

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

United in faith and empowered by the Spirit, Immanuel **embraces, educates, and engages** our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Immanuel means "God with us." Knowing this, the possibilities for Immanuel's ministries are unlimited. Immanuel's ministries focus on three pillars supported by the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The pillars of **embracing, educating, and engaging** our community serve as guideposts and reflect our unity of faith. The strength of these pillars is based on three faithful relationships originated and strengthened by the Holy Spirit: First, God with us; Next, our interactions with Each Other; and Third, our outward interactions with our neighbors.



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School  
400 N Aspen Avenue / Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
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School K-12: 918-251-5422 / Preschool: 918-258-7622

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### Sundays

9am Traditional Divine Worship  
10:30am Sunday School Classes  
for everyone  
11:30am Modern Divine Worship

#### Church Ministry Staff

Rev. Benjamin Braun  
*Pastor*

Todd Stevens, DCE  
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Carrie Ann Swaim  
*Director of Youth Ministry*

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**Matthew 28:18-20**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples (educate) of all nations (embrace), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (engage), and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (educate). And surely I am with you always (engage), to the very end of the age (embrace)."

**Pastor Ben's Corner****Prepping vs. Prepared****Hebrews 11:7**

"By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."

By the time you read this, the winter storm of last week is over. While I am writing this article, the storm has not yet come. I don't know if we received 24 inches of snow/ice or none at all. And yet I will acknowledge this, I spent the week leading up to the storm preparing. Anna and I went through our grocery list, planning meals. I checked our shovels and the salt bucket. We disconnected hoses, made sure the pool was at a safe level, checked bathrooms to make sure pipes wouldn't freeze and so on. We were prepping for an event that was yet to come. And now, after all that prepping, as I write this article, I have the peace that comes from being prepared.

As I think about this I can't help but see the social media posts of people buying gallons and gallons of milk, toilet paper, and anything else they might need, I couldn't help but think, "even if we got shut down for 2 weeks, how can you go through that much milk? And when the storm is over isn't the excess milk going to spoil?" And that then led me to ask, "Are we prepping in the right way or are we prepping to be prepared?"

Now apply that question to your walk as a Christian. Are we prepping in the right way or to be actually prepared for the day of the Lord's return? The truth is, that as Christians we often feel like we are properly preparing our household and yet can easily focus on wrong preparations, ones that may serve a very real purpose here on earth but do not carry us to being prepared for eternity.

As the bible verse above, from Hebrews chapter 11 so clearly points out. In it the author uses the example of Noah, who followed the warning of God and built an ark. He didn't know when the flood was going to come and yet prepared for when it did.

On the converse side, our author, points out that the world was not prepared, thus perishing, while Noah's family was declared righteous for having prepared by following the commands of God.

If we apply this to our walks as Christians then we should ask ourselves what makes us prepared for what is to come next? Here are three takeaways from the account of Noah that believe will help us answer this question.

1. Keep your focus on God's revelation! Just as God warned Noah and Noah responded by seeking to walk according to that revelation, even as the world mocked him, so too must we focus upon what God has revealed to us. We are saved by Christ and fully reliant upon His grace and mercy, He is our ark.
2. Prioritize your resources and I am not just talking about money. Noah had finite resources, trees, laborers, etc. and yet God allowed him to build the ark and protect his family. So too do we have finite resources, we have finite time, etc. and so devote them to the service of the Lord who is the ultimate protector and sustainer. Instead of buying into the things of this world, like so many gallons of milk which are great for today and yet will spoil a few days later, devote them to the one who sustains all things.
3. Trust in the God who makes us righteous and not in our own abilities. The truth is that as Anna and I prepared for the Winter Storm, we felt prepared and yet we didn't know what would happen. So too do we trust in the righteousness of the God who, by faith has prepared us for what is to come and not in our own prepping.

Stay warm, God Bless and We can't wait to see you.

Respectfully yours,

*Pastor Benjamin A. Braun*

>>>Pastor Ben Braun

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry****Newsletter Article – February 2026****Table of Duties: The Forgotten Stewardship Tool**

Luther's Small Catechism is a magnificent tool. Joined with a well-used copy of the Holy Scriptures and an orthodox hymnal, and the Christian is well equipped to live a life of faithfulness to the Lord and service to the neighbor. First in German and now in English and just about any language known to man, this handy masterpiece has introduced generations of people to the central doctrine of justification by grace, through faith, on account of Jesus Christ. The Six Chief Parts have proven to be a faithful framework for a clear confession of the truth of the Gospel for nearly five hundred years!

But more than a textbook, the Small Catechism also serves well as a handbook for Christian living. As a part of its treasure, there is an element that teaches an extraordinarily strong message of stewardship. That hidden treasure that needs to be rediscovered is called the Table of Duties.

The Table of Duties is really nothing more than a categorized gathering of Bible verses. These verses are set apart for "various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities." Addressing pastors and people, government and citizens, husbands, wives, children, youth, workers and so many more, it very clearly lays out what faithful stewardship looks like. Even better, these assembled passages teach one important truth: we are stewards of one another!

The Table is much more than a "how-to" tool; it also lays out the interconnectedness that exists within the body of Christ. Pastors are described by what they are to be as stewards of the Word. 1 Timothy 3 highlights the characteristics of a faithful pastor. Even more, Titus 1 highlights the need for the pastor to be faithful for the sake of those under his care.

Those who hear the faithful preaching of the pastor are stewards of the pastor as well. 1 Corinthians 9 talks about the need for the people to support the livelihood of the pastor. Galatians 6 talks about how the hearers share in the good things that the pastor teaches. 1 Timothy 6 talks about the honor that is owed to the pastor, not because of WHO he is, but rather WHAT he is teaching! Hebrews 13 shows the impact of this stewardship on the pastor, that they perform their duties with joy. Joyful pastors and people are always going to be better stewards of the Gospel!

Outside the church this interdependent stewardship is on display as well. Romans 13 highlights the respect necessary for the governing authorities. As citizens, the faithful steward is called to pay taxes (Matthew 22), pray for their leaders (1 Timothy 2) and that they should be ready to serve in the civil realm (Titus 3), because they are in these positions by God's direction (1 Peter 2).

These steward duties are in the home too! 1 Peter 3 and Colossians 3 shape the husband steward. Ephesians 5 and 1 Peter 3 shape the wife steward. Ephesians 6 form parental stewards and child stewards.

The Table of Duties is a wonderful place for the individual steward to learn how much our stewardship is more than just a "me and Jesus thing!" In fact, it ends with these words: "Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well share fare." This is interdependent stewardship on clear display. As each learns stewardship in this way, the more faithful we will be as a family, congregations, communities and the church at large.

**God's Blessing in Faceted Glass: The Windows**

The faceted glass windows were first installed in the cloister of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 216 Luther Drive, Broken Arrow. When Immanuel moved from 216 Luther Drive, the windows were lovingly removed from that location and carefully brought to their present location. Many of the windows were installed and back-lighted on the back wall of the sanctuary; more windows are located in the narthex and Luther Hall Chapel.

**Panel 1—Luther's Coat of Arms**

In Memory of Wm. R. Letterman, Sr. and Wm. R. Letterman, Jr.

This panel shows the Reformation seal and represents the time Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany. The beams of light represents the spread of Lutheranism and mission work to the five continents.

The green represents the earth.

**Panel 2—The Brotherhood of Man**

In Memory of E. A. Naegele

At the top of the panel, the Ecumenical symbol is used to represent the time when all Christian churches will come together and worship God. In the center are all races of the world shaking hands with the rest of the world. The beams of light illuminate the world and signify that peace will come when all people will worship God together. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Matt. 7:12

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**Monthly Update—December 2025**

	2025 YTD	Offerings Received	\$131,751	\$1,222,480
General Fund				
Total Income Received	\$137,761	\$139,169	\$1,530,990	\$1,513,920
Expenses				
Surplus/Deficit		(\$1,408)		\$17,070

*In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:6*

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

Sunday, January 18, 2026  
 9:00am Service attendance: 188  
 11:30am Service attendance: 70  
 25 Youth & Chaperones attending  
 Journey in January at Camp Lutherhoma  
 Offering: \$28,838.30  
 Online Giving: \$7,183.98

Sunday, January 25, 2026  
 Worship services cancelled due to  
 inclement weather.  
 Online Giving: \$5,048.78



We are offering 2 worship services on Ash Wednesday:  
 A morning service and a 6:45pm service. Please watch for the announcement flyer next week for the start time of the morning service.

The Wednesday Evening Lenten Services begin at 6:45pm on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25.

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER**  
**March 29—Palm Sunday Service**  
**9:00am & 11:30am**  
**April 2—Maundy Thursday Service at 6:45pm**  
**April 3—Good Friday Service at 6:45pm**  
**April 5—Easter Sunday**  
**Easter Breakfast: 7:30-9:30am**  
**Easter Service at 10:00am**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—All classes begin at 10:30am

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Everyone His Witness** – led by Pastor Ben; meet in the gym. (Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day of this study.)

**New Bible Study starting Feb 8<sup>th</sup>: “Jesus the Early Years”**. During this 4 to 5 week study, we will be looking at the “Early Years” of Jesus’ life. While much is written about His birth and public ministry, not much is written about Jesus’ childhood and young adult life. However, if we look at the customs and practices of the time period, as well as what little is written in the Scriptures, we can begin to have at least a glimpse into what Jesus’ upbringing was like. We hope you can join us for this study.

**The study of the Book of 1 John** – led by Pastor Spomer; meet in the Multipurpose Room.

### CHILDREN’S CLASSES:

3-5 year olds – Rm 110   K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Rm 111   2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Rm 115   4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/& 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 116

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Grades 7th—12th meet in Luther Hall.

## SUNDAY CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**Confirmation classes for all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders meet Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, 10:30am.**

If you would like to start Confirmation but are not in these grades, please let Todd Stevens know because we will be adding a class for those students. You can email him at [tstevens@immanuelba.org](mailto:tstevens@immanuelba.org).

If you know of someone who could use this information, please forward it to them.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB for ALL KIDS AGES 3yrs to 5th grade!

**6:00-7:30pm**

### JOIN US FOR BIBLE ADVENTURES, CREATIVE CRAFTS, MUSIC MADNESS, & EPIC GAMES!

Kids Club is a time to make new friends, have a blast, and grow closer to Jesus in a super fun way! So bring your energy and your smile! Parents: We’ve got a safe and welcoming space for your kids to shine! Meet in the Gym & Multipurpose Room.

Questions? Contact Todd Stevens at [tstevens@immanuelba.org](mailto:tstevens@immanuelba.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**JOIN US FOR WINGS (aka youth group).** We meet regularly on Wednesdays. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us!

### Wednesday WINGS schedule:

3:00-6:00pm: Fellowship and open gym

5:30pm: Supper

6:00-7:30pm: Bible studies

(see what we are studying on page 5)

### Lenten Schedule, beginning February 18th:

3:00-5:00pm: Fellowship and open gym

5:15pm: Supper

6:00-7:30pm: Bible Study & Lenten Service

## IMMANUEL BRAILLE MINISTRY

**Lutheran Braille Workers** is the largest Christian ministry in the world that provides Braille and specialized Large Print Bibles free of charge for people who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

Thanks to an army of volunteers and thousands of generous partners who financially support this ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers is able to get the Word of God into the hands of people who are Blind or Visually Impaired at no expense to them.

There are several Immanuel members that are involved in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we gather monthly (the 3rd Monday of the month) to print and collate Braille books for shipment to foreign missions.

The next meeting is Monday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa; 2250 E 71<sup>st</sup> St.

If you have any questions, please contact the Immanuel church office, 918-258-5506.

## MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

Here are the verses for each week in February:

Feb 1—2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, He remains faithful — for He cannot deny Himself.

Feb 8—James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Feb 15—1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Feb 22—Romans 5:8

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it.



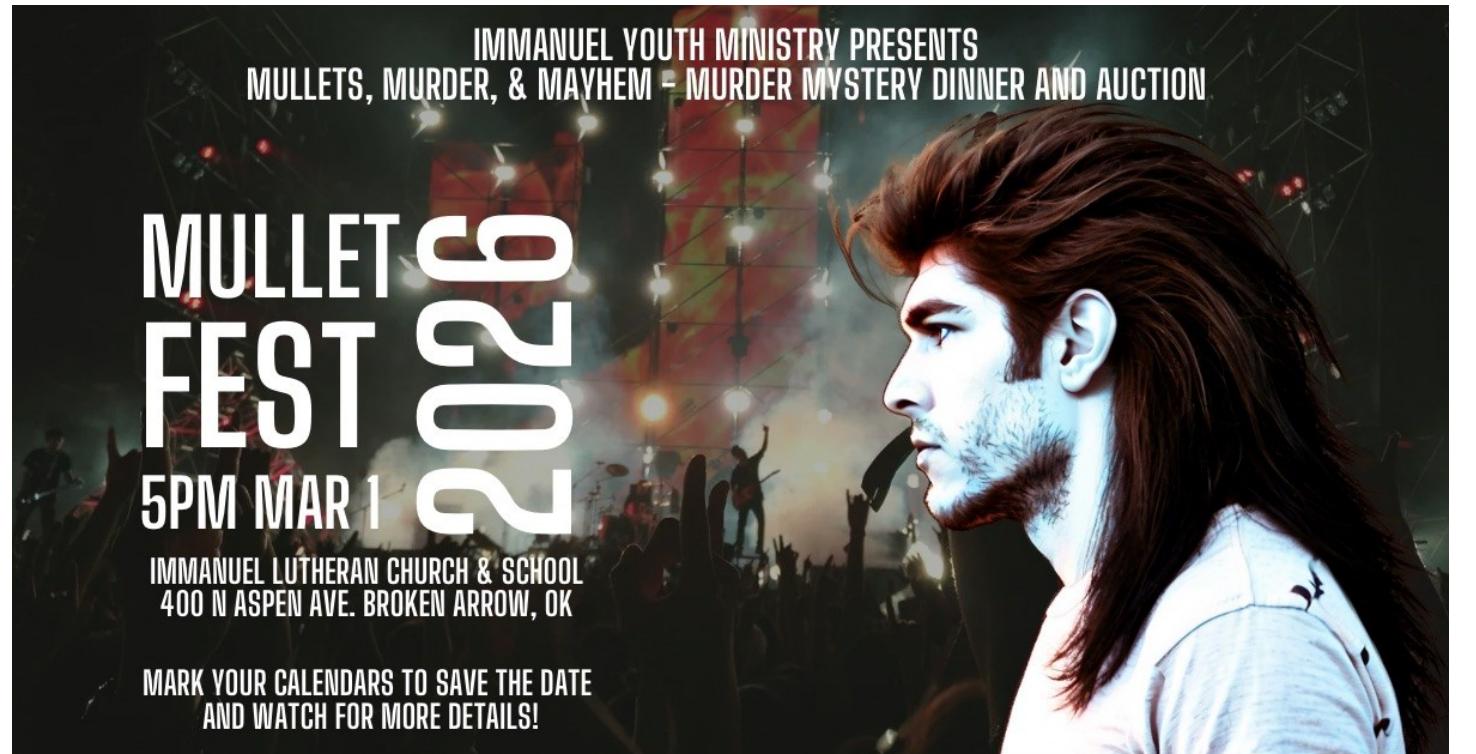
We are seeking volunteers to welcome first time visitors at both the 9:00am and 11:30am services. Gift bags with a "Thank you for worshiping with us" are available for families attending Immanuel for the first time. If we get enough volunteers, your obligation would only be one Sunday a month. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Jaye Lollis at 918-906-2043 or [lollisteam@cbtulsa.com](mailto:lollisteam@cbtulsa.com).

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS





# Youth Dinner & Auction



**It's officially time to reserve your spot at the annual youth dinner and auction!**

And! If you want to play a character, be sure to note your interest when you purchase your tickets online. If you would like to request a certain character, the list and descriptions are on the Youth bulletin board in the main hallway

Tickets are on sale: <https://givebutter.com/c/d8mQgH> (link is live in the event to make it easy)

Youth Ministry is looking to borrow a few things and for donations for the spring auction on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Carrie Ann if you have any of these to lend or a donation, 918-258-5506 ext 103 or [cswaim@icaba.org](mailto:cswaim@icaba.org)

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

**Borrow:** Aluminum woven lawn chairs (the older the better); Yard Pong Sets; Cornhole Sets

**Donate:** Goods; Services; Time-share/Air bnb weekend

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### TUESDAYS

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "Living a Chocolate Life", by Deb Burma.

Fun, friendly, and engaging, *Living a Chocolate Life* invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether they're sampling everything from bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds readers that the Holy Spirit fills them with sweet faith in the Savior and it is only He who can truly satisfy. Each session focuses on one aspect of life as a Christian woman, encouraging readers toward introspection and personal reflection. **This study is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Lynn Beard.**

### WEDNESDAYS

#### MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: "Deliver Us" - God's Rescue Story in Exodus.

In "Deliver Us", Dr. Lessing offers an unique combination of Bible commentary and devotional reflection, applying biblical truth to our lives and inviting us to see how God uses His people's story for us in the book of Exodus. Book is available at Concordia Publishing House. **6:30am on Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 71<sup>st</sup> & Garnett; hosted by Joe Kuhlmann. For more information, call the church office, 918-258-5506.**

#### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: *Gathered by Christ*.

Author Christa Petzold empathizes and understands how Christians outside the physical church may be hesitant to return, yet she encourages them to come back and see the gifts Jesus gives through His Church. She brings light and emphasis to the ways Jesus sees His community of believers, founded securely on Him and His Word.

**We meet at the church, 6-7:30pm, in the church office conference room. Study led by Mark D'Arcy.**

**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: "Putting Jesus First", by Sarah Young.** In this study, you will explore what it means to place Christ first in every part of your life—and rely on Him in the busy times, anxious times, uncertain times, and lonely times. **Join us Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm, in the library. Hosted by Anna Braun.**

*Wednesday Bible studies continued on the next column*

### YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES 6:00-7:30pm

**Middle School Boys & Girls** (in separate classes) - *Fruits of the Spirit* - The fruits of the spirit describe the kind of character God wants us to embody. This study challenges our youth to not just learn about these traits, but to apply them to their everyday lives through the help of the Holy Spirit.

#### High School Girls:

**Resilient Minds**—Concern for mental health has exponentially increased in recent years. In this study we approach topics through a biblical lens, promote wellness in a positive and constructive way, and keep Christ as the focus as we look at our identity.

**Fully Human - Flourishing Relationships**—The quality of our relationships has a huge impact on our quality of life, yet many struggle to connect and remain connected. All across society, relationships are breaking down: friendships faltering, congregations and community groups thinning, families dissolving. But our relational brokenness is never beyond the hope and help of God.

#### High School Boys:

**Lesser Known Books of the Old Testament**—deep dive study of the books we tend to gloss over; the minor prophets. This class is starting in Hosea and will move toward Malachi one book at a time.

**Follow Me**—Whether it's influencers, trends, or the constant pull of comparison and distraction, the world is discipling us often without our realizations. But Jesus offers a better invitation! Each lesson is rooted in Scripture and designed to guide students from cultural confusion to spiritual clarity.

### THURSDAYS

#### BIBLE STUDY: Revelation

This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

**For men & women. Thursdays at 10:00am in the church office conference room; hosted by Dan Kois.**



# FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1 Logan Abbott	15 Jaxin Eisenhauer
Ken Agee	Justus Eisenhauer
Violet Oliver	Mike Hood
2 Silas Jackson	16 Jeremy James
3 Ashley Philippi	Hadley McGrew
Carole Weygand	18 Marilyn Popkess
Janet Wright	John Smith
6 James Lange	20 Donna Koepsel
Katie Raddatz	22 Steven Beard
8 Carol Feagins	Zack Obrock
10 Don Buss	23 Connie Spomer
Joseph Sparling	25 Amber Harrison
12 Pat Rogers	27 Mark D'Arcy
13 Matt Hagans	28 Irene Rainwater
June Nessler	Wyatt Smith
14 Valerie Eberhardt	29 Jerry Stevens
Elizabeth Thompson	
Steve Waugh	



A huge thank you to everyone who came out last Monday to help with snow removal. Your time, effort, and servant hearts made a big difference—what a blessing to our church family!



# FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Tim & Jaye Lollis, 13 years
- 4 Keith & Vicki Koessel, 37 years
- 21 Rick & Kris Lowry, 45 years



February 3

**Gary & Kathy Siftar, 54 years**

*May Gary and Kathy continue to see each other as gifts from God and their marriage as an icon of Christ and His Bride, the Church. May God implant in them His love that they might see each other with eyes of compassion and grace as they celebrate another year of blessings.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Sign Up Now for any Sunday in 2026**

You may now pick a Sunday in advance to sponsor altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or baptismal birthday.

Sign up on the table in the narthex or [online](#) for your convenience.

Each arrangement is \$65. If you have questions, please contact the church office at **918-258-5506**.

Online sign-up:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ILCflowers>



**Did you know that all ladies of Immanuel are invited to join LWM?  
 We would love to have you join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, here at the church.**

We are a vibrant organization with a purpose of sharing Christ with the world by funding local, national and international mission grants, sharing the Gospel with others, and focusing on growing each woman's relationship with her Lord and Savior. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

## MITES AND MUFFINS

**Did you know we celebrate Mites and Muffins on the first Sunday of each month?**

Fresh muffins are baked by the Lutheran Women in Mission for Sunday School hour the first Sunday of each month. We hope you enjoy them.

**Also, on the first Sunday each month, you have a chance to put your spare change in the Mite Boxes located in the pews.**

Inspired by the Biblical story of the widow's mite, these boxes are meant for regular contributions that help support district and national mission grants, as well as various Lutheran Women in Mission programs.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWM to proclaim the Gospel. Thank you for your donations!

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41–43).*



### 2024-2026 LWML Oklahoma District Mission Grants

1. Financial Aid for OK District Ministerial Students	\$ 12,000
2. Lutheran Braille Workers through Dots of Love	\$ 10,000
3. Camp Lutherhoma—Safety and Security, Tahlequah	\$ 6,500
4. OKLWML Mission Trip to Belize with MOST Ministries	\$ 12,000
5. Pregnancy Resource Center, Lawton	\$ 9,680
6. Lutherhaven Retreat Center—Mattresses & Refrigerator	\$ 3,000
7. OK District Disaster Response Operations (LERT)	\$ 6,000
8. OK District Church Workers & Deaconess Scholarships	\$ 12,000
9. LCC Comfort Dog Ministry, King of Kings, Glendale	\$ 5,000
10. Bibles for Mabel Bassett Correctional Center, McCloud	\$ 2,000
11. Adult & Teen Challenge—Room Improvements, Stillwater	\$ 5,000
12. St. Paul's Lutheran School—Passenger Van, Enid	\$ 12,500
13. Pastors', Vicars', and Lay Ministers' Wives Retreat	\$ 4,000
14. Care for People with Disabilities, Dominican Republic	\$ 7,500
15. Good Shepherd Lutheran School—Reading Improvement Initiative, Midwest City	\$ 7,500
16. Redeemer Lutheran Food Pantry, Claremore	\$ 1,000
17. MOST Ministries Teams—"In Every Tongue" Translators	\$ 6,000
18. Messiah Lutheran School—Audio System Upgrade, OKC	\$ 11,093
19. ESL Conversation Group—OU International Students	\$ 2,227
<i>(Partially Funded)</i>	

**TOTAL \$135,000**



For more information about these grants go to our webpage: [www.oklwml.org](http://www.oklwml.org)



Last month, our Youth Ministry along with the highschoolers from Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church collected items to put together birthday boxes for Broken Arrow Neighbors food pantry at their Christmas parties. Then they put together the boxes (complete with a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, party favors, and decorations ) and are excited to bless those less fortunate in our community!



Our high school youth and chaperones went to Journey in January at Camp Lutherhoma last month, focusing on how God is with us on this 'Windy Wavy Journey'. It was an amazing weekend focusing on the certainty we have in Jesus!



## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Nancy Chandler & family** – Nancy's dear mother, Mardelle, passed away on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 98. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Orion, Illinois. Please pray for Nancy and family for comfort and peace.

**Sonya Grant & family** – Sonya's sister, Edie Sheppard, went to her heavenly home after battling cancer. May they continue to trust God's words, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4).

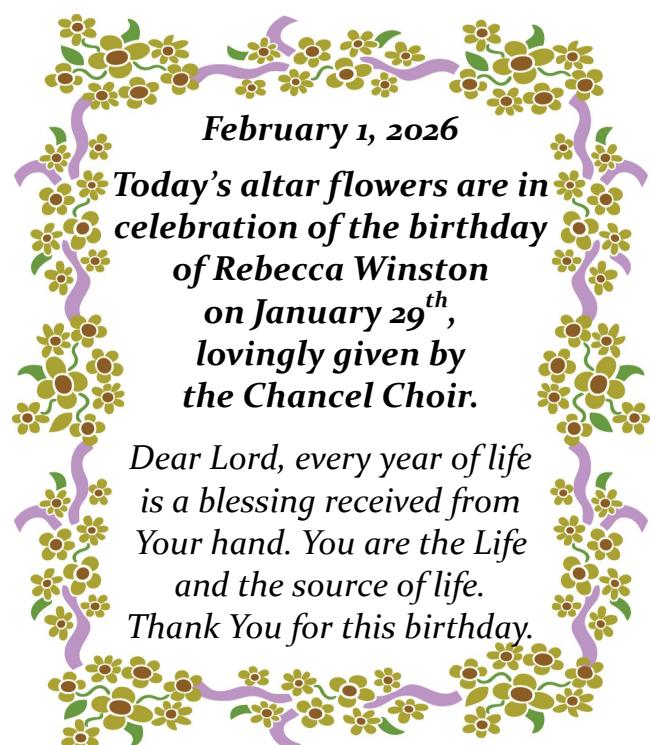
**Robin Armer & family** – LaDonna Yeager, Robin's mother, entered her heavenly home on January 23<sup>rd</sup>; she was 87 years old. LaDonna was a lifelong Lutheran. Funeral service was held on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church in Russellville, Arkansas.

**Immanuel's Visioning Process** – pray for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

**Those with Health Concerns** – Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger, Ryder VanNoy, Angela Walsh

**Those with cancer** – Allen Beaird, Carol Boatright, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Pat Rogers, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Tabitha, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker

**Missionary work:** Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWEF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.



**IF YOU ARE GRIEVING A LOSS,  
PLEASE JOIN US AT GRIEFSHARE**

**When: Sundays at 10:30am, starting  
today, February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*Hope & Healing after the death of a loved one*

Topics that are covered: Your grief journey; Sadness & Loneliness; Fear & Anxiety; Anger; Regrets, and more.

Please contact Cindy Carr for more information and/or questions: [cjcarr405@gmail.com](mailto:cjcarr405@gmail.com)



