

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
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Christmas Thank You

Thank you very much to all the members who helped decorate the church and the church property for the Christmas season. Thank you to Lee Whitehouse for getting the tree for the church. Thank you to the Sunday School children for decorating the tree in the fellowship hall.



Thank you to the members who packed the Christmas treat bags that were distributed on Christmas Eve. Those helping from left to right front row - Annette Warsaw, Addi Warsaw, Bella Ford, Diana Zimmerman, Susan Martin, Connie Warsaw, and Bob Zimmerman. Those helping from left to right in back row - Don Warsaw, Rick Hardesty, Jeff Warsaw, and Brenda Hendricks.

Christmas Thank Yous – continued

Thank you to all of the musicians that used their talents for the Christmas Eve worship service. Sara McPike played the trumpet, Jenna Clemmons played the trombone, and Addi Warsaw played the French horn while Alicia Haggin played the organ. The vocal soloists were Rita Haggin, Theresa Van Wakeman Wilson, and Nick Haggin.

Quilting Dates

The first dates in 2024 for quilting will be January 8th and 10th at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train in the fall. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend as no experience is needed!

Altar Flowers

Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a special person or occasion or pay for the eternal flame candle for a specific month. There is also an Altar Guild sign-up if you would like to help prepare the altar for Sunday morning services. Please know that your assistance will be very much appreciated!

Hat, Mitten, and Glove Donations

At the November Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting, the ladies voted to donate hats, mittens, and gloves instead of having a Christmas gift exchange. This project was also offered to the congregation. The collection box on the back pew overflowed with donations. There were 36 pairs of mittens and gloves, 17 hats, and 3 scarves donated. These items will be donated to places that help the needy in our communities.

Officers Needed!

The church officers sign-up sheet still has LOTS and LOTS and LOTS of empty blanks for officers for the ballot for 2024. The positions that will need to be filled on the council will be a chairman, treasurer, two elders, one trustee, and one assistant financial secretary. These officers will be elected at the annual voters' meeting on January 21st. Be thinking about how YOU can use your talents to serve the congregation.

Thrivent Members

If you have any Thrivent Choice Dollars which are given upon ownership of certain Thrivent products, do not forget to donate those to one of the 35,000 churches and nonprofits that Thrivent recognizes. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman is one of those choices. The deadline to donate 2023 Choice Dollars is March 31st. The amount contributed to our church in the last year has decreased greatly so if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars, but do not know how to donate them, please see Brenda Hendricks or Terri Hooker.

Shut – In Visits

All members can volunteer to visit our members who cannot come worship with us. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board of the church if you are interested in “bringing some smiles” to people who have health issues and cannot get to church. Thank you to Connie and Don Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks who visited them in December.

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

Ladies Aid/LWML will meet on Thursday, February 1st, at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Annette Warsaw will have the topic, and Brenda Edwards and Connie Warsaw will be the hostesses. There are several business items on the agenda which includes planning an Ash Wednesday soup supper. Roll call will be answered with a Bible verse on grace.

Benefit Check Presented



Dwight Hooker, one of the Stewardship Committee members, presented the check from the soup supper benefit to Rob Gallier and his family after church on December 10th. The check totaled \$9518. This is the total from the freewill offering taken at the supper and the Thrivent Choice Dollars that have been given to our congregation as well as the money given to the church specifically designated for benefits. We thank all the members who volunteered at the supper as well as those who donated food. We wish Rob the best as he proceeds with the schedule for a kidney transplant.

Dates to Remember

Undecorate the Church – January 7th – after church

Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30

Congregational Voters Meeting – Sunday, January 21st – after church



January Birthdays

Joey Haggin.....01-02
 Sara Kunde..... 01-05
 Brad Lutz.....01-10
 Anne Amdor.....01-18
 Hannah Duncan.....01-19
 Megan Bidner..... 01-21
 Bryce Martin.....01-23

January Anniversaries

Christie and Leonard Delaney..01-07-1995

Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Class	Sunday School
December 3	42	12	2
December 10	49	13	2
December 17	50	8	N/A
December 24	50	N/A	N/A
December 24	65	N/A	N/A



Christmas at Osman

