick (B) Lauren Wasmuth
Thurs.	27-Jun	27-Jun	(A) Chad & Mandy Austin 1998 (B) Spencer Summann (B) Janet Williams
Fri.	28-Jun	28-Jun	(B) Chad Austin
Sat.	29-Jun	29-Jun	(B) Pam Stein
<b>Sunday</b>	30-Jun		(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service

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June, 2024

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

On June 25, the Church commemorates the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. Why would she do that? What is the Augsburg Confession? Well, a little history might help explain it.

After Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517, his teaching started to bear fruit. As his teaching gained more and more adherents, the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V grew increasingly frustrated by it during the 1520s. But there was little he could do since he was fighting wars with the Ottoman Turks and the League of Cognac.

However, by 1530, Charles had either defeated or made a temporary peace with his enemies. So he was finally able to turn his full attention to the religious issue that had plagued Germany since the Diet of Worms in 1521 which had declared Luther to be a heretic and an outlaw. In January of 1530, the Emperor called an imperial Diet to meet in the German city of Augsburg in April of that year to decide the religious question.

As part of this imperial meeting, the Lutheran princes were asked to present their religious teachings. Wishing to present a unified front at the Diet, Luther, Melanchthon, and several other Wittenberg reformers met at Torgau in March of the 1530 and drafted a confessional document which came to be known as the "Torgau Articles."

Using these as a starting point, Philipp Melanchthon revised them into what became known as the Augsburg Confession with input from other theologians and political leaders, including Luther, who could not travel to the meeting, called a Diet.

The Lutheran princes had asked to have the document publicly read, but the Emperor refused. He finally relented and Dr. Christian Beyer read the German edition of the Augsburg Confession before Charles V on June 25, 1530.

It is comprised of 28 articles - of which 21 articles represent a positive presentation of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Churches while the last seven articles cover suggested reforms of certain practices of the medieval Church.

Although the ultimate aim of the Augsburg Confession was to summarize the main teachings of the Bible, Melanchthon also wished to emphasize the "catholic" (that is, meaning "universal," not "Roman Catholic") nature of Lutheran teaching. Throughout the confession, Melanchthon quotes or makes reference to the theologians and councils of the ancient Church to demonstrate the Lutheran Church's continuity with early Christian teaching.

This was important because many Roman Catholic theologians had claimed that the Lutherans had broken with the traditional theology of the Church going all the way back to Christ and the apostles. Contrary to this charge, the Lutherans sought to show that their faith was not only drawn from Scripture, but had been the basic teachings of the Christian Church throughout the ages. It was only later that the medieval Church corrupted the true faith through unbiblical and uncatholic innovations. This argument also carries over into the last seven articles that deal with reforms.

Why is this important? It's important because the Augsburg Confession states the faith believed and confessed by Lutherans ever since. While we may never have to give an account of our faith as the Wittenberg reformers did at Augsburg, the Augsburg Confession may still serve as an important model to the Christian life of faith.

Paul teaches us: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9). For this reason (although Christians do not earn their salvation by confessing Christ publicly), faith necessarily gives rise to a public confession of faith through words and actions. If we believe in Jesus and the salvation He offers, we will confess that faith publicly, knowing that whatever the negative social, political, or personal consequences, the forces of this world do not have the power to control our ultimate fate. Christ has already overcome the world (John 16:33) and we need not fear confessing the faith boldly.

You can read the Augsburg Confession at <https://bookofconcord.org/> or <https://lutheranconfessions.org/> or I'll help get you a printed copy if you'd like.

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:

June 2 Pentecost 2 - Proper 4  
Deut. 5:12-15  
2 Cor. 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

June 23 Pentecost 5 - Proper 7  
Job 38:1-11  
2 Cor. 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

June 9 Pentecost 3 - Proper 5  
Gen. 3:8-15  
2 Cor. 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

June 30 Pentecost 6 - Proper 8  
Lam. 3:22-33  
2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15  
Mark 5:21-43

June 16 Pentecost 4 - Proper 6  
Ezek. 17:22-24  
2 Cor. 5:1-10 (11-17)  
Mark 4:26-34

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** - please join us for our Fellowship Potluck Dinner celebrating Pastor Landskroener's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Ministry. Doors will open at 4:00 for fellowship and dinner will begin at 5:00 pm. Please see the full-page flyer in this newsletter for all the details.

**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. 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. (Personal checks are welcome and should be made payable to “Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services). Please return filled baby bottles by Father’s Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**We want to express our heartfelt gratitude** to Pastor Landskroener for his unwavering support and comforting presence during this challenging time. A special thank you to the Ladies Aid for providing the delicious desserts at the dinner following the funeral. Your contribution made a meaningful difference during a difficult moment. To our congregation, your sympathy and support have been a source of immense comfort to us. Your presence and kind words mean more to us than words can express. Evelyn Meseke and family.

**You are invited to join St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham** on Sunday, June 16, at 4:00 pm, for a Service of Installation as they install Rev. Trey Dille as their Associate Pastor. There will be a dinner following. It would be helpful if you could RSVP for the dinner by June 12 by email at [office@stjohnsLCMS.net](mailto:office@stjohnsLCMS.net) or by calling the church office at 217-342-4334.

**SAVE THE DATE** – June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm is our fellowship Potluck Dinner celebrating Pastor’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Ministry.

**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](mailto:lawandgospel@hotmail.com) for a Pastoral visit.

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

**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.

**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@augsburgchurch.com](mailto:storbeck@augsburgchurch.com) or text 618-367-3355



Please Join Us as We Celebrate  
**Pastor Timothy Landskroener's  
 30th Anniversary in the  
 Holy Ministry**

At Immanuel Lutheran Church—Augsburg  
 1297 E. 900 Ave. Shobonier, Illinois 62885

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

Doors open at 4:00 pm for fellowship  
 Potluck Dinner at 5:00 pm followed by  
 Remarks and more fellowship



**DONATIONS** of salads,  
 sides, desserts, and  
 fresh fruits &  
 veggies will be welcome.



Meat and beverages  
 will be provided.

American Greetings & Hallmark  
 style cards or letters  
 may be sent to:

Pastor's 30th Anniversary  
 c/o K. Landskroener  
 P.O. Box 64  
 Saint Peter, IL 62880

**RSVP will be helpful,**  
 (so we do not run out of food)  
**Contact Judy Wasmuth**  
 or e-mail:

**Kathryn\_Lutheran56@Hotmail.com**

(This is NOT meant to be a  
 gift giving occasion,  
 just a time to celebrate  
 30 years of God's Blessings!!)

**QUESTIONS? ~ Please email: Kathryn\_Lutheran56@Hotmail.com**  
 Please **DO NOT CALL** the parsonage or the church,  
 we are trying to keep Pastor 'out of the loop' about these plans.

## Bible Word Search: APOSTLES / DISCIPLES

B J N K F D E A Z T E T G D M  
Y A T O S K L M W H D H K D S  
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S P M T H Z H P H D E M T F B  
O O C A H T Y V X D E A N H W  
N N E T T O D J I A D S S E P  
S U R A R P L P R E E C U Y M  
S A M B I H H O X U B U H A G  
T O I R A C S I M S E L P T L  
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H R J Q T T Z I A D P Q B X P  
N H O J G C A N D R E W R M W  
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SIMON Peter	ANDREW	James ZEBEDEE
JOHN	PHILIP	BARTHOLOMEW
THOMAS	MATTHEW	James ALPHAEUS
THADDAEUS	SIMON	Judas ISCARIOT
MATTHIAS	PAUL	

### Instructions:

Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

After Judas betrayed Christ, Matthias was chosen by the disciples to take his place. Saul (who changed his name to Paul) was chosen by Jesus. (Acts 9:3-6). The apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2-4.

Source: Bible Book of Lists at SusanCAnthony.com

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