

March Calendar 2023

<u>Events</u>		<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Wed.	1-Mar (E) 7pm Lenten Service	1-Mar	(B) Jordan Williams
Thur.	2-Mar		(B) Janet Schukar
Sunday	5-Mar (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	5-Mar	(B) Shelley Dothager
Mon.	6-Mar (E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting		
Wed.	8-Mar (E) 7pm Lenten Service	8-Mar	(B) Sarah Sasse
Thur.	9-Mar	9-Mar	(B) Manny Brooks
Fri.	10-Mar	10-Mar	(B) Sydney Austin
Sunday	12-Mar Daylight Savings Time Begins (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	13-Mar	13-Mar	(B) Norma Gable
Wed.	15-Mar (E) 7pm Lenten Service		
Fri.	17-Mar	17-Mar	(B) Mallory Koch
Sat.	18-Mar	18-Mar	(B) Benton Hickerson
Sunday	19-Mar (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	20-Mar	20-Mar	(B) Sherry Courson (B) Cathy Dothager
Wed	22-Mar (E) 7pm Lenten Service		
Sunday	26-Mar (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (E) 11am Ladies' Aid Soup Luncheon		
Mon.	27-Mar	27-Mar	(B) Nathan Collier (B) Charles Wasmuth Jr.
Tues.	28-Mar	28-Mar	(A) Errol & Linda Rhodes 1980
Wed.	29-Mar (E) 7pm Lenten Service		

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

During the 40 days of Lent, Christians turn their focus from the joyful birth and revealing of Jesus (celebrated in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany) to the somber reason He was born as a man: He came to pay the price of our sin by dying for us. These seven weeks are an appropriate time to think about how great our sins are and how amazing the love of Jesus is that He took all our punishment. For centuries, Christians have observed Lent by using three disciplines to help focus their minds and bodies on repentance and faith in Christ. The three disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which we hear proclaimed on Ash Wednesday. The common thread throughout Jesus' teaching on these matters is the need to do them without being a hypocrite who brags about his good works for the admiration of others.

To be sure, these three activities are a natural part of the Christian life at all times. Christians pray every day, "without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17), trusting God to provide for their needs, forgive their sins, strengthen them against temptation, and protect them from evil. They do not overindulge in food or drink, since they know their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). They regularly give the "first fruits" of their money or possessions (Prov. 3:9) to support the work of the Church and to help their neighbors in need. Thus, Lent is simply a time to increase our focus on making these disciplines part of our daily life, as well as to help us identify what false "gods" (technology, food, money, etc.) might be distracting us from true Christian living, and therefore to lead us to repent and cling all the more to Jesus Christ, our one true God.

While fasting and almsgiving are certainly important aspects of the Christian life, for now I want to focus on prayer, and specifically the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is speaking to God with trust in Him. In prayer we praise God, confess our sins, thank Him, and ask Him to give us whatever He knows that we need. The Church prays together each Sunday, and Christians pray in their homes each day, even if only before (and after) meals or before going to bed. Lent is a good opportunity to add more prayer to our lives. Some simple ways to do this might be:

- Pray Luther's morning and evening prayers (found in your catechism and hymnal) each day.
- Read a Psalm each day, using it as your own prayer.
- Keep a list of people wanting or needing your prayers (your family, friends, congregation, pastor, etc.) - for help, healing, and deliverance from physical, mental, and emotional afflictions, thanksgiving, repentance, faithfulness, etc.

- Make a habit of praying the Lord's Prayer each day at a certain time, perhaps right before bed or when you wake up.
- Daily read or work on memorizing the explanation of the Lord's Prayer from your catechism.
- Attend our Lenten midweek services to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the Lord's Prayer.

As you learn more about prayer (including the Lord's Prayer) and it becomes a more important part of your life, you will grow in the joy of depending more and more on God and His grace in Christ.

God grant you a blessed Lententide..

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

March 5 Second Sunday in Lent

Gen. 12:1-9

Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Is. 42:14-21

Eph. 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 12 Third Sunday in Lent

Ex. 17:1-7

Rom. 5:1-8

John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

March 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezek. 37:1-14

Rom. 8:1-11

John 11:1-45 (46-53)

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Special Collections – 3rd Lenten: St. Louis Sem., 4th Lenten: Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, 5th Lenten: Lutheran School for the Deaf Jacksonville, 6th Lenten: District Deaf Ministry, Maundy Thursday: Christ Our Rock High School

21st Annual Immanuel Grilled Pork Loin Dinner at ALIS Gym Sunday, March 5, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be "Dine In" or "Carry Out". Menu consists of grilled pork loin, pork burger/hotdog, baked potato, chips, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, desserts, dinner roll. Cost is \$12 for loin dinner; \$7 for pork burger or hotdog meal. Children ages 4 and under eat FREE.

Men, Camp CILCA needs you! The Act Like Men Woodcutters Retreat is March 10-11. Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to grow your soul. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The suggested donation for overnight is **\$25** (*\$10 for Saturday only*). To register, contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or email director@cilca.org. *Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare the meals.*

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is hosting a 9-pin No Tap Bowling Tournament at Salem Bowl on Saturday, March 11. The format will be 3 games with 4 player teams. Students/alumni under 21 (\$25 per person) will bowl at 1:00 p.m. and Adults 21 and over (\$50 per person) will bowl at 4:00 p.m. You can also sponsor lanes for \$100. To register contact Dan Kueper - dkueper@corlhs.org or 618-520-0094.

The Ladies' Aid will be having their annual soup luncheon on March 26, 2023 at 11:30 after the church service. The cost is a free will donation. There is a donation list on the bulletin board of the items we still need. If you would like to donate, please sign up on this list.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Foundation will be hosting the Christian Comedian, Jeremy Nunes on Friday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the Comedy Show are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. To reserve tickets contact the school at (618) 226-3315. The new student BBQ club, "Sizzlin Stallions" will also be selling mouth-watering BBQ prior to the Comedy Show from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. You can come for the food only, or stay for the food and laughter! Join us for a fun evening of entertainment!

Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet is Sunday, March 26, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall! ***Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email (camp@cilca.org) to reserve your tickets today!*** The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of *Creation* and *Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. This year, Mrs. Katie Schuermann will speak about why Christians should read and write.

The cemetery policy has been revised. For active members of Augsburg Lutheran Church, burial is free of charge. For non-members that are active members of another LCMS Church, the fee will be \$500.00 for burial. Non-member, non-active LCMS member, or a non-Lutheran will remain at \$1,000.00 for burial. *Note: An active church member is defined as attending church and receiving the Sacrament at least four times per year.*

43. Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-46 KJV

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth me.

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AGAIN	GETHESEMANE	POSSIBLE
ASLEEP	HAND	REST
BEHOLD	HEAVY	SIT
DEATH	HIM	SORROWFUL
DRINK	HOURL	TEMPTATION
EXCEEDING	INDEED	TWO
FACE	LEFT	WATCH
FARTHER	NEVERTHELESS	WEAK
FLESH	PETER	YONDER
FOUND	PLACE	ZEBEDEE