

**October Calendar 2023****Events****Anniversary & Birthdays**

<b>Sunday</b>	1-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	2-Oct	(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting		
Wed.	4-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline (E) 7pm Council Meeting (Elections)		
Thur.	5-Oct		5-Oct	(B) Madison Lotz (B) Ruth Summann
<b>Sunday</b>	8-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (E) 7pm Voters Meeting (Elections)		
Mon.	9-Oct	Columbus Day		
Tues.	10-Oct		10-Oct	(B) Aleia Beckman
Wed.	11-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
Thur.	12-Oct		12-Oct	(B) Denise Wolf
Fri.	13-Oct		13-Oct	(B) Pam Parrish
Sat.	14-Oct		14-Oct	(A) Eric & Cathy Dothager 2000
<b>Sunday</b>	15-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service (E) 11am Potluck Fellowship Luncheon		
Mon.	16-Oct		16-Oct	(B) Linda Rhodes
Tues.	17-Oct		17-Oct	(A) Mathew & Sarah Sasse 2010 (B) Amy Schaal
Wed.	18-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline	18-Oct	(A) Lee & Fran Schaal 1958
<b>Sunday</b>	22-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	22-Oct	(B) Abigail Rogers
Mon.	23-Oct		23-Oct	(A) Joe & Rachel Schaal 2004 (A) John & Ruth Ann Moyer 1971 (B) Grace Kruenegel (B) Rachel Koonce
Tues.	24-Oct		24-Oct	(B) Garrett Austin
Wed.	25-Oct	(E) 4pm Bulletin Deadline		
Thur.	26-Oct		26-Oct	(B) Dennis Schukar (B) Kenny Dothager
<b>Sunday</b>	29-Oct		29-Oct	(B) Abigail Wolf
Mon.	30-Oct	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service	30-Oct	(B) Dennis Lange
Tues.	31-Oct	(E) Reformation Day		

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

Most often, my October article deals with the Reformation since, at the end of the month, we observe that festival of God keeping His Church faithful. This year, I'm going to talk about something else. There's another festival in the church year that occurs at the end of September that doesn't get as much attention as it should. September 29 is the "Festival of St. Michael and All Angels." From time to time, the Church remembers and celebrates people that God has used in His Church, like the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John who wrote the gospels and like the apostles including Peter and Paul. But Michael isn't like them because Michael isn't human. Michael is an archangel, or the angelic commander of Christ's heavenly army. Revelation 12:7-12 tells us:

"Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.'"

Notice in these words of Scripture that even as Michael is mentioned, he isn't the main focus of this reading. Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, not in Michael, but in Jesus Christ. It is by the blood of the Lamb that the victory has been won. Angels appear throughout Scripture. In Isaiah 6 and Revelation 5 and 7, angels worship God in His presence. Other places, like Genesis 19, Matthew 1, and Luke 1, angels bring messages from God to people. Finally, Revelation 12 describes the work of angels as God's warriors. But always in Scripture, angels are inferior to God. Angels are not to be worshiped, since they are beings created by God for the good of God's creation and the people that God also created.

So, what's the value of recognizing angels in general and Michael the archangel in particular? They serve God and worship God, but they aren't God. Neither are they people. Jesus did not die for them. Sometimes, when a Christian dies, people say, "Today, heaven has gained an angel." But, the Bible certainly doesn't teach that. Instead, when God's baptized and believing people die, they rest with Jesus Christ as they wait for the resurrection of the body; but they don't become angels. Angels are angels and people are people. Those people who rest with Christ do so with the words of Revelation 12 echoing in their ears. Salvation has come by the blood of the Lamb! The angels exist in this reality, and so do you! All together, God's people

and God's angels exist in the truth of God's work because Jesus Christ is the Lord of all creation and He has redeemed it. On the festival of Michael the archangel, even Michael and the other angels fade into the background, swallowed up by the glory of Jesus Christ. On the festival of Michael (and the festival of the Reformation and all the other festivals) it's always all about Jesus. Jesus is the Lord of the angels, and He's your Lord too. He is the One who rules over all things and who guards and keeps you in the faith He has planted in you. So, today, remember that this is another day of salvation for you because the Lamb has fought for you, not merely with angels, but with His own blood. That's the victory that I look forward to celebrating with you on the Sundays to come, as we receive Jesus' salvation week after week.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Landskroener

P.S. Thank you to all who have donated in support of my Bike MS ride (Sept. 9-10). I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity which has helped me raise \$3,400 this year. I rode 75 miles each day. I will accept donations until the end of October.

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

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

October 1 Pentecost 18 (Proper 21)

Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32  
Phil. 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18  
Matt. 21:23-27 (28-32)

October 22 Pentecost 21 (Proper 24)

Is. 45:1-7  
1 Thess. 1:1-10  
Matt. 22:15-22

October 8 Pentecost 19 (Proper 22)

Is. 5:1-7  
Phil. 3:4b-14  
Matt. 21:33-46

October 29 Festival of the Reformation

Rev. 14:6-7  
Rom. 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

October 15 Pentecost 20 (Proper 23)

Is. 25:6-9  
Phil. 4:4-13  
Matt. 22:1-14

**The Family Irene Dial** would like to thank our Church Family for all their thoughts, prayers, cards, food, memorials and kind words at the time of our loss. God's Blessings to all, Sharon Dolly & Charles Wasmuth.

**A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION...** You can listen to the new audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), enter your email address, and you'll receive a link to "I Trust When Dark My Road." This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

**Council Meeting** is Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall.  
**Voter's Meeting** is Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church.

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

**LWML SUNDAY**---Ladies of the congregation are invited to support the mission of sharing Christ with the world by taking part in our **MITE offering, Sunday October 15th** during worship service. The congregation is invited to a potluck Fellowship Luncheon after service. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Ladies Aid/LWML. We look forward to seeing you.

**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 provide payments to churches for pastors visiting 4 new prisons or county jails in 2024. To watch a video about his next project, follow the link here: <https://youtu.be/JcC9nwejYK8>

**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.

**Rev. Dr. James Wright** is leading a tour to The Holy Land Oct. 29 – Nov. 7, 2024. For more info look at the posting in Narthex. Contact Scott Torbeck for more details.

**Do you have a cell phone?** Do you text? Do you have a home phone? Some do some don't. How do you want to be contacted by the Church? The Church would like to contact you via text with any info, updates or closings. To receive a text message, you will need to give us your cell number. Normal text fees will apply. Please provide info to Scott with a note or email [storbeck@augsburchurch.com](mailto:storbeck@augsburchurch.com) or text 618-367-3355

**Augsburg is collecting Christian materials**, Bibles, Portals of Prayer, Sunday School and VBS materials, Lutheran Witness, books, etc., to be given to the mission in Butler to distribute worldwide. Please put them on the table in the middle of the basement.

## Bible Word Search: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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COMFORTING

JUDGE

MESSIAH

PRAISED

SON OF GOD

GLORIFIED

LOVING

NAZARENE

SACRED

TEACHER

HEALER

MERCIFUL

PERFECT

SAVIOR

THE WORD

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Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.