

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Bible Class & 10am - Worship	29	30	31 4pm - Bulletin Deadline	1	2	3
4 9am - BC & SS 10am - Worship	5 Labor Day	6	7 4pm - Bulletin Deadline	8	9	10
11 9am - BC & SS 10am - Worship	12 7pm - Ladies Aid	13	14 4pm - Bulletin Deadline	15 First Day of Hispanic	16	17
18 9am - BC & SS 10am - Worship	19	20	21 4pm - Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24
25 9am - BC & SS 10am - Worship	26	27	28 4pm - Bulletin Deadline	29	30	1

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(A) Bob & Janet Williams (B) Steve Hickerson	(B) Rachel Schaal	(A) Doug & Pam Stein 86	(B) Evelyn Schukar (B) Mandi Austin	(B) Michelle Schukar	(B) Deborah Harmeler (B) Steve Lotz	
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(B) Kathy Crippen (B) Thacker Cripe	(A) Ronald & Abigail (B) Ryan Gramlick	(B) Keith Cole	(B) Roberta Schmid	(A) Phil & Phyllis Richards (B) Bella Walk	(B) Thomas Wolf Jr.	(A) Travis & Amanda (B) Jase Torbeck (B) Kathy Landskroener (B) Kay Schukar
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
(A) Pastor & Kathy (B) Melissa Gramlick (B) Seth Schukar	(A) Gary & Roberta	(B) Michael Bauer			(B) Phyllis Richards	
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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

Summer is over and Labor Day is upon us. Vacations are ended. School has already started. Time to get back to a more “normal life.”

Yet, one thing never changes. We have a constant need to hear (and read) God’s Word. We have an unceasing need to learn God’s Word, take it to heart, and live according to it - that means repenting of our sin, confessing it, and receiving absolution. To that end, we offer Sunday School for the children and a Bible Class for adults on Sunday morning at 9:00. Catechetical (confirmation) class has also resumed. This year we will study Luther’s Small Catechism.

If you have a child you think should be confirmed at some point, please talk with me so we can make appropriate plans. We have a three year course of instruction. One year for Old Testament, one year for New Testament, one year for Catechism.

Now, the mention of the Catechism, will bring back some memories - some fond and some not so fond. Having begun studying it again, I thought you might enjoy reading what Luther wrote in the Preface to the Small Catechism. I won’t reproduce the whole thing, but here is the greeting and first paragraph:

Grace, Mercy, and Peace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The deplorable, miserable condition which I discovered lately when I, too, was a visitor, has forced and urged me to prepare [publish] this Catechism, or Christian doctrine, in this small, plain, simple form. Mercy! Good God! what manifold misery I beheld! The common people, especially in the villages, have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and, alas! many pastors are altogether incapable and incompetent to teach [so much so, that one is ashamed to speak of it]. Nevertheless, all maintain that they are Christians, have been baptized and receive the [common] holy Sacraments. Yet they [do not understand and] cannot [even] recite either the Lord’s Prayer, or the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live like dumb brutes and irrational hogs; and yet, now that the Gospel has come, they have nicely learned to abuse all liberty like experts.

Now the Catechism was written to help pastors teach those in their congregations. People (and many pastors) did not know the basics of the Christian faith - the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer. Luther was greatly affected by this ignorance. Thus, he wrote his Small Catechism as a simple guide to help in teaching the basics every Christian should know. Interestingly, each part begins, “As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.”

Yet, what you may think of as the Small Catechism, is actually the Catechism AND an Explanation. That explanation was not written by Luther, but is a helpful resource that provides pertinent Bible passages together under questions and answers. If you haven't looked at your catechism for a while, I encourage you to pull it out and read it.

Start with the Catechism itself. See how much you can remember. If it's not much, re-read a portion often and learn it by heart. Make it a part of your daily devotions. Then, read through the explanation to see what the questions and answers teach, along with the Bible passages. Discuss it with your spouse, your children, and your grandchildren. Review a portion every day. And grow in the wisdom of the Lord.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Prov. 1:7).

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Prov. 22:6).

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Landskroener

Bike MS - Pastor is planning to ride the Bike MS ride September 10-11. If you would like to contribute, here's the link to his Bike MS page: <https://mssociety.donordrive.com/participant/89714> If you'd rather not donate online, you can give him a check made out to National MS Society or cash.

For a Pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Landskroener

GOOD NEWS – We have quite a collection of the “Good News” magazine available in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to take and share as many issues as you would like. Many different topics are covered in the articles, and they are accompanied by marvelous artwork. This magazine was founded and edited by the former Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz and is well regarded for its Lutheran teachings. You are encouraged to take a look.

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of Genesis. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

2022 Altamont Zone LWML Fall Rally – You are cordially invited to attend. See flyer in Narthex for details. Please RSVP by 9/2/22. Call or text 217-821-5983 with questions.

12th Annual FuNFest: The Walk family cordially invites everyone to The 12th Annual FuNFest, Saturday, September 10, 2022 at The Fayette County Fair Grounds from 12pm-6pm. The Walk's host this event to raise awareness and funds to aid in the search for the cure of Neurofibromatosis (NF). The event will have Silent & Live Auctions, Bake Sale, Food, Drinks, Raffles, Cake Walks, Bouncy Houses, Kids Games, Merchandise & much more. If you wish to make a donation or purchase a ticket, please contact Amanda Walk at [618-267-2549](tel:618-267-2549). Please share this event with all of your friends!

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The G.R.I.T. Run is back on October 1 at Camp CILCA. Run trails, cross creeks, see great sights, and earn your place with the brave souls who meet this challenge each year. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children 17 and under. Register at www.cilca.org/grit-run.

Responding to Critical Race Theory and the Social Justice Movement: A Lutheran Perspective, the event will be held at Normal, IL October 15th. See flyer 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.

The Church will be sending some of their unused materials as well to this 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.

24. All Things

Mark 9:23 KJV

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

2 Peter 1:3-4 KJV

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Philippians 4:11-13 KJV

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Romans 8:28-31 KJV

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

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