

Welcome in Jesus' Name

We are pleased to have you with us and hope that you are enriched today in the fellowship of the Word. May the Lord bless you in the days ahead! If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book at the back of the church or complete a visitor card found in each pew.

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Confession and Absolution (page 184)

Introit (Insert), Kyrie (page 186)

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Salutation and Collect (page 189)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Insert)

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (page 190)

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (Gospel responses, pages 190, 191)

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The Offering, Prayer of the Church (page 193)

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FINAL HYMN, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (Tune: "Valet, Will Ich dir geben," TLH 72)515

Announcements/Events

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

The **Altar Guild** will meet with the trustees TODAY in the Annex following the worship service.

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.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church yesterday.

Thank you to Susie Martin for organizing the sacristy in order to prepare for future storage of banners, acolyte robes, and paraments. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

Thank you to the twenty people who went caroling to our shut-ins and local nursing home residents last Sunday. The message of Christmas through our carols was very much appreciated by all.

Thank you! The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who came out to the Advent soup supper. We received \$412.00 in the free will offering. This money will be used to support a seminary student and other Lutheran organizations. We hope to make this an annual event. Thanks for your support!

Funeral arrangements are pending for Marjorie Ardelle Martin Peters who passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at her home in Crescent City, IL.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Christmas Eve Program Practice. The second practice for the Christmas Eve Program will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. (All practices are listed in the December Newsletter.)

Choir Practice. The choir will meet on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. to practice their songs for Christmas Eve.

Angel Tree for Underprivileged Children. The Fisher National Bank has an Angel Tree that is filled with a list of underprivileged children who won't have gifts under their tree except for the generosity of community members. If you want to assist with this project, please come to the bank and take a paper angel from the tree with the directions on how to help. The deadline is December 15, 2011.

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 by Sunday, December 18, 2011. We will be assigning new envelopes December 19-23. Thank you.

The **Christmas treat bags** that are given to our guests on Christmas Eve will be assembled on Saturday, December 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to donate money for this project, please give your donation to one of the elders (Rob Gallier, Butch Sprau, Aaron Warsaw, or Shane Zimmerman) or the Treasurer, Mike Hendricks.

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 4 Attendance80
December 4 Offering\$1,565.35

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Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.



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