

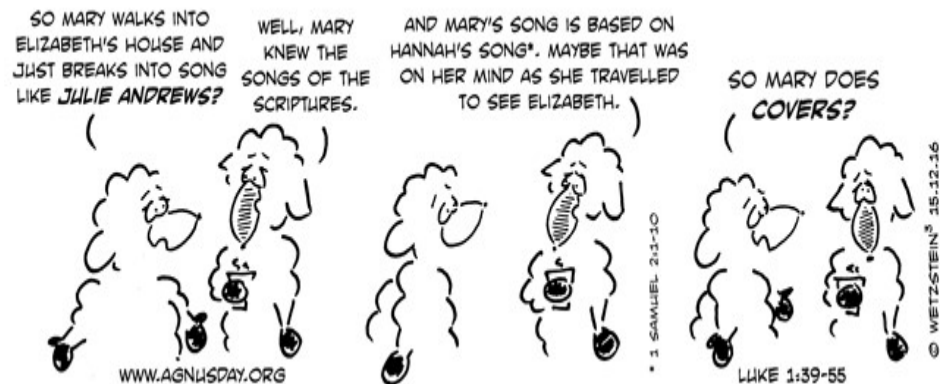
Statistics

December 9 Attendance	60
December 9 Offering	\$1,106.00
December 16 Attendance	72
December 16 Offering	\$1,463.00

Those Assisting Us Today

Elder	Don Warsaw
Altar Guild	Debbie Lammle and Sue Van Wakeman
Organist	Alicia Haggin
Lay Reader.....	Shirley Sprau
Acolyte	Reese Gallier

Agnus Day



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Bulletin Deadline

If you have announcements for the weekly Bulletin, please forward those to Linda Warsaw by **NOON on Wednesdays**. You may contact her by email at secretary@osmanlutheran.org or by phone at **309-828-5883**. Thank you!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 23, 2018 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.

Matins

Prelude, "Emmanuel" Choir

OPENING HYMN, Hymn Sing

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Isaiah 9:2-7)

HYMN RESPONSE, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 357:6

Printed Matins (*see separate folder*)

Psalm — Introit on bulletin insert

HYMN OF THE DAY, "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" 356

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

A. O Lord, have mercy on us.

C. Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

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Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Responsory: (see Matins folder)

Catechism: (Page 322)

Chapel Talk

Sermon

Canticle Hymn, "Sing Praise to the God of Israel" 936

The Offering

Prayers (*please refer to the printed folder*)

CLOSING HYMN, "Arise, O Christian People" 354

Let Us Pray...

...for our members who are homebound: **Marge Morrissey, Johanne Bloch, and Karen Bryan**

...for thanksgiving and praise for our blessings;

...for God's healing hand for those who have been ill;

...for Kathy Brendel for healing and strength;

...for Jodi Burgess for healing and strength;

...for Esther Lutz for healing and strength;

...for those in need of God's mercy and care;

...and for the Texas District LCMS.

PLEASE return your Matins service folder to the Elder's Pew as you leave the church today, so that they may be reused. Thank You!

Announcements

The Eternal Flame is being sponsored during the month of December by Debbie Peyton in memory of Harold Peyton.

The two stained-glass windows above the coat racks in the front foyer were reinstalled this week. According to our church's history book which was printed in 1995, "the two stained glass windows in the bell tower were taken from the original church" which was dedicated in 1910. Jacksonville Stained Glass completed the work of taking the windows apart, cleaning each piece, and then re-soldering the pieces back together to make the beautiful pattern. The frames were refinished, and an outer covering was installed to protect the windows from the weather. This work was done in memory of Michael Hendricks and was financed with his memorial funds and a gift from his family. The windows will be re-dedicated in the service today.

Choir Practice: TODAY after the service in the Annex.

Christmas Treat Bags: Anyone who would like to contribute to the fruit and candy sacks which are given out on Christmas Eve, can give their money to one of the elders: Butch Sprau, Marvin Clemmons, Roy Whitehouse or Don Warsaw. We will be assembling the treat bags on December 24th at 9 a.m. and anyone is invited to help. If we have several help, it only takes a few minutes. Thanks!

Christmas Eve Children's Service: December 24th at 7pm.

Open House - Pastor and Sharon are hosting an open house at their home in Philo on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 2-4 PM. This will include an open house for Sara, who graduated December 15 from Concordia University—Chicago. The address is 112 W. Jefferson Street, Philo. From Urbana, go south on 130 to Philo. Jefferson is 3 blocks south of the railroad, turn left and go one block east, to the corner of Jefferson and Jackson.

Confirmation Students' Parents: There will not be class on December 30th. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for new memory work and schedule for January.

FYI - Ornaments and hangers will be available for purchase from now through the 125th celebration. Please contact Wilma Grussing, Debbie Martin, Christie Delaney or Marsha Warsaw for more information or to purchase your ornaments. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped donate food for the Pastor's Conference on Dec.11th, especially Diana Zimmerman and Shirley Sprau for serving the meal.

Thanks to all the youth and their parents for serving another great Holiday Breakfast, especially Nikki Gallier for organizing the event!

Thanks to Alicia Haggin and family, and all the choir members who spread the Christmas cheer yesterday to our shut-ins. A special thank-you to Shirley Sprau for calling and making the arrangements.

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes, if you haven't already received them, under the balcony after church **today**.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the LWML adopted family. Two generous gift cards were given to them for Christmas.

A LWML volunteer has come forward to collect ink cartridges and cell phones again, so please drop them in the purple box under the balcony if you have items to donate. Stamps and portals of prayer are still being collected as well.

Thanks to everyone who donated a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve service: Don & Connie Warsaw, Bill & Moneta McCleary, Jim & Sue VanWakeman, Skinner & Joy Johnson, Gene & Dorothy Welborn, Butch & Shirley Sprau, Jim & Jane Poppe, Brenda Hendricks, Lee & Sandy Whitehouse, Dave & Sara Kunde, Steve & Susan Martin, Rich & Rae Ringer, Larry & Esther Lutz, and Jeri Bidner. Please pay your \$12 to John Lammle if you haven't already done so. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! You may take your poinsettias home after the service on the 30th.

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

Blessings on you, Oh Child of God

Child of the Universe.

May you be wrapped in care and protected from all harm.

May all that touches you be tender and kind.

May stars dazzle your eyes and rainbows delight your heart.

May affirming words and glances encourage the goodness that is you.

May you have fun exploring the world and discovering hidden treasures.

May you learn to recognize the One who is always with you waiting to

listen, to encourage, to inspire, to Love you.

Amen

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