

# Augsburg Church

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

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Dear Lambs of the Good Shepherd,

During the forty days of Lent, God's baptized people cleanse their hearts through the discipline of Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is a time in which God's people prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast (Easter). It is a time in which God renews His people's zeal in faith and life. It is a time in which we pray that we may be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. (Treasury of Daily Prayer - Ash Wednesday (CPH, page 26)).

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. We will gather at 7:00 PM. We will not impose ashes, but we will confess our sins, receive absolution, hear God's Word, pray, receive our Lord's Body and Blood. This will prepare us for the rest of the season to prepare us for a proper celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

The following midweek services will give us the opportunity to further prepare our hearts and minds as we focus on God's Word. Our theme this year is "Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion." St. John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That's because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That's God's gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

The schedule of the services and preachers follows:

March 2, Ash Wednesday: *John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34  
March 9, Rev. Ryan Meyer: *Peter*, John 18:12–27  
March 16, Rev. Marcus Manley: *Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha*, John 12:1–11  
March 23, Rev. Timothy Landskroener: *Barabbas*, John 18:33–40  
March 30, Rev. David Hoehler: *Pontius Pilate*, John 19:1–16  
April 6, Rev. Michael Feldman: *Malchus*, John 18:1–11  
April 14, Maundy (Holy) Thursday: *Judas Iscariot*, John 13:21–30  
April 15, Good Friday: *John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37  
April 17, The Resurrection of Our Lord: *Mary Magdalene*, John 20:1–18

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Landskroener

**For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener**

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

**Lenten Offerings:** Ash Wednesday – Ft. Wayne Seminary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten – Bethesda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten – St. Louis Seminary, 4<sup>th</sup> Lenten – Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Lenten – Lutheran School for the Deaf (Jacksonville), 6<sup>th</sup> Lenten – District Deaf Ministry, Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

**Rural King Church Week** – See thank you letter from Vandalia Rural King in Narthex. Augsburg received \$227.70 for participating with Church Week. Thanks to everyone that made purchases and submitted their receipts.

**St. John's Effingham LYF** will be hosting a Fish Fry on March 11, 2022 from 4 – 7 pm. They are selling tickets in advance; however, there will be tickets available at the door. Please come and enjoy fellowship, great food, and support our Youth. We will also be having a bake sale this night. See flyer in the Narthex.

**Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Make sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

**Lighthouse Pregnancy and Health Services** are hosting their annual fundraising banquet March 24 & 25. See flyer in the Narthex for details & how to make your reservation.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**2022 Camp Cilca programs** are available in the Narthex. Correction to the printed program, "Night Owl Camp" is June 19-24 instead of July 19-24.

### 33. Brother Sins Against You

#### Matthew 18-22 AMP

If your brother wrongs you, go and show him his fault, between you and him privately. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two others, so that every word may be confirmed and upheld by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

If he pays no attention to them [refusing to listen and obey], tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a pagan and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you forbid and declare to be improper and unlawful on earth must be what is already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit and declare proper and lawful on earth must be what is already permitted in heaven.

Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.

For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as My followers) in (into) My name, there I AM in the midst of them.

Then Peter came up to Him and said, Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I forgive him and let it go? [As many as] up to seven times?

Jesus answered him, I tell you, not up to seven times, but seventy times seven!



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| DONE      | PAGAN     | TESTIMONY |
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| FORBIDDEN | PETER     | WRONGS    |