November Calendar 2023

<u>Events</u>		Anniversary & Birthdays					
Sunday	5-Nov	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday S	ichool				
		(E) 10am Worship Service					
Mon.	6-Nov	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting	6-Nov	(B) Carla Newcomb			
Wed.	8-Nov	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline					
Friday	10-Nov		10-Nov	(B) Krystal Elam			
Sunday	12-Nov	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday S	ichool 12-Nov	(A) Rick & Marsha Sasse 1977			
		(E) 10am Worship Service					
Wed.	15-Nov	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	15-Nov	(B) Lydia Koch			
Fri	17-Nov		17-Nov	(B) Laura Schukar			
Sunday	19-Nov	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday S	ichool 19-Nov	(B) Quenten Austin			
		(E) 10am Worship Service					
Mon.	20-Nov		20-Nov	(A) Scott & Karen Torbeck 1982			
Tues.	21-Nov		21-Nov	(B) Stacy Kruenegel			
Wed.	22-Nov	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline					
		(E) 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Serv	ice				
Thursday	23-Nov	(H) Thanksgiving	23-Nov	(B) Rick Sasse			
				(B) Brad Courson			
Saturday	25-Nov		25-Nov	(B) JD Bauer			
Sunday	26-Nov	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday S	chool				
		(E) 10am Worship Service					
Mon.	27-Nov		27-Nov	(A) Jerry & Laura Schukar 1981			
Tues.	28-Nov		28-Nov	(B) Carolyn Sasse			
Wed.	29-Nov	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	29-Nov	(B) Bob Williams			

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 9, 2023

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

Minutes from the July 9, 2023 voters meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Tellers were appointed for the election of church officers. Tellers were Sue Williams, Scott Torbeck, and Doug Stein.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None Transfer in: None Releases: None

Treasurer's Report:

Quarterly treasurer's report was presented. 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:

No report. Members are encouraged to contact the elders with questions that they may have regarding the church.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor attended the Synod convention in August. All other "special" activities for the quarter are included in the Pastor's report attached to these minutes.

Trustees' Report:

Ceiling painting has been completed. A new stool has been installed in the ladies' room in the parish hall. Still waiting on the concrete work for the church and parsonage. The contactor had some unavoidable delays. Project should be completed this fall.

Trustees received bids for church maintenance for 2024. They were as follows:

- Custodian Karen Torbeck \$5,400,00
- Church Prep Karen Torbeck \$3,300.00
- Mowing & Snow removal (sidewalks), basement step maintenance Steve Lotz \$6,000.00 A motion was made to accept the bids as presented, seconded, and approved.

An annual budget for the church was also presented for 2024, and is as follows:

- Home \$127,000.00
- Synod \$10,000.00

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, and approved.

Sunday school:

We are starting to prepare for the upcoming Christmas program. As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren.

Bible Class:

Meeting every Sunday, and we encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday school. Then stay and brush up on your knowledge of the Bible at our class in the parish hall.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

We had an automobile accident in the cemetery recently. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and the only thing damaged was the center and north entrance culverts. The center culvert will be replaced by the road commissioner, Bob Gahle, as soon as possible. The north culvert is still functional. Other news, not related to the accident, will require some adjustment on one of the "flat" tombstones. We should receive a bill for this service when completed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Elections:

- Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Keith Cole (volunteer)
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: David Wasmuth
- Treasurer: Fran Collier (volunteer)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Doug Stein
- Sunday School Superintendent: Sue Williams
- Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: Rick Sasse
- Finance Man: Dave Wasmuth
- Financial Reviewer: Dave Wasmuth (outgoing elder appointee)
- Sexton: Rick Sasse (volunteer)
- Parish Hall Director: Scott and Karen Torbeck (volunteer)

A standing motion was made to accept the voting results and the new officers.

The tellers were released and thanked for their service.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

Thanksgiving: Lutheran World ReliefFirst Advent: The Lutheran Hour

Christmas Eve: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
 Candlelight Service: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL

Christmas Day: KFUO

There will be no New Year's Eve service this year.

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

Pastor's Salary:

After considering and discussing district guidelines for salary and the Concordia Plan insurance and retirement funding, a motion was made to increase the Pastor's current salary level by the guidelines suggested 5% and maintain the Concordia Plan and retirement funding. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Submitted by Steven R. Hickerson

Third Quarter	<u>2023</u>			
Beg. Balance	July 1, 2023		\$78,954.79	
Total Received			\$31,381.54	
Total Paid Out			-\$38,055.98	
Ending Balance	Sept. 30, 2023		\$72,280.35	
Synod Missions col		\$2,625.00		
LCMS Disaster Res		\$0.00	Total Other Missions	
World Relief		\$100.00	\$300.41	
Armed Forces		\$0.00		
Christ Our Rock		\$0.00	•	
Lutheran Child & F		\$0.00	•	
Lutheran School fo		\$0.00	•	
Fort Wayne Semina		\$0.00	*):	
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Special Mission (V	BS)		\$200.41	•0
Memorials	22)			60
Cemetary			\$0.00	
Building			\$0.00	*
Church			\$0.00	•
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Dedicated Funds				•
	Home	7/1	\$55,631.84	
		9/30	\$48,957.40	
	Building Fund	7/1	\$4,987.98	
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	Cemetary Fund	7/1	\$18,334.93	
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Total All Funds fo		\$72,280.31		
Special Use Accou		\$45,780.92		
Total All Funds fo		\$118,061.23		

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November 2023

Dearly Beloved of Christ,

This is adapted from an article written by another pastor.

Stewardship: Making Every Day Thanksgiving Day

While it is good that our nation observes a national day of thanksgiving, it might be concerning to us Christians that the original purpose of the holiday has been lost among many Americans. Rather than an opportunity to thank God for His bountiful provision, for many people it's become nothing more than "Turkey Day", with a side of football. It's little more than a day off work, a chance to "pig out", watch football, and take a nap. Indeed, given our fallen nature, humanity has succeeded in corrupting every holiday that has ever been celebrated. So, it should not surprise us that holidays meant to honor God our creator and redeemer are not going to be respected as such by a society that is becoming increasingly secularized.

Rather than focus on that, however, have we Christians lost the import of Thanksgiving Day in a different way? Has Thanksgiving Day become nothing more than the one day each year that we pause to give thanks to God for all that He gives, and then get right back to our usual routines for the next 364 days? Or, is Thanksgiving for us a day we set aside to give thanks to God AND to remind us that we ought to be living EVERY day in thanksgiving to God for his gracious and bountiful gifts? If we take seriously our God-given role as stewards of his creation, then I pray that our purpose for Thanksgiving Day is the latter.

As members of the one, holy, catholic (Christian), and apostolic Church, we confess that the first article of the Creed teaches that God "has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason, and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me from all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

Additionally, Jesus taught us to pray "give us this day our daily bread." Luther in his explanation of this petition teaches that daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body and that we as God's people receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Since we hold to this confession, it is only natural that we should keep and observe Thanksgiving Day every day of the year. This is the attitude that motivates and undergirds proper

Christian stewardship. Keeping this attitude alive is done by starting, developing, and nurturing certain habits.

One very important such habit is to be regular and consistent in our prayers when we awake, at mealtimes, and when we retire for the night. Luther provides prayers for these occasions in his Small Catechism, or you might find other suitable prayers, or even Psalms. Truly our Lord is good and His mercy endures forever. Saying prayers like this helps us remember that thanksgiving is a daily activity of God's people. Praying regularly each day (not only in thanks but also bringing before God our needs and those of others) helps us practice thanksgiving as a daily way of life. It is a life of both repentance and thanksgiving that trusts God as the giver of all good gifts.

Indeed, it is only in trusting God as the giver of all good gifts that allows us in faith to develop another important habit – our regular offering to God of our time, talent, and treasure. When developing our budgets, as we list our necessary expenses for house, food, clothing, and so on, it is easy to save our offering to the Church until last, giving only what is "leftover." Let us be clear, no one ought to give out of guilty obligation, but out of a faith which trusts in God as the provider of all we need to live in this life He has given us to live. However, we must also be clear that giving in faith is giving not from our leftovers, but honoring the Lord with "your wealth and the firstfruits of all your yield." (Proverbs 3:9).

Christian stewards are people who live each day as a day of thanksgiving; who in faith acknowledge God's created gifts AND His redemptive gifts in Christ Jesus, and in thankfulness receive them both for themselves and for sharing with their neighbor. Let us pause as we gather on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, and as we give thanks, pray that it would be a reminder of our God's daily gracious and abundant gifts, and a prompting in us of a daily response for all that He so richly provides.

Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

November 5 All Saints' Day (observed)

Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17 1 John 3:1-3

Matt. 5:1-12

November 12 Pentecost 24 (Proper 27)

Amos 5:18-24 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Matt. 25:1-13

November 19 Pentecost 25 (Proper 28)

Zeph. 1:7-16 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Matt. 25:14-30

November 26 Last Sunday in the Church

Year (Proper 29)

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24 1 Cor. 15:20-28

Matt. 25:31-46

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The Altamont LCMS Reformation Rally will take place on Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church south of Altamont. Rev. Tim Schnare of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, will be the speaker. An offering will be received for LHF and the ALIS Church Worker Scholarship fund. All are cordially invited to attend.

TRIVIA NIGHT--NOV 3 !! PRE REGISTRATION!! Is Open please give the center a call at 618.283.8750 or stop by the Vandalia location 1703 W. Fletcher St. during our business hours Monday-Thursday 9-12pm 1-5pm. No pre-registration is required for the trivia night but we do encourage it so we can have an idea on how much food our volunteers should make. REMEMBER * We have Freewill donation Meal Provided, and a Silent Auction Bake Sale that evening also. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

Camp CILCA needs your help! The Act Like Men Work Day is Saturday, November 4 from 8am-12pm. The campground needs to be readied for the winter and many hands are needed to get things wrapped up. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or <u>director@cilca.org</u> to let us know you are coming so we have enough lunch for everyone. See you there!

On Sunday, November 5, we will remember those who have died since last All Saints' Day (November 1). If you have someone you'd like remembered, please give the name to Pastor in writing before the end of October.

On Wednesday, November 8 at 8:30; the students of St. Peter's Lutheran School will be singing to honor veterans and those currently serving our country. Veterans and current service men and women, we hope you will attend and let us show our appreciation for your service. Parents and family members are also invited to attend.

St. Paul Blue Point Lutheran Church Ladies Aid of Altamont will host their Annual Soup Supper on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Serving will begin at 4:00 pm. Menu includes chili, chicken noodle soup, barbeque, chicken salad sandwiches, hotdogs, homemade pie, cake, and drinks. There will also be a bake sale and craft bazaar. Free will offering. The Church is located four miles north of Altamont, then two miles east. Contact Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 for a Pastoral visit.

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.

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