

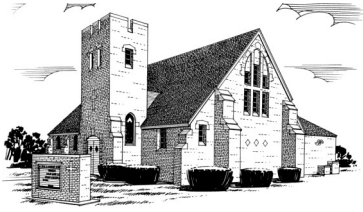
THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

John 11:25

Staying Together In Tough Times

...for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. *Book of Common Prayer*. But what happens when life gets complicated? How can you keep an intimate relationship together when financial crisis, death of a loved one, child problems, career pressures, or sickness or injury happen? There are some things you can do to help your marriage get through tough times:

- Communicate.
- Grieve together and forgive.
- Remember who you love.
- Seek support.

Communicate. Listen, listen, listen. Dealing with conflict or stressful situations makes communication difficult. *Don't interrupt.* Listen quietly. *Agree where you can.* Focus first on the points, no matter how few or insignificant, where you agree. This will help increase the sense that you are a team. *Work out neutral territory.* Find a way to talk about stressful issues without lashing out emotionally. An example would be to sit down and have a round table discussion. When leaving the table, don't take anything with you. *Share yourself.* The goal is to affirm you are a team. Some marriage researchers suggest that sharing your fears and insecurities with your spouse is one indicator of a healthy marriage.

Grieve and forgive. When bad things happen, grief is a part of coping. Grief can be from the death of a loved one but also from the loss of a job, loss of your lifestyle, or the loss of your relationship as you thought it was. Feeling the emotions that accompany loss is the first step to moving on happily with the future. Getting through a crisis also requires a spirit of forgiveness. Even if the problem was caused by forces beyond your

control, guilt and blame are bound to be around. Or maybe you just need to deal with resentments of daily life so they don't accumulate. God promises to throw away his list of your mistakes simply because he loves you, you and your spouse can work on doing the same for each other.

Remember who you love. Every positive characteristic has a flip side that may seem more prominent on a bad day. You can reclaim what you adore in your mate by consciously focusing on the positive attribute beneath the irritating habit. Focus on who your mate is rather than what he or she does.

Seek support. Trusting others to give help when you need it is an important part of getting through a crisis. Pain changes the way you see the world., and talking to someone who is not going through your crisis can be helpful. Tough times happen. We cannot escape being disappointed or disappointing. Don't let go of your marriage because it's dirty and worn. It still has the same value as the day you spoke your vows. Clean it off the best you can, hold on tight, and know that God is with you.

From Lutheran Hour Ministries. 2003.

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Harvest Breakfast

The Osman Youth group will have their Harvest Breakfast on Sunday, October 6th right after the Sunday service that day. It will be a free-will donation to the Osman Youth group for their continued service to our Lord, raising money for the National Youth Group gathering in the future. We thank you for your support!

Benefit Soup Supper

Mark your calendars now for a benefit soup supper which will be held on Saturday, November 9, in the fellowship hall from 4:30 to 7. The recipient will be Megan Thompson from Monticello who was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer at the age of 32. It has spread to her liver and bones, and her last treatment regimen failed so she is presently looking for experimental treatment. Food donation sheets will be posted on the bulletin board soon!

New Baby

Congratulations to Ryan and Sandy Lammle on the birth of their first child, Declan Luis Lammle, who was born on September 15th at 10:30am. Declan was only 1lb. 14 oz., so will remain in the NICU several months. John and Debbie Lammle are the proud grandparents. May God's angels watch over this miracle baby, and guide and comfort the parents as they begin this new experience of parenthood.



New Address

Agnes Watson's new address: In care of Daniel Watson, 904 Redondo Circle, Plano, TX 75075

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped clean the hall last Friday.

Quilting

Quilting will continue October 1st and 3rd. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid meeting scheduled for October 2 has been CANCELLED.

September Ladies Aid Meeting

Meeting opened with a prayer request for Ryan and Sandy Lammle and baby. After the meeting was called to order by Brenda Hendricks, in the absence of Deb Lammle, Hymn #27, verses 1-4 were sung. The devotion and prayer were given by Wilma Grussing. Annette Warsaw gave the inspiring topic "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus". Six answered with a verse on "sacrifice" when the roll call was requested by secretary, Shirley Sprau. The secretary read the minutes, and they were approved. Connie Warsaw gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1891.05. This report was approved. Wilma Grussing gave the flower fund report with a balance of \$213.80. The old business consisted of a thank you to the committee and the members who attended the August luncheon at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur and a reminder of the hall cleaning on September 20. The new business consisted of a quick reminder that the proposed by-laws for the new combined Ladies Aid/LWML organization would be discussed at the LWML meeting next week. The members were asked to please read over them and bring their suggestions to this meeting. The meeting concluded with the hymn "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" to go with the topic. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer. A beautiful cake and drinks were served by Wilma Grussing to give Agnes Watson a farewell as she moves to Texas.

LWML Sunday

LWML members please mark your calendars for LWML Sunday on October 13th. Members will be sitting together and singing our LWML song. Members of Immanuel Lutheran LWML will join together to celebrate LWML Sunday on October 13th during the Sunday morning service. The theme for the day is "Faith Like a Mustard Seed." Members will assist as greeters, ushers, and readers, as well as coming together in song. Brenda Hendricks will give a presentation in the Sunday morning Bible class explaining the highlights of the National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Annette Warsaw will present the children's sermon and pass out mite boxes for the children to fill during the next three months. We hope to remind others that we as Lutheran Women in Mission come together to serve the Lord with gladness.

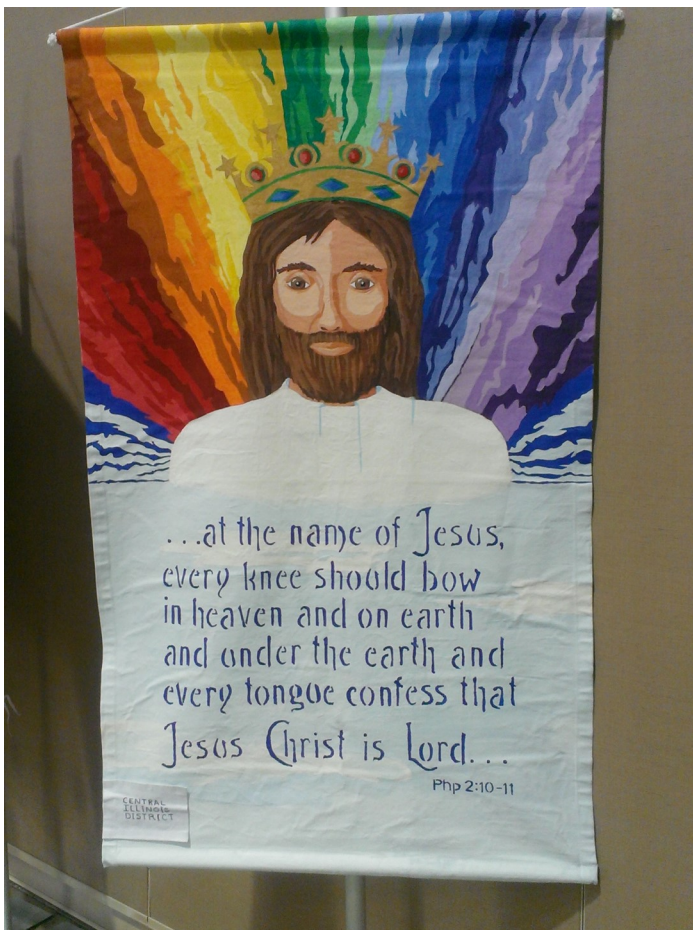
LWML News

The LWML quarterly meeting was held on September 12, 2019, with only seven members present. Brenda Hendricks, the only member attending the National LWML Convention from Osman, gave a very informative presentation highlighting the day's events from the convention. The LWML pledge was recited, followed by devotion by Barb W. Gercken. The treasurer's report was read with a balance of \$521. 81. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report; motion carried. President Lammle read a mite prayer for one of the Mission Grants- "Teach Me Too-Preschoolers with Learning Needs". Correspondence from our seminary student, Chris Walters, was then read. Cards were sent to Phil Brendel, Chase Zimmerman, Jodi Burgess, Rae Ringer, Wilma Grussing, Jeff Warsaw, Larry Lutz, Arnita Zimmerman, and Sandy Lammle. Thanks were given to those who made food for those hospitalized, who made quilt tops and pillowcase dresses, Marsha Warsaw for taking the church donations to our adopted family, prepared refreshments for quilting, contributed to our adopted family, Sue VanWakeman and Diana Zimmerman for boxing the pillowcase dresses, everyone who donated and helped with the July Bake Sale, Connie Warsaw and Debbie Martin for binding the quilts, and Brenda Hendricks for preparing the Clarion. The motion was made and seconded to increase our monthly seminary support to \$75. Motion carried. President Lammle informed the group that the LWML now collects used Portals of Prayer, stamps, Bibles, and other religious materials, but NO LONGER collects cell phones or ink cartridges. The box for these items is located under the balcony in the southwest corner of the church. Terri Hooker sent a report about the LWR items. We have made 125 quilts this year, with 18 of those sent to the CID Convention. Nine fabric kits will also be sent to LWR. One hundred and one pillowcase dresses have been made to date. It was suggested that quilting be held once a month from June through September next year. Quilting dates for the coming months are Oct. 1 and 3rd and Nov. 5 and 7th. The upcoming 2019 Collection for LWR is Oct. 26th at American Lutheran Church in Gibson. The group made a motion and seconded that \$125 be sent for postage for sending the quilts. The group was informed that \$397.93 was collected for the Baby Bottle project and \$250.50 made on the July Bake Sale. Marsha Warsaw gave a report on the adopted family. If anyone wants to send cards, the adopted family's address is 314 E. Jackson St., Saybrook, IL 61770. Gift cards to Walmart, Meijer's, or any gas station are greatly appreciated by

the family. Immanuel Osman will be getting the National LWML Banner in the near future to display in our church. The group then discussed several changes to the proposed by-laws for the combined Ladies Aid/LWML organization. The changes will be typed and distributed to the members before the next meeting. Under new business, the group was informed that \$13,860 out of the Mission Grant total of \$104,800 has been collected for the Central Illinois District. LWML Sunday was set for Oct. 13th with a theme of "Faith like a Mustard Seed". Brenda Hendricks volunteered to show her presentation from the LWML National Convention to the Sunday School class on Oct. 13th. The members will sit together and sing the LWML song, with several members helping with the service. The LWML Fall Rally will be held on September 17th at St. John's Ash Grove. Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw will represent Immanuel Osman. A nominating committee for new officers for the coming two years was appointed. Hall cleaning will be completed on September 20th at 8am. The next Clarion deadline is October 25th. Important dates included the LWML Joint Retreat on Oct. 4-5 and the 2020 LWML CID Convention at Morton, IL on April 30, May 1-2. The theme for the convention is "Proclaiming Jesus—75 years of Serving the Lord with Gladness". If anyone has a suggestion for a logo for the convention please let Debbie Lammle know. Wilma Grussing suggested that the new food list have committees assigned from the same area. President Lammle gave Agnes Watson's new address. Thanks were given to Shirley Sprau for refreshments, and Brenda Hendricks and Marsha Warsaw for serving. The next meeting will be Dec. 12th with Debbie Lammle presenting topic and Wilma Grussing and Brenda Edwards serving refreshments. Those attending may bring a \$12-\$15 gift for the grab bag if they wish. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer.

LWML Recycles

The LWML recycles used Portals of Prayer, stamps, Bibles, and other religious materials. WE NO LONGER COLLECT USED CELL PHONES OR INK CARTRIDGES. The box for these items is under the balcony in the southwest corner.



2019 LWML CID Banner

The 2019 LWML CID Banner was displayed in the front of the church on September 29. This banner was presented at the 2019 National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, in June. It was created and designed by Barb Rauh of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois. The border of the banner was intricately created to resemble a stained-glass window, and the emblem at the top represents all three persons of the Trinity...Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The banner carries the LWML convention theme "Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations. (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a)

125th Ornaments

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

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

To Pastor McPike and Pastor Ehlers:

God bless the two of you as you serve the Lord here at Immanuel Osman. You are truly a blessing and we appreciate all the ways you show God's love where ever you serve Him! Thank you for your dedication!

You teach us from the Bible
Words of love and so much more,
Your dedication to God's Word
Is something we are grateful for.
You show us Christ is surely the answer,
And that He'll strengthen us each day
You never seem to get weary
Helping others along God's way.
Full of wisdom, guidance, and loving concern,
And your encouragement means so much,
We're so blessed that you're our Pastor,
And our lives you've truly touched.

Reformation Fest - October 27

Within the Lutheran Church, Reformation Day is officially referred to as THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION. Until the 20th century, most Lutheran churches celebrated Reformation Day on October 31, regardless of which day of the week it occurred. Today, most Lutheran churches transfer the festival on or before October 31. The liturgical color of the day is red, which represents the Holy spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church. Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God" is traditionally sung on this day. Here at Osman we will have a German meal, with everyone bringing a dish to share. You may also bring your favorite beverage to go along with the meal. A sign-up will be posted on the bulletin board to designate the food you plan to bring. Please mark your calendars now to attend this exciting festival.

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Birthdays

Tyler Duncan.....10-01
 Karen Brown.....10-01
 Bill Amdor.....10-03
 Jodi Burgess.....10-05
 Steve Martin.....10-07
 Eric Zimmerman.....10-08
 Dustin Peyton.....10-09
 John Gercken.....10-12
 Bill McCleary.....10-12
 Addison Warsaw.....10-12
 David Kunde.....10-15
 Wiley Hasty.....10-17
 Jordan Bidner.....10-19
 Greg Johnson.....10-19
 Greg Warsaw.....10-22
 Pastor Jeff McPike.....10-24
 Katherine Masko.....10-28
 Julianna Gercken.....10-31

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
9/1	45	1	0	2
9/8	71	2	5	16
9/15	68	1	7	15
9/22	58	n/a	n/a	n/a
9/29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Anniversaries

Barb and John Gercken.....10-09-1982
 Deborah and Dennis Martin.....10-10-1981
 Moneta and Bill McCleary.....10-19-1946
 Theresa and Rick Wilson.....10-31-2005

Osman's Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Pastor Appreciation Month - ALL MONTH
 Harvest Breakfast - October 6
 Quilting - October 1st and 3rd
 LWML Joint Retreat - October 4 and 5
 LWML Sunday - October 13
 Church Council - October 16 at 6:30pm
 Reformation Fest - October 27 at 5:00pm

