

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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September 2012

Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14

Thrivent News

Fellowship Club

Thrivent Choice Dollars! This month our congregation received \$263 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. By directing designated Choice Dollars(SM) 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. The contributors this month are as follows: Wilma Forrest, Wilma Grussing, Carolyn Majercin, Steve Martin, Moneta McCleary, Bill McCleary, Marge Morrissey, Butch Sprau, and Gene Welborn. Thank you very much to these members for their contributions.

Fall Benefit Soup Supper! Thrivent will be hosting a benefit soup supper for Brooke Miller from Bellflower. She has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and has very expensive bills for her medicine. An exact date has not been set for this supper so stayed tuned for more information!

McLean County officers for Thrivent! Anyone interested in running for the McLean County Board? It is always good to have people on this board to keep our congregation informed on new events and regulations from the Thrivent national board. The meetings are held once a month on a Saturday morning at a Lutheran church in the Bloomington area. Connie Warsaw will be going off the board as records director and Brenda Hendricks will remain on the slate of officers as the financial director. There are several vacancies to fill, so let Connie or Brenda know if you are interested!

Are you ready for a German Fest? Come join the Fellowship Club activities on **Sunday, September 23 at 6 PM**. The committee will provide the brats, buns, chips, and drinks. All guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Pastor McPike and some of the members who traveled to Germany with him this summer will share their pictures and tell of their adventures! July, August, and September birthdays will be recognized, but you do NOT have to have a birthday in those months to attend. Follow the travelers from Osman to Chicago to Germany, France, Austria, and Switzerland and BACK! Yes, they all made it home filled with information about the Reformation, palaces, castles, gardens, and music! Because there was so much to see and do, this will be "Part One" of the presentation, looking exclusively at the Luther-related sites. There is enough of the rest of the tour to make an additional presentation later this fall. So grab a friend, and join us on September 23rd!

Church Cleaning

Since the August newsletter was already printed before the annual church cleaning in late July, recognition needs to be given to the 12 men and women who showed up for the annual church cleaning. The church was cleaned in record time with additional time given to bush trimming and Fellowship Hall window washing. 50% of the cleaners were male! That's a record for the male population of our congregation! Thank you to all who donated their time to beautify the Lord's House!





August 12, 2012



69 adults and children enjoyed the fun-filled day on August 12th for the annual church picnic at the Bellflower pavilion. After the church service, led by Vicar Dan, everyone sat down for a delicious meal with great homemade items. The younger crowd participated in bean bag and water balloon toss and sack races, while the adults played Bingo. A great time was had by all!



Ladies Aid



Ladies Aid Luncheon

The Ladies Aid luncheon was held at the La Tea Da Tea Room in Clinton, IL on August 1st with 12 adults and one child attending. After the lunch, some of the ladies visited the upstairs gift shop at the restaurant, followed by shopping at the Antique Mall and Craft Store there in Clinton, as well. It was "a first" for Vicar Dan to accompany all women to a church activity, but he kept up quite well with all the shopping!

Ladies Aid Meeting

The next meeting of the Osman Lutheran Ladies Aid will be on September 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to an informal meeting with devotion and refreshments by Debbie Lammle and topic by Wilma Grussing. Roll call will be given with a verse on self-control.



Labor Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1894 as a way to pay tribute to working men and women. Have a safe and happy Labor Day 2012.

Agnus Day



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Biblical Humor

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments", answered the lady.

National Grandparents Day - Sept 9, 2012

Grandparents Day has been celebrated in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day since former President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation in 1978 designating the holiday.

"Because (grandparents) are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations." ~ Jimmy Carter

"What is it about grandparents that is so lovely? I'd like to say that grandparents are God's gift to children. And if they can but see, hear and feel what the people have to give, they can mature at a fast rate." ~ Bill Cosby



Shut-in Visits

Thank you to Vicar Dan and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins in August.



LWML News

The Quarterly meeting of the LWML has been changed from September 13th to September 20th due to several conflicts with members. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Debbie Lammle will have the topic and Brenda Edwards and Barb Gaines will be our hostesses. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served during registration from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Program and meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. Cost for registration, rally materials and lunch will be \$10.00. Remember your Bibles. The theme will be "Fill my cup, Lord" Psalm 16:11 and Acts 2:28. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Samuel Janssen of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rochester, IL. He will share his experiences on a recent mission trip to Madagascar. The ingathering will support Crosspoint Human Service Women's Shelter. This is a short term residence for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. They are also requesting items to help the Women's Care Clinic. This is a pro-life ministry supported entirely by private funding. A list of items needed will be posted on the back bulletin board. Please let Connie Warsaw know by September 2nd, if you are planning on going.

Thanks to all who donated or helped complete the "Welcome Kits" for the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville. We completed 12 junior high boy kits, 12 junior high girl kits, and 25 elementary kits. We had \$448 in expenses and Thrivent matched this project completely. Also thanks to Brenda Hendricks for delivering the kits. Seventeen people helped with this project and we reported 44 hours to Thrivent.

Be sure to read the Summer Clarion which you should have received by email or paper copy. There is a lot of good information in it. If you did not receive a copy, please let Connie Warsaw know.

Quilting

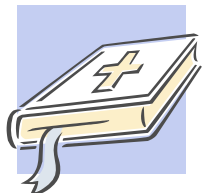
Can you tie a knot? All ladies of the church are invited to participate in tying quilts on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief at the end of October. If you can tie a knot, you can help us quilt. Come and enjoy a day of fellowship while working on a worthwhile project.

Our Thanks to Student Daniel Grimmer

Student Daniel Grimmer arrived to be our summer vicar at the beginning of June. Upon his arrival, several members of our church moved him into his small apartment in Fisher. With his personality and his smile, he was "on board" immediately. He very quickly became involved with helping Pastor McPike and Pastor Schmidt serve our congregation. He was a great asset to Vacation Bible School as he took the Amazing Desert Journey very seriously. He became an Academy Award winning actor in the skit each morning and led the opening devotion as well as played the games, sang the songs, and assembled the crafts with the children. He was soon included in the pastor rotation for preaching the sermons and leading the liturgy, visiting the shut-ins, attending the council meetings, giving the Ladies Aid topic, hammering at the Habitat for Humanity home in Bloomington, leading the adult Bible class, and teaching the youth Bible class. As student Daniel Grimmer leaves us this Sunday, we thank him for his dedication and service to our congregation! Our congregation reaped many benefits from his talents and we are very blessed that he took the advice of his campus minister and his grandma to choose a profession in the ministry. Hopefully a little bit of Osman will follow our student vicar, Daniel Grimmer, wherever the Lord leads his future endeavors. Thank you and may God bless!

Confirmands

The confirmands will begin their instruction this year on September 9th in the pastor's office at 8:30 a.m. Please be sure to bring your Bible, catechism book and folder. The last Sunday of every month the students will be meeting with Pastor McPike after the service, instead of the 8:30 time with Mrs. Lammle.



Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
07-29	58	5	12
08-05	69	6	16
08-12	69	0	0
08-19		6	18
08-26	Stats Unavailable		

Elder on Duty

Marvin Clemmons	Mar	July	Nov
Butch Sprau	Feb	June	Oct
Aaron Warsaw	May	Sept	Jan 2013
Roy Whitehouse	Apr	Aug	Dec

September Mowing Schedule



September 1Butch Sprau
 September 8Darwin and Wade Warsaw
 September 15Dwight and Nathan Hooker
 September 22Steve Gaines and Bill Schroeder
 September 29Bill McCleary

Altar Guild

September.....Jill Hardesty

Acolyting in September

September 2Ryan McPike
 September 9Cheyenne Zimmerman
 September 16MacKenzie Delaney
 September 23Hannah Duncan
 September 30Chase Zimmerman

Reading Schedule

September 2Larry Camp
 September 9Kim Clemmons
 September 16Marvin Clemmons
 September 23Barb Gaines
 September 30John Gercken



September Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet
 Tuesday, **September 4, 2012** at 7:00
 p.m. in the Annex.



September Birthdays

Darryl Redding09-05
 Jim Poppe09-06
 Mark Barrack09-07
 Matthew Barrack09-09
 Ken Whitehouse09-12
 Gene Welborn09-14
 Nicholas Homann09-16
 Stephanie Gaines09-17
 Marge Morrissey09-20
 Ryan Peyton09-21
 Mitchell Gallier09-23
 Rob Gallier09-24
 Sara McPike09-24
 Arnita Zimmerman09-25
 Scott Gercken09-26



September Anniversaries

Kris and Shaun Zimmerman09-02
 Sue and Jim Van Wakeman09-13
 Phyllis and David Hasty09-14
 Esther and Larry Lutz09-18
 Brenda and David Peyton09-26