

Augsburg Church

January 2021

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					1 (A) Ron & Debbie Harmeier 66 (B) Lisa Smith	2
3 (A) Carla & Judd Newcomb 04	4 (B) Madeline Gladson	5	6 (B) Alex Gladson	7 (B) Caryl Hickerson	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 (B) Keith Torbeck	16 (B) Molly Hickerson (B) Ryan Schaal
17	18 (B) Shawn Cripe	19 (B) Diana Bauer	20 (B) Brandi Cripe (B) Susan Williams	21	22	23
24 (B) Ron Harmeier	25 (B) David Wasmuth	26	27	28	29	30
31 (B) Jacob Smith						

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January, 2021

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

As one year ends and another begins, it's a good opportunity to both review what happened in the year now past, and anticipate what the new year will hold for us. By God's grace we will have perfect vision to do just that in the new year.

As we look back, with 2020 vision (☹), we can't help but think how difficult a year it was. Certainly we remember and mourn the death of loved ones as we miss them and the blessing they were (and still are) to us. Of course, we're still dealing with COVID (and will for some time to come) – the fear of getting it or passing it on, the quarantines and lock-downs, the isolation and loneliness, the bother of face-masks and hand sanitizer, the devastation of shut-downs, not the least of which was not being able to gather as God's people in His house for a time. Many have struggled with health matters or financial problems of various kinds. And, since we are sinners dealing with sinners, there have been troubled relationships to deal with as well. There seems to be no end to the troubles.

But 2020 was not all negative. There were also great joys. Babies were born and baptized. After a short hiatus, we learned to record our services on Facebook Live, then transitioned back to in-person worship. The Sunday school resumed teaching Bible stories and telling children of Jesus. The adult Bible class resumed as well. And whether you consider it a plus or a minus, I was installed as your pastor shortly before the pandemic hit. God still provides abundant mercy toward us by bringing us through difficulties and joyful times, and most especially by the forgiveness of sins He so generously bestows in His Word and Sacraments.

As we look forward to the next year, we often think of new beginnings and changes we want to make in our lives. Some of these changes involve setting specific goals such as losing so many pounds, ridding ourselves of a bad habit, learning a new skill, or completing a certain project. Others involve changing our attitude and behavior (which may relate to certain goals) such as having daily devotions (by ourselves and/or with the family), exercising regularly, eating a better diet, watching less TV, and reading more, etc.

As a congregation, we also look forward to what God will do for us in the new year. We look forward to more reasons for rejoicing as our loving Father continues to bless us so richly (as individuals and as a congregation). And as we look forward, we have an opportunity to "start over" in a sense. No, we can't un-do the past, but we can live in the forgiveness God gives as we look to the future. We can re-dedicate ourselves each day to do whatever we can, in word and

deed, to help Immanuel/Augsburg thrive and grow, always depending on the Lord of the Church to bless us. And this means trusting our Lord in ALL things, including our daily needs.

So, as we enter the new year, I encourage you to make worship at Immanuel a very high priority. It's important that you are here each week to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, for without His gifts our faith will not sustain us to the end. Furthermore, your attendance encourages others as well. (Note - if you are still concerned about the virus and don't feel safe coming to church, please contact me and I will be glad to visit you and bring you God's gifts.) Secondly, I urge you to have a regular devotional life individually and as a family. And parents, it's vital that you teach your children God's Word and the catechism at home, and bring them to God's House. Discuss spiritual and Biblical topics in the car and at home. And finally, pray for each other, your pastor, and your congregation, that the Lord would grant us grace and mercy to live as His dear children.

So as we enter the new year, keep these thoughts in front of you:

- Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)
- Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)
- And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Landskroener

Official Acts in 2020

Installation of Pastor Landskroener (2/23/2020)

Baptism of Hallye Kay Tischhauser (born 5/26/2020; baptized 8/9/2020)

Funerals

Alice Meseke (died 1/28/2020)

Emily Ehrat (died 8/16/2020)

Joyce Bertram (died 10/23/2020)

Aldin Schukar (died 10/25/2020)

Violet Braasch (died 11/8/2020)

Ronald Torbeck (died 12/13/2020)

Nancy Schaal (died 12/15/2020)

Council Meeting is Jan. 6th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Voters Meeting is Jan. 10th immediately following the service

Thank you to those who purchased gift cards through the SCRIP program of St. Peter's Lutheran School. The December order showed a profit of \$261.00. The next order will be placed in early February. Order forms will be available by mid-January. Hopes are that everyone associated with Immanuel is having a blessed Christmas season. May God also grant all Immanuel members and their families a most Blessed and Joyous 2021.

Reminder – If you or someone in your household has been sick or not feeling well, please refrain from attending our worship service. We understand, this is out of love for one another.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

Church Officers

Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
Vice Chairman: Denny Lange (volunteer)
Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
Elder: Greg Schaal
Treasurer: Scott Torbeck (volunteer)
Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
Trustee: Doug Stein
Finance Man: Albert Wefer
Financial Reviewer: Lee Schaal (outgoing elder volunteer)
Parish Hall Director: Scott and Karen Torbeck (volunteer)

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@augzburgchurch.com or Church email augzburg@augzburgchurch.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 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.

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.

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@augzburgchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

Bible Word Search: CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

N C O Q B T X D T P S U J L S
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BRETHREN	COURAGE	COMPASSION
ENEMIES	FORGIVENESS	JUDGMENT
LOVE	MERCY	PATIENCE
RECONCILIATION	REVENGE	SALVATION
SINNERS	TRANSGRESSIONS	TRESPASSES