

**November Calendar 2022**

<b><u>Events</u></b>		<b><u>Anniversary &amp; Birthdays</u></b>	
	1-Nov All Saints' Day		
	5-Nov	5-Nov	(B) Doug Harrison
Sunday	6-Nov Daylight Saving Time Ends (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	6-Nov	(B) Carla Newcomb
	7-Nov (E) Ladies Aid	7-Nov	(B) Clarence Smith
	8-Nov Election Day		
	9-Nov	9-Nov	(B) Brandon Ehrat
	10-Nov	10-Nov	(B) Krystal Elam
	11-Nov Veterans Day		
	12-Nov	12-Nov	(A) Rick & Marsha Sasse 1977
Sunday	13-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
	15-Nov	15-Nov	(B) Lydia Collier
	17-Nov	17-Nov	(B) Laura Schukar
	19-Nov	19-Nov	(B) Quenten Austin
Sunday	20-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	20-Nov	(A) Scott & Karen Torbeck 1982
	21-Nov	21-Nov	(B) Stacy Kruenegel
	22-Nov	22-Nov	(B) Alyssa Wiseman
	23-Nov (E) 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	23-Nov	(B) Rick Sasse (B) Brad Courson
	24-Nov Thanksgiving		
	25-Nov	25-Nov	(B) Joseph Bauer (B) Patrick Bauer
Sunday	27-Nov (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	27-Nov	(A) Jerry & Laura Schukar 1981
	28-Nov	28-Nov	(B) Carolyn Sasse
	29-Nov	29-Nov	(B) Bob Williams
	30-Nov (E) 7pm Advent Service		

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November, 2022

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

THE END IS COMING! THE END IS COMING! THE END IS COMING!

What comes to mind when you read such a headline? I suppose, the first question should be “the end of what?” After all, that would make a huge difference, wouldn’t it? If it’s the end of a book, a movie, a concert, or something like that, it wouldn’t raise much notice - except for the yelling (the capital letters). If it’s the end of an illness or recovery from surgery, that would be quite welcome and no cause for alarm. But what if it was something much larger, something with much more import? What if . . . it was the end of the world, the end of time, or even the end of your life? That might be reason to be alarmed.

But there is another end that is coming, even as it does each November—the end of the Church Year. And with the end of the Church Year our attention is directed to the end of time, the day when our Lord Jesus will return in glory to judge the living and the dead.

On the first Sunday (Nov. 6), we observe All Saints' Day. Our attention is drawn especially to the goal of our faith: an eternity in the presence of God. We remember the saints who have gone before us, who now rest from their labors, wear the crown of life, and sing eternal praises to the Lamb of God. We praise and thank God for those saints who faithfully received His gifts and showed us how blessed that is. We honor those saints who taught us of Christ and showed us how to live and die as a Christian. And we look forward to joining them when we too shall see Jesus as He is. The readings for the day are Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; and Matthew 5:1-12. I encourage you to read them before you come to church so you will be able to hear them even better.

The readings for the second Sunday (Nov. 13) are Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13; and Luke 21:5-28 (29-36). The theme for the day is, “God’s Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence.” There are signs of the Lord’s coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. There will be great distress, but the faithful know that “*the kingdom of God is near*” and that “*your redemption is drawing near.*” So we should be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which “*will not pass away.*” Christ sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah in order to proclaim God’s love and the steadfastness of Christ. By such preaching, “*he will establish you and guard you against the evil one*” (2 Thess. 3:3). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Finally, the last Sunday in the Church Year (Nov. 20), has a theme of “Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame,” derived from Malachi 3:13–18; Colossians

1:13–20; Luke 23:27–43. The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. His service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, distinguishing between the righteous and the wicked. Jesus governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise.

No, I haven't forgotten there's another Sunday to go (Nov. 27). But that begins the season of Advent. One year ends and another begins. The new is connected to and grows out of the old. As we continue to await our Lord's return to bring judgment on the earth, we need not fear because the Lord comes in meekness and humility to save us now. The readings are Isaiah 2:1–5; Romans 13:(8–10) 11–14; Matthew 21:1–11. The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, as He bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"* For we are called to His Holy Church, *"that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."* By His Word, we *"walk in the light of the LORD."* That is to live in love, which *"does no wrong to a neighbor."* We *"cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,"* for *"salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed."*

Between the end of the church year and the beginning of the next, we will celebrate the bountiful gifts our Lord so graciously gives us and give thanks for them on Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 23 at 7:00 pm).

The End is coming. Do not fear. Your Lord is with you always.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Landskroener

**Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Special Voters Meeting**  
**October 2, 2022**

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

New Business:

Pastor announced the Circuit Forum is October 9, 2022 in St. Peter.

The forum is held to elect delegates for the LCMS Convention in 2023. A pastoral delegate and a lay delegate along with alternates are to be elected. Pastor asked for a volunteer to attend the forum. Kathy Landskroener volunteered. Pastor and Kathy will attend the forum representing our church.

Pastor also asked if there would be anyone in the congregation that would like to attend the 2023 convention as a lay delegate. The lay delegates' names must be turned in for election at the upcoming forum by October 8, 2022. There were no volunteers from the congregation.

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

# **Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church**

## **Quarterly Voters Meeting**

**October 16, 2022**

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

Minutes from the July 24, 2022 voters meeting and the October 2, 2022 special 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 Lee Schaal, Keith Cole, and Dave Wasmuth.

### Members:

Voting members: None  
Communicant members: None  
Baptisms: None  
Transfers:  
    Transfer out: None  
    Transfer in: None  
    Releases: None

Treasurer's Report: No report.

### Elders' Report:

Elders have been meeting with the pastor on a regular basis. All is going well. Members are encouraged to contact the elders with questions that they may have regarding the church.

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor gave a short report about helping with Holy Cross catechism. Also discussed upcoming conferences.

### Trustees' Report:

All going well with the church property.

Trustees received bids for church maintenance for 2023. They were as follows:

- Custodian – Karen Torbeck \$5,400.00
- Church Prep – Karen Torbeck \$3,300.00
- Mowing & Snow removal (sidewalks), basement step maintenance – Steve Lotz \$5,700.00

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

An annual budget for the church was also presented for 2023, 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: No report.

Bible Class: No report.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

Replacing the cemetery flag.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Elections:

- Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Keith Cole
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: Keith Cole
- Treasurer: Fran Collier (volunteer)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar
- Trustee: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Finance Man: Denny Schukar
- Financial Reviewer: Denny Lange (outgoing elder appointee)
- Sexton: Rick Sasse (volunteer)
- Parish Hall Director: Scott and Karen Torbeck (volunteer)

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

The tellers were released and thank for their service.

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

There will be no New Year's Eve service this year.

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

Circuit Forum:

Pastor Landskroener was elected as pastoral delegate from our circuit for the 2023 Synodical Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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 6% 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

Third Quarter 2022

Beg. Balance	7/1/2022	\$75,277.73
Total Received		\$34,444.60
Total Paid Out		(\$41,761.43)
Ending Balance	9/30/2022	\$67,960.90

Synod Missions collected	\$2,990.00	
LCMS Disaster Response	\$0.00	Total Other Missions
District Deaf	\$0.00	\$552.00
Armed Forces	\$376.00	
KFUO	\$0.00	
Lutheran Hour	\$0.00	
World Relief	\$0.00	
Christ Our Rock	\$0.00	
LWML	\$101.00	
Lutheran Hour	\$0.00	
Renser Czech	\$75.00	
Lutheran School for the Deaf	\$0.00	
Ft. Wayne Seminary	\$0.00	
St. Louis Seminary	\$0.00	
Memorials		
Cemetary	\$100.00	
Building	\$786.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$0.00	
Church	\$0.00	

Dedicated Funds

Home	7/1/2022	\$68,241.77
	9/30/2022	\$60,582.49
Building Fund	7/1/2022	(\$3,410.45)
	9/30/2022	(\$3,338.67)
Cemetary Fund	7/1/2022	\$7,298.89
	9/30/2022	\$7,569.56



**Veteran's Day Chapel Service** St. Peter's Lutheran School would like to invite all veterans to our special service on Wednesday, November 9 at 8:30 a.m. Our special speaker will be Darren Hansen, military veteran and Lutheran school teacher from Rockford, IL. Following the service, you are invited to take a tour of our decorated school.

**PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

**The Church will be sending some of their unused materials** to the Butler mission. There will be a table in the Parish Hall to view the materials that will be sent. If you would like to take any materials for home use, feel free to do so. We will be collecting materials till the end of October, at that time they will be taken to Butler.

**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.

**On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate All Saints' Day.** As part of the service that day, we remember those who have died since the last All Saints' Day. If you have a family member or loved one who has died since November 1, 2021, and would like them to be remembered, please let Pastor know, preferably in writing. He needs to have the names by Wednesday, November 2, so he has time to prepare.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Drive thru Soup Supper.** The Bethlehem Ladies Aid/LWML will be holding a Drive Thru Soup Supper on Sunday, November 6th from 3pm-5:30pm. The menu will include Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, BBQ & Hot Dogs. Pies include: Coconut Cream, Raisin Cream, Apple, Peach, Pecan & Pumpkin. Desserts offered are Chocolate Layered & Cherry Delight. Soups will be served in 16 oz (1 Bowl) or 32 oz (2 Bowls) containers. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards church & parsonage improvements.

**Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House** for prospective students is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, with tours from 6:30-8:00. That evening families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshman are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

**LCMS Central Illinois District - A Dollar for Missions** For more information on DFM, contact: Dr. Ken Schurb, Stewardship Executive LCMS Central Illinois District 1850 N. Grand Avenue West Springfield, IL 62702-1626 (217) 793-1802 [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org)

**Men, Camp CILCA needs you!** The first annual *Act Like Men Work Day* will be held on November 12 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Brush clearing, leaf raking, small handyman jobs, moving the maintenance equipment into the new building, and a hearty lunch are all on the agenda. Of course, ladies, you are welcome to help too. Email [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org) to let Pastor Theilen know you are coming. See you then!

**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.

## 32. Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NIV)

"You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth: But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also..."

"You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. But I tell you: Love your enemies, and pray for those that persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven...And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others?" (Matthew 5:38-39, 43-45a, 47a NIV)

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15 NIV)

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. (1 Thessalonians 5:15 KJV)

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. (Colossians 3:13 KJV)

Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong! Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you. (Proverb 20:22 NIV)

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, "I say not into thee, Until seven times, but, Until seventy times seven. (Matthew 18:21-22 KJV)

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:31-32 KJV)

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger: and it is his glory to pass over a transgression. (Proverb 19:11 KJV)

When they hurled insults their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. (1 Peter 2:23 NIV)

The said Jesus, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34 KJV)

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