

Augsburg Church

November 2021

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	1	2	3 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am New member welcome	8	9	10 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13
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	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 Collier	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				

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November, 2021

Dearly Beloved,

November is a month for remembering. It starts with All Saints' Day on November 1 when we remember the saints who now rest from their labors. On November 10, we celebrate the birth of Martin Luther in 1483. On November 11, we observe Veterans Day, as we remember those who have served in our armed forces. On Thanksgiving Eve (November 24) at 7:00 pm, we remember and give thanks for the many blessings we have received from God, and from others. On November 28, the first Sunday in Advent, we celebrate the beginning of another Church Year and remember the gifts of grace we've received even as we look forward to Christ's return in glory and judgment.

Now, I can't talk about all of these in one article, but I would like to draw your attention to All Saints' Day, which we will celebrate on Sunday, November 7. And what a wondrous day it is! In fact, the Lutheran Confessions give us three reasons to honor them. The first honor is thanksgiving: "We should thank God for showing examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church. . . . The second honor is the strengthening of our faith: when we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we are encouraged to believe that grace does indeed abound more than sin (Rom. 4:20). The third honor is the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues, which each should imitate in accordance with his calling." (Ap XXI, Tappert 229-230).

So as we celebrate All Saints' Day, we celebrate the blessings of God on all the saints of the Holy Christian Church who have been freed by death from this vale of tears. They have entered their rest in Christ, even as they await their resurrection! Their gift of eternal life that began in baptism continues even in the grave and will find its fulfillment when our Lord Jesus returns to raise them from the dead. These saints include the saints of old as well as our loved ones who have died in the faith and now rest from their labors. Hymn 679 "Oh, How Blest Are They" beautifully describes the joy of the day.

1 Oh, how blest are they whose toils are ended,
Who through death have unto God ascended!
They have arisen
From the cares which keep us still in prison.

2 We are still as in a dungeon living,
Still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving;
Our undertakings
Are but toils and troubles and heartbreakings.

3 They meanwhile are in their chambers
sleeping,

Quiet and set free from all their weeping;
No cross or sadness
There can hinder their untroubled gladness.

4 Christ has wiped away their tears forever;
They have that for which we still endeavor.
By them are chanted
Songs that ne'er to mortal ears were granted.

5 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that
bind us;

Lead us forth and cast this world behind us.
With You, the Anointed,
Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.
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Now, as we celebrate and honor the saints, we remember that they are not angels. They have not received their wings. The Bible doesn't say they watch over us. So we certainly don't worship them or pray to them, but it is still quite proper to honor those who have gone before us into the Kingdom of Glory. However, we have no command from God to pray to them or any promise that they hear us. We also do not trust in their merits or good works for anything, and we do not trust in them to get us to heaven. For they did not die for our sins and we are not accounted righteous for their sakes. That honor belongs to Christ Jesus alone, for He is the only One through whom we are certain that our sins are forgiven. He is the only One whose death is sufficient sacrifice for our sins. He is the only One whose merits benefit us since He is the only One to have kept and fulfilled God's Law perfectly. He is the only One through whom we pray to our heavenly Father.

So even as we honor the saints, we "thank, praise, serve, and obey" our Lord who gave them forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation even as He gives them to us.

And this is why the Divine Service is so important for us. Indeed, it is central to the Christian life. After all, when we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, we join with the "angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven" standing in God's presence, singing His praises, and giving Him all honor and glory. We also rejoice to receive from Him the Body and Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. In that blessed Meal we get a foretaste of the feast to come. So, as we participate in the liturgy by receiving God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Word and Sacrament, and responding with prayers and hymns of honor and praise, we are rehearsing for that great feast which will have no end. What we do now prepares us for what we will do for eternity.

God grant each of us so to rejoice in honoring and communing with the saints that we wouldn't miss any opportunity to do so. God bless your All Saints' Day celebration.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting
October 10, 2021

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

Minutes from the July 11, 2021 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.

Tellers were appointed for the election of church officers. Tellers were Jerry Schukar, Bob Williams, and Susan Williams.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: Madison Lotz

Baptisms: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

A motion was made to accept the new Communicant member, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Elders' Report:

Elders have been meeting with the pastor on a regular basis.

Members are encouraged to contact the elders with questions that they may have regarding the church.

Pastor's Report:

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

LYF: No Report

Trustees' Report:

Minor repairs have been completed on the church property as required.

A new window will be ordered to replace the bad one on the east side of the church.

Trustees received bids for church maintenance for 2022. They were as follows:

- Custodian – Karen Torbeck \$5,300.00
- Church Prep – Karen Torbeck \$3,200.00
- Mowing & Snow removal (sidewalks), basement step maintenance – Steve Lotz \$5,400.00

A motion was made to accept the bids as presented, seconded, and approved.

An annual budget for the church was also presented for 2022, and is as follows:

- Home \$127,000.00
- Synod \$10,000.00

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, and approved.

Sunday school:

Sunday school is going well, but more students are always welcome. The children's Christmas program is coming soon, and we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. Please come join in the learning and discussion about the bible and its teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

Lights on the flagpole are an ongoing issue. Will continue to search for a solution to this issue.

Old Business:

With the closing of Pro Build, we anticipated an issue in finding replacement windows for the church. However, a new source of these windows has been found through RP Lumber. The warranty will not be honored, but at least we can find windows when we need them.

New Business:

Elections:

- Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Denny Lange (volunteer)
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: John Moyer
- Treasurer: Scott Torbeck
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Finance Man: Denny Lange and Dave Wadsmuth (both volunteer)
- Financial Reviewer: Rick Sasse (outgoing elder appointee)
- Parish Hall Director: Scott and Karen Torbeck (volunteer)

Note: Denny Meseke was released as a finance man at his request.

A standing motion was made to accept the voting results and the new officers.

The tellers were released and thank for their service.

A discussion was held concerning the treasurer's position. Scott Torbeck will no longer be able to continue these duties after this 2022 term. We ask that someone from the congregation step up and take over this position while there is time to work with Scott in the 4th quarter of 2022 to learn the system. Please consider this and let one of the elders or Scott know that you are interested.

A motion was made to pay the treasurer \$100 per month for their time and work on the church finances. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Thanksgiving: Lutheran World Relief
- First Advent: The Lutheran Hour
- Christmas Eve: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Candlelight Service: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Christmas Day: KFUE
- New Year's Eve Issues, Etc.

A motion was made to accept the special collections, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Salary:

After considering and discussing district guidelines for salary and the Concordia Plan insurance and retirement funding, a motion was made to increase the Pastor's current salary level by 3% and maintain the Concordia Plan and retirement funding. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

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 Pastor's Report October, 2021 Council/Voter's Meetings

Funeral: September 25 - Bill Wasmuth (died September 21)

Transfers: In - Madison Lotz from St. Peter Lutheran Church, St. Peter, IL

Visitations: Shut-ins -- 9
Hospital -- 6
Other (home and at church) - 5

Other: Vacation Bible School - July 12-16
Continuing Education - July 26-28 - Bugenhagen Conference
Vacation - August 23-31

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Nov. 7th – Make sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

The members of Augsburg are invited to join St. Peter church for a hymn sing. The first practice is Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's. The hymn sing will be Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 pm with a catered meal.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

Mark your calendars – There will be a dinner honoring all recent confirmands and new members to be held November 7th, immediately after services. Ladies Aid will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

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.

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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.

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

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

Ladies Aid cookbooks are still available for \$10.00. Contact Linda Rhodes

Church Directories are available for those that have not picked theirs up yet. Please contact Scott Torbeck to get your directory.

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.



Bible Word Search: Power in Your Words!!

contributed by Nickcola Webster

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the **mystery answer**. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

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Be silent, Bible, Blessing, Colossians, Conqueror, Declare, Favor, Glory, Gods will, Grateful, Happiness, Holy Spirit, Honor, Hope, Humility, Inspiring, Jesus, Joy, Love, Matthew, Mercy, Mouth, Nurturing, Promises, Proverbs, Respectful, Romans, Speak life, Strength, Success, Testimony, Thankful, Truth, Uplifting, Yes and amen

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