

Augsburg Church

March 2021

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	1 (B) Jordan Williams	2 (B) Janet Schukar	3	4	5 (B) Shelley Dothager	6
7	8 (B) Cooper Meseke (B) Sarah Sasse	9	10 (B) David Kruenegel (B) Sydney Austin	11	12	13 (B) Norma Gable
14 (B) David Schukar	15 (B) Melissa Sasse	16	17 (B) Mallory Koch	18 (B) Benton Hickerson	19 (B) Macy Cripe (B) Maddi Cripe	20 (B) Cathy Dothager (B) Sherry Courson (B) Tracy Schmid
21	22	23	24	25	26 (B) Michael Gable	27 (B) Charles Wasmuth Jr. (B) Nathan Collier
28 (A) Errol & Linda Rhodes 80	29 (B) Tracy Greene	30	31 (B) Stephanie Craig			

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Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! . . . ⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:1, 8)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I can't believe it's been a year since I was installed as your pastor. So I thought I'd reminisce a little.

Shortly after I was installed, Lent began but was cut short by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Though services were canceled, I still prepared and preached a sermon that was recorded for the website. Then Karen Torbeck asked if we could do the service on Facebook Live. Of course, we can. After a while, some began to attend while the recording was made, and then we celebrated the Sacrament. We missed the rest of the Lenten season, along with Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday), and, of course, Easter. It was very strange, to say the least.

Once we resumed in-person services (with due precautions), the Facebook services ended. After all, the Church gathers to hear God's Word and receive His gifts. It truly is not the same on the internet. Something vital is missing – being with fellow Christians and communing with them and our Lord.

Things seemed like they were getting somewhat back to normal, though we still take temperatures, wear masks, sit a bit apart, and avoid physical contact as much as possible. We've resumed Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. We celebrated Christmas, including the Children's program. Through it all God has richly blessed us.

Even with all that, something is still missing. Not everyone is back. Some were, and maybe still are, concerned about catching the virus, or passing it on to others, or because they were quarantined because they had been exposed to someone who had it, or had contracted it themselves. Still, God is gracious and His gifts continue to be given. So we pray that with the number of new cases going down, a vaccination available, and the weather starting to warm up a little, everyone would soon join us again to celebrate as God's people all together.

Then, on Wednesday, February 10, Kathy and I were in an accident which left us in an upside down car and sitting in icy water. By the grace and mercy of God, someone found us and

called for help. The responders did a wonderful job. We are forever grateful to the first responders from St. Peter, Brownstown, and St. Elmo. They were God's means for our rescue.

We thank God that we were not seriously hurt or worse. We also learned that it's hard not to have a cell phone. Not only for the convenience, but also because of the contact information we have in them. And, of course, with so many people using text messaging as their primary form of communication, we, or at least, I felt a bit disconnected.

Praise God, the cell phone has been replaced, along with most of the contact info. Then, of course, we needed to replace my car. And God provided for that need too – with a 1999 Olds 88. It's the first time we've had a car that was old enough to legally drink alcohol.

Now, the night of the accident, I couldn't sleep. So I got up, went downstairs, and started reading the Psalms. When I read Psalm 4, I thought how appropriate it was for that very time.

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Thank God for His Word and His promises. And those promises are for you too. I encourage you to read God's Word each day, and especially the Psalms. What a treasure they are! To help you with that, I prepare Congregation at Prayer each week. Copies are available on the table in the narthex.

As we continue in this Lenten season and look forward to celebrating Easter, God be with us and bless us as we repent of our sins, trust in Jesus and all that He has done, and continues to do, for us. To Christ alone be all the glory, forever and ever, amen.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Landskroener

Please join us for our Lenten midweek, Holy Week, and Easter services:

March 3 - Lent 2 midweek - *The Compassionate Word* - John 19:26-27

March 10 - Lent 3 midweek - *The Faithful Word* - Matthew 27:46

March 17 - Lent 4 midweek - *The Suffering Word* - John 19:28

March 24 - Lent 5 midweek - *The Dying Word* - Luke 23:46

April 1 - Maundy Thursday - *The Remembering Word* - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

April 2 - Good Friday - *The Fulfilled Word* - John 19:30

April 4 - Easter - *The Vindicated Word* - Luke 24:1-12

God bless you on your Lenten journey and bring you to a joyous Easter celebration.

Lenten Service Special offerings: 3rd – St. Louis Sem. 4th – Lighthouse Pregnancy 5th – Lutheran School for the Deaf (Jacksonville) 6th – District Deaf Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

Thank you for the prayers for Roxie Higgins. She is doing much better. Keith Torbeck

DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is an on-demand podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Hosea. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Center is hosting their 2021 Annual Fundraising Banquet March 25th. See Flyer in Narthex for details.

Camp Cilca Lowdown – See flyer in the Narthex.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

Tre Ore Meditations on the Seven Words of Christ from the Cross will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on April 2nd Good Friday beginning at noon. See flyer in Narthex for more details.

Church Week @ Rural King – Purchases must be made March 14th – 27th. The receipts must be uploaded by April 1, 2021. Plan your purchases at Rural King for those 2 weeks. Turn receipts into Scott Torbeck and he will submit. Rural King will donate 10% of qualifying receipts to our Church. We received over \$200, last year.

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@augsburchurch.com or Church email augsburchurch@augsburchurch.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, 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.

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 or phone number? 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@augsburchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

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