

# ***THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER***

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## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN**

**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



*Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC*  
*Reverend Justin Schmidt*

*March 2013*



### **Holy Week**

**Holy Week** is the last week of the 40 day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter. In Holy Week we focus on the last week of Christ's life, remembering especially His Passion and resurrection.

**Palm Sunday** is the commemoration of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem five days before his crucifixion. This day takes its name from the fact that as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey, the huge crowd that followed carried palm branches as they praised Him and shouted "hosanna, hosanna!". The people hailed Him as the long awaited "Son of David", that is, the Messiah.

**Maundy Thursday** remembers the events in the upper room the night before Jesus died. The upper room events include the institution of the Lord's Supper, the eating of the Passover meal, and the washing of the disciples' feet. At the end of the Maundy Thursday service, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This symbolizes Christ being stripped by the Roman soldiers prior to His crucifixion. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

**Good Friday** - On the last Friday before Easter we remember Jesus crucifixion. It is the day when Jesus paid for our sins by dying in our place. Everything is taken off the altar and draped in black for this service.

**Easter Sunday**, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is the beginning of new life. Easter celebrates Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil, as well as the promise of our justification and everlasting life. Holy Communion will be celebrated Easter morning. (The season of Easter lasts 50 days until the day of Pentecost).

Holy Week is a marvelous time for Christian growth. It offers incredible potential for satisfying spiritual hunger. It does this by exposing those who attend its

services to God's Word and Sacrament. We grow as the Holy Spirit works through the Gospel and Sacrament that we hear and receive during these days.

**THIS HOLY WEEK -- "TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD."**

### **Holy Week Services and Activities**

Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7 PM. There will be fellowship time with refreshments after church in the hall. Good Friday service will begin at 7 PM. After this somber service everyone will leave in silence. Easter worship service will begin at 7 AM with Holy Communion. The youth will serve a breakfast in the hall after the service. An Easter Egg hunt for the children will take place during the breakfast.

### **Time Change**

Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to move your clocks and other technological devices up one hour. Be ready to SPRING forward!

### **Lenten Service Refreshment Schedule**

Attached to this newsletter is the list of committees for fellowship time after the Lenten worship services. The drinks for each evening will be provided. The youth group will be providing a taco night on Wednesday, March 6th. If you cannot serve on the committee assigned, please tell the person on the top of the list. If your name does not appear on the list, and you would like to help, please add your name to the list on the back bulletin board.

**Lenten Service Schedule**  
**SPRING 2013**

**February 13 - Ash Wednesday**

**LWML Soup Supper**

**February 20**

Mr. and Mrs. John Lammle  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gaines  
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Gallier  
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bidner  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Martin  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Camp  
Darryl Redding

**February 27**

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hooker  
Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Warsaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warsaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Warsaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Zimmerman  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmerman  
Deb Peyton

**March 6**

**Youth Group Taco Supper**

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hardesty  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clemmons  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Delaney  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Masko  
Mr. and Mrs. Shane Zimmerman  
Mr. and Mrs. Shaun Zimmerman  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Duncan

**March 13**

Mr. and Mrs. John Gercken  
Mr. and Mrs. Carol Martinie  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Warsaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Warsaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCleary  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Poppe  
Karen Bryan

**March 20**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zimmerman  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lutz  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Welborn  
Mr. and Mrs. Butch Sprau  
Wilma Grussing  
Debbie Martin  
Frances Zimmerman

**March 27 - Maundy Thursday**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nelson  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hendricks  
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim VanWakeman  
Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson  
Jeri Bidner  
Kathy Brendel

**NOTE:** If you do not want to serve on this committee, please tell the person on the top of the list. If your name does not appear on the list and you would like to help, please add your name to a committee.

### **Church Council Meeting**

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Church Directory**

It has been five years since we printed a church directory so get your smiles ready! Lifetouch Church Directories will be preparing our new church directory. Each family photographed will select a pose for the directory and will receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait or 9 wallets and a church directory. Appointments for picture taking can be made at the table in the back of the church after the worship service on March 10, March 17, March 24, and March 31. Connie Warsaw, Annette Warsaw, and Brenda Hendricks will be organizing the portrait times.

The actual pictures will be taken on Friday, April 5, from 2 – 9 PM and Saturday, April 6, from 10 AM – 5 PM at the fellowship hall.

If you donate a food item or cash for the food pantry on the day of your photo session, you will receive a \$5 off coupon towards your portrait order. All active military, police, fire, and seniors age 60 and over receive a 20% discount. Come be a part of our church family!

## ***Thrivent News***

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars!**

By directing Thrivent Choice Dollars, eligible members recommend where Thrivent financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars. This month our congregation received \$614.

Thank you to Bill Amdor, John Gercken, Allen Grussing, John Grussing, Wilma Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Mike Hendricks, Deb Lammle, John Lammle, Carolyn Majercin, Steve Martin, Susan Martin, Moneta McCleary, Bill McCleary, Greg McCleary, Marge Morrissey, Butch Sprau, Shirley Sprau, Connie Warsaw, Donnie Warsaw, and Gene Welborn.

March 28 is the last day to direct 2012 Thrivent Choice dollars. You can do so by logging in to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice" and when next prompted say "Choice Dollars". If you have any questions, please see Brenda Hendricks.

### **Common Bond Vote**

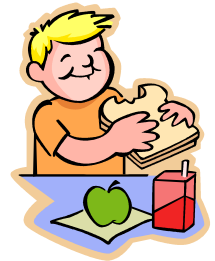
All Thrivent members will be asked to vote on the Common Bond issue between March 1 and April 30. Members are asked to vote on extending our bond from Lutherans to all Christians. This vote will set the direction of Thrivent for generations to come. Your paper ballot will arrive in the mail soon. If you prefer, you can vote online at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com) or over the phone.

### **Soup Supper Benefit**

We will be preparing a benefit soup supper on Saturday, March 23, from 4-7 PM for 15-year old Anna Trotter from Bellflower. She has had a rare form of leukemia since she was 3 years old. She is presently undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Chicago every two weeks. The meal will be chili, potato soup, oyster soup, sandwiches, and pie. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board for food donations.

### **Comfirmants!!**

The Comfirmants will meet with Pastor McPike on Sunday, March 24th after church for lunch and further study of Luther's Small Catechism.



### **Choir**

The Choir will be having short choir practices after church on Sunday until Lent is over, unless there is something else scheduled that day.

## **Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

**February 5, 2013**

(Abridged Version)

7 members attended the monthly Council meeting held on February 5 in the church hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, reported a balance of \$88,945.57. The back pack program in the Blue Ridge Schools was chosen as the mission project for March. A similar program in the Fisher Schools was chosen as the mission project for April.

Pastor McPike has communicated with Jonathan Scheck, our prospective summer vicar. He is a student at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne. Pastor also was very happy with the office remodeling and updated the progress on that.

The trustees report included a discussion of installing a cooling vent into the choir loft, refinishing of some of the pews under the balcony, and constructing a new handicap ramp coming into the Annex since it does not meet specifications.

The elders reported that all the offering envelopes for 2013 have been delivered. Their schedule for monthly duties has been completed and turned into the secretary.

New business included researching the cost of shampooing the carpet in the church and annex. The inclement weather and emergency call list was updated and will be distributed to the members that are responsible for making calls. The events/social committee reported their progress in organizing an old fashioned hymn sing at our church.

The next council meeting will be March 5. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

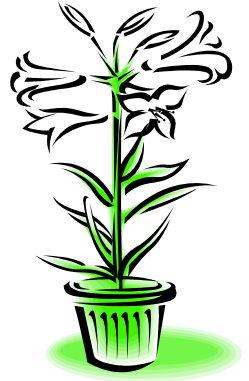
Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Hendricks



***See you at the Easter egg hunt after  
the Easter Breakfast!***

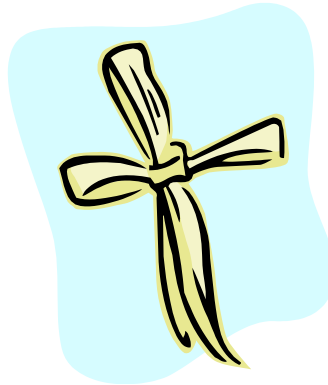
## **Donate an Easter Lily**

Please sign up on the back bulletin board if you want to donate an Easter Lily to beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. More details will appear in the bulletin concerning the cost of the lilies.



## **Folding Palms**

Anyone interested in folding palms into crosses, please join us in the Annex on March 23rd at 9:00 AM.



## **Open Gym/Fellowship Night**

Adults and youth alike are invited to the Open Gym/Fellowship Night at the Fisher Grade School on March 2nd beginning at 5 P.M. Brats, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Mac 'n Cheese, Chips, Cookies, and Drinks will be served by Hardesty's, Lammler's and Darryl Redding. Volleyball, Basketball, and board games will be played. Bring a friend and see you there!





## Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will hold their first meeting for 2013 on March 13th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that this is a change as it will be the second Wednesday instead of the first. Wilma Grussing will have the topic and Connie Warsaw will be the hostess.



The LWML will meet for their regular meeting on March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Marsha Warsaw will have the topic and Wilma Grussing and Joanne Nelson will be the hostesses. All the ladies in our congregation are invited to attend.

Thanks to everyone who donated food or helped at the Ash Wednesday soup supper. Attendance was down a little with only 40 people attending, and we made \$349.

The Spring Ping Fling will be March 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. National PING participants will present "Just a Cup of Coffee". The cost is \$10 for materials and a light lunch. National is trying regional meetings for this event with four events running concurrently. Our Danville Zone is with the Lincoln and Decatur Zones, and will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL. Registration has to be done by March 6th. Please see Connie Warsaw for the form.

Thanks to all those who have participated in our quilting days or who have been making quilts at home. We have completed 12 quilts and several people are working on more quilt tops. Because March seems to be pretty busy, we will decide at our next meeting when we will quilt again.



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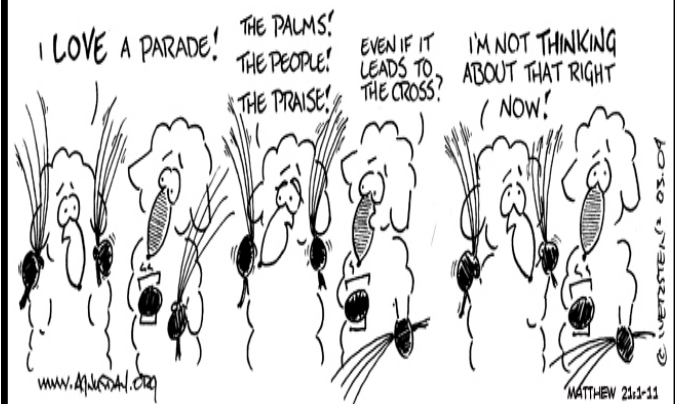
**Remember Our  
Shut-Ins!**

**THANK YOU!**



Thank You to Debbie Lammle and Shirley Sprau for visiting the shut-ins last month!

### Agnus Day



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### Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
01-27	66	11	9
02-03	71	11	15
02-10	79	9	14
02-13	52	Ash Wednesday	0
02-17	62	5	14
02-20	N/A	Midweek	0
02-24	N/A	N/A	N/A
02-27	N/A	Midweek	0

### March Reading Schedule

03-03.....Marsha Warsaw  
 03-10.....Shane Zimmerman  
 03-17.....Kim Clemmons  
 03-24.....Marvin Clemmons  
 03-31.....Barb Gaines

### March Altar Guild

Debbie Lammle

### March Acolyte Schedule

03-03.....Cheyenne Zimmerman  
 03-06.....Hannah Duncan  
 03-10.....MacKenzie Delaney  
 03-13.....Ryan McPike  
 03-17.....Chase Zimmerman  
 03-20.....Cheyenne Zimmerman  
 03-24.....Hannah Duncan  
 03-28.....MacKenzie Delaney  
 03-29.....Chase Zimmerman  
 03-31.....Cheyenne Zimmerman



### March Birthdays

Terri Hooker.....03-02  
 Mike Miller.....03-06  
 Brenda Hendricks.....03-09  
 Shirley Sprau.....03-12  
 Frances Zimmerman.....03-13  
 Melia Warsaw.....03-16  
 Joy Johnson.....03-19  
 Shaun Zimmerman.....03-20  
 Taylor Homann.....03-20  
 Kim Schuh.....03-21  
 Marsha Warsaw.....03-21  
 Byron Christians.....03-25  
 Nikki Gallier.....03-25  
 Matthew Poppe.....03-25  
 Amanda Forrest.....03-30  
 Jerry Reifsteck Jr. ....03-31  
 Bill Schuh.....03-31



### March Anniversaries

Shirley and Butch Sprau.....03-03-1973  
 Brenda and Jerry Edwards.....03-27-1982  
 Joy and Skinner Johnson.....03-31-1979

### Elder Schedule

Marvin	Feb	June	Oct
<b>Roy</b>	<b>March</b>	July	Nov
Bill	April	August	Dec
Jim	May	Sept	Jan