

Augsburg Church

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (B) Greg Parrish	2	3	4	5 (B) Alex Gramlick (B) Renee Smith	6	7 (B) Shelby Kleinik
8	9 (A) Josh and Rachel Koonce 15	10 (A) Greg & Amy Schaal 86 (B) Ashtin Harrison	11	12	13	14
15 (B) Bob Lotz	16	17 (B) Amanda Torbeck	18 (B) Alex Kleinik	19 (B) Rachel Brooks (B) Shelby Sasse	20 (B) Bea Cearlock (B) Betty Rethorn	21 (B) Janice Torbeck
22	23 (B) Alan Gephart	24 (B) Albert Wefer	25 (B) Zach McCaslin	26 (B) Hallye Tischhauser	27 (B) Arthur Schukar (B) Dennis Meseke (B) Eleanor Newcomb (B) Matthew Sasse	28 (B) Fran Schaal (B) Logan Sasse (B) Thomas Wolf
29	30 (A) Adam and Jamie Tischhauser 15 (A) Thomas & Denise Wolf 99	31				

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1 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	2 7:00 pm Ladies Aid	3	4 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	5	6	7
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Ladies Aid will meet on May 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each women's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging Christian women to live their lives in active mission ministries, and support missions around the world. We encourage all ladies of the congregation to support the work of the LWML by taking part in our MITE offering, **NEXT SUNDAY (May 8th)** We thank you for your past support and pray for your continued support.

St. Peter's Lutheran School and Little Saints Preschool & Daycare will be holding our Annual Open House on Monday, May 2 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

2022 Baby Bottle Campaign for Lighthouse Pregnancy Center from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Pick up your baby bottle to help with this fundraiser. **6th Annual Golf for Life Tournament** will be held July 9th. See flyer for details & registration.

QUALITY, QUANTITY, QUALIFIED... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: The Movie "Father Stu," The Vocation of Mother, 4th Century Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria, The Jerusalem Council and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is today. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Hymn Sing celebrating the 175th Anniversary of LCMS on May 1st. See Flyer in the Narthex for more details.

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.

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

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@augsburchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

May, 2022

Mother's Day is May 8. It's a day to honor your mother and remember that she gave you life. The culture around us says you should do that by buying her cards, flowers, candy, and gifts, as well as taking her out to eat. And it is most certainly good, right, and important to show love and honor to your mother; after all, the Fourth Commandment enjoins us to do just that. Yet, showing such love and honor to your mother shouldn't happen only one day a year; it should happen every day. And the love and honor you show your mother doesn't depend on whether she is still living or not. For you show love and honor for your mother as you live as she taught you and lead a life that would please her, especially remaining in the Christian faith. And all this applies to your grandmothers and/or adoptive mothers too.

Furthermore, besides God's command, you have the example of Jesus who honored His mother, Mary, who carried Him and gave Him birth. Because she conceived by the Holy Spirit and her Son is the Son of God, she is rightly called the Mother of God. She cared for Him and, with Joseph, saw that He was raised according to God's Word. He honored her most when, as He hung dying on the cross, He commended her into the care of His beloved disciple, John. What love and honor He showed toward His mother.

Now, as the Church celebrates holidays, even secular ones, she does so because they direct us to Christ. Of course, true Church holidays, including every Sunday as a celebration of Christ's resurrection, are much more important and deserve top priority in our lives.

So, for now, I want to draw your attention to a different kind of Mothers' Day celebration. And that is to celebrate the Church as your Mother. After all, the Holy Spirit gave you the new birth through the Church and feeds and nourishes you through her as well. And how does that happen? Consider Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Creed in his Large Catechism:

⁴⁰ Learn, then, to understand this article most clearly. You may be asked, "What do you mean by the words *I believe in the Holy Spirit?*"

You can then answer, "I believe that the Holy Spirit makes me holy, as His name implies."

⁴¹ "But how does He accomplish this, or what are His method and means to this end?"

Answer, "By the Christian Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. ⁴² For in the first place, the Spirit has His own congregation in the world, which is the mother that conceives and bears every Christian through God's Word [[Galatians 4:26](#)]. Through the Word He reveals and preaches, He illumines and enkindles hearts, so that they understand, accept, cling to, and persevere in the Word" [[1 Corinthians 2:12](#)].ⁱ

So, you see, the Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church is the Mother of every Christian as the Holy Spirit continues to conceive and bear children and nourish them through Baptism, preaching, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. So we honor our Mother not just one day a year, but every time we gather in God's House to receive His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. For that's how She gives birth and that's how She sustains us in this life-giving faith. Thus we show love and honor to our Mother and to our Savior as we gather faithfully and frequently to be fed by Her as She feeds us Jesus. God grant us all to show such love and honor to our Holy Mother Church as we gather with Her as often as we can and eat the meal prepared by Christ Himself.

And, by the way, that honors your earthly mother and makes her happy too. So, be sure to bring her to Church with you.

God bless you always.

Pastor Landskroener