

August Calendar 2025

<u>Events</u>		<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Sat.	2-Aug	2-Aug	(A) Kevin & MeLissa Gramlick 1996
Sunday	3-Aug (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	3-Aug	(A) Rachel & EJ Brooks 2019
	(E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	4-Aug	4-Aug	(B) Ronald Rogers
Wed.	6-Aug	6-Aug	(B) Alexis Beckman
			(A) Dennis & Lisa Lange 1977
Sat.	9-Aug	9-Aug	(B) Quentin Schukar
Sunday	10-Aug (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	10-Aug	(A) David & Stacy Kruenegel 1985
	(E) 10am Worship Service		
Thurs.	14-Aug	14-Aug	(B) Marlin Schukar
Sunday	17-Aug (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	17-Aug	(B) Waylin Rogers
	(E) 10am Worship Service		
Thurs.	21-Aug	21-Aug	(B) Whitney Roberts
Fri.	22-Aug	22-Aug	(B) Scott Torbeck
Sat.	23-Aug	23-Aug	(B) Marsha Sasse
Sunday	24-Aug (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
	(E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	25-Aug	25-Aug	(A) Jeff & Mona Beckman 1974
Tues.	26-Aug	26-Aug	(B) Jeff Beckman
			(B) Brian Walk
Wed.	27-Aug	27-Aug	(B) Karen Torbeck
			(B) Mackenzie Kloss
Sat.	30-Aug	30-Aug	(B) Janine Lotz

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 9, 2025

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

Minutes from the April 6, 2025 voters' meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion on these minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: Adam, Jennifer, Alexis, and Evelyn Torbeck

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

A motion for the transfers out was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The 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:

Nothing new to report. Meeting with the pastor as needed. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

Pastor's Report:

No report.

Trustees' Report:

A special meeting was held after church on June 1, 2025 about the need to replace the church mower. A motion to allow the trustees to replace the mower was made, seconded and approved. The trustees purchased a used John Deere zero turn the following week for \$4500.00 from Reichmann Brothers in Farina.

Concrete work: Trustees requested to hire a local firm to begin the work. A motion was made, seconded, and approved. Will contact the company to begin work. Progress reports will be given to the congregation as they occur.

Sunday school:

As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school and VBS during the week of July 21st.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. Please come join us.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A report was made on the upcoming district convention and funding campaign for district buildings and operations. The church chose not to participate in the fund raising.

Steve Hickerson volunteered to be the lay delegate to the upcoming circuit forum to help choose a pastoral delegate and lay delegate for the Synodic Convention in September.

Special Collections: No special collections for the 3rd quarter.

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

Second Quarter

2025

Beg. Balance	April 1, 2025	\$55,750.70
Total Received		\$39,900.00
Total Paid Out		-\$50,574.86
Ending Balance	June 30, 2025	\$45,075.84

Synod Missions collected	\$2,525.00	
LCMS Disaster Response	\$0.00	Total Other Missions
District Deaf	\$156.00	\$486.00
Armed Forces	\$0.00	
KFUO	\$0.00	
Lutheran Hour	\$0.00	
World Relief	\$0.00	
Christ Our Rock	\$120.00	
LWML	\$110.00	
Lutheran Hour	\$0.00	
Lighthouse Pregnancy Center	\$0.00	
Lutheran School for the Deaf	\$100.00	
Fort Wayne Seminary	\$0.00	
St. Louis Seminary	\$0.00	
Memorials		
Cemetary	\$2,000.00	
Building	\$0.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$93.00	
Church	\$0.00	

Dedicated Funds			
	Home	4/1	\$29,765.24
		6/30	\$20,411.29
	Building Fund	4/1	\$4,988.01
		6/30	\$4,988.01
	Cemetary Fund	4/1	\$20,997.43
		6/30	\$19,608.52

Total Funds for 2nd Quarter **\$45,007.82**

Special Account **\$ 38,345.37**

Total All Funds for 2nd Quarter **\$83,353.19**

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

I write this article on the eve of my heart valve replacement. So I looked to see what the Bible says about the heart. So, here goes.

The word “heart” is used 757 times (and “hearts” another 146 times) in the English Standard Version that we read/hear in church. To your great relief (and mine) I’m not going to use every occurrence here.

The first occurrence is Genesis 6:5. “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Well, that certainly isn’t very encouraging, is it?

When Joseph’s brothers told their father Jacob, “‘Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt,’ his heart became numb, for he did not believe them.” (Gen. 48:26). I pray that my heart, and yours, doesn’t become numb.

In Exodus, we read that God would harden Pharaoh’s heart so that he would not let Israel leave Egypt. Yet, we also read that Pharaoh hardened his heart. Such hard-heartedness is deadly. I pray that my heart, and yours, is never hardened against God, His Word, and His will.

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (Deut. 6:5-6). God grant that we do love the Lord our God with all our heart and that His words are always on our heart.

“Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!” (Ps. 27:14). “Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!” (Ps. 31:24). “For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!” (Ps. 40:12-13).

Every Sunday we sing, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” (Ps. 51:10-12).

While I’m not having a heart transplant, I do pray that God keeps His Word through Ezekiel: “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezek. 36:26).

“Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.” (Heb. 13:9). Indeed, only God’s grace in Christ strengthens my heart especially when undergoing surgery.

Finally, then, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov. 3:5-6). And how can I (we) do that? Jesus tells us, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:1-3).

There are a lot of passages that talk about hardness of heart, a pure heart, and a lot about the heart as being the seat of emotion and, even, thinking. God grant that your heart is strengthened and encouraged by His Word and promises to be with you always.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

August 3 Pentecost 8 (Proper 13)

Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Col. 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 24 Pentecost 11 (Proper 16)

Is. 66:18-23

Heb. 12:4-24 (25-29)

Luke 13:22-30

August 10 Pentecost 9 (Proper 14)

Gen. 15:1-6

Heb. 11:1-16

Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

August 31 Pentecost 12 (Proper 17)

Prov. 25:2-10

Heb. 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

August 17 Pentecost 10 (Proper 15)

Jer. 23:16-19

Heb. 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

Special Thanks to Rev. Richard Rikli, for leading our worship service this morning.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who assisted with VBS again this year. There were 40 visitors and youth helpers throughout the week. Thank you to everyone for your service.

Position Open: St. Peter's Lutheran School has an opening for the Kitchen Manager's position. If you are interested, please contact the church office, or send resume or letter of interest to 701 E. Third, St. Peter, IL 62880.

Do you love children, want to get out of the house for a few hours a day, and want to make a little extra money? This may be the job for you! St. Peter's Lutheran School has an opening for a part-time secretary. If you are interested, please contact the church office, or send resume or letter of interest to 701 E. Third St. St. Peter, IL 62880

Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia is having a Balloon Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, August 16, from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall building. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, fruit, and more! Adult tickets are \$10, Children (10 and under) are \$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Trinity at (618) 532-2614 or they can also be purchased at the door. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors for the Trinity Balloon Breakfast and enjoy other Balloon Fest activities during the weekend!

SAVE THE DATE . . . August 23, 2025 for this year's Not Ashamed Conference to be held at Iron Horse Golf Club. This year's conference will have Pastor Jason Braaten speaking on *Embracing God's Purpose in Adversity*. We don't get to choose our battles, but we do get to choose how we face them. Our trials aren't wasted. Our struggles aren't random. So come and learn the importance of *Embracing God's Purpose in Adversity*. Register at https://bit.ly/NotAshamed_2025 or call the church office 217.253.4341 for help in registering.

The current Dollar for Missions project: 45-year-old insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be replaced, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for \$10,000. For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

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.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

Animals in the Bible

Word Search

- ANT
- BEAR
- BEHEMOTH
- CALF
- CAMEL
- DONKEY
- DOVE
- EAGLE
- FISH
- FOX
- GAZELLE
- GOAT

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- HORSE
- LAMB
- LEVIATHAN
- LION
- LOCUST
- OX
- PIGEON
- QUAIL
- RAVEN
- SERPENT
- SHEEP
- SPARROW
- SWINE
- VULTURE
- WHALE
- WOLF