

May Calendar 2023

<u>Events</u>		<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Fri.	5-May	5-May	(B) Alex Gramlick
Sunday	7-May (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Wed.	10-May	10-May	(B) Camille Brown (A) Greg & Amy Schaal 1986
Sunday	14-May (H) Mother's Day (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Wed.	17-May	17-May	(B) Amanda Torbeck
Thur	18-May (E) 7pm Ascension Service		
Fri.	19-May	19-May	(W) Whitney & Jake Roberts (B) Rachel Brooks
Sat.	20-May	20-May	(B) Bea Cearlock (B) Betty Rethorn
Sunday	21-May (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	21-May	(B) Janice Torbeck
	24-May	24-May	(B) Albert Wefer
Sat.	27-May	27-May	(B) Dennis Meseke (B) Eleanor Newcomb (B) Matt Sasse (B) Art Schukar
Sunday	28-May (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	28-May	(B) Logan Sasse (B) Fran Schaal (B) Tom Wolff Sr.
Mon.	29-May (H) Memorial Day		
Tues.	30-May	30-May	(A) Tom Sr. & Denise Wolff 1999

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting
April 16, 2023

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

Minutes from the January 15, 2023 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.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: Peaceful release of Randy, Michael, Tammy, Shelby, and Adrianna Sasse

A motion was made to accept the peaceful releases, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly treasurer's report was presented by Scott Torbeck. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

Nothing new to report. Meeting regularly with the pastor.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Trustees' Report:

Recent storm damage to the church roof is getting repaired at a cost of \$500.00. A claim was submitted to the insurance company and received.

A bid of \$2000.00 to repair the church front stairs and replace the front stairs, add a railing, and replace part of the sidewalk at the parsonage was presented to the voters. A motion was made to accept the bid, seconded, and approved.

Other projects for the church are still pending and will be discussed at future meetings.

Sunday school:

The Easter egg hunt was well attended and received. Thank you to everyone involved in making that happen. All is going well, and as usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school.

Bible Class:

Bible class is meeting regularly. Please come join us.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business:

The congregation completed officer nominations for the synodical convention coming up later this year.

New Business:

None

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mothers' Day – LWML Ministry
- Fathers' Day – Armed Forces Ministry

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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May 2023

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 28, fifty days after Easter. It's the festival of the Holy Spirit, when we celebrate Him and His role and work in the Church. The color for the day is red, even as it is for a few other days in the Church Year – Reformation Day and Saints' Days. On those days, our attention is drawn to the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of others.

Yet, it seems a little odd that we have one day to celebrate the Holy Spirit, who, after all, is the third person of the Holy Trinity. Yet, the more we learn more about Him, we see that everything in the Church is not about Him, or focused on Him, but we certainly can't be the Church without Him.

Now, it must be said, that while we don't talk a lot about the Holy Spirit, we couldn't be a Christian without Him. After all, He is the voice of Scriptures – “no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (1 Peter 1:21). Likewise, He is the One who helps us understand, and believe, what is written there.

Now, while it might seem odd that the Holy Spirit doesn't get more attention, it is entirely appropriate. After all, the purpose of the Spirit, and of all His work, is to bring all glory to God the Father through Jesus Christ. He isn't the One who draws the attention. He is the One who focuses it. He creates faith through the Word of God proclaimed. He teaches us through the Word. He guides us and shows us what to do by the urgings in us drawn from the Word. And He causes us to speak, giving us the very words we should say, when we should say them. Jesus told the disciples, “When they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 13:11).

Of course, He doesn't necessarily wait for extreme circumstance to give us the words to say. He plants the words in us by memory-work and learning, and then calls them forth when we need them. That is why your Pastor made you memorize all those passages when your were young.

Of course, the Holy Spirit also works in us as that Word is heard, learned, and used. In the Holy Sacraments, God's Word is at work forgiving sins, creating and nourishing faith, strengthening us for holy living. Of course, He works on us in the Sunday service, teaching us

through the liturgy and the hymns, and He is particularly direct when the Pastor preaches a Biblically faithful sermon.

No, we don't celebrate the Holy Spirit much, as an individual, because He shows us the love of the Father in sending us the Son, and teaches us to believe the Word and marvel at the Son doing all that He had to do to redeem us. The fact that we believe is the testimony to the work of the Spirit. He doesn't seem to be working to any other purpose than that.

So, I don't actually think much about the Holy Spirit, but I am eternally thankful that He is active in my life and the life of the Church. Imagine, He works a mighty miracle when He drags a sinner like me - by nature spiritually blind, dead, and an enemy of God - to the foot of the cross and teaches me to believe, and then holds me in faith against my nature and the allure of the devil, the world, and my own sinful flesh. Sure, it'd be neat (I think) to see something spectacular like He did at creation and with the Apostles, but I will be content with the knowledge of my salvation, the forgiveness of my sins, and certain hope of everlasting life, which He has worked in me through the Word. How about you?

God bless you as the Holy Spirit speaks to you through the Word of God and draws you ever nearer to Jesus.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

May 7 Easter 5

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 21 Easter 7

Acts 1:12-26
1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 14 Easter 6

Acts 17:16-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 28 Pentecost

Num. 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

May 18 The Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Eph. 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

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Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's music department presents, "**A Broadway Revue**", Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This is a full-length show that will include choral and instrumental music from 25 different Broadway musicals. We will also be featuring our very own "Broadway Kids" from five of the local Lutheran grade schools! You don't want to miss this fun afternoon of music!

St. Peter's Lutheran School in St. Peter will be presenting the musical *Are We There Yet?* on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30pm in the school gym. All are welcome!

Ladies of the congregation are encourage to support the work of the LWML by taking part in our **MITE offering** during worship service Sunday May 14th.

The Camp CILCA Hog Roast is back! On Sunday May 28 from 11:30-2:30 enjoy delicious pulled pork sandwiches, sides, drinks, and desserts. Adults are \$10 and kids ages 4-12 are \$8. Want to make a weekend out of it? Bring your tent or rent a cabin and join the Great CID Campout Friday evening through Monday with swimming, activities, campfire devotions, and lots of fellowship. Check out cilca.org/hog-roast or call the camp office at 217-487-7497 for more details.

THE BABY BOTTLES ARE COMING! – Please help support the work of Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services by filling one of the “BABY BOTTLES” with your coins, cash, or checks. Bottles will be available in the narthex beginning on Mother's Day, May 14th through Father's Day, June 18th. 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”).

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.

46. We Have Been Given Authority

Luke 10:16-24 NIV

He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

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AUTHORITY	LITTLE	SATAN
BLESSED	NAME	SCORPIONS
DEMONS	NOTHING	SEVENTY
ENEMY	OVERCOME	SNAKES
FATHER	POWER	SON
HARM	PRAISE	SUBMIT
HEAR	PRIVATELY	TRAMPLE
HEAVEN	REJECT	TWO
JOY	RETURNED	WANTED
LIGHTNING	REVEAL	WRITTEN