

May Calendar 2025

Events

Anniversary & Birthdays

Sunday	4-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Monday	5-May	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting	5-May (B) Alex Gramlick (B) Renee Smith
Wednesday	7-May		7-May (B) Shelby Rowcliff
Friday	9-May		9-May (W) Josh & Rachel Koonce 2015
Saturday	10-May		10-May (B) Camille Brown (W) Greg & Amy Schaal 1986
Sunday	11-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Saturday	17-May		17-May (B) Amanda (Mandy) Torbeck
Sunday	18-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	18-May (B) Alex Kleinik (W) Haele' & Alex Goodin
Monday	19-May		19-May (W) Jake & Whitney Roberts 2018 (B) Rachel Brooks
Tuesday	20-May		20-May (B) Betty Rethorn
Wednesday	21-May		21-May (B) Janice Torbeck
Saturday	24-May		24-May (B) Albert Wefer
Sunday	25-May	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Monday	26-May	(E) Memorial Day	
Tuesday	27-May		27-May (B) Eleanor Newcomb (B) Matthew Sasse (B) Art Schukar
Wednesday	28-May		28-May (B) Logan Sasse (B) Fran Schaal (B) Tom Wolf Sr.
Thursday	29-May	(E) 7pm Ascension Day Service	
Friday	30-May		30-May (W) Tom Sr. & Denise Wolf 1999 (W) Adam & Jamie Tischhauser 2015

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

Here's a rerun from a few years ago. I thought it's still worth considering.

Mother's Day is May 11. It's a day to honor your mother and remember that she gave you life. The culture around us says you should do that by buying her cards, flowers, candy, and gifts, as well as taking her out to eat. And it is most certainly good, right, and important to show love and honor to your mother; after all, the Fourth Commandment enjoins us to do just that. Yet, showing such love and honor to your mother shouldn't happen only one day a year; it should happen every day. And the love and honor you show your mother doesn't depend on whether she is still living or not. For you show love and honor for your mother as you live as she taught you and lead a life that would please her, especially remaining in the Christian faith. And all this applies to your grandmothers and/or adoptive mothers too.

Furthermore, besides God's command, you have the example of Jesus who honored His mother, Mary, who carried Him and gave Him birth. Because she conceived by the Holy Spirit and her Son is the Son of God, she is rightly called the Mother of God. She cared for Him and, with Joseph, saw that He was raised according to God's Word. He honored her most when, as He hung dying on the cross, He commended her into the care of His beloved disciple, John. What love and honor He showed toward His mother.

Now, as the Church celebrates holidays, even secular ones, she does so because they direct us to Christ. Of course, true Church holidays, including every Sunday as a celebration of Christ's resurrection, are much more important and deserve top priority in our lives.

So, for now, I want to draw your attention to a different kind of Mothers' Day celebration. And that is to celebrate the Church as your Mother. After all, the Holy Spirit gave you the new birth through the Church and feeds and nourishes you through her as well. And how does that happen? Consider Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Creed in his Large Catechism:

⁴⁰ Learn, then, to understand this article most clearly. You may be asked, "What do you mean by the words *I believe in the Holy Spirit?*"

You can then answer, "I believe that the Holy Spirit makes me holy, as His name implies."

⁴¹ "But how does He accomplish this, or what are His method and means to this end?"

Answer, "By the Christian Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. ⁴² For in the first place, the Spirit has His own congregation in the world, which is the mother that conceives and bears every Christian through God's Word [[Galatians 4:26](#)]. Through the Word He reveals and preaches, He illumines and enkindles hearts, so that they understand, accept, cling to, and persevere in the Word" [[1 Corinthians 2:12](#)].¹

So, you see, the Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church is the Mother of every Christian as the Holy Spirit continues to conceive and bear children and nourish them through Baptism, preaching, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. So, we honor our Mother not just one day a year, but every time we gather in God's House to receive His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. For that's how She gives birth and that's how She sustains us in this life-giving faith. Thus, we show love and honor to our Mother and to our Savior as we gather faithfully and frequently to be fed by Her as She feeds us Jesus. God grant us all to show such love and honor to our Holy Mother Church as we gather with Her as often as we can and eat the meal prepared by Christ Himself.

And, by the way, that honors your earthly mother and makes her happy too. So, if it's possible, be sure to bring her to Church with you.

God bless you always.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

May 4 Easter 3

Acts 9:1-22

Rev. 5:(1-7) 8-14

John 21:1-14 (15-19)

May 25 Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15

Rev. 21:9-24, 21-27

John 16:23-33

May 11 Easter 4

Acts 20:17-35

Rev. 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 29 The Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Eph. 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 18 Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

Rev. 21:1-7

John 16:12-22

¹. Concordia : The Lutheran Confessions.
Edited by Paul Timothy McCain. St.
Louis, MO : Concordia Publishing
House, 2005, S. 403

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Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 6, 2025

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

Minutes from the January 19, 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: None
 Transfer in: None
 Releases: None

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly treasurer's report was presented by Fran Collier. 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 regularly with the pastor.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Trustees' Report:

Repairs have been made to the church roof.
Working on getting bids for the concrete repairs needed around the church property.

Sunday school:

The Easter egg hunt and a children's singing event are scheduled for Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone involved in making the hunt and singing possible. As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. Please come join us.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

A little work needs to be done in the cemetery due to some settling of graves. Otherwise, all is well.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mothers' Day – LWML Ministry
- Fathers' Day – Armed Forces Ministry

A motion was made to accept the special collections, seconded, and approved.

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

First Quarter**2025**

Beg. Balance	January 1, 2025	\$56,871.99
Total Received		\$49,010.00
Total Paid Out		-\$50,131.31
Ending Balance	March 31, 2025	\$55,750.68

Synod Missions collected	\$2,580.00	
Lutheran World Relief	\$0.00	Total Other Mission:
AbleLight (Bethesda)	\$156.00	\$618.00
Lighthouse Pregnancy Center	\$197.00	
District Deaf		
School for the Deaf (Jacksonville)		
St. Louis Seminary	\$131.00	
Fort Wayne Seminary	\$120.00	
LCMS Disaster Response	\$0.00	
Christ Our Rock	\$0.00	
Lutherans for Life	\$0.00	
Lutheran Child & Family of IL	\$20.00	
KFUO	\$0.00	
CID500	\$0.00	

Memorials

Cemetary	
Building	\$0.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$112.00
Church	\$0.00

Dedicated Funds

Home	1/1	\$32,019.68
	3/31	\$29,765.24
Building Fund	1/1	\$4,988.01
	3/31	\$4,988.01
Cemetary Fund	1/1	\$20,997.43
	3/31	\$20,997.43

Total Funds for 1st Quarter **\$55,750.68**

Special Fund, Property Maintenance 1/1 \$ 43,371.06
 3/31 \$ **38,335.84**

Total All Funds 3/31 **\$94,086.52**

The Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School music department will be performing their spring music concert on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the CORLHS gymnasium. As a part of the concert, students will be sharing some favorite TV and movie theme songs, both vocally and instrumentally. Everyone is invited to attend this free concert!

The Lutheran Layman's League of the Shelby-Effingham- Altamont Circuits invites you to attend a presentation by LCMS Missionary David Baker on his mission to Mongolia. Mongolia is a unique and remote country of Asia lying between China and Russia where Christianity is growing among Buddhist and Muslim traditions. Pastor Baker and his family have been serving in Asia to the Kazakh people for 20 years. He will share their experiences as a missionary at Faith Lutheran Shumway on May 4 at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

REMINDER --- NEXT SUNDAY Help support the global mission of the LWML by taking part in our **MITE OFFERING**. He has risen, He has risen indeed!!! Help spread this Good News throughout the world.

SANCTIFYING YOUR YARD WORK WITH THE WORD OF GOD... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: The Office of the Papacy in the Lutheran Confessions, The Easter Hymn "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done," The TV Series "Adolescence," Women in the Military and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are showing their age and are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repointing sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given out for many decades to come! Feel free to check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BgVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>.

Full or Part-Time Teacher Opening at CORLHS - Christ Our Rock has full or part-time staffing needs in Drivers Education, Computer Applications, Physical Education, and Spanish for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, dduensing@corlhs.org.

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

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.

Bible Word Search:
CHOOSE TO SERVE GOD
(Joshua 24)

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

ABRAHAM
GOD
MOSES
WITNESS

CHOOSE
ISRAEL
SERVE

EGYPTIANS
JOSHUA
WHOLE HEART

Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.