



Immanuel Wisconsin Synod †

Lamplighter

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“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

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| God is like Ford | He's got a better idea. |
| God is like Coke | He's the real thing. |
| God is like Hallmark Cards | He cares enough to send his best. |
| God is like Sears | He has everything. |
| God is like Scotch Tape | You can't see him, but you know he's there. |
| God is like Allstate | You're in good hands with him. |
| God is like Dial Soap | Aren't you glad you have him?
Don't you wish everybody did? |
| God is like Delta | He's ready when you are. |
| God is like the Post Office | Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet,
nor ice will keep him from his
appointed destination. |
| God is like Chevrolet | The heartbeat of America. |
| God is like Maxwell House | Good to the very last drop. |

LWMS

There are several opportunities for the Women of Immanuel, all of whom are members of LWMS, to learn more about the mission work being done in Mexico and throughout the world. On April 28, 2012, Immanuel will be co-hosting the Spring rally for the Paperland Circuit at Martin Luther Church in Oshkosh and the theme is One in Christ, Uno en Cristo. Activities will start at 8 a.m. and end following the lunch at 12:30 p.m. As a co-host, our church members are asked to donate ten batches of two pounds of meat made into sloppy joes, ten batches of muffins or sweet breads, ten salads and ten pans of bars or cookies. Workers for registration, courtesy and lunch committees are also needed. Sign-up sheets are available for food donations, as well as members attending the rally. Martin Luther is handicapped accessible plus babysitting will be provided to those who register prior to April 15. Mission money is also due by April 15 and goes to WELS Humanitarian Aid and International Outreach Project. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with our sisters-in-Christ and to learn what WELS is doing to spread God's Word.

As the TV commercials say, "Wait, there's more!" Imagine high temperatures of 87 and low temperatures of 67. Feel the warmth? These are the average June temps for Winston-Salem, North Carolina! This small historic city of arts and innovation is the site of the Annual LWMS Convention June 21-24, 2012. For more news, please visit the convention website www.lwms2012convention.com or a visitor site of VisitWinstonSalem.com. Paperland Circuit is planning a bus trip to the convention, so anyone interested in attending the convention and riding the bus should contact LWMS reporter, Joan Radtke as soon as possible. There is also an early bird registration discount of \$20.00 before April 2, 2012.

Joan Radtke, LWMS Reporter



Ladies' Guild

In February we concluded our two-part study of "Understanding our Muslim Neighbors: Muslim Beliefs and Practices". Thank you to Pastor Pagel for his research and presentations. Both the January and February meetings were thought-provoking and informative.

The March meeting will consist of the construction of Lenten Crosses by copper tooling taught by Anzo Kubisiak. Also at this March 27 meeting, we will have our election of new officers. Hostesses for the evening are Kay Kohfledt and Joyce Hopp. Please plan on joining us at 6:30 p.m. for an interesting and fun evening.

Grace Forever Young

Grace Forever Young is an organization of people from WELS churches (55 or over) that meet twice a month (1st & 3rd Thursday) at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Quality Room), unless otherwise noted, at 11:00 a.m. for a fellowship program and lunch.

- March 1 program will be a speaker from the Christine Ann (Domestic Abuse) Center. Lunch will be pork chop dinner from Red's Catering.
- March 15 meeting will feature lunch of Jensen's corned beef & cabbage and a speaker from the Oshkosh Fire Department.
- April 5 No meeting (Maundy Thursday)
- April 19 Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries. Lunch will be pot-luck.

Please check with Fred or Carol Fairbairn to sign-up for meals.

Juanita Oaks

Lost & Found

Please check your closet.....A ladies black, waist length, imitation leather jacket, no belt, no pockets is missing. This jacket must have been worn home the first Sunday of February and another jacket was left behind. Please double check your closet .

Hospitalizations

If you know of a member who has been hospitalized, please contact our church office, and our pastor will be happy to visit them. Contrary to popular opinion, our pastor is not psychic. This is especially important if the member is in serious condition. Because of recent privacy laws, in the past our pastor has not always been notified by the hospitals when a number of members have been hospitalized. Sometimes it is because they have come through the emergency room or were hospitalized on a weekend. Sometimes it has been because the patient did not inform the hospital that they wanted to be visited by their pastor or the question was not properly asked by the admittance office. To be sure that our members are visited in the hospital, a call to our church office would be appreciated.

Volunteers Needed



On the Wednesdays of Lent, a fellowship hour will be held in our fellowship hall, immediately following our 6:30 p.m. Lenten services. Cookies and bars, as well as volunteers, will be needed for our fellowship hours. We need the assistance of the

members of our congregation to make our fellowship hours a success. Sign-up sheets are located by the bulletin board sign-up table.

Missions

The Central Africa Medical Mission is seeking a volunteer to serve as the Contact Woman for this WELS circuit. CAMM serves as a support for gospel outreach and provides medical treatment to the people near Mwembeshi, Zambia and Malawi. The contact woman serves as a link between the fields of Africa to the members here. This position is responsible for forwarding information provided by the Contact Coordinator to local churches twice a year, receiving/forwarding donations and writing an appropriate thank you. Most communication is done via email. If interested, please contact Pastor Pagel or you may email Lynne Mathiak for additional information at cammmathiak@aol.com.

Annual Report

Copies of our annual report are available in our literature rack for those who were unable to attend our Annual Meeting. At the meeting we reviewed the annual report. In addition to financial reports, statistical and growth goals, the annual report also contains a report by our Board for Property and Grounds. The Annual Report also contains an updated church directory which includes the addresses and phone numbers of our members. If your address or phone number is not correct, please contact our church office.



Pathways to Christ

Please join us for the 2012 Pathways to Christ Retreat. This year's theme is "Reflections on his cross and ours." The retreat will be held in Oshkosh at the Hawthorn Inn & La Sure's Banquet Hall on March 9-11th. All women from our congregation are invited to attend. More information is available at www.martinlutheroshkosh.com. Click on "Pathways Retreat". If you have any questions, please contact the Pathway's Committee at (920)233-1069 or email them at retreat@new.rr.com. Financial assistance is available for those who would like to attend but may have difficulty affording it. You are invited to share the living hope we have in God.

Seminars for Christian Service

Our WELS District Seminars for Christian Service will be held on Saturday, March 24th at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thirty different seminars will be presented and congregational members can choose any three to attend. A list of seminars and registration forms are available from the church office. Lunch will be served at Fox Valley Lutheran High School at a cost of \$5. The seminars themselves are free.

	<i>WELCOME NEW MEMBER!</i>	
Aaron Welter		

**Remember:
Daylight Savings Time
begins on March 11th. . .**

**Don't forget to change your
clocks!**



FINANCIAL REPORT-January 2012

Checking Account:	
Balance 1/1/2012	\$ 6,160.73
Receipts	\$ 17,771.31
Disbursements	\$(16,986.26)
Balance 1/31/2012	\$ 6,945.78
Stock (Coca-Cola)	\$ 18,192.20
Savings Account:	
Maintenance Fund Balance	\$ 37,882.39
Organ Fund Balance	\$ 3,840.00
Choir Mem. Fund Balance	\$ 746.09
Tuition Assist. Fund Balance	\$ 6,000.00
Balance 01/31/2012	\$ 48,468.48

Monthly Report of Offerings
From 01/22/2012 - 02/19/2012

STEWARDSHIP					
Date	Attendance	Communion	Sunday School	Bible Class	Offerings
01/22	150	125	9	NA	\$3,603.75
01/29	119	NA	7	22	\$3,272.50
02/05	130	NA	5	23	\$3,604.00
02/12	156	115	7	NA	\$3,164.50
02/19	152	NA	8	20	\$3,257.75

Description	Amount
General Fund	\$15,170.00
Plate Offering	\$ 164.50
WLCFS	\$ 165.00
Flowers & Bulletins	\$ 54.00
Initial Offering	\$ 46.00
Other Special Gifts	\$ 40.00
Forward in Trust	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,253.00
Total	\$16,902.50

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Altar Guild and Usher Schedule for March 2012

March 4	Judy Zarter and Jan Nelson	Purple	Karl Luft, Marty Waite, David Leatherman and Tom Gregory	
March 7 Lenten Service	Jan Zellmer and Connie Frederickson	Purple	Larry Stowe, Mark & Mike Juedes and Joe Geis	
March 11	Judy Zarter, Jan Nelson & Jan Zellmer	Purple	John Hornig, Jeff Reiter, Mark Andersen and Timothy Krause	Randy Montgomery
March 14 Lenten Service	Kay Kohfeldt and Lorraine Freiberg	Purple	Harley Joslin, David Schroeder, Helmut Presser, Art Tiffany and Dan Immel	
March 18	Edie Nieman and Karen Cudnohoske	Purple	Doug Zellmer, Gary & Mitchell Troudt, and Randy Montgomery	
March 21 Lenten Service	Juanita Oaks and Carrie Mutsch	Purple	Karl Luft, Marty Waite, David Leatherman and Tom Gregory	
March 25 Communion	Bethany and Katelyn Andersen, Barb Luft & C. Frederickson	Purple	Larry Stowe, Mark & Mike Juedes and Joe Geis	Marty Waite
March 28 Lenten Service	Marian Peppler and Barb Luft	Purple	John Hornig, Jeff Reiter, Mark Andersen and Timothy Krause	