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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Vacancy Pastor
Vicar Aaron Fenker
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*In the truest sense, freedom cannot
be bestowed; it must be achieved!*
Franklin D. Roosevelt

From Vicar Aaron Fenker!

I was born January 22, 1985 in Neenah, Wisconsin to William and Shirley Fenker. I have a younger sister, Naomi; she and her husband, Curtis, just graduated from Concordia University-Ann Arbor.

I grew up most of my life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin while my dad was a pastor at an inner city congregation. I went to a Lutheran grade school and went to Milwaukee Lutheran High School.

In 2002 my dad took a call to the Cincinnati area and I remained in Milwaukee to finish my studies at Milwaukee Lutheran. I matriculated in 2003; also in 2003 I attained to the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Upon my graduation from Milwaukee Lutheran, I enrolled in studies at Concordia University-River Forest. In May 2007, I received my Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Languages with a minor in Theology.

I attended one semester of studies at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario Canada; in 2008 I enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Outside of seminary life, I have several hobbies that I enjoy. I love watching sci-fi television and movies (especially Star Trek). I love baseball; since moving to Cincinnati, I've become a rabid baseball fan and a rabid Reds fan. I also enjoy web design. I enjoy reading and the occasional video game.

In Christ, Aaron Fenker

Church Council Minutes

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.:

Members attending: Lee Whitehouse, Rick Hardesty, Mike Hendricks, Shane Zimmerman, Dwight Hooker, John Gercken, Terri Hooker, Darwin Warsaw, Don Warsaw, Pastor Jeff McPike and Vicar Steve Mazzaferro.

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Reading of minutes from May 11, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion to accept by Mike Hendricks. Second by Dwight Hooker. Motion passed.

Treasure Report was given. May 31, 2010 balance = \$29,267.29.

There were additions to the Memorial Fund, Building Fund, and Emergency Fund. Motion to accept by Darwin Warsaw. Second by Shane Zimmerman. Motion passed.

\$150.00 in Discretionary Fund.

(1) Motion to donate \$150.00 in June and July 2010 to Ghana Mission (\$300.00) and in August 2010 to Spanish Missions in the Quad Cities (\$150.00). Motion by John Gercken. Second by Shane Zimmerman. Motion passed.

(2) Motion to allow the treasurer to approach Country Company Insurance about our insurance deductible. Motion to accept by Darwin Warsaw. Second by Dwight Hooker. Motion passed.

Pastor/Vicar Report:

Services:

June 20, 2010 - Confirmation for Tyler Barrack.

June 27, 2010 - Vicar Steve Leaves. Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw will do the drinks.

July 11, 2010 - Install Vicar Aaron Fenker.

July 18, July 25, 2010 - Pastor gone.

July 18, 2010 - Communion moved to July 11, 2010.

August 8, 2010 - Pastor gone.

August 29, 2010 - Pastor in Hoopeston.

September 26, 2010 - Pastor gone.

Vicar Steve will examine Tyler Barrack for confirmation. Deb Lammle will order the robe and Terri Hooker will get the cake and punch for Tyler's reception. The Church Council will pay for the reception. (Thrivent funds no longer available.)

Confirmation class will be held on Sunday mornings next year if there are more kids, otherwise, once per month.

Pastor will talk to Brent Lutz to see if he will help with the recordings for services.

Pastor is working on a church calendar for the web site. Pastor has been sending weekly emails to those on the list.

Discussion was held about "looking forward," how does the congregation want the ministry to look in the future (Pastor/Vicar or Resident Pastor)? It was suggested to take the discussion to the Third Quarterly Voters Meeting so there was no rush and more time for talk.

June 22 and 23, 2010, Vicar Aaron to visit. He will move in July 7 and 8, 2010.

Mike Hendricks talked to Vicar Aaron about needs. The list will be posted in the back of the church.

Thrivent has given \$100.00 to help with the setup of Vicar's home.

Elder Report:

Nothing to report.

Sunday School Superintendent Report:

Confirmation class ends June 13, 2010.

Vacation Bible School August 1-4, 2010 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Cost will be \$350.00. Cookout to kick it off.

Trustee Report:

(1) The air conditioners have been checked and units are okay.

(2) New lights were placed under the balcony. They were part of the "hum" in the recordings. Dick Johnson will fix the trim around the new lights.

(3) John Gercken suggested taking a picture of the amplifier settings and placing it next to the amplifier so they can be easily reset if the need arises.

Old Business:

We need to find any old copies of the Constitution for Mike and Pastor so they can be checked for accuracy of the current copy on file.

Quarterly Voters Meeting and communion will be on July 11, 2010.

New Business:

Discussion of items pertaining to "Eternal Flame," part of the Amel Ritter Memorial. Looking for replacement parts to make repairs.

General Information:

Hall Reservations:

June 26, 2010 - Terri Hooker all day.

June 27, 2010 - Potluck for Vicar Steve.

July 11, 2010 - Cookout for Vicar Aaron.

Next Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

Second Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 11, 2010.

Motion to adjourn by Terri Hooker. Second by Rick Hardesty.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Hardesty, Secretary

LWML News

LWML Meeting. The LWML held its summer meeting on June 10, 2010 with Debbie Lammle presiding. The LWML song and pledge were recited, followed by an interesting topic on "Peter" by Brenda Hendricks. Roll call and minutes were given by Barb Gaines and the Treasurer's Report by Diana Zimmerman.

Mites were collected and a Mission Grant Story on "Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program" was explained as one of the ways our mites are being put to good use. A prayer guide for LWML Mission Grants was then given out for the month of June.

Correspondence from Seminary Students. Correspondence from our last seminary student, Josh Heimback, as well as our new seminary student, Luke Wolters, was then read.

Lutheran World Relief. A thank-you from Elaine Holzhauer, Danville Zone President, was also read. She recognized the efforts of all those who participated in the recent Lutheran World Relief effort to furnish desperately needed supplies for the earthquake, flood, and volcanic eruption victims.

Osman Remains in the Danville Zone. The group was informed that the LWML organization will remain in the Danville Zone.

Hygiene Kits. Thanks were given for all who helped with the quilting project as well as the Hygiene Kits for the Haiti earthquake victims.

CID LWML Convention. Agnes Martinie gave a report on the CID LWML Convention in Quincy.

Upcoming events include the bake sale at Bellflower and assisting in the food pantry collection for the new vicar.

Portals of Prayer. LWML also aids in the ministry of others by collecting old *Portals of Prayer* to be taken to the Danville Prison and volunteering to visit the shut-ins throughout the year.

Quilting Date. The next quilting date will be July 14, 2010 beginning at 8:00 am. Members were urged to bring a sack lunch and stay for the day.

The National LWML Convention will be held in Peoria on June 23-26, 2011 and all local societies are urged to assist in this large endeavor.

A thank you was given to the hostesses Shirley Sprau and Connie Warsaw.

Next LWML Meeting. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on September 9, 2010. The topic for that meeting will be given by Debbie Martin and hostesses will be Joanne Nelson and Marge Morrissey.

Cleaning the Church/Fellowship Hall

An energetic group of nine workers assisted in the cleaning of the church and part of the Fellowship Hall, power washing the Hall, and trimming the shrubs on June 12, 2010. One member even came the day before to assist in the cleaning since she couldn't be there on the 12th. Everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated. We plan to meet again after Vacation Bible School to finish cleaning the Fellowship Hall. Watch the bulletin for the date for this event.

Again, thanks for all the hard work!

Food Shower for Vicar Aaron

Food is being collected in the back of the church for our new vicar, Aaron Fenker. The collection will be taken to his house before his arrival so he will have stocked shelves upon his arrival on July 8, 2010. You may also choose to buy grocery store gift certificates for him so that he can buy meat and other selections of his choice. Please remember to put your contributions on the back elder pew in the next two weeks!

Ladies Aid/LWML July 4th Bake Sale

The ladies will be preparing goodies to sell at the July 4th parade in Bellflower on Sunday, July 4th. The sale will be in the Fire Station. Please have your goods there by 7:30 on Sunday morning or bring them the night before to Shirley Sprau's house or Connie Warsaw's house.

Below is a list of most of the events to be held at the July 4th Celebration:

9:00 a.m. - Bake sale at the Fire Station.

10:00 a.m. - Parade begins.

11:00 a.m. - Community church service begins.

11:00-1:00 - Lunch benefiting Fire Department at the ball field.

1:00 p.m. - Kid's games including Lion's Club water games.

2:00 p.m. - Banana Bingo at the Field Pavilion.

5:00 p.m. - Dinner by the Lion's Den.

6:30 p.m. - Announce winners of raffles.

7:00 p.m. - Music by Bellflower Country Opry.

Dusk - Fireworks with free ice cream afterwards!

(Rain date July 10, 2010.)

Thrivent News

"Join Hands Day" is quickly approaching! This national day sponsored by Thrivent is to get all age groups together to help in a community church project. Our members voted to help prepare the house in Mansfield for the new vicar.

The project will start around 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 5, 2010 at the residence located at 203 West

Illinois Street in Mansfield. Cleaning, moving furniture, and some light yard work will be at the top of list of chores for the evening. Pizza will be provided for a light meal.

Please bring cleaning supplies and lawn chairs as we will probably be eating outside, weather permitting.

"Choice Dollars," another part of "Thrivent Choice," launches this summer. Eligible benefit members will help direct "Choice Dollars" to Lutheran organizations they care about, such as our congregation or other Lutheran schools and camps.

This month, eligible benefit members at Osman will receive a letter with information on their amount that they have to donate. You may donate online at www.Thrivent.com or by calling a customer service number. If you receive a letter and have questions, please contact Brenda Hendricks. Do NOT throw the letter away as this is potential money for our congregation to use on future projects.

Hold the Date! The McLean County Thrivent Brat Fest will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Tri Lakes in Bloomington.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Brenda Hendricks is the hostess and will give the devotion and prayer. Debbie Lammle will give the topic. All ladies are welcome to attend!

Welcome for Vicar Aaron

Vicar Aaron Fenker will be installed on Sunday, July 11, 2010. The worship service will be followed by a cookout/potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The meat and drinks will be provided by the Council. Please bring your own table service. This will be the first opportunity to get to know Vicar Aaron so plan now to join in this fellowship.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

A Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2010 immediately following the worship service.

List of Household Items for Vicar Aaron

As we prepare for the arrival of Vicar Aaron, we have compiled a list of items that he will need. He has lived in a dorm during his college years so he has very few household goods.

There is a list of needs on the back bulletin board. It has been updated since his visit this week to the house and church. Please do not think that the items have to be newly bought; garage sale items or extra items that you have in your home are fine. Please sign your name after the item so that we are assured that we are not repeating our donations and so that we know who to return the items to next year after his departure. There will be a tote at the back of the church for the smaller items on the list.

The list may see more amendments as Vicar Aaron communicates with us.

Vacation Bible School

Children from age 3 through 6th grade are encouraged to attend Bible School which will be held from August 1–4, 2010. The theme “Plant Zoom—Where Bold BEE-lievers, ZIP, ZAP, and ZOOM for Jesus!”

We will begin with a cookout on Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. for students and parents. We will then have a session after the cookout but will continue in the week with morning sessions from 8:30–11:00. We will conclude on Wednesday morning.

Invite a friend and come to see what’s “happenin’ in the hive” as we boldly praise the Lord. Get ready for a swarmin’ good time!

There will be a list for volunteers to bake cookies on the back bulletin in late July. If you have any questions or concerns, see Brenda Hendricks.

Visiting Shut-ins

All members of LWML, Ladies Aid, and those interested in visiting the shut-ins, please sign up on the bulletin board. (This is in addition to the visits by Pastor and Vicar.) Volunteers don’t have to visit all four shut-ins in Colfax and Gibson City on the same day. You may choose the day to visit that best fits your schedules. A visit from a church member will truly brighten the long days of the shut-ins!

Bulletin/Recording of Worship Service for Shut-ins

If anyone is aware of shut in’s or other people who are unable to physically make it to church every week, let Esther and/or Larry Lutz know so they are included in the “Prayer List,” they will receive a copy of the bulletin, and they will be given a recording of the service if they would like.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Pastor McPike or call and leave a message at the church. We will try to keep up with prayer requests,

and don’t want to leave anyone out, but we won’t know about them unless you tell us! Also, hospitalizations will not automatically be included by pastor unless you give him specific permission (to satisfy federal privacy rules).

Electronic News List

An electronic news list was created to get information to Immanuel members and friends. Please send a note to OsmanNews@n9cqs.com and you will be signed up for the list. Please note, your email address will not be used for any other purpose than for this news list. If you have questions, please ask Pastor McPike.

Bulletin/Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin Deadline. To have submissions included in Sunday’s bulletin, please forward them to Karen Bryan by 12:00 noon on Thursday.

Newsletter Deadline. To have submissions included in the monthly newsletter, please forward them to Karen Bryan by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
05-30	82	13	10
06-06	82	7	15
06-13	74	8	9
06-20	74	7	16
06-27	Statistics Unavailable		

Elder-on-Duty

Rob Gallier	Apr	June	Nov
John Gercken	May	July	Oct
Dwight Hooker	Mar	Sept	Jan 2011
Shane Zimmerman	Feb	Aug	Dec

Altar Guild

JulyDebbie Lammle and Shirley Sprau

Lay Readers

07-04Joy Johnson
 07-11Debbie Lammle
 07-18Shirley Sprau
 07-25Annette Warsaw

July Birthdays

Leona Albin	07-01
Ryan Lammle	07-02
Jessica Poppe	07-03
Joshua Poppe	07-03
Mackenzie Delaney	07-06
Weston Hasty	07-06
Joanne Nelson	07-06
Vivian Sprau	07-10
Larry Lutz	07-12
Wilma Grussing	07-13
William Schroeder	07-14
Aaron Warsaw	07-15
Bryan Warsaw	07-15
Marvin Clemmons	07-20
Carolyn Majercin	07-20
Shane Zimmerman	07-21
Steve Gaines	07-24
Jane Poppe	07-27
Stefani Warsaw	07-28
Roy Whitehouse	07-30

July Anniversaries

C. J. and Ross Warsaw	07-04
Marti and Steve Brandt	07-06
Deb and Dick Johnson	07-10
Marsha and Steve Warsaw	07-16
Rebecca and Scott Gercken	07-21
Lisa and Wayne Miller	07-23
Nikki and Rob Gallier	07-24



God bless our military who are protecting our country for our freedom. Thanks to them and their sacrifices, we can celebrate the 4th of July.

