

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
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**May 2026**



## Easter Caroling

Fifteen youth and adults volunteered to sing Easter carols to our shut-ins on April 12th. They made a stop to sing to Sara and Dave Kunde, Susan and Austin Miller, Ross Warsaw, and Linda Warsaw. Other residents at the Holly Brook Estates in Gibson City and Accolade Healthcare of Paxton enjoyed the Easter message, too. The group also delivered an Easter basket filled with fruit and goodies for our members that were visited. Alicia and Nick Haggin and family organized the singing group and provided some great musical voices and accompaniments. The group enjoyed a small lunch in the hall before starting on their road trip.



## Newsletter

When printing color pictures on a black and white printer the clarity is not always the best. To see a brighter version of the newsletter look at it on the church website.

## Church Council Meeting

The next church council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

## Ladies Aid/LWML Ladies

The Ladies Aid/LWML ladies will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 7 PM. The topic will be given by Deb Lammle, and the hostesses will be Deb Martin and Sue Van Wakeman. Roll call will be answered with a Bible verse on the commandments. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

### Quilting

The ladies will be quilting on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM and Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Several Thrivent Action Team cards have been used to buy the filler for the center layer of the quilts. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train. All ladies of the congregation are invited to help make these quilts as no quilting experience is needed to tie knots. These quilts bring smiles to many needy people in the United States and other countries.

### Thank You

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for using your missions to help Give Me Five food bag program. Over 100 bags of food go home weekly with our students. We could not do it without your support. Very Grateful, Lori Larson – Mahomet Schools

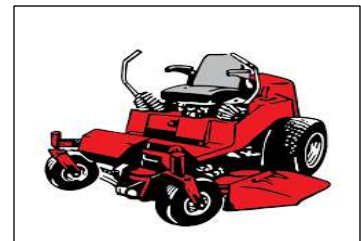
### Thank You

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the generous donation to our Hope Pack Program for the Blue Ridge Schools. It will definitely help to feed our hungry children! Charlene Sprecker – Salt Creek Resource Center

### May Lawn Mowers

The week of May 3 - 9 – Butch Sprau  
The week of May 10 – 16 - Mark Barrack  
The week of May 17 - 23 – Kent Whitehouse  
The week of May 24 – 30 - Jeff Warsaw  
The week of May 31 – June 6 – Shane Zimmerman



The schedule this year lists the week that the volunteer needs to mow. It is recommended to mow on Thursday through Saturday of that week, so it looks nice for Sunday. If you have misplaced your schedule, it was in the March newsletter which can be found online and there is also one posted on the back bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact trustees John Grussing or Lee Whitehouse.

*Ascension Day – May 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Pentecost Sunday – May 24<sup>th</sup>*

## LWML Convention



183 LWML members, pastors, speakers, and guests attended the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in Decatur on April 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Friday started with 87 women working on service projects at St. John's Lutheran Church. 36 beautiful quilts were knotted, 148 large Bibles were marked for the Illinois State Fair booth, 20 small Bibles were marked for the Illinois State Fair booth, 1400 zipper pulls were made, and 73 cards were colored for Phil's Friends boxes. A nice evening meal was served before the church service at 6:30 PM. The message was given by Pastor Becker, junior CID LWML counselor, with Pastor Meyer, senior counselor leading the order of service. The ladies all joined in partaking of Holy Communion during this service.

On Saturday morning, the ladies started early bringing their ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train, God's Shelter of Love, and New Life Pregnancy Center at St. Paul's Lutheran. The convention was called to order at 8:45 by President, Cheryl Long. A Bible study was led by Pastor Meyer based on Isaiah 60:20 to correlate to the theme of the convention, "The Lord Will Be Your Everlasting Light". The main speaker was Martha Dahlke, who works for LCMS Mission Advancement, and has been to several countries working for the Lord. The business session of the day followed with the delegates attending while the other attendees divided into other rooms to hear other speakers. The first item in the business session was voting on whether to have the convention every year or every two years opposite the national convention. The delegates voted on a paper ballot and these votes were counted immediately because it affected the mission grant selections. The majority vote was to have the convention biennially.

The new officers on the election ballot were introduced. The delegates voted for their choice of officers. The mission grant total was set for \$220,000 for 2026 – 2028. The mission grants were explained and the delegates voted for their top ten choices. The number one mission grant is always student aid to church workers which is \$30,000 a year. A great lunch was served and the afternoon session included reports from various committees. The mission grant selection was announced, and the afternoon ended with the installation of new officers followed by closing devotion by Pastor Becker.

The banners made for the convention were on display in the main entryway of the church. Deb Lammle and some helpers from the Osman group made the Danville Zone banner. It is now displayed on the north wall of our church. It will travel to other Danville Zone churches in the next months.

## The Celebration of Easter at Osman

This Easter season was one of great joy, as always, for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Members gathered for our 7AM worship service and enjoyed the preaching of Pastor McPike, playing of the organ by Alicia Haggin, and playing of the trumpet by Sara McPike. Both are amazing musicians. After the service the congregation gathered in the hall for a delicious breakfast of biscuits and gravy, coffee cakes, and fruit, served by the church council. The children were then asked to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt, with 156 eggs hidden with candy, coins, and trinkets for the children to find. Their buckets were full as they left that day. However, the best gift of all was God's gift of heaven for all believers.



*"Christ has risen; He has risen indeed;  
Alleluia!!!"*

## Benefit Check Presented



Dwight and Terri Hooker who represented the Stewardship Committee presented the check from the soup supper benefit which was held March 28<sup>th</sup> to Karley Bridgwater after the worship service on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The check totaled \$7500. This is the total from the freewill offering taken at the supper and the Thrivent Choice Dollars that have been given to our congregation as well as the money given to the church specifically designated for benefits. Please keep Karley in your prayers as she continues to fight breast cancer.

## Ladies Aid/LWML Garage Sale

All Ladies Aid/LWML members are asked to gather garage sale items and mark them before bringing them to the church or taking them to Debbie Lammler's house for the Fisher City Wide Garage Sale on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The sale lasts from 8am -4pm. If you bring the items to the church, have them there by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds will be given to our adopted family from Fisher. All items not sold will be taken to Goodwill in Champaign, unless you wish to have them back. Thanks for your support in this group project!



## Congratulations, Graduates!



**John Haggin**, our assistant organist, and son of Alicia and Nick Haggin, will graduate from St. Thomas More High School in Champaign on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will continue his education at Parkland College in Champaign with the Parkland Pathways Program which will allow him to transfer to University of Illinois in the architectural field. May God be his guide as he pursues his career. Congratulations, John!

**Jenna Clemmons**, daughter of Kim Clemmons and Marvin Clemmons, will graduate from Parkland College on May 14<sup>th</sup>. She will graduate with an associate's degree in communications and will be continuing on to the University of Illinois to major in journalism. She will be doing an internship this summer at WCIA. Congratulations, Jenna!



# Happy Mothers' Day – May 10th

## **Lasagna Dinner**



The Ladies Aid/LWML sponsored a Maundy Thursday Lasagna Supper on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Every member signed up for a part of the meal, including lasagna, lettuce salad, French bread, and dessert. Thanks to Brenda Hendricks, the tables were decorated with a beautiful flower arrangement. Members of the group set up and served the supper to 30 members and friends before the Maundy Thursday worship service. \$275 was given in a free will offering that evening which will be given to our seminary adopted student.

## **Summary of April Council Meeting**

Ten elected church council members met on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Hooker opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Pastor McPike continued with devotion and prayer. Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the minutes from the last meeting. They were approved. Treasurer, Terri Hooker, then went over the list of checks she had written this month. The total March income was \$6,649.00. March expenses were \$10,696.19. Checking account as of March 31st was \$43,699.28. The treasurer's report was approved. The money made from the last benefit was \$4918; money from Choice Dollars was \$2,034, and the total was \$6952 directed for the benefit recipient. A motion was made to add \$548 from the Benefit Holding account to make the total given to Karley Bridgewater \$7500. A motion was made to approve this. Motion passed.

Pastor's report followed. He stated that catechism class is going well. Confirmation will tentatively be scheduled for October or November. Dates pastor will be gone will be April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and September 27<sup>th</sup>. Pastor was thanked for all the work he put into recording the service on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was also announced that Easter caroling to the shut-ins was enjoyed by all. This activity was a great outreach for our church.

The elders report stated that the elder on duty will light the Paschal candle before the service begins. John Grussing, trustee, reported that he would add an extension to the railing in the front entryway of the church.

In old business there was an update on church insurance. Our terrorism insurance coverage quote from Brotherhood Mutual was quoted as "fire only" for \$25 per year. We could elect coverage not limited to "fire only" for \$85 per year. Jerry Niemann approved the less expensive coverage for the congregation and asked that this selection be ratified by the council. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to ratify this selection approved by Jerry Niemann on behalf of the congregation. The new insurance went into effect today, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Easter breakfast was determined to be a success as the council served 62. Discussion followed on where the Easter banner advertising our services should be placed.

In new business, Chairman Hooker suggested having a dinner for our members to show appreciation for all of their efforts. This event could possibly be in June, and it was tabled until the next meeting. Ryan Lammle presented information concerning giving offerings electronically. He researched a company called Venmo. There would be no cost setting this up at church, but a 1.9% cost will be charged for each offering made. Topic was tabled until the next meeting. Debbie Lammle informed the council that the Fisher Parade will be on July 6, beginning at 7:30pm. A motion was made to make a float for the Fisher and Bellflower parades. Motion passed. Debbie Lammle suggested having another confirmation recognition in the upcoming months. She will have a detailed list of classes and plans for a reception after church at the next meeting.

The next council meeting is Wednesday, May 20th.

The meeting was adjourned followed by reciting of the Lord's Prayer.



Doug Majercin.....5-01  
 Susan Miller.....5-04  
 Cheyenne Zimmerman.....5-04  
 Martha Warsaw.....5-08  
 Wade Warsaw.....5-12  
 Barb Whitehouse-Gercken.....5-21  
 Jesse Johnson.....5-21  
 Darwin Warsaw.....5-22  
 Kris Zimmerman.....5-29  
 Blaine Martin .....5-30

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Susan and Steve Martin.....05-09-1975  
 Ashley and Bryce Martin ...05-19-2012

## Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Class	Sunday School
March 29	55	11	1
April 2	33		
April 3	39		
April 5	74		
April 12	30		0
April 19	45	12	3
April 26	47	11	2

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – no class

April 3 – Good Friday – no class

April 5 – Easter – no class

**Trivia Question of the Month: What is the total amount of money that has been given to the recipients of our benefit suppers since the first one in 1981?**

