

**July Calendar 2023**

<b>Events</b>		<b>Anniversary &amp; Birthdays</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	2-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Mon.	3-Jul		3-Jul (B) Bob Crippen
Tues.	4-Jul	(H) Independence Day	4-Jul (B) Jerry Schukar (B) Jamie Berry
Wed.	5-Jul	(E) 7pm Council Meeting	
Sat.	8-Jul		8-Jul (B) Doug Stein (B) Haele' Ruble
<b>Sunday</b>	9-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (E) 11am Voter's Meeting	
Mon.	10-Jul		10-Jul (A) Kim & Kyle Kloss 2013
<b>Sunday</b>	16-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service VBS July 17-21 each evening time to be announced	16-Jul (B) Mark Meadows
Thur.	20-Jul		20-Jul (A) Brad & Sherry Sasse 2002
Sat.	22-Jul		22-Jul (B) Amanda Walk
<b>Sunday</b>	23-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	23-Jul (B) Lisette Ehrat (B) Colleen Wefer
Mon.	24-Jul		24-Jul (B) Fran Collier
Tues.	25-Jul		25-Jul (B) Fran Cole
Fri.	28-Jul		28-Jul (A) Michael & Diana Bauer 1973
<b>Sunday</b>	30-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Mon.	31-Jul		31-Jul (B) Ruth Ann Moyer (B) Lisa Wasmuth

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

What can one say about July? It's usually hot and humid and quite uncomfortable. Yet, it is a gift from God. It's summer with its attendant activities. I urge you to enjoy those activities without neglecting to receive the Lord's eternal gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Divine Service. You can live without those other things, but you cannot live without Christ and all He has done, and still does, for you.

As you celebrate the Fourth of July, Independence Day, remember to thank God for the blessings He gives you living in this land. To help you do that, here are the words for a hymn that does that quite well. And, by the way, it's written by Francis Scott Key. If you don't know who he is, ask your parents or grandparents. Let this hymn be your devotion for each week of the month.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King!

2 The nation You have blest  
May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
For this fair land—  
Gifts of Your hand—  
Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise  
A grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;  
Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice,  
And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride,  
Your sin deplore,  
And bow before  
The Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!

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Oh, one last thing. From July 28 through August 3, I will attend the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee as the Pastoral Delegate of our circuit. Please keep me and all the delegates, as well as everyone else who will attend and participate, that we would have safe travels, celebrate all that God has done, and does, through the Synod, and make wise and Godly decisions in all matters brought before us.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

July 2 Pentecost 5 (Proper 8)

Jer. 28:5-9

Rom. 7:1-13

Matt. 10:34-42

June 23 Pentecost 8 (Proper 11)

Is. 44:6-8

Rom. 18-27

Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

June 9 Pentecost 6 (Proper 9)

Zech. 9:9-12

Rom. 7:14-25a

Matt. 11:25-30

June 30 Pentecost 9 (Proper 12)

Deut. 7:6-9

Rom. 8:28-39

Matt. 13:44-52

June 16 Pentecost 7 (Proper 10)

Is. 55:10-13

Rom. 8:12-17

Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

**THE BABY BOTTLE DEADLINE IS HERE!** – If your LPHS Baby Bottle is still at home, or in your truck, or in your tote bag, that's okay. Please bring it back to church as soon as you can. All donations are welcome and even the empty bottles are valuable and will be reused in future years.

**EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...** 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 topics include: The Toxic War on Masculinity; The Battle for the Bible in the LCMS; Women & Head Coverings; Does the Bible Condone the Killing of Homosexuals? and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Council Meeting** is July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.

**Voter's Meeting** is after the service on July 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church.

**VBS will be week of July 17 to July 21, Dinner @ 5:30 pm. VBS from 6:00 pm.-7:30 pm.** Contact Mandy Austin if you would like to help or have any questions. 618-367-2285

**Does your child need a technology detox?** Summer is here and registration for Camp CILCA is open. No phones; no screens; just God's Word, God's creation, good friends, and fun times! There are camping sessions for everyone from preschool through high school. Register today at [cilca.org/summer-camp](http://cilca.org/summer-camp). Call 217-487-7497 or email [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org) for more information.

**Dollar for Missions:** A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts – one dollar at a time! – to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Our current project is to help a campus congregation, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000. [Learn more about this unique congregation in the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRRUnXh25Io>]

**Please join us for a one-day conference entitled *Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World***, held Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 am—1:30 pm (doors open at 8:30 am) at the Tuscola Community Building. Come hear Pastor Adam Koontz, an engaging speaker and well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of *A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America*.

Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a grant from the **Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund**.

**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.

**Prayer Request** – When prayers are requested, we ask that we are informed of the relationship of the person with our congregation. There has been concerns about names on prayer list & who they are. We will add the relationship to the prayers. This will allow members to ask about the individual's progress in recovery. In an effort to manage the list more effectively, individuals will be placed on the list for a period of four weeks. If at the end of that time, those people still need additional prayers, they may be re-added to the list for another four-week term. This may be done as long as the individual continues to need the added strength of the church prayer for their special need.

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

**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.

## 57. A House Divided Cannot Stand

### Mark 3:20-26 NLT

One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."

Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.

And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive.

### Mark 3:20-26 ASV

And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and, By the prince of the demons casteth he out the demons.

And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house be divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan hath rise up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

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### 57. A House Divided Cannot Stand

ABLE	FEUDING	POWER
BEGAN	FIGHTS	PRINCE
BESIDE	FRIENDS	RESPONDED
CANNOT	GATHER	RISE
CAST	HAPPENING	SATAN
CIVIL	HEARD	SCRIBES
COLLAPSE	HOLD	SPLINTERED
DEMONS	JERUSALEM	STAND
ENTERED	PARABLES	SURVIVE
FALL	POSSESSED	TRIED