#### **Statistics**

December 6 Attendance	63
December 6 Offering\$	993.00

#### **Those Assisting Us Today**

Elder	Shane Zimmerman
Altar Guild	Shirley Sprau and Debbie Lammle
Organist	Alicia Haggin
Lay Reader	Kim Clemmons

#### **Agnus Day**



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### **Bulletin Deadline**

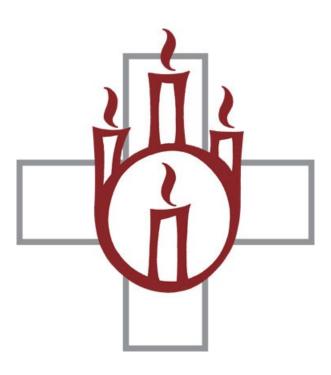
If you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin, please forward those to me by **NOON on Wednesdays**. You may contact me by email at **SecretaryOsmanLutheran@frontier.com or by phone at 309-828-5883**. Thank you! Linda

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

# Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.



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#### 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**

Prelude during lighting of candles: Gregorian Introit.......Nick Haggin (Translation of Latin text: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known before all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:4-6)

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- A. This is the Word of the Lord.
- C. Thanks be to God.

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#### Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound:

Alma Hassebrock, Carolyn Heinze, Carol Martinie and Marge Morrissey;

- ...for God's healing hand that has touched the lives of those who have been ill recently;
- ...for Cindy Masko for healing;
- ...for Jeri Bidner for recovery;
- ...for Jeff Warsaw for healing and strength;
- ...for Jodi Welborn Stockle for healing and strength;
- ...for Natalie Hooker for safety and support as she teaches in South Korea;
- ...for those in need of the Lord's care and mercy, of whom we do not know at this hour;
- ...for Pastor Peter Kolb and family, LCMS Missionary serving in Hong Kong, for healing and strength;
- ...for our members and friends who are in the service of our country;
- ...for St. Paul, Mattoon (Dorans);
- ...for the Southern District;
- ...and for Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse, Osman's mission giving project for December.

#### **Announcements**

**Eternal Flame** - The Eternal Flame is being sponsored by Harry Henriksen during the month of December in memory of his meeting his late wife Jeannine for the first time. We thank him for this donation.

**Eternal Flame** - The Eternal Flame is also being sponsored during the month of December by Esther and Larry Lutz. We thank them for their donation.

**Confirmands:** The confirmation class will meet in the hall today after church for a meal, followed by class with Pastor McPike.

**Thank You!** We feel so humble at the show of love and concern that was shown to my mother, Frances Zimmerman, during her final fight with cancer. Thank all of you for the cards, monetary gifts, flowers, food, paper goods and everything else you knew we would need and wouldn't think about. Mom would have been happy with all the great food that was served at her funeral dinner—especially the pies which were her forte! We so appreciated everything that was done for her and our family at this sad time in our lives.

Bob and Diana Zimmerman & Family

**Thank You!** Thank you to all of the members of the Ladies Aid who took time to put together a box of goodies for me. Living so close to home I don't get much mail. This made my day and will help me get through finals.

Thanks again, Courtney Delaney

**Thank You!** Dear Osman Ladies, Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift! I thank you very deeply for the prayer book. It is amazing to know that whatever circumstance I am in, God is always there, preparing me for how I can serve Him in all situations. The prayer book is an excellent reminder of that, and will help me find the words to pray when I need help. Thank you so much for that, and for all you do in service to our Lord.

Merry Christmas! Sarah Schuh

**Thank You!** Thank you to Don Warsaw and Steve Warsaw for selecting and obtaining the Christmas tree in our church this year!

**Thank You!** Thank you to John Lammle and Darryl Redding for "placing the greens" in the church last Saturday, and for all those who finished the decorations inside and out yesterday morning.

**Choir Practice!** There will be choir practice on Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 PM. Please come and sing Christmas hymns!

**Christmas Caroling** to our shut-ins will take place on Sunday, December 20th. We will leave from the church around 11:30am.

**Gate Post Newsletter!** The September 2015 issue of The Gate Post was the last printed edition. The Gate Post is the Central Illinois District's newsletter. You can receive the new electronic newsletter by going to their homepage at www.cidlcms.org and clicking on Gate Post Newsletter. At this site click on the "sign up" form in the lower right corner.

**Christmas Eve Treat Bags!** Anyone who wants to contribute to the fruit and candy sacks given out Christmas Eve please give your money to one of the elders: Steve Martin, Shane Zimmerman, Neil Bidner, or Aaron Warsaw.

**Treat Bag Assembly:** We will be assembling the goodie bags for Christmas Eve on December 24th at 9am. Anyone is welcome to help, and with lots of hands, we are usually done in 30 minutes. A Thrivent Action Team request was made and approved for this project. We will have \$250 from Thrivent for this project.

**Poinsettias:** If you would like to help adorn the altar for Christmas with a red poinsettia, please sign-up on the bulletin board by December 20th. The price of each flower is \$12. Please pay Bob Zimmerman, our church treasurer, and make checks to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. Poinsettias may be taken home after church on January 3rd or before if you wish. Thanks for your donation.

Choice Dollars Presentation! Everyone is invited to a presentation on December 17th at 8pm in the Fellowship Hall with a Thrivent Representative concerning "Choice Dollars". Bruce Paulsrud, the Thrivent Rep, with be discussing the use of Thrivent Choice money in our church or any nonprofit of your choice. Please be present for this informative meeting.

**Church Officers needed!** Please consider signing up for an office on the Church Council. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and it would be great to have every line filled in before our Voter's Meeting in January.

**Osman Wi-Fi:** The Osman Wi-Fi code for "OsmanChurch(public)" is "romans1017".