

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. James 5:18

### Thrivent News

**Choice Dollars!** By directing designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. Immanuel of Osman is one of those choices. We received \$35 this month to use for outreach projects. We thank the following members for contributing their money to our congregation in the month of July: John Gercken, Moneta McCleary, and Greg McCleary. If you think you might have choice dollars and have not designated them, please see Brenda Hendricks for an easy 5 step process either on-line or by phone.

**New officers needed!** The McLean County Thrivent Board is in need of new members. Several members on the present board have already served their limit of terms. The board meets once a month on a Saturday morning in the Bloomington/Normal area. It is always nice to have someone on the board so our congregation can be informed on the new programs. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact Connie Warsaw or Brenda Hendricks.

**Cornbelters Baseball tickets** are available! For the game on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> part of the purchase of the ticket will be donated to Habitat for Humanity for McLean County. Tickets are \$11 with \$3 going to this good cause. The tickets are for seats behind home plate. The game begins at 6 PM. If you have not seen the Cornbelters Field in Bloomington, you should take this opportunity. Deadline for tickets is this week.

**Brat Fest!** The McLean County Thrivent invites you to a meal at the TriLakes Conservation Area in Bloomington on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 6 PM. The meal will be brats, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, and drinks. A freewill offering will be taken.

### Church Float

At the last minute, some members of our congregation decided to build a float for the parade for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration of Farmer City. "God Our Help in Ages Past" was the theme that the float depicted. It displayed a church with pews, an altar, and stain glass windows. The back of the float was pumped with a cross and the words of John 3:16. It won second place in the parade for a cash prize of \$75. Later in that week it was also in the Bellflower July 4<sup>th</sup> parade where it won 1<sup>st</sup> place for a cash prize of \$20. We thank all of the members who so graciously helped in many ways to assemble this float in record time. There are pictures on the back bulletin board.

### Fellowship Club

**German brats and kraut!!!** **EVERYONE is invited** to the next Fellowship Club on **Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. Pastor McPike and some of the members who traveled to Europe with him will share pictures of their adventures in Luther Land. The committee will provide the brats, buns, chips, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Birthdays in July, August, and September will be recognized. You do NOT have to have a birthday in those months to attend so bring a friend, and join in the fun!

### Congratulations!

With joyful hearts we welcome Eli Edward Hicks, who was born on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Proud parents are Andrea and Eric Hicks. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Eric. Proud grandparents are Brenda and Jerry Edwards. May God bless Baby Eli and his family.



### Shut-in Visits

Thank you to Vicar Dan, Karen Bryan, and Deb Lammle for visiting the shut-ins in July.

### Farewell Potluck

The entire congregation is invited to a farewell potluck for Vicar Dan on August 26th after the church service. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Mark your calendar now for a time to say good-bye and share some of the memorable times spent with Vicar Dan.



The Ladies Aid and their guests will be traveling to the LaTeaDa Tea room in Clinton, Illinois for a fun-filled day of eating out and shopping on August 1st at 11:30 a.m. The Tea Room is easy to find. When entering Clinton, turn left at the first stop light and travel a third of a mile to 1100 S. Madison. A variety of homemade sandwiches, salads, and desserts fill the menu. Shopping is optional, but the Antique Mall and Craft store is right down the road, as well as shopping on the top floor of the Tea Room.

### Church Picnic

All members of the congregation, young and old alike, will not want to miss the annual church picnic on August 12th at 10 a.m. at the Bellflower pavilion. The schedule of events includes the church service with many old favorite hymns, a potluck of home-cooked food, followed by games for all ages. New bingo cards will be used to make the bingo games progress faster and easier! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled, with drinks and table service provided, as well. Please bring a dish to share. Mark your calendar now for great fellowship and fun!



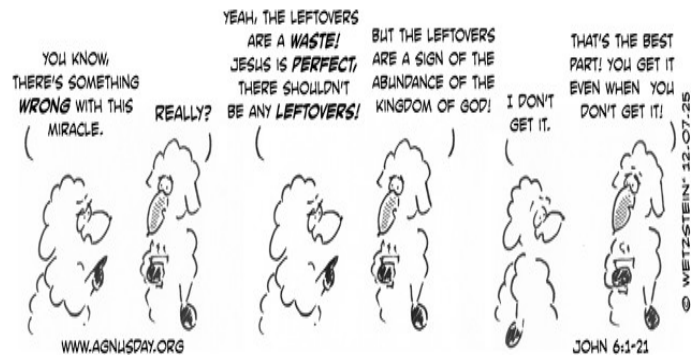
### Newsletter Deadline

To have submissions included in the monthly newsletter, please forward them to the Church Secretary **by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.** You may contact Linda by phone at 309-828-5883 or by email at [SecretaryOsmanLutheran@frontier.com](mailto:SecretaryOsmanLutheran@frontier.com). Thank You!



Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods for the July 4th bake sale at Bellflower. We cleared \$603.01 which will be split between the Ladies Aid and the LWML. That was a record amount, but it helped when Frances Zimmerman's red velvet cake sold for \$60. We had at least two more people wanting the cake, so it looks like we need to practice and have more there next year.

### Agnus Day



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O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life:

Send us, we entreat you, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Statistics

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Worship</u>    | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Adult Class</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 06-24       | 78                | 9                    | 8                  |
| 07-01       | 94                | 0                    | 9                  |
| 07-08       | 75                | 4                    | 15                 |
| 07-15       | 63                | 3                    | 11                 |
| 07-22       | 63                | 2                    | 14                 |
| 07-29       | Stats Unavailable |                      |                    |



### August Mowing Schedule

August 4.....Larry Lutz and Darryl Redding  
 August 11.....Leonard Delaney and Mike Miller  
 August 18.....John Grussing and Aaron Warsaw  
 August 25.....John Lammle and Rob Gallier

### Altar Guild

August.....Jill Hardesty

### Acolyting in August

August 5.....Cheyenne Zimmerman  
 August 19.....Mackenzie Delaney  
 August 26.....Chase Zimmerman

### Reading Schedule

August 5.....Vicar Dan  
 August 12.....Shane Zimmerman  
 August 19.....Vicar Dan  
 August 26.....Vicar Dan



### August Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, **August 21, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

### Elder on Duty

|                 |     |            |          |
|-----------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Marvin Clemmons | Mar | July       | Nov      |
| Butch Sprau     | Feb | June       | Oct      |
| Aaron Warsaw    | May | Sept       | Jan 2013 |
| Roy Whitehouse  | Apr | <b>Aug</b> | Dec      |



### August Birthdays

08-05.....Jerry Reifsteck  
 08-06.....Jeannine Henriksen  
 08-06.....Dorothy Welborn  
 08-07.....Jamie Hendricks  
 08-07.....Sue Van Wakeman  
 08-08.....Phyllis Hasty  
 08-08.....Linnea Warsaw  
 08-09.....Annette Warsaw  
 08-09.....Carole Warsaw  
 08-24.....Pam Christians  
 08-25.....Butch Sprau  
 08-26.....Ross Warsaw  
 08-28.....Pastor Justin Schmidt  
 08-28.....Sarah Kerns  
 08-29.....Jill Hardesty  
 08-29.....John Lammle  
 08-29.....Kari Genzel  
 08-30.....William Delaney



### August Anniversaries

Kathy and Phil Brendel.....08-02-1985  
 Julia and Larry Camp.....08-08-1976  
 Carolyn and Doug Majercin.....08-08-1981  
 Cindy and Shane Zimmerman.....08-08-1998  
 Agnes and Carol Martinie.....08-17-1996  
 Tiffani and Brad Lutz.....08-25-2001  
 Diane and Bob Zimmerman.....08-26-1967