

September 2023

Events

Anniversary & Birthdays

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| Sunday | 3-Sep | (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service | |
| Mon. | 4-Sep | Labor Day (E) 7pm Ladies Aid | 4-Sep (B) Steve Hickerson (A) Bob & Janet Williams 1960 |
| Wed. | 6-Sep | | 6-Sep (A) Doug & Pam Stein 1986 |
| Fri. | 8-Sep | | 8-Sep (B) Mandi Austin |
| Sat. | 9-Sep | | 9-Sep (B) Deborah Harmeier (B) Steve Lotz |
| Sunday | 10-Sep | (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service | |
| Mon. | 11-Sep | | 11-Sep (B) Kathy Crippen |
| Tues. | 12-Sep | | 12-Sep (B) Ryan Gramlick (A) Ronald & Abby Rogers 2015 |
| Wed. | 13-Sep | | 13-Sep (B) Keith Cole |
| Thur. | 14-Sep | | 14-Sep (B) Roberta Schmid |
| Fri. | 15-Sep | | 15-Sep (A) Phil & Phyllis Richards 1967 (B) Bella Walk |
| Sat. | 16-Sep | | 16-Sep (B) Tom Wolf Jr. |
| Sunday | 17-Sep | (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service | 17-Sep (B) Kathy Landskroener (B) Kay Schukar (B) Jase Torbeck (A) Travis & Amanda Torbeck 2011 (A) Jason & Shanna Wiseman 2022 |
| Mon. | 18-Sep | | 18-Sep (B) MeLissa Gramlick (A) Pastor & Kathy Landskroener 1976 |
| Tues. | 19-Sep | | 19-Sep (A) Gary & Roberta Schmid 1964 |
| Wed. | 20-Sep | | 20-Sep (B) Michael Bauer |
| Thur. | 21-Sep | | 21-Sep (B) Liam Meadows |
| Sat. | 23-Sep | | 23-Sep (B) Phyllis Richards |
| Sunday | 24-Sep | (E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School (E) 10am Worship Service | |

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

I'm now an orphan. I no longer have a parent. They've both died. They've both gone to be with their Lord, and mine. And because God blessed me with them, I do still have a Father who loves me, cares for me, provides for me, and will never leave me nor forsake me. How can that be? They taught me of Jesus, the Son of God who became my brother and gave His life for me. Because of Jesus, His Father is my Father. So, I can always trust in Him for all things.

Thank you very much for your cards and other expressions of love and sympathy at the death of my mother. It is comforting to know that as you mourn with me, we look ever forward to the resurrection of all flesh on the last day when Jesus will return in glory. Indeed, the people of God live in and with the blessed promise that all who believe in Christ and die in Him will rise to live with Him forever. That's why hymns like "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (LSB 461), "For All the Saints" (LSB 677), "Abide with Me" (LSB 878), and many others provide so much comfort and peace.

If you're wondering, the hymns sung at my mother's funeral were "A Mighty Fortress" (LSB 656), "For All the Saints," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709), and "Abide with Me." What a beautiful service it was. The pastor's Gospel-filled sermon began, "Hello, my friend." That's how my mother greeted people. That was part of her witness. I don't know how often people mentioned that to me.

While Easter hymns are full of comfort, even as they proclaim Christ's resurrection and the life that is our in Him, the hymns in the Evening section (LSB 877-891) of the hymnal are full of comfort too. Here are some of them: "Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow," "Christ, Mighty Savior," "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night," and "Now the Light Has Gone Away." They are good to read (and sing) before bed since they address the end of the day and the night that is coming. They often reflect Luther's Evening Prayer and ask for forgiveness of sins, peaceful sleep, and God's protection through the night. Some of them also speak of the sleep of death and the waking of the resurrection.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With You on high. (LSB 877.3)

Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day. (LSB
883.3)

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. (LSB 878.5-6)

Here's Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

God grant you peace, comfort, hope, and joy as you lie down to rest in Jesus' care.

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. It's not too late to donate if you wish to.

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

September 3 Pentecost 14 (Proper 17)

Jer. 15:15-21
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt. 16:21-28

September 17 Pentecost 16 (Proper 19)

Gen. 50:15-21
Rom. 14:1-13
Matt. 18:21-35

September 10 Pentecost 15 (Proper 18)

Ezek. 33:7-9
Rom. 13:1-10
Matt. 18:1-20

September 24 Pentecost 17 (Proper 20)

Is. 55:6-9
Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30
Matt. 20:1-16

Thank you very much for your cards and other expressions of sympathy and loving care expressed at the death of my mother. Pastor

LUTHERAN BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE SERIES... How did the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod defend itself 50 years ago from a liberal approach to the Bible? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed several guests about the Lutheran battle for the Bible. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/battleforthebible.

Camp CILCA's Chicken Dinner and Auction is Sunday, September 3. Grilled chicken, sides and desserts are available from 11:30-2:00pm for \$10. Kids 4-12 are \$8. The live auction begins at 12:30pm. A silent auction will also be conducted. Visit cilca.org to view auction items and get more information. See you Sunday, September 3 at Camp CILCA!

Ladies Aid meeting will be held on Sept 4 at 7:00 pm

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

Each September, I participate in Bike MS. Participants raise funds to help those with Multiple Sclerosis and to fund research. This year's ride is only a month away, September 9 & 10. Would you please support me with a donation? I'd greatly appreciate it, as would anyone suffering from MS. I gladly accept checks (made payable to National MS Society) and cash. If you would like to donate online, contact me for the link. Pastor

Altamont Lutheran Interparish School invites you all to the 3rd Annual ALIS BBQ Cookoff Fundraiser held at the Effingham County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9th from 1pm to 9pm. Dinner, featuring Brisket and Pulled Pork, will be served from 1pm until it is all gone. Free Will donations are welcome. Please see the poster on the bulletin board or visit Facebook @ ALIS BBQ Cookoff Fundraiser for more information.

GriefShare course offered in Salem - Pastor Mike of Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, is again offering a GriefShare class this fall. This 14-week class is designed to guide those who have lost loved ones through the journey of grief and provide a solid support system for them. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Classes will begin on September 11th. If interested in attending, please sign up via Salem Lutheran's website, salemlc.org.

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.

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Traditional Christian Hymns

Word Search

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A Mighty FORTRESS Is Our God
All Hail the POWER of Jesus' Name

Amazing GRACE

Because He LIVES

BLESSED Assurance

Christ the Lord Is RISEN Today

Great Is Thy FAITHFULNESS

How GREAT Thou Art

HOLY, Holy, Holy

How Firm a FOUNDATION

It Is WELL with My Soul

JOYFUL, Joyful, We Adore Thee

What a FRIEND We Have in Jesus

When I SURVEY the Wondrous Cross

Instructions:

Find and circle the words in ALL CAPS listed above. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.