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April 2019

**Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!**

From the Desk of Pastor McPike...

ROAD TRIP!

Pastor McPike has been invited to be a guest preacher for one of the services leading up to the Centennial of his first congregation, Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska. The service is June 9, 2019 (Pentecost Sunday) at 10:00 AM. The address is Grace Lutheran Church, 416 Park Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska, 68701. If you are interested in going, please see Pastor McPike.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!**

Easter Sunday

A new day and a new week dawned with an earthquake, as an angel rolled back the stone sealing Jesus' tomb. Several women among the disciples, coming with spices to complete the burial preparations, found the tomb empty, and angels announced Jesus' resurrection. The women hurried back to report to the apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb, where they confirmed that Jesus was not there. Jesus appeared that day to Mary Magdalene, the women, Simon, Cleopas, and another disciple on the road to Emmaus, and ten of the apostles in the Upper Room. Jesus had risen just as He said, winning forgiveness, life, and salvation for us all! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Making Palm Crosses

The Altar Guild, along with anyone else interested, will fold palms into crosses on April 13th at 9am in the church annex. The crosses will be distributed during the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to assist in this project!

Maundy Thursday Meal

The LWML will serve a lasagna meal on April 18th before the Maundy Thursday service. Salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks will also be served. Serving will begin at 5:30pm. Following the meal, the Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7pm. Holy Communion will be served, including homemade bread and wine.

Easter Lilies

Anyone wanting to donate a lily to adorn the altar for Easter service, please sign up on the bulletin board by April 14th. The cost of each flower is \$9. Please pay treasurer, John Lammle.

Youth Sponsored Easter Breakfast

The youth of the congregation will serve their annual breakfast after service on Easter Sunday, April 21. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon/sausage, and fruit. A freewill offering will be taken to help with expenses when the youth attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Alcohol Awareness Month 2019

The 2019 theme, "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow," is designed to draw attention to the pervasive impact that alcohol, alcoholism, and alcohol-related problems have on young people, their friends, families, and communities. Also to highlight that help is available and recovery is possible. Excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year. Alcohol is the most addictive substance in the United States. Youth who start drinking before age 15 are 4 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who drink at age 21. Drinking by persons under the age of 21 is linked to 189,000 emergency room visits. Kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crimes, traffic crashes, and school related problems. Youth who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

Alcohol Free Weekend

During Alcohol Free Weekend, (April 5-7), Facing Addiction with the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, (NCADD), extends an open invitation to all Americans to engage in 3 alcohol-free days. Those individuals or families who experience difficulty or discomfort in this 72-hour experiment are urged to contact local Facing Addiction with NCADD Affiliates Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Al-Anon to learn more about alcoholism and the early symptoms.

Facing Addiction with NCADD: www.facingaddiction.org

Resources

- ☐ Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): <http://www.aa.org/>
 - ☐ Al-Anon Family Groups: <https://al-anon.org/>
 - ☐ National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA): <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>
 - ☐ College Drinking: Changing the Culture (NIAAA): <https://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/>
 - ☐ Stop Underage Drinking: Portal of Federal Resources: <https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/>
 - ☐ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Alcohol and Public Health: <https://www.cdc.gov/Alcohol/>
 - ☐ Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth: <http://www.camy.org/>
 - ☐ Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS): <https://alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov/>
- From Facing Addiction with NCADD 2019

Suddenly Spring is here.
Flowers Push up through the ground.
Streams Run cold with melting snow.
Birds sing In chorus.
Nothing beats a Nice spring day
After a lonG hard winter

By Tammy Worcester

Susan Miller, parish nurse 217-671-0900. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

125th Ornaments

125th ornaments are available until after the 2020 celebration. Please see Debbie Martin, Christie Delaney, Wilma Grussing, or Marsha Warsaw. Thank you!

"Save the Date" Lifetouch Picture Directory for the celebration

The picture dates are: Friday, July 19th from 2-9pm and on Saturday, July 20th from 9:30am to 4:00 pm. We will be back in touch with everyone close to the time to finalize everything.

Thank You!

Thanks to Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins.

Ladies Aid

President Debbie Lammle opened the meeting on March 6th with seven members present. Shirley Sprau accompanied the group on the piano as hymn #145 was sung. Devotion and prayer was given by Brenda Hendricks. The members were given copies of the original Ladies Aid and LWML by-laws. Discussion was held concerning changing the by-laws to accommodate the joining of the two groups into one. Roll call and minutes were read by secretary, Shirley Sprau. Treasurer's report was given by Connie Warsaw with a balance of \$1,900.55. Wilma Grussing gave the flower fund report with a balance of \$192.80. Correspondence from our seminary student, Chris Walters, deaconess student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Bethesda, and Pastor and Mrs. Ehlers were read. The group decided to let LWML ladies decide when to quilt in April. The next quilting will be May 7 and 9, and June 4 and 6. Quilting guidelines from Lutheran World Relief were read. Money for LCFS (Lutheran Child and Family Services) can be given to Annette Warsaw any time, with the totals sent during November or December. Dues of \$5 may be given to Connie Warsaw. Thanks to Brenda Hendricks for the delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be April 3rd, with Connie Warsaw giving devotion and serving as hostess. Roll call will be answered with a verse on mercy. The group will continue discussing new by-laws at the April meeting. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer

LWML Meeting

President Debbie Lammle opened the March meeting of the LWML with nine members present. The meeting began with the LWML song and pledge. Barb W. Gercken gave the devotion. Roll call and minutes were read by Shirley Sprau. Treasurer's report was given by Sue VanWakeman with a balance of \$301.31. Dues of \$10 should be given to

treasurer, Sue VanWakeman. Mites were collected followed by a prayer for one of the Mission Grants. Correspondence was read from our Seminary Student, Pastor Ehlers, and Susan and Austin Miller. Cards were sent to several members of Immanuel who had been sick or hospitalized, or had a death in the immediate family. Thanks were given to those who made food for those hospitalized, those donating to our adopted family, quilters, those making pillow case dresses, those making refreshments for quilting, Debbie Martin and Connie Warsaw for binding the LWR quilts, Brenda Hendricks for preparing the Clarion, those who prepared food for the Pastor's Conference in December, Diana Zimmerman and Shirley Sprau for serving the Pastor's Conference, and Annette Warsaw for purchasing the socks for the Servant Events at the CID-LWML convention in April. Our new adopted family was discussed, giving sizes of the family members and ideas for gifts throughout the year. Diana Zimmerman and Sue VanWakeman volunteered to box the pillow case dresses and prepare for shipment. A new food list was given out; it was announced that Diana Zimmerman and Barb W. Gercken were next to take food to Jeff and Annette Warsaw. Discussion was held and the group decided to prepare a lasagna meal with rolls, salad, and desserts for the Maundy Thursday meal on April 18th. Upcoming quilting dates include April 1&2, May 7&9, and June 4&6. Diana Zimmerman reviewed the quilt guidelines from the LWR. The quilt (made from squares provided by past Ladies Aid/LWML members) was quilted and bound by the owner of the Quilting Bee in Mahomet. The invitation to the CID-LWML 74th annual convention was then read. Two afghans or quilts are needed for the Servant Events-one already made by Terri Hooker and the other being made by Debbie Lammle. Two delegates and two alternates are needed for the convention, as well as four members to help pick up trays during the catered lunch on Saturday of the convention. Brenda Hendricks volunteered to help. Debbie Martin will be in charge of the Baby Bottle Project for the Crisis Nursery in Champaign. This project will run from Mother's Day until Father's Day. A \$5 mite challenge was presented to the group to help meet our National Mite Goal. The National Banner will be passed around the Danville zone from March through April. The next Clarion deadline has been extended to April 29th. Easter cards were passed around to sign for members Karen Bryan and Esther Lutz. After the topic of new by-laws for a combined Ladies Aid/LWML organization was mentioned, a motion was made that the officers of the current LWML be on a committee to review and suggest new by-laws by the next meeting. If other members have suggestions for new by-laws, please see one of the officers. Important dates include the CID-LWML convention in Danville on April 26-27 and the National LWML Convention June 20-23 in Mobile, Alabama. Thanks to Barb W. Gercken and Diana Zimmerman for the delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be June 13th. Marsha Warsaw has the topic and Shirley Sprau volunteered to help Brenda Hendricks with the refreshments. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer.

CID-LWML Convention

The Central Illinois District 74th annual LWML convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1930 N. Bowman Ave., Danville and hosted by the Danville Zone. The convention will begin on Saturday, April 27th at 8:45am in the church sanctuary. Registration and refreshments will begin at 8am, with a catered lunch later in the day. "Gifts from the Heart" offerings will be for Orphan Grain Train and LCMS Disaster Relief, plus contributions of laundry soap and rolls of quarters for Cannon Place, a home for Veterans.

Servant Events will take place on Friday, April 26th, beginning at 1:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 E. Main St., Danville. On Friday evening, there will be a meal at 5pm (freewill offering) with a Vesper Service at 6pm. A time of fellowship and fun will follow the service.

The theme for this year's convention is "He Knows My Name" based on Isaiah 43:1b "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." We are honored to have Rev. Elliott Lutz and wife Katie as our featured speakers. Rev. Lutz is the son of our district President, Sheila Lutz.

Each person must complete a registration form and return it along with registration fee payment, \$25 per person. The completed form and fee must be received no later than April 8th. An additional \$10 fee will be applied to all late registrations. All checks should be made payable to LWML CID Danville Zone, and mailed to Eileen Zecher, 1393 E 1400 North Rd. , Onarga, IL 60955. Rooms may be reserved at Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn in Danville. The rooms and rates at these two hotels are guaranteed until April 1st. Delegates, BOD members, YWR's, Exhibitors, and general registrants and guests will receive their convention packet as they sign in. Voting delegates should only choose an afternoon break-out session. A convention offering will be taken with half to benefit the 2019-2020 Mite Goal and half to benefit the Operating Fund. A door offering will be taken at the close of the convention for the work of missionaries Rev. Dr. Robert and Kristi Roegner and Dr. Martin and Marie Dicke.

Bring any gently used purse that you no longer use to the convention on Saturday and place it on the table of purses. For a \$5(minimum) contribution towards our new 2019-2020 mite goal, you may take one of the other purses brought by one of your LWML sisters. It's a fun new way to share a smile, and a purse, and serve the Lord with gladness!

At the Servant Events we will be packing Christmas gifts for Veterans, preparing and serving a meal at Cannon Place, gathering, sorting, and distributing goods for the food bank at Trinity Danville, marking bibles, trimming stamps, making diapers from T-shirts for layettes, and tying quilts. Marlene Schultz and Debbie Lammle are co-chairman for the convention.

Old History Books!

There are some extra church history books on the back elder pew. This history book covers the history of our first 100 years as a congregation and was printed in 1995. If you did not buy one at that time or you are a new member, you are welcome to take one. A new history book will be published in early 2021 to cover the past 25 years.



April Birthdays

Soup Supper!

Thank you to all the members who volunteered in a variety of ways for the benefit soup supper on Saturday, March 23. At this time, \$6677 has been donated to the freewill offering for our recipient, Jodi Burgess. The money will help with her expenses for her treatment and care for pancreatic cancer. \$1500 will be added to the collected amount from our Thrivent Choice Dollars and other congregational donations. The groceries were purchased with a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Card which was applied for by Dwight Hooker. It was a great evening of food and fellowship as we worked together to help someone in need in our community.

Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made my benefit possible. It takes several people to make this possible, and I thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of my heart. I am truly blessed to have such a caring church family. I also want to thank you for all that you do for me from this amazing benefit to all the prayers, cards and thoughts. You have made this difficult journey a little easier. God's blessings to everyone! Jodi Burgess

Easter Caroling

Everyone is welcome to join in the choir to go Easter Caroling to our shut-ins on Sunday, April 14. We will meet at the church at 3:00PM. We will sing lots of familiar Holy Week and Easter hymns. All are welcome to come!

Chase Zimmerman.....	04-03
Courtney Delaney.....	04-03
Erik Henriksen.....	04-08
Timothy Brandt.....	04-10
Dorothy Miller.....	04-12
Connie Warsaw.....	04-12
Benjamin Burgess.....	04-13
Kathy Brendel.....	04-17
Leonard Delaney.....	04-17
Steven Sprau.....	04-18
Gina Masko.....	04-19
Hallie Payne.....	04-23
Bob Zimmerman.....	04-23
Linda Warsaw.....	04-25
Kristan Hansen.....	04-25
Deb Lammle.....	04-26

April Anniversaries

Alicia and Nicholas Haggin.....	04-28-2007
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2019 Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Mowing Schedule

You may trade with others as needed.

April 6, 13	Steve Warsaw		
April 20, 27	Steve Martin	Sep 7	Roy Whitehouse
May 4	Dick Johnson	Sept 14	Neil Bidner
May 11	Marvin Clemmons	Sept 21	Brenda Hendricks
May 18	Bill McCleary & Skinner Johnson	Sept 28	John Lammle & Rob Gallier
May 25	Jerry Edwards	Oct 5	Shaun Zimmerman
June 1	Butch & Steven Sprau	Oct 12	Bryan & Greg Warsaw
June 8	Lee Whitehouse	Oct 19	John Gercken & Mike Miller
June 15	John Grussing	Oct 26	Steve Warsaw
June 22	Don Warsaw	Nov	Trustees
June 30	Jim Poppe		
July 6	Steve Warsaw	THANK YOU!!	
July 13	Shane Zimmerman		
July 20	Leonard Delaney		
July 27	Jeff Warsaw		
Aug 3	Bob Zimmerman		
Aug 10	Ken & Kent Whitehouse		
Aug 17	Dwight Hooker		
Aug 24	Darwin & Wade Warsaw		
Aug 31	Myron, Randy, Eric Zimmerman		

APRIL 2019

Important Dates

Upcoming Events

April 1 - Quilting at 8am
 April 2 - Quilting at 8am
 April 3 - Ladies Aid, 1:30pm
 April 10 - Lenten Service at 7pm with Social Hour following
 April 13 - Fold palms at 9am
 April 18 - Lasagna Meal at 5:30pm
 Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
 April 19 - Good Friday Service at 7pm
 April 21 - Easter Service at 7am with youth sponsored breakfast following
 April 26-27 - LWML-CID Convention at Danville Lutheran Churches
 April 28 - Confirmands meet with Pastor McPike after church

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
2/24	55	2	7	11
3/3	60	2	6	9
3/6	33	-	-	-
3/10	52	2	7	9
3/13	35	-	-	-
3/17	60	0	5	10
3/20	39	-	-	-
3/24	62	n/a	n/a	n/a
3/27	n/a	-	-	-
3/31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Holy Week