

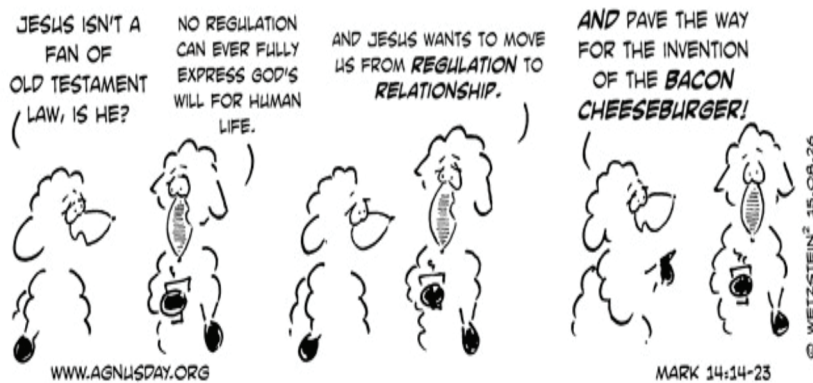
Offerings

August 22: \$3,100.00

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin
Elder: Dwight Hooker
Altar Guild: Debbie Martin
Terri Hooker

Agnus Day



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Celebrating 125 Years

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

1895 - 2020



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

Immanuel - God is With Us.

Psalm 46

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman
Osman, Bellflower Township, Illinois
(USPS: 942 Grape Avenue, Fisher, Illinois 61843)

The Anniversary of a Congregation (transferred)
One Hundred Twenty Five Years of God's Grace

Sunday, the Twenty-Ninth Day of August
The Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One
of the Reformation, the Five Hundred and Fourth
of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod,
the One Hundred Seventy Fourth
of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman,
the One Hundred Twenty Sixth

Prelude: "Partita on St. Anne" -Paul Manz
*(during the prelude, the bell will be rung 125 times to mark the
125th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman)*

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" 733
(Congregation sings 1, 3, 5, 6)

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

A Litany of Congregational History and God's Blessings

P: For the work of many faithful people throughout the history of the
Christian Church from Pentecost through the Reformation to the
present day

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For mission work of Concordia Theological Seminary – Springfield
begun in the 1880s here in Osman:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the gathering of people here at Osman to found our
congregation in 1895:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the blessings of early members selling three lots to the church in
1910.

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

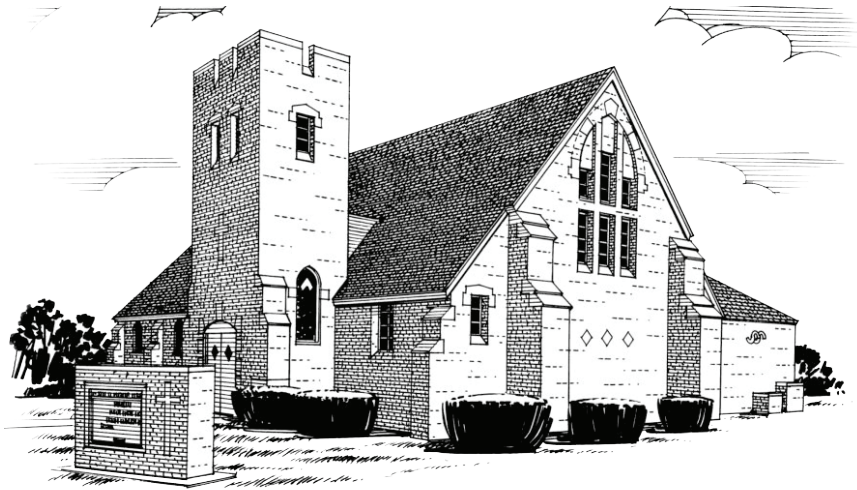
Thank you for joining us!



Additional Announcements

Amelia Kirkpatrick is a second grader with chromosomal abnormalities that the LA/LWML has been supporting. Amelia will be having extensive spinal surgery on September 2 in Peoria. She will be hospitalized for a week. There will be expenses for meals, meds, hotel, etc. Amelia loves cards, and little girl things. For more information, and if you would like to help, see Marsha Warsaw or any LA/LWML member. Amelia's photo is on our back bulletin board. Her address is: Amelia Kirkpatrick, 114 S. Grant St., Saybrook, IL 61770. She loves cards!

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



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P: For the fore-thought of the Ladies Aid in the purchase and move of the Dunkard Church building to be our church hall in which many groups have been blessed through the years since 1921:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the guidance and work of the building committee and congregation resulting in the construction of our current church building in 1951:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the blessings of the building of the Annex built onto the church in 1980:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the blessings of the hall expansion with construction provided by many church members dedicated in 2004:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the gift of the kitchen remodel whereby many meals, including benefit suppers have been prepared since 2008:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: For the blessings provided by all our members – those who taught, those who served as council members, project volunteers, provided memorial gifts, worked at benefit suppers, and generous support through regular offerings to the church:

C: We Praise You and acknowledge You O God to be the Lord.

P: O God, You have been our help through the past 125 years.

C: We trust in You to be our helper and support in the years to come.

P: Blessed be God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit as we celebrate the blessings and history of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman:

C: Guide us into service to our communities of Bellflower, Fisher, Farmer City, Mansfield, Mahomet and surrounding areas so that we can find even new ways to share God's love! Amen.

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" 656

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Hymn of the Day: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” 941
(special version 9am only)

Sermon

Hymn: “Built on the Rock” 645
(congregation will sing 3-5)

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Serving in God’s House:
Preacher: Rev. Justin Schmidt
Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Liturgist/Lector: Pastor McPike
Organist/Music: Alicia Haggin

Notes: We give thanks to God that we were able to celebrate 125 years of God’s goodness as a congregation on this day. While last year was our anniversary year, the Covid-19 pandemic both required that this celebration be postponed from July, 2020 to today, and that it be scaled back as it has been. The opening litany has been adapted by basic historical facts about our church with Debbie Lammle’s help.

Gibson City Flood Relief Fund: The church council in connection with the Stewardship Committee decided to conduct a fundraising campaign to help provide relief for Gibson City. An offering box is placed in the back of the church on the table with the offering plate. Checks need to be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and on the memo line please add Gibson City Flood Relief. Funds given in this box will be matched by the Stewardship Committee up to \$1,000.

Attention all Ladies Aid/LWML Members! The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Buckley on Tuesday, September 14th. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 8:30 AM and the rally will begin at 9 AM. It will conclude after a light lunch is served. There will be an ingathering, and the list of items needed is on the poster on the back bulletin board. If any Ladies Aid/LWML members are interested, please sign up on the back bulletin board. Reservations are due by September 7th. The registration fee of \$10 will be collected at the door.

We have plenty of Osman 125th Anniversary Ornaments remaining. They are \$10.00 each. Please contact Deb Martin, Wilma Grussing or Marsha Warsaw, if you are interested.

The 125th Anniversary History Book Committee is compiling a history book to be printed in December 2021. The book will cover the time from mid-1995 through our celebration today. We will need to know the approximate number of copies before the order is completed. The approximate price of the book is \$20. There is a signup sheet on the back bulletin board. Please also indicate the number of books you would like on the sheet. There will not be many extra copies printed, so ask your relatives and friends who might have a connection to our church if they want a copy. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Hendricks or Connie Warsaw. (Extra copies of the first history book entitled Our Church – the 100th Anniversary of Osman Immanuel Lutheran Church are on a table at the back of the church today. Please take a copy.



Announcements

“Immanuel - The Lord is with us!” Psalm 46:7

Today we celebrate our 125th anniversary of **Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman**. We praise God for his ever-loving strength and rejoice that He continues to guide and direct us! “The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” God is our refuge and strength- may He lead us into the next 25 years, when we celebrate our 150th!

Confirmand Reception: Since we were unable to have a reception last year, we are recognizing the 2020 confirmands again today. Those in the class are: Addison Warsaw, daughter of Jeff and Annette Warsaw, Ashley Genzel, daughter of Chris and Kari Genzel, Jack and Reese Gallier, son and daughter of Rob and Nikki Gallier, Jenna Clemmons, daughter of Marvin and Kim Clemmons, Megan Bidner, daughter of Neil and Beth Bidner. We also recognize the Confirmation class of 1971 who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their confirmation: Lyle Zahnd, Allen Grussing, and David Peyton were confirmed by Rev. Myron Wackler on May 2, 1971. We invite these special confirmands and their families to the fellowship hall for a reception after the 9am service.

Mowing Schedule for: Sept 4 - Myron Zimmerman
Sept 11 - Neil Bidner

COVID “Delta Variant” has become quite a problem. In reaction to this, the council has decided to make MASKS strongly recommended once again, regardless of vaccination status. Offering is still being taken using a plate in the back of the church, and communion is still being distributed at the end of the service in the back of the church. Communion will be given to those outside before the worshipers inside. Please complete communion cards to record your attendance. Thank you for your continued vigilance as we strive to remain safe.

Quilting! Due to the Labor Day holiday, the ladies will meet only one time in September to tie quilts. They will meet on Wednesday, September 8th, at 8 AM. They will NOT meet in October.

OSMAN IS LOVE

Immanuel of Osman,
What a special place
Full of God’s blessings
And his mercy and grace.

A special church where,
God’s love flows to others.
We consider everyone,
Our sisters and our brothers.

As forefathers formed Osman,
Many years ago,
Osman has spread God’s word and love,
Many people have watched it grow.

We provided several things,
For our young ones to do.
Such as youth group, Sunday School, and VBS,
Just to name a few.

Osman has many benefits,
For people who are in need.
When making quilts for others,
We plant an important seed.

The members work together,
Many families and friends.
The help is so forthcoming,
We wouldn’t want it to end.

It’s our way to thank our Lord,
He’s taught us how to share,
It helps to show people all of our love,
And how much we truly care.

So, as we celebrate our 125th,
Here’s one thing we’d like to say.
We pray Osman keeps doing God’s work,
In his loving, helpful and supportive ways!
By the Lord’s Poet, S. Sprau

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HISTORICAL EVENTS

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman, Illinois is one of the oldest mission posts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Central Illinois. Some time in the 1880's, Professor John Herzer from the Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Springfield, Illinois began mission work in the Osman area. Finding several Lutheran families in this locality, he and some seminary students established regular services and provided instruction in the Lutheran faith. On March 17, 1895 the first confirmation was held in Osman Methodist Church; where they conducted their services for several years. Under the direction of various missionaries, the group grew to include fifteen families—among them the Charlie Adams, Christian Lange, and George Randel families.

On August 16, 1908 W.T. Bogel was ordained and installed as their first pastor. The little congregation flourished and thoughts turned to a church building of their own. Three lots in Osman were purchased from Carl R.J. Adams and his wife, Wilhelmine, on September 4, 1909 and signed by notary public, A.F. Gooch. Construction began and on a warm spring day, April 21, 1909 the cornerstone was laid. A year later, on a cold spring day—two degrees below zero and snow on the ground -April 24, 1910 the church was dedicated. The cost of the white frame building was \$3,500.

The Ladies Aid was organized in 1921 during Rev. Henry Predoehl's ministry. At the time, the Aid purchased the Dunkard Church building and moved it to Osman by means of Charlie Liestman's steam engine. It was placed on a lot by the Church. To this day, that building, the "Hall" has been used for meetings, socials, benefit suppers, bazaars, etc. During Rev. F.H. Reimann's tenure as Pastor the Men's Club was established in 1944 and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was organized in 1947.

By 1948, the church building had become too small for the growing congregation. Under the guidance of Rev. William Timm and the building committee: Earl Bidner, Herman Meyer, Ora Bernett, Ralph Lammle, Emil Adams, and Albert Warsaw, the white frame church was torn down. A larger brick structure was erected at a cost of \$28,000. It was dedicated to the Glory of God on May 20, 1951.

While Rev. David Johns was the Pastor, an annex was added to the southeast corner of the church, and dedicated on June 1, 1980. It houses the Pastor's study, a Sunday School area for preschool and kindergarten, a restroom and a work area for the Altar Guild. The men in charge were Fritz Warsaw, John Lammle, Donald Warsaw and Ronald Warsaw.

One of the church's young men, Fred Sieving, was ordained into the ministry and served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Thanks to Leonard Delaney and Don Warsaw, a new hall addition with two bathrooms was proposed. Dick Johnson and Don Warsaw directed the work completed by several church members, and the new addition was dedicated on November 28, 2004 thanks to the memorial funds given by the families of Louise and Roy Amdor, Keith Fillenworth, Olga Heichelbech, Dorothy Lange, Clarence and Freda Warsaw and Henry and Mary Warsaw.

A kitchen remodel was then planned by the committee members consisting of Mark Barrack, Barb Whitehouse Gercken, Wilma Grussing, Larry Lutz, Annette Warsaw and Connie Warsaw. The newly remodeled kitchen was dedicated in March 2008, thanks to the memorial funds given by the families of Everett Albin, Elmer Grussing, Karla Nelson VanScoyoc and Ed Zimmerman.

In January 2008, when Pastor Peters broke his hip, Pastor Jeffrey McPike began preaching at Immanuel Osman. Pastor McPike completed a vacancy assignment at Buckley from June to September 2008. He returned to Osman in October 2008. He has continued as our dedicated Pastor, at the same time serving as a Chaplain at Carle Hospital. Pastor Donald Ehlers began helping Pastor McPike in February 2016, preaching once a month or in Pastor McPike's absence.

The church recently exchanged adjoining lots north of the church with Steve and Susan Martin. The original lot was provided to the church by Carl R.J. Adams and his wife, Wilhelmine in 1909. It will provide additional parking for church activities.

