

Welcome in Jesus' Name

Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament so that we receive His true body and blood along with the bread and wine (Mark 14:22, 24; 1 Corinthians 10:16). We further believe that in this Sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28) and strength to live an improved Christian life (Galatians 2:20). A worthy communicant is one who is truly repentant of his/her sins and who resolves to amend his/her life (1 Corinthians 11:28). Furthermore, this Sacrament is not only a communion with Christ (Matthew 18:20, 28:20; 1 Corinthians 10:16), but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:17; Acts 2:42). Those desiring to commune with us for the first time should register with the pastor in his office BEFORE the service begins.

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A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C: Thanks be to God.

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Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound:

Leona Albin, Loretta Brandt, Alma Hassebrock, and Paul Zimmerman;

... for God's healing hand that has touched the lives of those who have been ill recently; and

...for those in need of the Lord's care and mercy, of whom we do not know at this hour.

Announcements/Events

The **Eternal Flame** is being donated by Wilma Grussing for December.

Thanks so much! Thank you very much for the beautiful carols you sang at the nursing home for Betsy and me. It was beautiful music. The cookies were very good, too. Loretta Brandt and Betsy Newman

Thank you to Jeannine and Harry Henriksen for donating a small vacuum to the church. It will work great to vacuum the pews and the balcony steps!

Contribution Envelopes. The Finance Committee, Christie Delaney, and Larry Lutz will be assigning contribution envelopes to those who were assigned envelopes in 2011. If you would like to be assigned contribution envelopes for 2012, or do not want to be assigned contribution envelopes for 2012, please contact Larry Lutz or Christie Delaney TODAY. We will be assigning new envelopes December 19-23. Thank you.

Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service. Please sign-up TODAY for a poinsettia if you wish to help decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve service. Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman and given to Mike Hendricks. The cost is \$10.80. You may take your flower home after the January 1, 2012, service.

Altar Guild. A new sign-up for the Altar Guild is now posted on the back bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to donate your time to this worthwhile activity.

LWML Officers. Congratulations to the new officers for LWML: President: Connie Warsaw; Christian Growth Chairman: Barb Whitehouse-Gercken; Secretary: Shirley Sprau; Treasurer: Debbie Martin; and Mission Growth Coordinator: Terri Hooker. Thank you to the following outgoing officers: Debbie Lammle; Barb Whitehouse-Gercken; Barb Gaines; Diana Zimmerman; and Debbie Martin.

Highlights of the December 13, 2011, Church Council Meeting.

- Christmas Eve Children's Program will be held on December 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- No Sunday School/Adult Bible Class on Sunday, December 25.
- No Sunday Confirmation Class on December 25 or January 1, 2012.
- Sunday School will be held on January 1, 2012.

- Adult Confirmation class will be completed in January 2012.
- New member reception will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, during Sunday School/Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall for all new members and confirmands.
- The proposed 2012 budget will be presented to the congregation on January 9, 2012, at the Annual Voters Meeting.
- A potluck will be held after the Annual Voters Meeting. Council will provide the drinks. Please bring a dish (or two) to pass and your own table service.

Christmas Eve Program Practice. The Children's Christmas Program Practice will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30. This is the last practice so everyone needs to be in attendance! THE CHOIR NEEDS TO BE AT THIS PRACTICE ALSO SO BE HERE AT 6:30! The children will be a part of the Christmas Eve worship service which begins at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night.

Christmas treat bags will be assembled on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Many volunteers of all ages are needed to make this project get completed quickly during this busy day!

A **Christmas Eve Service** will be held on Saturday, December 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The service will include a program entitled, "God Loves Me Dearly" which will be a variety of Christmas hymns with the program that is told by a storyteller. The children will participate with finger plays, scripture readings, and songs.

The **Annual Voters Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2012, immediately following the worship service. A potluck meal will then be served in the Fellowship Hall.

European Tour. Pastor McPike will be leading a tour to Europe. Dates are July 8-19, 2012. Brochures will be available soon, or you can download a brochure from the church website, www.OsmanLutheran.org. Please see pastor if you have any questions.

It's Christmas Card Time! If anyone would like to send Vicar Fenker a Christmas card, his school address is Aaron Fenker, Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825. His home address is Aaron Fenker, 1367 Finch Lane, Milford, Ohio 45150.

Statistics

December 11 Attendance90
 December 11 Offering\$1,282.50

Those Assisting Us Today

ElderRob Gallier
 Altar GuildDebbie Lammle and Susan Martin
 OrganistAlicia Haggin
 Lay ReaderShane Zimmerman

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN
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Fourth Sunday in Advent
 December 18, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.



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