

# Augsburg Church

# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> (B) Bonnie Clark	<b>4</b> (B) Aldin Schukar
<b>5</b> (A) Albert & Colleen Wefer 64 (A) Steve & Caryl Hickerson 86	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> (A) Mark & Andrea Meadows 15
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> (B) Mark Ehrat	<b>15</b> (B) Gerald Schaal	<b>16</b> (B) Alania Koonce (B) Ashley Bauer	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> (B) Charles Kruenegel	<b>21</b> (B) Matt Bauer	<b>22</b> (B) Helen Meseke	<b>23</b> (B) Kristen Barnick	<b>24</b> (B) Michael Sasse	<b>25</b> (A) Krystal & Clint Elam 09
<b>26</b> (A) Clarence & Lisa Smith 86 (A) Mark & Lisette Ehrat 86	<b>27</b> (B) Alan Harrison (B) Rachel Meseke	<b>28</b> (B) Sharon Dolly (B) Twana Bauer	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> (B) Randy Sasse		

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			<b>1</b> 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline No Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Will reschedule 7:00 pm Ladies Aid	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b> Tentatively 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>10</b> Tentatively 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Tentatively (G) Thomas & Denise Wolf (U) Austin/Gramlick 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Tentatively (G) John & Ruth Ann Moyer (U) Sasse/Cripe 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Tentatively 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Council Meeting	<b>23</b> Tentatively 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Tentatively (G) Brad & Sherry Courson (U) Courson/Gramlick 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Tentatively 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<b>30</b>		

**The Ladies Aid / LWML soup luncheon has been postponed to a later date to be announced.**

**The benefit for Matt Benning has been postponed to a later date to be announced.**

**Easter lilies** have been ordered to decorate our Church for Easter. The cost is \$15.00. If you would like to purchase one or more to take home Easter morning. Contact Janet Williams if you are interested.

**Ladies Aid meeting** will be rescheduled.

**Church Closings Update** – Church closings will be announced on the Augsburg Facebook page. Closings will also be announced on local radio stations. Scott will send Church closing via text, if you would like that also. If you would like a phone call, please contact Pastor or an Elder with the number they can contact you with.

**Council Meeting** will be tentatively set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Voters Meeting** will be tentatively set for April 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service.

**STERLING EVENING DINNER & AUCTION-NEW DATE:** You are invited to the 16th annual “Sterling Evening” Dinner & Auction, which is fast approaching, to benefit Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. It will be held at CORLHS, *on A NEW DATE, Saturday, May 2*, with the doors opening and silent auction beginning at 4:30 p.m. A dinner menu of mesquite turkey breast, smoked pork chops, twice baked potato casserole, green beans, mac ‘n cheese bake, tossed salad, rolls and delicious specialty desserts will be served at 5:45 p.m. A live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. and finish around 9:00. We are in need of items to be auctioned. No matter how small or large there is a price range for everyone! *Items and sponsorships are now due April 17th. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the school office or on the website prior to April 17th. All seats are reserved and must be purchased by the deadline.* View the auction items on our Facebook page or our website and at Preview Night, **Friday, May 1 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Central IL District Updates:** Due to the stipulations put into place to reduce the size of gatherings, many events of the Central Illinois District have been postponed or canceled. Please note that we update the website ([www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org)) regularly and often so information is current.

**LWML Convention-Morton:** This has been postponed to 2021, details are still being worked out to determine if it can still be held in Morton.

**LERT training:** Scheduled for April 18 at St. John's, East Moline has been postponed. No new date has been scheduled at this point.

**Pre-Retirement Workshop:** Scheduled for April 18 has been indefinitely postponed.

**Spring Pastors' Conference:** Details are being worked through to determine how this will be able to take place. It has *not* been officially canceled, but the committee is working through all options before making any announcements. We should know within the next couple of weeks how this will occur.

**GatePost Holy Week Edition:** Watch for a special Holy Week GatePost to come in your inbox soon. This will also be available on [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org) when it is available.

## Some Thoughts from Pastor

### Shelter in Place

You've heard it too often. You're getting tired of it. You want to get back to the way things were before COVID-19 and the hysteria that surrounds it. You want to be able to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ to receive His gifts. Yet, as we isolate ourselves, as we shelter in place, we do so not only to protect ourselves, but also our neighbor.

Now, I don't have any great insight to all this, but God's Word does. And as we listen to Him we find that to shelter in place is what we need the most, especially when we have the proper shelter. Use these passages to reflect on your true shelter:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! <sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!  
(Psalm 27)

Did you see that? Look again at verses 4 and 5. David's desire was to dwell in the house of the Lord. Why? For God will hide him in His shelter in the day of trouble. O that that would be our prayer too. O that we too would desire to be in God's house to receive His gifts and hide in the shelter of His grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness. In the meantime we pray for others and for ourselves. We pray for an end to the virus and its effects. We pray for all those who serve and care for those infected.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup>

nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place- the Most High, who is my refuge- <sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. <sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Psalm 91)

Don't miss the promises that belong to those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High. Verse three tells us that "He will deliver you . . . from the deadly pestilence." With God as your refuge and strength (Ps. 46), you will not fear "the pestilence that stalks in darkness." He promises to protect and deliver those who are His. And He shows this deliverance in Christ who gave His life for us that we may dwell with Him forever.

When St. John sees the saints standing before the throne and before the Lamb, he's told, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev. 7:14-17)

This is our present and our future as we abide in the shelter of the Most High. For to abide in the shelter of the Lord is to abide in His Word and His promises. To shelter in place is to receive and trust in the forgiveness, life, and salvation that He gives us in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. God grant that we shelter in place in His peace.

Pastor Landskroener

P. S. If you are in need of pastoral care (a visit, prayers, Holy Communion, etc.), please let me know.

My cell phone is 330-204-4180. I also use text messaging.

My email is [lawandgospel@hotmail.com](mailto:lawandgospel@hotmail.com)

I'm on Facebook. Send me a friend request.

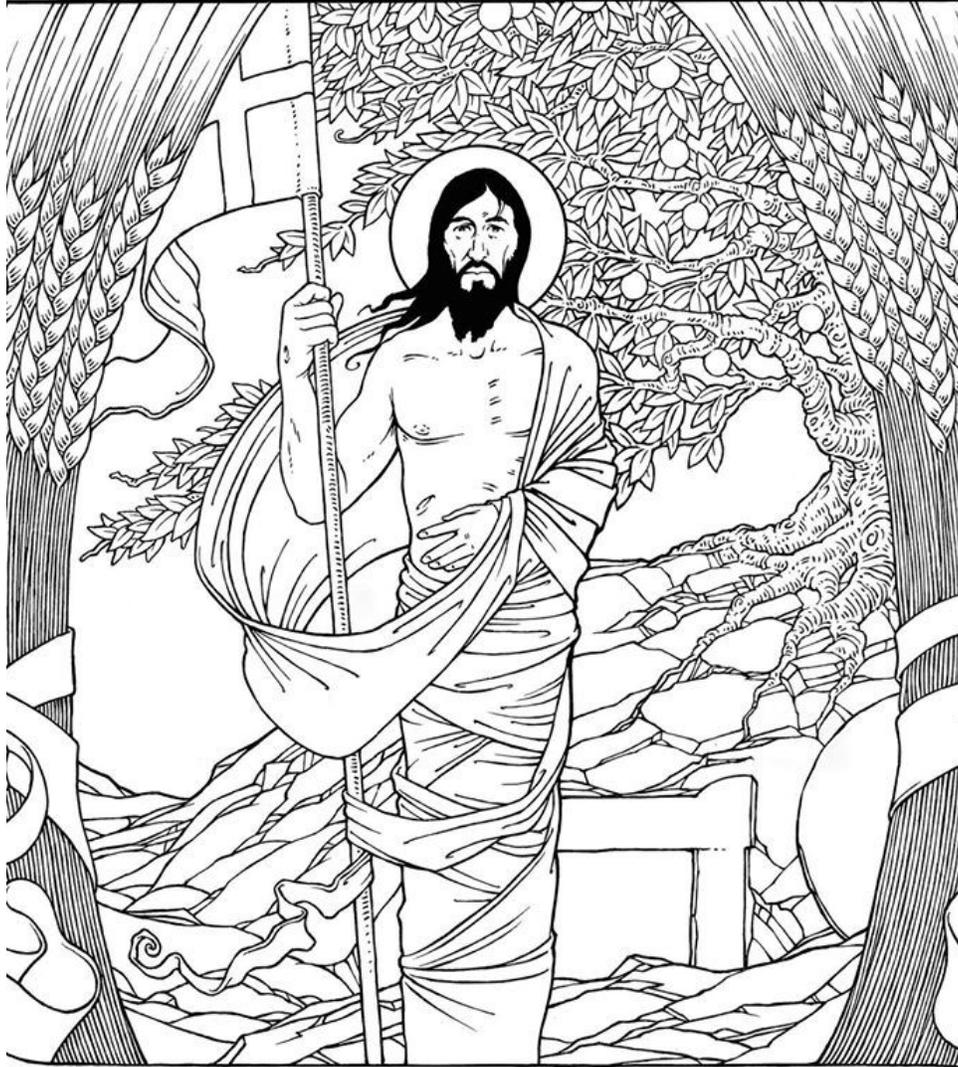
I post my sermons on Facebook and will gladly mail or email them to anyone who asks.

God bless you always.



Consider the lilies, how they grow





**First Fruits from the Dead**



# Easter Word Search

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J J U Y K I R Y T T F X E O L  
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LAMB  
PRAYER  
RESURRECTION  
SON

CHURCH  
FAITH  
MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RISEN  
SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
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