

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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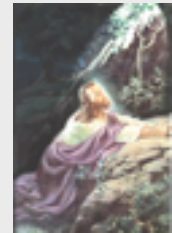
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



*Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC,
Vicar Aaron Fenker*

January 2011



*God always gives his best to those
who leave the choice with Him.*

Church Council Minutes

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

Members attending: Lee Whitehouse, Mike Hendricks, Rick Hardesty, Dwight Hooker, John Gercken, Larry Lutz, Terri Hooker, Darwin Warsaw, Don Warsaw, Vicar Aaron Fenker, and Pastor McPike.

Pastor McPike opened with a prayer.

The minutes were read from the November 9, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Mike Hendricks. Second by Darwin Warsaw. Motion passed.

The Treasurers report was given with a balance on November 30, 2010 \$43,408.09.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report by Don Warsaw. Second by Larry Lutz. Motion passed.

Mike Hendricks distributed and discussed with the Council the proposed budget for FY 2011.

Pastor/Vicar Report:

Pastor discussed a trip he wants to take in July. Vicar said he would be around to cover needs of the church while pastor is gone.

Pastor will be unavailable December 12, 26, and the week after that, and January 16.

Pastor discussed possible names and addresses for the church website. The Council approved "osmanlutheran.org."

A Circuit Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 14, 2010.

Elders Report: None

Sunday School Report: None

The Children are practicing for the program on Christmas Eve.

Confirmation is going well.

Trustee Report:

Darwin Warsaw has the Christmas tree.

More work is needed on the closer for the front door.

Maintenance was done on the furnaces.

Due to the extreme cold weather, the heat lamps have been turned on and the water is dripping in the kitchen to reduce the chance of freezing pipes.

Work in the Annex is on hold because of scheduling issues.

Old Business:

Training for acolytes will be given by Shane and Vicar.

Discussion was held of possible candidates for Church Council. The offices up for election are Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Financial Secretary, Trustee, Elder, Usher, and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

Anyone wishing to hold a seat on the Council should let the Elders or Chairman know.

New Business:

Sacking the Christmas candy will be done at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 23rd of December.

General Information:

The next Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011. A potluck will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The next Council Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

Motion to adjourn by Terri Hooker. Second by Dwight Hooker.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Rick Hardesty, Council Secretary

Mission Giving

At the 2010 Annual Voters Meeting last January our congregation voted to give \$150.00 per month to Lutheran groups. This would be in addition to the money that goes to the Central Illinois District LCMS. Following are the organizations that we contributed to this year: Lutheran World Relief and Human Care (victims in Haiti and Peru), Orphan Grain Train, Christ Lutheran High School in Buckley, Christ the

King Lutheran Spanish Missions in the Quad Cities, Marilyn Pointer Memorial (Pastor Michael Pointer's wife who was killed in an auto accident), Pastor Kauffman Memorial at Christ Lutheran in Normal, and Pastor Berg Memorial for the education of his children through St. John's Lutheran Church in Champaign. Thank you again for these gifts from the heart.

We have included the \$1,800.00 for 2011 in the budget for next year. If you have other LCMS groups that you would like us to contribute to, please inform a Council member.

Poinsettias for the Altar

Thanks to the following members who donated a poinsettia to adorn the altar on Christmas Eve: Butch and Shirley Sprau, Mike and Brenda Hendricks, Gene and Dorothy Welborn, Don and Connie Warsaw, Bill and Moneta McCleary, John and Debbie Lammle, Karen Bryan, Marge Morrissey, Jeri Bidner, and Steve and Susan Martin. If you haven't paid Mike Hendricks, the cost was reduced to \$5.50. Those who paid already will be given a refund. You may take the flowers home after the January 2, 2011 service. God's blessings from the Altar Guild.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Annual Voters Meeting and Potluck

The Annual Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011 after the regular worship service. If you are 18 or older and have signed the constitution, please attend this meeting to be informed on the church business and help elect the new officers. A potluck will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Vicar Fenker will continue with his Bible Study of Galatians on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 as well as Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. In February, Bible Study will be held every week. Remember to bring your study guide and a Bible.

Thrivent Annual Highlights

Thrivent Choice. Thrivent had a busy year here at Osman. We survived the first year of Thrivent Choice which is a program that gives some members a chance to contribute profits to one of many Lutheran organizations, even our own congregation. Our church has received \$409.00 from various members. This program will continue through March so if you have received a letter and need help working through

the process, please see Brenda Hendricks.

Join Hands Day. In July we sponsored a "Join Hands Day" which included cleaning the rental property in Mansfield that the Vicar moved into.

Fall Wiener Roast. In October we held our social event in the form of a wiener roast and hayride. The expenses of the food for the wiener roast and the activities for the night were paid for by Thrivent.

Health Kits. Also, in October the LWML received a grant of \$400.00 to buy supplies for health kits that were shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

Benefit Suppers. We sponsored two benefits this year. The first soup supper was held in March for the Barrack Family and the second one was held for Megan Rappleyea in November. We recently received the check for \$2,911.00 which will help Megan with some medical expenses.

McLean County Annual Thrivent Meeting. In late November the Annual Meeting for the McLean County Thrivent was held in Bloomington. Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks were elected to the County Board as Records Director and Financial Director. We thank all of our members that helped with these events.

Posted Listings at the Back of the Church

There will be new lists posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church in January. Please consider volunteering to visit shut-ins, serving on the Altar Guild, providing flowers for the altar, reading the lessons during the Sunday morning service, or paying for the eternal flame candle. These are all excellent ways to get more involved with your church family. Thanks to all those giving of their time and talents!

New Church Website

You can view the new Church Website at <http://OsmanLutheran.org>. Weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters are listed as well as other information about our church. Thank you, Pastor McPike, for your hard work and a job well done!

New Email Addresses for Pastor/Vicar

The new email addresses for Pastor McPike and Vicar Fenker are: pastor@osmanlutheran.org and vicar@osmanlutheran.org.

Bulletin/Recording of Worship Service for Shut-ins

If anyone is aware of shut-ins 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
11-28	78	10	12
12-05	42	10	8
12-12	Church Cancelled		
12-19	81	Christmas Program Practice	
12-30	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

JanuaryDebbie Lammle

Lay Readers

01-02	Vicar Aaron Fenker
01-09	" " " "
01-16	" " " "
01-23	" " " "
01-30	Joy Johnson

January Birthdays

Alma Hassebrock	01-03
Phyllis Burnett	01-05
Cindy Masko	01-07
Brad Lutz	01-10
Rebecca Gercken	01-14
Jean Amdor	01-18
Hannah Nelson	01-19
Megan Bidner	01-21
Vicar Aaron Fenker	01-22
Bryce Martin	01-23
Mackenzie Homann	01-26
Matthew Burgess	01-27

January Anniversaries

Christie and Leonard Delaney	01-07
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*I ask the Lord to bless you,
as I pray for you today,
to guide you and protect you,
as you go along your way.*



*God's love is always with you,
God's promises are true.
And when you give God all your cares,
you know God will see you through.*