

Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound:

**Leona Albin, Alma Hassebrock, Carolyn Heinze,
Carol Martinie, Marge Morrissey and Paul Zimmerman.**

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

...for Curt Nelson who is scheduled for surgery on December 17th;

...for Brad Hoyt as he recovers from surgery;

...for Austin Miller for healing;

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

...for our members and friends who are in the service of our country;

...All the people in the Gifford and Washington areas that were hit by the tornadoes;

...St. Paul, Mattoon (Dorans);

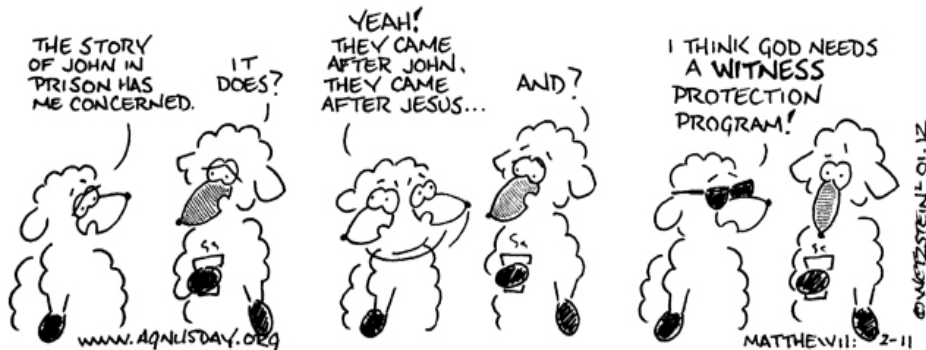
...the Southern District;

...and for Osman's mission project for December - Mahomet School's program for needy children.

Statistics

December 4 Attendance.....	34
December 4 Offering.....	\$345.00
December 8 Attendance.....	75
December 8 Offering.....	\$2,996.00

Agnus Day



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.



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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; 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.

The "Responsive Reading" for the "Lighting of the Advent Wreath" is taken from the great "O" Antiphons which were typically said in the church in ages past at daily worship services on December 17 through December 23. These "O" Antiphons are the inspiration for the hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Divine Service, Setting Four

**OPENING HYMN, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"334:1-4
(tune 442)**

Confession and Absolution (page 203)

The Lighting of the Advent wreath

Responsive Reading

P: O Root of Jesse

C: standing as an ensign before the peoples,

P: before whom all the kings are mute, to whom the nations will
do homage:

C: Come quickly to deliver us.

Response: **"Rejoice in the Lord Always"** (choir)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (page 205)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Insert)

Epistle: James 5:7-11

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (page 205)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15 (Response page 206)

A. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

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CLOSING HYMN, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"334:5-6

Those Assisting Us Today

ElderRoy Whitehouse

Altar GuildDebbie Lammle and Shirley Sprau

OrganistAlicia Haggin

Acolyte.....Hannah Duncan

Lay Reader.....Marvin Clemmons

Announcements

The Eternal Flame is being sponsored during the month of December by John and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken. We thank them for their donation.

Thank You! On behalf of the St. John Evangelical Church of Schwer, we would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to you for your donation of money. We truly appreciate your gift of kindness and we appreciate you showing your Christian love at our time of need. God bless you and your families.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Milford

The Ladies Aid served 35 at the Advent soup supper and made \$265. Thanks to all who provided food or helped with the supper. The money will be used to support our seminary student Jonathan Scheck.

Please join us for our annual Christmas Eve Children's Program on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to invite extended family and friends to come celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ!

Christmas Program Practice! We will practice on Tuesdays, December 17 from 6-7:30 PM, and on Saturday, December 21 from 9-10:30 AM. Our final practice /dress rehearsal will be Sunday, December 22, in the church during regular Sunday School hours.

Treat Sacks! Donations for the goodies that will be put in the Christmas Eve treat sacks can be given to Roy Whitehouse, the elder on duty in December. The treat bags will be assembled on Tuesday, December 24th at 9 AM. All are welcome to help!

Poinsettias! If you wish to donate a Poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please sign up on the bulletin board by today. The cost is \$11.00. Please give your money to treasurer Bob Zimmerman. The flowers will remain on the altar until after the new year, unless those donating them want to take them sooner.

The sign up sheet for positions on the council is on the back bulletin board. Please consider your time and talents and put your name on the ballot. The board will need a chairman, a trustee, 2 elders, an assistant financial director, an assistant Sunday School superintendent and a head usher. Job descriptions for these positions are posted both on the back bulletin board and online at www.OsmanLutheran.org/council/. The election will be held at the quarterly voters meeting in January.

Volunteers needed! The people who were effected by the tornado in Gifford are still in need of help. If you have any extra time, you can volunteer by call the Volunteer Emergency Number at 217-568-7411. There are indoor jobs organizing food, doing dishes and manning telephone lines and outside jobs picking up debris.