

Augsburg Church

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		1 (A) Art & Kay Schukar 57 (B) Tammy Sasse	2	3 (B) Tyler Kruenegel	4	5 (B) Travis Torbeck
6 (A) David & Lisa Wasmuth 87 (A) Dennis & Nita Schukar 59 (B) Lisa Lange	7	8 (A) Randy & Melissa Sasse 91 (B) Camdyn Meadows	9 (B) Chris Bauer	10 (A) Keith & Fran Cole 77	11 (B) Mona Beckman	12
13	14	15 (B) Loretta Harrison	16 (B) Austin Schukar (B) Brenden Wasmuth (B) Lexie Schukar	17	18 (B) Jordan Walk	19 (B) Owen Roberts
20 (B) Bill Wasmuth (B) Phil Richards	21	22	23 (B) Eugene Schaal (B) Kim Kloss (B) Tim Schaal	24 (A) Alan & Loretta Harrison 62	25 (B) Kevin Gramlick (B) Lauren Wasmuth	26
27 (A) Chad & Mandi Austin 98 (B) Janet Williams (B) Spencer Summann (B) Tucker Meseke	28 (B) Chad Austin	29 (B) Pam Stein	30			

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June, 2021

What comes to mind when you think of the month of June? Weddings? Father's Day (it's the 20th)? Baseball? Vacation? Cycling? Swimming? Golf? What do you think of?

Now there is certainly nothing wrong with any of those in and of themselves, but if these or anything else distract us from something which is more important, they can be harmful. We hear all too often about the perils of distracted driving – whatever the cause – and the harm that often results. In the spiritual realm, the results have eternal consequences. So, what distracts you?

Our lives are full of distractions that hamper our spiritual life. They draw us away from reading the Scriptures, spending time in prayer, joining in worship with our fellow believers in Christ, or missing out on receiving the body and blood of Jesus regularly in the Lord's Supper. When our attention is drawn away from Christ, it could even be perilous to our spiritual life. We may run off the road and dive into the ditch of despair, collide with complacency, or smash into the brick wall of unbelief.

Consider Martha:

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

In this passage, Martha busies herself with serving her guests. Now, of course, serving others is a very good thing; it is even something Scripture calls us to do as children of God. But this passage reminds us that even good things can become dangerous distractions when they prevent us from the one thing needful: Christ Himself given to us in Word and Sacrament – the very stuff of eternal life.

Summer is a great time for family vacations, day trips to various places, home projects, or recreation – all very good things, and important to our family and personal life. But we must be careful so that these and other good gifts of God don't become distractions from the most important gift of God; the one gift of God which serves us not just in this temporal life but is all

about our life in His eternal kingdom; the one thing needful; Jesus Christ. It is true that while on our vacations and day trips we can see evidences of the God of all creation in the nature we behold. However, the fullness of God in Christ is promised to be revealed and given to us only in and through His Word and Sacraments.

So if you're on vacation, and have the opportunity to attend a faithful LCMS Church somewhere within an hour of where you'll be on a Sunday morning, why would you not take advantage of the chance to receive the life giving gifts of Christ in that place? Icing on the cake: In going out of your way to attend church even when away on vacation you are teaching your children just how important the reception of God's gifts is – to you and to them.

Likewise, summer is a great time to spend time with the One in whom "*we live and move and have our being.*" (Acts 17:28a). Daily devotions are a great family or personal activity with which to start and/or end the day and, as summer creates changes in routine, it can be a great time to make this a new habit for yourself and/or your family. Devotions don't need to be complicated or long. The invocation, a brief passage of Scripture, the Apostles' Creed, a short prayer and the Lord's Prayer, Luther's morning or evening prayer, reading portions of the Small Catechism, a benediction from Scripture; some of these elements can be put into a brief devotional, or all could be used together in a longer one. If you would like some guidance in this area, I am always happy to give any counsel needed.

As you serve the very legitimate needs of yourself and your family for vacation, rest, and recreation, do not neglect to be served by the One who came to serve. For in your coming to receive God's gifts in Christ, you are actively encouraging others toward the same by your own witness. When we join together around Christ's Word and sacrament we are confessing to ourselves and others the importance of what goes on in the midst of our Holy God, and reminded that all of these worldly things (good gifts that they are for us now) will pass away, but Christ's Word will never pass away. So let us rejoice in all of the good gifts of summer, but let us not allow them to distract us from the great eternal gifts which are ours in Christ long after the summer is past. In and through our participation in the body of Christ, we are even now actively participating in the everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness which we will receive in full when Christ returns.

God bless you this summer and always.

Pastor Landskroener

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 25, 2021

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

Minutes from the January 10, 2021 voters meeting were printed in the church newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: Klaire Leanne Smith, Mackenzie Leigh Smith, Paisley Renee Slout

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

A motion was made to accept the new communicant members, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly report was presented. Copies of this report will be included with the church newsletter. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

- Elders have been meeting with the pastor monthly.
- Easter service and activities went well.
- Due to a relaxing of the COVID restrictions, the tape has been removed from the pews and the floor in the church. While COVID is not gone, it is up to each individual member to take the precautions of social distancing and mask wearing as they see fit. There has been no change to the procedures for communion at this time. That will be considered as the easing of restrictions due to the pandemic continues.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor continues to perform his duties to the church, including meetings, visitations, funerals, Baptisms, etc. A copy of the pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

Trustees' Report:

- A portion of the parking area has been re-graveled. The remainder will be completed at a later time. Thanks to Doug Stine for bringing his tractor and loader to make the job a lot easier.
- Minor repairs have been completed on the church property as required.

- A work day for repairs to the church will be scheduled for a later date. We have some loose ceiling tiles and trim that needs to be addressed. Your help will be greatly appreciated when the time comes.

Sunday school:

- We had a big turnout for the Easter service and egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. The children really appreciate it.
- As always, more people are encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. When you bring your children and/or grandchildren to attend Sunday school, please feel free to come to the parish hall and join in the learning.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

Hope to have the veterans' monument donated by the American Legion installed by Memorial Day. It will be placed directly in front of the flagpole in the cemetery.

Old Business:

At the last meeting, the synod asked for our congregational approval for the postponement of the synodical convention until 2023 due to the pandemic. We submitted our vote for approval, and have received confirmation of our vote. The measure passed by a high margin and the convention will be postponed.

New Business:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is back after taking a year off for the pandemic. It is scheduled for July 26th through the 30th. Please mark this down on your calendars to make sure you can bring your children and help with the learning and fellowship for our young people.

The Lighthouse Pregnancy Center's baby bottle campaign will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Please make sure to watch for the bottles in the narthex.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mother's Day – LWML Ministry
- Father's 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

Immanuel Lutheran Church Augsburg
Shobonier, Illinois

Pastor's Report for April, 2021 Council/Voter's Meetings

Baptism:

January 17 - Klaire Leanne Smith
January 17 - Mackenzie Leigh Smith
February 28 - Paisley Renee Slout

Funeral:

March 19 - Arleen Sasse (died March 15)

Transfer out: February 2 - Curt & Lori Meseke to St, John Lutheran Church, Effingham, IL

Visitations:

Shut-ins - 7
Hospital - 3
Other - 21

First Quarter

2021

Beg. Balance	January 1, 2021	\$78,471.30
Total Received		\$36,168.32
Total Paid Out		(\$40,071.05)
Ending Balance	March 31, 2021	\$74,568.57

Synod Missions collected	\$2,450.00
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Lutheran World Relief	\$100.00
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Bethesda	\$55.00
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Lighthouse Pregnancy Center	\$65.00
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District Deaf	\$94.00
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Lutheran School for the Deaf (Jacksonville)	\$85.00
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St. Louis Seminary	\$80.00
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Fort Wayne Seminary	\$172.00
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LCMS Disaster Response	\$200.00
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Lutheran Child & Family of IL	\$70.00
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Memorials

Building	\$225.00
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Dedicated Funds

Home	3/31	\$76,047.01
Building Fund	3/31	(\$8,471.21)
Cemetary Fund	3/31	\$3,845.25

Dennis Lange & Scott Torbeck would like to thank their Church Family for all their thoughts, prayers, cards, food and kind words while they are recovering. God's Blessings to all

Rural King presented our congregation with a check for \$197.42 from Church week. Thanks to everyone that made purchases at Rural King during Church week.

SEA Lutheran Layman's League – Summer Rally, **Sunday, June 13, 2021, 6:00 pm** at Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway, IL. See flyer on the bulletin board.

Links for Life Golf Tournament – to benefit Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Indian Springs Golf Course. See flyer on the bulletin board.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

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

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.

CORLHS Sterling Evening Dinner and Auction 2021 Update: Plans are underway for the 2021 Sterling Evening Dinner and Auction. While we are not able to gather in March, we are hopeful to have it ***the third weekend in July***. Much still depends on what we are able to do safely. Watch for future updates and thank you again for your support.

Augsburg is collecting Christian materials, Bibles, Portals of Prayer, Sunday School and VBS materials, Lutheran Witness, books, etc., to be given to the mission in Butler to distribute worldwide. Please put them on the table in the middle of the basement.

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.

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

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@augsburchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

Want to learn more about the Augsburg Church and area history? 100th anniversary books are still available for sale. They are only \$15.00.



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With coins, cash, or checks

**Our Baby Bottle Boomerang goal
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Pick up your bottle TODAY!

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Creation Word Search

The account of the creation of the world is one of the most amazing portions of the Bible. We've hidden 32 words from Genesis 1 in this puzzle. First, find the words in the list below. Then answer the question at the bottom of the page. Words may appear in any direction in the puzzle.



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BEGINNING
BIRDS
CREATE
CREATURES
DARKNESS
DAY
EARTH
EMPTY
EVENING
EXPANSE
FEMALE

FISH
FORMLESS
FRUIT
GOD
HEAVENS
LAND
LIGHT
LIVESTOCK
MALE
MAN
MORNING

NIGHT
PLANTS
SEAS
SEASONS
SKY
TREES
VEGETATION
WATERS
YEARS

How did God describe his creation? That word is also hidden in the puzzle. Can you find it?

