

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!

Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of the 40 day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter. In Holy Week we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His Passion and resurrection.

Palm Sunday is the commemoration of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem five days before his crucifixion. This day takes its name from the fact that as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey, the huge crowd that followed carried palm branches as they praised Him and shouted "hosanna, hosanna!". The people hailed Him as the long awaited "Son of David", that is, the Messiah.

Maundy Thursday remembers the events in the upper room the night before Jesus died. The upper room events include the institution of the Lord's Supper, the eating of the Passover meal, and the washing of the disciples' feet. At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This symbolizes Christ being stripped by the Roman soldiers prior to His crucifixion. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Good Friday - On the last Friday before Easter we remember Jesus crucifixion. It is the day when Jesus paid for our sins by dying in our place. Everything is taken off the altar and draped in black for this service.

Easter Sunday, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is the beginning of new life. Easter celebrates Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil, as well as the promise of our justification and everlasting life. Holy Communion will be celebrated Easter morning. (The season of Easter lasts 50 days until the day of Pentecost.)

Holy Week is a marvelous time for Christian growth. It offers incredible potential for satisfying spiritual hunger. It does this by exposing those who attend its services to God's Word and Sacrament. We

grow as the Holy Spirit works through the Gospel and Sacrament that we hear and receive during these days.
THIS HOLY WEEK—"TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD."

Holy Week Services and Activities at Osman

The Maundy Thursday service begins at 7 p.m. on April 2nd. Holy Communion will be celebrated with homemade wine made by Shane Zimmerman and Aaron Warsaw and unleavened bread made by Debbie Lammler. Good Friday service will be held on April 3rd at 7 p.m. Easter sunrise service begins at 7 a.m. on April 5th followed by breakfast, and an Easter egg hunt for the children sponsored by Thrivent.

Easter Breakfast!

As is our tradition at Osman, the youth will be serving breakfast after service on Easter morning in the Hall. The menu includes our traditional pancakes by Larry Lutz, eggs, ham, and toast with coffee, juice or milk. Please join us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection!



Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, April 1st at 1:30 p.m. Dorothy Miller will have the devotion and prayer and serve as the hostess. Annette Warsaw will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on Angels. All ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend!

LWML News

The LWML met on March 12 for their regular meeting. We opened by singing "Lutheran Women One and All" and saying the LWML pledge. Barb Whitehouse-Gercken had the devotions and Annette Warsaw led the topic. 11 members answered roll call and the minutes from the December meeting were read by Barb Gaines. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1412.11. Deb Lammle read the correspondence from Vicar Cockran. Everyone was thanked for helping with the soup supper before the Ash Wednesday service. We served 29 people.

The ladies have completed 30 quilts so far this year. The new dates for quilting were set as April 15 and 16, May 7 and 9, and June 4 and 6.

Information was presented on the Spring Gathering to be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danville on March 28, the CID Convention to be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Champaign on April 17 and 18, and the National Convention which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 25 – 28.

Immanuel Osman will be hosting the Fall Rally on September 17th. We will be planning that at our June meeting.

We will plan a congregational food shower for our summer vicar in late May so he will have cabinets of food and some cleaning supplies upon his arrival in June.

We will be distributing baby bottles to the congregation to collect change for the Pregnancy Resource Center starting on Mother's Day. We will collect for a month.

Terri Hooker and Connie Warsaw served delicious refreshments.

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

There will be a Mother-Daughter Luncheon at Thomasboro Lutheran Church on April 26th. Call Rhonda Scott for details. (217-643-7472)

Thank You!

Thanks to Connie Warsaw and Diana Zimmerman for visiting the shut-ins in March.

Thrivent News

We will be preparing a benefit soup supper on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. for Emily Robinson. Emily is 13 years old and has scoliosis. She is the daughter of Bobby Robinson who runs the Lions Den Cafe in Bellflower. The meal will be chili, potato soup, oyster soup, sandwiches and pie. There is a signup sheet on the back bulletin board for food donations. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to donate or help at the benefit. We couldn't put on these benefits without everyone's help. This will be the last time Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$3 donated. Come out and enjoy some delicious food while supporting a worthy cause.

This month we received \$302 in Thrivent Choice dollars, and we thank Brenda Hendricks, William McCleary, Martha Warsaw and Gene Welborn for designating our church as the recipient. March 31st is the last date to designate 2014 dollars.

Thrivent will also be doing the Easter egg hunt again this year.

Church Council Meeting

The church council will meet on Wednesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, April 12th. If you are 18 years or older and a member of our church, please sign the constitution to become a voting member.

Attention Confirmands!

Pastor McPike will meet with the confirmands on Sunday, April 26th after church. A light meal will be served before catechism instruction.

And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here."

Mark 16:6

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
2/15	53	4	14
2/18	40	Ash Wednesday	-
2/22	69	5	22
2/25	41	Lent Midweek	-
3/01	0	Church cancelled	0
3/04	36	Lent Midweek	-
3/08	59	4	12
3/11	35	Lent Midweek	-
3/15	66	1	16
3/18	30	Lent Midweek	-
3/22	74	5	20
3/25	n/a	Lent Midweek	-
3/29	n/a	n/a	n/a

April Birthdays

Chase Zimmerman.....04-03
 Courtney Delaney.....04-03
 Erik Henriksen.....04-08
 Timothy Brandt.....04-10
 Dorothy Miller.....04-12
 Connie Warsaw.....04-12
 Benjamin Burgess.....04-13
 Barb Gaines.....04-16
 Kathy Brendel.....04-17
 Leonard Delaney.....04-17
 Steven Sprau.....04-18
 Gina Masko.....04-19
 Hallie Payne.....04-23
 Bob Zimmerman.....04-23
 Linda Warsaw.....04-25
 Kristan Hansen.....04-25
 Deb Lammler.....04-26
 Marvin Nelson.....04-28



April Anniversaries

Alicia and Nicholas Haggin.....04-28-2007

Happy Anniversary!



Elder Schedule

Steve	Jan	May	Sept
Neil	Feb	June	Oct
Shane	Mar	July	Nov
Aaron	Apr	Aug	Dec