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Dearly Beloved,

I thought you might enjoy a brief history of Thanksgiving Day.

In 1623, William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth Colony, declared:

"To All Ye Pilgrims: Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

In 1789, President George Washington declared a national holiday to be set aside for giving thanks. Our third president, Thomas Jefferson, ended the practice, calling it a conflict between church and state to mandate that the people have a day of prayer and thanksgiving. By the mid-nineteenth century there were many states celebrating a day of thanksgiving. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. It bears noting that this proclamation was made while our nation was at war with itself. President Lincoln said it was only by God's blessing that this nation was not warring with other nations, that freedom, law, and order were still maintained here, and that America's business and population grew, despite the many lives lost during the war. During the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt wanted to lengthen the Christmas shopping season and moved Thanksgiving Day up a week, to the third Thursday in November. In 1941, Congress voted to move this national holiday back to the fourth Thursday in November, and this day has remained in this place ever since.

While we don't have a service on Thanksgiving Day, we will gather in God's House the evening before, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. Now, we, as God's children, don't need a special day to give thanks to our heavenly Father for all the blessings He has bestowed on us. We get to do that every day of our lives. Yet, when we do have such opportunity to gather as His holy people, it's good to do so.

What do we have to be thankful for? Count your blessings beginning with what we learn from the First Article of the Creed: I believe that God has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also give me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife [or husband] and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me

with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

If that's not enough, consider what we learn from the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Wow! How richly blessed we are! Yet, there's more, much more, and it is not any less important. For God has also given us a Savior, the Lord Jesus, to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He gives us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the Gospel in Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, Holy Communion, in the preaching of His Holy Word. He has given us His Holy Spirit who brings us to saving faith and keeps us in that one true faith. These are the greatest blessings of all.

With all this in mind, we'll gather on Thanksgiving Eve, not because the government says we must or should, but because, by God's grace, we are the children of God and have been blessed beyond measure..

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100 ESV)

God bless you always.

Pastor Landskroener

THE PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse, Bible study podcast. It's hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast; The Parable of the Weeds; The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl; and The Parable of the Net. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

St. Paul Blue Point Ladies Aid will host their annual soup supper Nov. 1st. See flyer in Narthex for details.

Bethlehem Lutheran Drive Thru Soup Supper. The Bethlehem Ladies Aid/LWML will be holding a Drive Thru Soup Supper on Sunday, November 8 from 3pm-5:30pm. See flyer in Narthex for menu.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Turkey Supper Sunday, November 22 held at St. Peter Lutheran School Gym
CARRY OUT ONLY starts at 5PM Adults \$10 Children 12 & Under \$5 Children 3 & under Free Enter at West door of the school and form a line down the hallway. Pay as you enter the gym and exit out the gym door. If you need your meal carried out to your car, you may call 349-8888, and someone will carry it out to you. ALL MEALS INCLUDE: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn & Dessert. Gravy, Turnips, & Cranberry Salad will be optional. No rolls or drink.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

Bulletins are printed on Wednesday evenings. Contact me if you would like to have something placed in the bulletin. You can send emails to Storbeck@augsburgchurch.com or Church email augsburg@augsburgchurch.com call @ 349-6152, call or text 367-3355, hand me a note. Must receive bulletin note by 4:00 pm Wednesday afternoon to make in the bulletin for Sunday morning. Thank you.

Trimming Stamps for Mites -- Trim each stamp leaving paper measuring 1/8 of an inch or less around the stamp. Be careful not to trim too close to the stamp. No corners or edges should be cut. The stamps must be 100% complete. If there is a group of stamps trim around the whole group.

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? Have you noticed a birthday or anniversary that is incorrect or missing? Please notify Scott Torbeck to get our Church records updated.

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.

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting
July 19, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus infection and pandemic, beginning March 22, 2020 live church services were suspended in accordance with the State of Illinois mandates for social distancing and gatherings. With God's grace we are now able to meet again. The following minutes reflect what has happened since January 1, 2020.

Chairman Mo Schukar called the meeting to order and Pastor Landskroener led all present in prayer and devotion. Minutes from the January 13, 2020 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: Pastor Timothy Landskroener and Kathy Landskroener

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: Pastor Timothy Landskroener and Kathy Landskroener

Releases: Kala McMMain, Emma McMMain, Rylee Witt, Alexis Jones

A motion was made to accept the releases, transfers and new voting members, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

Have been meeting with the pastor throughout the Coronavirus crisis, to set guidelines for re-opening of the church to live services. They will continue to work through this process.

Pastor's Report:

The pastor was installed on February 23, 2020. Since then Coronavirus has created many unique challenges and issues for the pastor, as well as the congregation. From shutting down the live church services and this year's Easter celebrations to interfering with pastor's ability to visit shut-ins and hospital patients, it has been a challenging past few months. A copy of the pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

LYF: No Report

Trustees' Report:

There are no major problems to report. Issues will be addressed as they come up.

Sunday school:

Now that we have returned to live church services, Sunday school will resume on August 2, 2020.

Bible Class:

As with the Sunday school, adult bible class will also begin again on August 2, 2020.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- Recent high winds caused the flagpole in the cemetery to break. A new one has been ordered and should be installed soon. This will be coordinated with the installation of the new veterans' monument.
- An individual has donated \$1000 for gravel for the cemetery lanes. It will be delivered soon. Additional gravel will be purchased through the cemetery fund if necessary to complete the job.

Old Business:

Pastor Timothy Landskroener was installed as pastor for the Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church on February 23, 2020

New Business:

Coronavirus, communion, and church procedures:

The Coronavirus has caused many challenges to be overcome before we could return to safe attendance of live church services. New procedures have been implemented for seating, collections, and communion by the pastor and elders.

Previously, the first, third, and fifth Sundays were designated as communion Sundays. Due to the changes brought on by the virus, the pastor and elders decided that communion would now be offered every Sunday to accommodate everyone that may not be able to attend service due to illness or quarantine. A motion was made that going forward the frequency of communion will be decided upon by the pastor and the elders. The motion was seconded and approved.

Thank you:

A special thank you was extended to Karen Torbeck for her work in streaming the live service on Facebook during the church shutdown for those who could not attend.

Special Collections:

There are no special collections designated for the third 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	2	3	4 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	5	6	7
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22 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	23	24	25 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	27	28
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 (B) Doug Harrison	6 (B) Carla Newcomb	7 (B) Clarence Smith
8	9 (B) Brandon Ehrat	10 (B) Krystal Elam	11	12 (A) Rick & Marsha Sasse 77	13	14
15 (B) Lydia Koch	16	17 (B) Laura Schukar	18 (B) Jennifer Woods	19 (B) Quenten Austin	20 (A) Scott & Karen Torbeck 82	21 (B) Stacy Kruenegel
22 (B) Alyssa Wiseman	23 (B) Brad Courson (B) Rick Sasse	24	25 (B) Joseph Bauer (B) Patrick Bauer	26	27 (A) Jerry & Laura Schukar 81	28 (B) Carolyn Sasse (B) Taylor Parrish
29 (B) Bob Williams	30					

