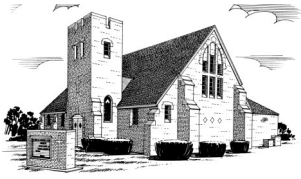


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Fear not, for I am with you;. . . I
am your God; I will strengthen
you, I will help you.

~ Isaiah 41:10

November 2021

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7. Please set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed the night before.

Advent

At a time when much of the world is frantically gift shopping, putting up Christmas lawn decorations and anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus, Christians around the world are observing the liturgical season of Advent. From the Latin word for "coming", Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ both in the past in His incarnation as the baby Jesus, but also in the future with His promised second coming as Christ Triumphant. Furthermore, Advent is a time to focus on His present coming to us in the Word and Sacraments[1]. In the Lutheran church there have been many traditions observed during Advent that help Christians to both prepare for and anticipate His coming at this time. Martin Luther encouraged families to observe Advent as a time for them to teach their children about the coming of Christ.

Advent marks the beginning of the church calendar. It traditionally starts on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30th) and continues for four Sundays until Christmas. During this time the liturgical paraments and vestments in many churches will change to violet to recognize Advent as a

time of preparation and repentance as well as a symbol of the royalty of the coming King. The color blue can also be used as a symbol of anticipation and hope.

Christians in many countries have adopted various traditions of lighting candles during Advent to observe this as the time of the coming of Christ who is the light of the world. One widespread tradition is the use of an Advent wreath both in the church and the home to mark each Sunday in the Advent season. While the origin of this as an Advent tradition dates back to the Lutheran church following the Reformation, the current form commonly used today was developed more recently and is used in many other Christian churches throughout the world. The wreath is made out of evergreens in the shape of a circle to represent eternal life. It consisted of four candles originally; three purple or blue candles to match the liturgical colors and one pink candle lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent. This 3rd Sunday is known as *Gaudete* Sunday, meaning "rejoice" in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Lighting this 3rd candle, Christians relax the fast to rejoice for the promised Messiah is coming soon. Many Advent wreaths also have a 5th candle, the Christ candle, which is lit during the time of Christmas, symbolizing that Christ, the light of the world, has entered the darkness.

By Betsy Karkan

Advent begins November 28th and ends December 24th.

Joyful Update!

Amelia from our adopted family had a successful 6 hour spinal surgery. The doctors were able to place magnets to her spine so the magnets can be used to adjust her spine every 3 months, instead of having surgery every 3 months. 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.

Quilting

The ladies will tie quilts on Monday, November 1 and Wednesday, November 3 at 8AM in the fellowship hall. The quilts that will be tied will be the first ones for the new quilting year. The ladies finished 130 quilts this last year. At the end of October, they were taken to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Flatville which is one of the collection sites for Lutheran World Relief. After being transported to the two main warehouses in the United States, they will be shipped to needy people around the world. Thank you to the dedicated ladies who pieced the quilt tops, tied the quilts, and hemmed the quilts. Thank you also to Terri and Dwight Hooker who boxed them and took them to Flatville.

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

The next Ladies Aid/LWML meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11th at 1 PM in the fellowship hall. Marsha Warsaw will have the topic and Connie Warsaw and Marsha Warsaw will be the hostesses. Roll call will be answered with a Bible verse on "thanks".

Benefit Supper

The first "drive-up and carry out" benefit soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 13th, from 4:30 – 7. The benefit will be held to help Brian Butler who lives in rural Bellflower. He is recovering from a massive heart attack and stroke. He is also on dialysis after his transplanted kidney failed. Following our COVID rules, masks must be worn. We request that one person from each family come inside to select their food. It will be sacked to be taken home. There will not be indoor dining. The menu will remain the same with some delicious soups and desserts being served. Mark your calendars now! Please consider donating food for this event. There is a signup sheet on the back bulletin board.

January 2022 Election of Officers:

New officers to be elected this coming year will be for Chairman, Treasurer, 2 Elders, 1 Trustee, and Assistant Financial Superintendent.

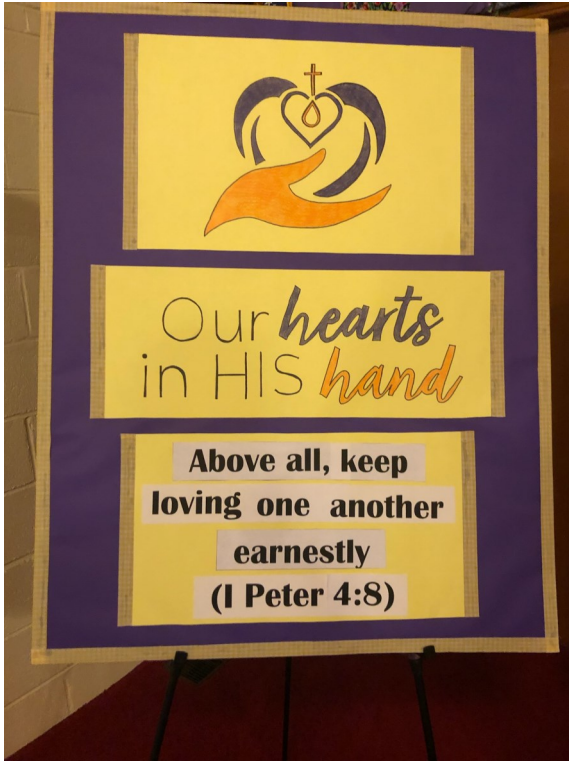
With Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Kent Marlin (Marty) Callison, who passed away on Sunday, October 17. Marty is Marsha Warsaw's father.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well wishes sent to me while in the hospital. Thanks!
Rick Hardesty

Ladies Aid/LWML Sunday



Ladies Aid/LWML Sunday was held on Sunday, October 10th. The LWML is the largest mission minded organization recognized by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The mission grant goal for 2021-2023 has been declared at over two million dollars. The ladies of Osman invited all the members who attended church on October 10th to offer their praise to God by using the theme “Our Hearts in HIS Hand” which was based on I Peter 4:8. This theme design was on the bulletin cover and on a poster displayed at the front of the church. Pastor McPike’s sermon was based on the theme. Some of the quilts decorated the front and back of the church. Some of the dresses that the ladies have made for little girls in Africa were displayed along the sides of the church. With COVID rules still in effect, the ladies could not be ushers, acolytes, or readers, but Connie Warsaw and Diana Zimmerman were greeters at the door. The back bulletin board under the balcony illustrated the mission projects that our local group participated in this last

year. The bookmark that was inserted in the bulletin listed the many mission projects for the national LWML. Mite boxes were available on the back table for anyone who wanted to donate extra change to help finance some of these great ways to serve their fellow mankind and help educate them about the love of Jesus and His promise of eternal life.



History Book

The 125th Anniversary History Book Committee is compiling a history book covering the building projects, organizations, official acts such as Confirmations, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, and much more in the last 25-plus years here at Osman. At the September Church Council meeting it was determined that the history book will cover information through this calendar year instead of stopping after the 125th Anniversary which was in August. Therefore, the book will not be available from the printer until the end of January at the earliest. The approximate cost of the book is \$20. If you want a book, please sign up on the list on the back bulletin board by November 15th or contact Connie Warsaw or Brenda Hendricks.

Memorial Service

The memorial service for our brother in Christ, Richard Ringer, was held on Saturday, September 25th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee, Illinois. Richard passed to his heavenly home on December 28, 2020, after a short battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Richard and his wife, Rae, transferred their membership to our church in late 2018 when they moved to Fisher to be closer to family. In January 2021 our congregation had a "no food" benefit for Richard by donating contributions to help with his medical expenses that were incurred during his care at home. If you care to make a memorial, there are several choices. Memorials may be made in Richard's name to the ALS Association – Greater Chicago Chapter at 939 W Randolph – Suite 2W – Chicago, IL 60607. Please include "In honor of Richard Ringer" on the correspondence. Alternatively, you can support the Ronald McDonald House in Houston, Texas as they provided a home for his granddaughter, Katelyn, when she fought cancer. Memorial contributions may be mailed to The Ronald McDonald House, 1907 Holcombe Road in Houston, Texas 77030 and please note in honor of Richard Ringer in the check memo. You may also donate online at rmhhouston.org.

November



Happy Birthday

11-02....Deb Peyton
11-03....C. J. Genzel
11-05....Emily Grussing
11-06....Lee Whitehouse
11-10....Malachi Johnson
11-11....Karen Bryan
11-11....Brent Lutz
11-13....Randy Zimmerman
11-14....Steve Warsaw
11-15....Dwight Hooker
11-16....Rick Hardesty
11-19....Mary Beth Duncan
11-22....Agnes Watson
11-24....Nick Forrest
11-25....Jenna Clemmons
11-25....Bill Forrest

Happy Anniversary

11-03-2001...Annette and Jeff Warsaw
11-16-2002...Stefani and Greg Warsaw
11-20-2016...Rong and Aaron Warsaw
11-22-1969...Connie and Don Warsaw
11-26-1983...Anne and Bill Amdor

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
9/26	33	0	0
10/03	47	0	0
10/10	28	1	0
10/17	35	1	0
10/24			0
10/31			0