

June Calendar 2023

Events		Anniversary & Birthdays	
Thur.	1-Jun	1-Jun	(A) Art & Kay Schukar 1957
Sunday	4-Jun	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	
Mon.	5-Jun	5-Jun	(B) Travis Torbeck
Tues.	6-Jun	6-Jun	(A) Dennis & Nita Schukar 1959 (A) David & Lisa Wasmuth 1987 (B) Lisa Lange
Thur.	8-Jun	8-Jun	(B) Camdyn Meadows
Sat.	10-Jun	10-Jun	(A) Keith & Fran Cole 1977
Sunday	11-Jun	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (E) 11am Meal to Welcome to Confirmands	(B) Mona Beckman
Thur.	15-Jun	15-Jun	(B) Loretta Harrison
Fri.	16-Jun	16-Jun	(B) Lexie Schukar (B) Austin Schukar
Sunday	18-Jun	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	(B) Jordan Walk
Mon.	19-Jun	19-Jun	(B) Owen Roberts
Tues.	20-Jun	20-Jun	(B) Phillip Richards
Fri.	23-Jun	23-Jun	(B) Eugene Schaal (B) Kim Kloss
Sat.	24-Jun	24-Jun	(A) Alan & Loretta Harrison 1962
Sunday	25-Jun	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	(B) Kevin Gramlick (B) Lauren Wasmuth
Wed.	27-Jun	27-Jun	(A) Chad & Mandy Austin 1998 (B) Spencer Summann (B) Janet Williams
Thur.	28-Jun	28-Jun	(B) Chad Austin
Fri.	29-Jun	29-Jun	(B) Pam Stein

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

On Sunday, June 11, we will have two catechumens confirmed: Makenna Dothager and Isabella Walk. This is an important day for them as they will publicly confess Christ and receive His Body and Blood for the first time. Yet, this is not the end for them. It is not graduation. Rather, it is part of their faith journey which began at their Baptism and continues until their life's end. By God's grace they will continue to grow in faith by making faithful use of the means by which God increases and strengthens saving faith in Christ.

So, what is confirmation? "Confirmation is a custom of the Church and not a sacrament. It links the catechumens to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them, . . . and welcomes them to the Lord's Table. Luther strongly urges in both catechisms that those who are unwilling to learn, at the very least, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer should not be admitted to the Lord's Supper. Baptized Christians are admitted to the Sacrament when they have been examined and absolved by their pastor in accordance with the Lutheran custom outlined in the Augsburg Confession (Article XXV).

"Confirmation declares of a catechumen that he or she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of catechumens to the Lord's Table assumes that ongoing catechesis is the way of life for the faithful Christian. [The Rite of Confirmation] emphasizes God's work in Baptism, the gift of faith, and the benefits of the Lord's Supper for all who believe in Christ and the words of His testament." (LSB Agenda, p. 28)

Thus, it is evident that confirmation is connected to Baptism, but it does not complete Baptism. Confirmation is not a sacrament and is not commanded by Scripture. It is a custom that provides the opportunity for the catechumen to answer the questions asked at Baptism for oneself. Please keep Makenna and Bella in your prayers and encourage them to faithfully receive our Lord's gifts.

God bless you as you continue to grow in faith through the means given by God to sustain you in the one true faith until your life's end.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

June 4 Holy Trinity
Gen. 1:1–2:4a
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Matt. 28:16-20

June 18 Pentecost 3 (Proper 6)
Ex. 19:2-8
Rom. 5:6-15
Matt. 9:35–10:8 (9-20)

June 11 Pentecost 2 (Proper 5)
Hos. 5:15–6:6
Rom. 4:13-25
Matt. 9:9-13

June 25 Pentecost 4 (Proper 7)
Jer. 20:7-13
Rom. 6:12-23
Matt. 10:5a, 1-33

From Holy Cross, Vandalia: You are cordially invited to the installation of the Rev. Brett Cornelius as pastor on Sunday, June 18, at 4:00 pm. The service will be led by the Rev. Michael Mohr, Central Illinois District President. There will be a catered meal and cake & punch reception after the service.

Thank You for your prayers and cards while I was in the hospitals. God Bless you, Collene Wefer

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Meal after service to welcome our Confirmands on June 11th, 2023. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Ladies' Aid. Please bring sides and deserts. Help us welcome our new Confirmands.

See posting in Narthex for Blood Drive June 12th from 1-5 pm at Holy Cross, Vandalia.

THE BABY BOTTLES ARE HERE! – Please help support the work of Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services by filling one of the "BABY BOTTLES" with your coins, cash, or checks. Bottles are available in the narthex. By filling a bottle, you are directly supporting the life changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men and women (and their babies) throughout Fayette and Montgomery counties. You are helping LPHS provide the vital resources that enable them to touch the lives of everyone who passes through their doors. Please return your baby bottles to the church narthex by Father's Day, June 18th. (Personal checks are welcome and should be made payable to "Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services).

Bells in Motion will be presenting a concert of music you might not expect to be rung on handbells, including jazz, classics from the 60s, 70s, and 80s, and Broadway. They are on the final stop of their tour and will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, on Sunday, June 11th, at 4:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken.

Dollar for Missions: The dollars you contribute to a Dollar for Missions are presently going to assist with the purchase of a 12-passenger van at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, which serves students, faculty, and staff at the University of Illinois and Parkland College. Project cost: \$35,000. [See the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9icLkCoXWc>]

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.

Contact Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 for a Pastoral visit.

69. Pray Continuously

Ephesians 6:18-20 KJV

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:18-20 NIV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:18-20 MLT

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

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