

Augsburg Church

February 2022

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 (B) JoAnn Givins (B) Leland Schaal | 4 (B) Sandra Kleinik | 5 (B) Errol Rhodes |
| 6 (B) Paula Gephart | 7 | 8 (B) Daniel Summann (B) Evelyn Meseke | 9 (B) Mackenzie Smith | 10 (B) Ed Atwood (B) Melody Smith | 11 (B) Lucy Newcomb (B) Ryan Summann | 12 (B) Ryan Schmollinger |
| 13 | 14 | 15 (B) Ashli Fenton (B) Wesley Rogers | 16 | 17 | 18 (B) Brad Grandt | 19 |
| 20 (B) Klaire Smith | 21 (B) Makenna Dothager (B) Makenna Kleinik | 22 (B) Jamie Tischhauser | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 (B) Christopher Cole (B) Harlan Schukar |
| 27 | 28 (B) John Moyer | | | | | |

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February, 2022

Dear Lambs of the Good Shepherd,

Valentine's Day turns our thoughts to romantic, or sentimental, love. But when the Bible talks about love, it does not mean some kind of sentimental feeling or emotion. It certainly doesn't have anything to do with red hearts, paper doilies, or greeting cards. Rather, it mostly has in mind a totally selfless and self-giving love toward another. And of course, the primary example of such love is God Himself. After all, "God is love." (1 John 4:8, 16). It's His very nature. Everything He does is for the benefit of another, especially His dear children whom He has adopted through Baptism.

God the Father loved us in such a way that He sent His only-begotten Son to die for the sins of the world so that people could be forgiven and in turn love one another. And that's where we see the close connection between love and forgiveness. In fact, that connection is so close, they cannot be separated. Love forgives and forgiveness flows from love. So Jesus Christ is not only the greatest example of love, but is also the source and power of our love – for Him and for one another. He is Love in the flesh who gave Himself into death on the cross for us so that we would be forgiven.

Now, since He has forgiven us, "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). This is important because "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8). He didn't wait for us to straighten up and get our act together. "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:4-5). "You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." (Col. 2:13-14). Yes, love and forgiveness go together.

Since God so loves and forgives us all our sins, we also are to love and forgive others who sin against us. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses and we forgive those who trespass against us." He also told of an unforgiving servant to teach us the danger of being unforgiving, or carrying a grudge (Matt. 18:21-35). After all, God says, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20). So, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:7-11). "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Pet. 4:8). Yes, love and forgiveness go together.

And finally, "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade

itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a).

God grant you to know such love and forgiveness that you too love and forgive others.
And have a Happy Valentine’s Day too.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Landskroener

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting
January 9, 2022

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

Minutes from the October 10, 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 special election of a church elder. Tellers were Michael Bauer, Bob Williams, and Susan Williams.

Members:

Voting members: Keith and Francis Cole

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

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

Treasurer's Report:

The annual treasurer's report was presented. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

All is going well. The elders continue to meet with the pastor on a regular basis.

Pastor's Report:

A copy of the pastor's annual report is included with these minutes.

Trustees' Report:

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

Sunday school:

The Christmas program was another success. There were 18 children that participated in the program, and they did a wonderful job. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making the program happen. The kids, parents, and grandparents, as well as the rest of the congregation appreciate all you do. As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school every week.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. Remember, everyone is invited to attend. So please come join in the discussion about the Bible and its teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The congregation has been asked to make a nomination for Circuit Visitor. The Church Council made the recommendation that Pastor Manley from the Bethlehem Church be a delegate. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Circuit Forum is on February 6, 2022 at St. Peter. Pastor Landskroener and Steve Hickerson will attend on behalf of the church.

District Convention in Springfield, Illinois is coming up this summer. Pastor Landskroener and Kathy Landskroener will attend on behalf of the church.

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

Doug Stine was elected as the new elder in the special election.

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

The tellers were released and thanked for their service.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the first quarter:

- Ash Wednesday – Fort Wayne Seminary
- 2nd Lenten – Bethesda
- 3rd Lenten – St. Louis Seminary
- 4th Lenten – Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
- 5th Lenten – Lutheran School for the Deaf, Jacksonville
- 6th Lenten – District Deaf Ministry
- Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

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 - Shobonier, IL

Annual Financial Report

Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2021

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Disbursed</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Balance on Hand - Jan. 1, 2021 | | | \$ 79,294.95 |
| <u>Received from</u> | | | |
| Envelopes | \$ 115,041.82 | | |
| Loose | \$ 15,609.66 | | |
| Interest | \$ 75.76 | | |
| Church Memorials | \$ - | | |
| Thrivent Choice | \$ 304.00 | | |
| Sunday School | \$ 75.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$ 632.42 | | |
| Total Received | \$ 131,738.66 | | |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | |
| Pastor's Salary & Housing | | \$ 49,891.28 | |
| Pastor's Concordia Plan | | \$ 27,063.84 | |
| Pastor's Tax Assistance | | \$ 1,499.04 | |
| Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement | | \$ 2,813.64 | |
| Guest Speaker | | \$ 600.00 | |
| Vacancy / Guest Speaker mileage | | \$ 248.64 | |
| Continuing Educatuion (Pastor) | | \$ 150.00 | |
| Parsonage Utilities | | \$ 2,511.77 | |
| Church Maintenance | | \$ 2,305.82 | |
| Custodian's Salary | | \$ 13,700.00 | |
| Church Utilities | | \$ 6,921.42 | |
| Church Insurance | | \$ 15,590.33 | |
| Church Supplies | | \$ 1,430.00 | |
| Organist Salary | | \$ 3,300.00 | |
| Office Supplies | | \$ 3,949.79 | |
| Secretary Salary | | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Social Security Church Payment | | \$ 1,250.71 | |
| Treasurer Salary | | \$ 300.00 | |
| Lutheran Witness | | \$ 824.06 | |
| Portals of Prayer | | \$ 179.55 | |
| Sunday School & VBS | | \$ 560.36 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | | \$ 100.00 | |
| Organist Mileage | | \$ 568.96 | |
| Total Disbursed | | \$ 137,759.21 | |
| Balance on Hand - Dec. 31, 2021 | | | \$ 73,274.40 |

| | <u>Received</u> | <u>Disbursed</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|---|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Cemetery Fund</u> | | | |
| Balance on Hand - Jan. 1, 2021 | | | \$ 3,879.64 |
| Received for Fund | \$ 1,280.00 | | |
| Disbursed from Fund | | \$ 408.55 | |
| Balance on Hand - Dec. 31, 2021 | | | \$ 4,751.09 |
| <u>Building Fund</u> | | | |
| Balance on Hand - Jan. 1, 2021 | | | \$ (7,850.81) |
| Received From | | | |
| Envelopes/Donations for use | \$ 170.00 | | |
| Loose | \$ 6,894.20 | | |
| Total Received | \$ 7,064.20 | | |
| Expenses | | | |
| Building Funds | | \$ 363.40 | |
| Parsonage Repairs | | \$ 188.73 | |
| Church Repairs | | \$ 1,314.16 | |
| Total Disbursed | | \$ 1,866.29 | |
| Balance on Hand - Dec. 31, 2021 | | | \$ (2,652.90) |
| <u>Mission Work</u> | | | |
| Received From Envelopes (Synod) | \$ 12,500.00 | | |
| Total Disbursed to Synod | | \$ 12,500.00 | |
| Special Envelopes Missions | \$ 668.50 | | |
| Holiday Service Missions | \$ 3,742.00 | | |
| Total Received Special Missions | \$ 4,410.50 | | |
| Total Missions Disbursed | | \$ 4,410.50 | |
| <u>Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Funds Received</u> | | | |
| Choice Dollars | \$ 304.00 | | |
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| Balance on Hand (All Funds) - Jan. 1, 2021 | | | \$ 78,471.30 |
| Received All Funds | \$ 156,917.60 | | |
| Disbursed All Funds | | \$ (156,868.79) | |
| Balance on Hand (All Funds) - Dec. 31, 2021 | | | \$ 78,520.11 |

Immanuel Lutheran Church Augsburg
Shobonier, Illinois

Pastor's Report for January, 2022 Council/Voter's Meetings

Baptisms:

January 17 - Klaire Leanne Smith
January 17 - Mackenzie Leigh Smith
February 28 - Paisley Renee Slout
May 15 - Maleah Odessia Brooks

Confirmation: May 30 - Jordan Walk and Bella Austin (examination May 24)

Funerals:

March 19 - Arleen Sasse (died March 15)
June 4 - Interment Gary Meseke (for his pastor)
June 14 - Eileen Ehrat (for Pastor Meyer at St. Peter)
September 25 - Bill Wasmuth (died September 21)

Transfers out:

February 2 - Curt & Lori Meseke to St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham, IL
May 28 - Jenni Harrison to Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IL
May 28 - Christy Curry & Lucas to Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, IL

Transfers in:

September 9 - Madison Lotz from St. Peter Lutheran Church, St. Peter, IL

2021 Summary

Sunday Services 51
Average Attendance 63
Average Communed 51

Evening Services 15
Average Attendance 27
Average Communed 20 (4 services)

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

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The St. Paul (Blue Point) Men's Club annual sausage and pancake supper is set for Sunday, January 30. It will be a drive through event with sausage and pancake meals. Packaged rope, cooked rope, and bulk ground sausage will be available. Serving begins at 4:00 pm. The church is located 4 miles north and 2 miles east of Altamont. Questions may be addressed to Jeff Wendling at 618-483-6690.

Ladies' Aid will meet Feb. 2nd at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Hall. Plan to attend.

Trivia Night Fundraiser at Immanuel, Altamont Parish Hall- Mark your calendars for February 11th! The LCMS Gathering youth will be holding a trivia night fundraiser. Doors open at 6:30, trivia starts at 7 pm! \$10 per participant. Max 10 ppl in a group. Come with a group or come by yourself! \$2 per person discount will be given to those who sign up on or before Feb. 1st. Text Sara Ruding 618-704-8510.

Please Sign attendance books in the pew, so Pastor is better able to serve you.

Hayden Rensner, our missionary in the Czech Republic has sent a letter to us. Please see her letter posted in the Narthex.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday will be observed on March 2, 2022. Join us at 7:00pm for our worship service.

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.

Joke of the day

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group. "It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.



Bible Word Search: The Good Shepherd

contributed by Donna

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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Answer

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