

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC
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July 2012



Father, we thank You for the freedoms
we enjoy in our country, but especially
for the freedoms Jesus Christ won for us.
Amen.

Church Council Minutes - May 1, 2012

The May Osman church council meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty in the church annex with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with a message from John.

9 Members in attendance: Mike Hendricks, Jill Hardesty, Annette Warsaw, Rick Hardesty, Roy Whitehouse, Aaron Warsaw, Butch Sprau, Steve Warsaw and Pastor McPike.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the April meeting with a notation of a memorial fund in the name of Kaitlin Mathis was started. A motion was made by Butch Sprau to approve the minutes as read. 2nd by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$92,046.20 as of April 30, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Aaron Warsaw. 2nd by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hendricks also discussed the Yearly mission contribution. After discussion a contribution of \$150 will be made to McLean County Habitat for Humanity with Aaron Warsaw making the motion and Butch Sprau 2nd. Motion carried.

Also, the monthly mission contribution motion was made by Roy Whitehouse to go to Crisis Nursery, Champaign for \$150.00. 2nd by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor McPike reported that Jeannine Henriksen had fallen but good news, the bleeding had stopped.
- The Synod Conference will be held in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza, July 7-9. Pastor McPike will be gone during that time, so need to find someone to go in his place.
- Pastor McPike has heard from a young man who is interested in the summer program with Osman from Michigan. The council will be working on housing in the near future.

Elders Report – Butch Sprau will fill in for Aaron Warsaw on 5/13/2012.

Sunday School Superintendents Reports

Supt. Warsaw reported the VBS bulletin was sent to the church Secretary. July 24 @ 5pm will be the kickoff of VBS. Osman families will be canvassed to attend.

Education Sunday will be on Sunday, August 12th to coincide with the annual church picnic.

August 26th will be promotion Sunday.

Supt. Annette Warsaw is working on the Summer Sunday School curriculum.

Trustee's Report

- Steve Warsaw reported that all cabling has been completed in Pastor's office.
- Drywall and AED installation is outstanding.
- Chairman Hardesty will check on a vac truck for the crawlspace project and report back at the June meeting on cost.
- Concern was brought up about the cold air return in the choir loft. Steve Warsaw will check into getting bid for a cold air return so the choir loft is not so hot for the organist.

Old Business

- The door Committee will have their final presentation to the congregation at the April 15th Voters meeting. The congregation will decide to either go ahead with the double door project in the hall or not. A board will be placed at the back of the church with the choice on it and also put on the church's website to anyone to see before the meeting.

New Business

- A retirement gift was discussed for former church Secretary Karen Bryan. A motion was made by Steve Warsaw to spend \$75 on a gift. 2nd by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.
- New church Directory – Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw have volunteered to coordinate the church pictures and new church directory, when ready.
- Door Committee – Annette Warsaw will advise Dick Johnson of the readiness of the project and report back to the council in June.
- AED training – tabled.

- Congregation questionnaire – tabled.

Youth Group report

- Jill Hardesty reported the Youth Camp out will be held on May 25/26 at the church hall.
- The National Youth Gathering will be in San Antonio, TX in June 2013. More to come on that.

Other Business

- It was brought to the council's attention that we might need to purchase some AV units, specifically a big screen and DVD projector to show movies in the church hall or in Sunday school. Discussion was held. The idea was tabled until June.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5th, 2012. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Annette Warsaw. 2nd by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried with adjournment with the Lord's Prayer and Evening prayer at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hardesty

Council Secretary

Church Council Minutes - June 5, 2012

The June church council meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty in the church annex with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with a message from Matt.

7 Members in attendance: Mike Hendricks, Jill Hardesty, Annette Warsaw, Rick Hardesty, Aaron Warsaw, Vicar Grimmer and Pastor McPike.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the May meeting with a notation of VBS date change to June 24th – June 28th, not July, as was mentioned. A motion was made by Mike Hendricks to approve the amended minutes as read. 2nd by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$90,359.20 as of May 31st, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Annette Warsaw. 2nd by Jill Hardesty. Motion carried.

- Treasurer Hendricks also discussed the monthly mission contribution. Motion was made by Jill Hardesty to donate the designated money to the Orphan Grain Train. 2nd by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.
- The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Illini Electric Coop will be held. If our congregation has a voting member present, we receive a \$25 credit on our church electric bill. A motion was made by Annette Warsaw for Mike Hendricks to be our voting member to attend the annual meeting. 2nd by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.
- Mike reported that he'd like to make a list of worthwhile causes for the monthly mission contributions at the July Quarterly Voters meeting. This way the congregation would also have a say in what organizations they felt was in need of funding.
- Memorial monies were discussed and lighting talk for the sanctuary/hall was discussed. Suggestions were to make all the sanctuary lights dimmable and make

changes in the inside fixtures themselves, but keep the same appearance on the outside and to be more energy efficient. Lighting was tabled until a later date.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor McPike reported that a letter had been received from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Freemont, MI that they prayed for Immanuel Lutheran of Osman.
- The Online entry of the church directory is being worked on by church Secretary, Linda Warsaw.
- Pastor is working on a computer program that will keep historical stats of worship, bible class and Sunday school classes. Communion cards are stacking up and nothing is being done with them that will relate to the new computer program.
- The Congregational questionnaire is being worked on and was tabled until Pastor McPike is ready to hand out.
- The UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) in the church office has gone bad. Pastor will pick up another UPS.
- Confirmation classes will change in the fall. One time a month, Pastor will meet with the confirmation class and possibly families after church.
- Pastor will be gone June 7, 8 & 9 to Ontario, CA.
- Pastor has asked that the July Communion schedule be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's in July, instead of the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Elders Report

Aaron Warsaw had nothing to report.

Sunday School Superintendent Reports

- VBS will be June 24 – 28. Supt. Warsaw reported she is on budget. July 24 @ 5pm will be the kickoff of VBS. Osman families were canvassed to attend on 6/3 with 22 teachers and students. A cookout will be held and t-shirts purchased for the kids and adults assisting.
- Education Sunday will be on Sunday, August 12th to coincide with the annual church picnic.
- August 26th will be promotion Sunday.
- The 2012 VBS offering will go to Crisis Nursery, Champaign.

Trustee's Report

- Chairman Hardesty checked on a VacTruck from Vermeer for the crawlspace project at the church hall. Cost is \$1,250 per week. This might be a very economical way to correct the mold problem under the church hall. Tabled until Chairman Hardesty can talk to the Trustee's.
- Drywall and AED installation is outstanding.

Old Business

- Annette Warsaw stated the door Committee is coordinating times with Dick Johnson for installation of the new double doors. Doors will be ordered soon.

New Business

- New church Directory – Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw have volunteered to coordinate the church pictures and new church directory, when ready. Jill Hardesty will get them all of the literature and contact information
- AED training – Gibson Hospital personnel is willing to train anyone in our congregation that would like to.

Tabled – more at a later date.

Youth Group report

- Jill Hardesty reported the Youth Camp Out was held on May 25/26 at the church hall. 9 kids were in attendance. Everyone had a great time.
- The National Youth Gathering will be in San Antonio, TX in June 2013. More to come on that.

Other Business

- The Events Committee is working on a Welcome Potluck for Vicar Dan Grimmer on June 10th after church service. Council will be providing the meat, drink buns of approximately \$120.00.
- Vicar Grimmer will be teaching the Jr. High and High School Sunday School classes this summer.
- Jill Hardesty mentioned that since the congregation likes Bingo and it's played regularly, she'd like for the council to purchase some large print, slide Bingo cards. Motion was made by Mike Hendricks and 2nd by Annette Warsaw to purchase a total of 75 cards for a cost of about \$140.00. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 3rd, 2012. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried with adjournment with the Lord's Prayer and Evening prayer at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hardesty

Council Secretary

LWML News

The LWML met for their regular meeting in the Fellowship Hall on June 14, 2012. The 2011-2012 mite report showed that we had exceeded our goal of \$75,000. A total of \$85,508.26 was received so this allowed other mission grants to receive funding. What a blessing!

Wilma Grussing and Shirley Sprau gave a report on the CID convention held in Rock Island on June 2nd. They told us it was an inspiring day and encouraged more ladies to attend the next one. The Gifts from the Heart Ingathering collected 860 items for Christo Rey Food Pantry plus \$625 and 993 items were collected for the Pregnancy Resources plus \$350. The 2012-2013 mission grants voted on in the order of most votes are:

Student Aid for Church Workers - \$25,000
Food for the Children – Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville - \$2,500
Gospel outreach to Muslims and others in Central Illinois - \$5,000
New Mission Church Building – Faith Lutheran, Monticello - \$10,000
Ministry to Native Alaskan Children - \$3,500
Veterans of the Cross - \$2,000
Latvian VBS Translation - \$5,000
Trinity Lutheran Church preschool, El Paso - \$1,000
Equipping God's Servants – Computers for Bible Translators - \$2,250

It was decided to clean the church on July 28th starting at 8 a.m. We need men and women to help clean. We also set Sept. 15th to make quilts again. We will start at 8 a.m. and quit when we are tired.

The Ladies Aid and LWML will have their annual bake sale on July 4th at the Bellflower Fire Station. Have your baked goods there by 7:30 a.m. or take to Shirley Sprau's or Connie

Warsaw's house the night before.

We next discussed if we wanted to do a mission project this year and several suggestions were made. It was decided to do Welcome Packets for the Illinois School for the Deaf students. It's one way to make the transition from home to dorm life a little more comfortable. We will be collecting items until July 15th so that we can get them to Jacksonville by August 1st. The items we need are: Toothbrush (100 child & 150 adult), toothpaste (travel size), Christian tract of booklet, notebook (smaller than 8" X 10"), toy/game/activity (child/teen), prepaid postcards (2-3), pens, pencils, Christian bookmark, etc. There will be a box on the elder's pew for donations. You do NOT have to donate the whole kit. We are requesting funding from Thrivent to help complete the packets. We would like the whole congregation to get involved in this mission project.

Some upcoming dates and events to put on your calendars are – Fall Rally – Sept. 13th in Danville also the date of our next meeting. We will be hosting the spring rally with Loda and Peace. The next CID convention will be April 26 & 27, 2013 in Decatur and the Biennial LWML convention is June 27 -30, 2013 in Pittsburg, PA. The theme is "Quenched by the Water". Let's see if we can get a group to go!

Barb Whitehouse-Gercken and Diana Zimmerman served delicious refreshments. Debbie Lammle will have the topic at our next meeting and Brenda Edwards and Barb Gaines will be our hostesses.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid met on June 6th with nine members and Vicar Dan present. President Lammle opened the meeting, followed by a hymn, then devotion and prayer by Moneta McCleary. A very informative topic was given by Dorothy Miller. Roll call was answered with a verse on patience, reminding us that "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." Proverbs 19:11. Minutes were read, and the treasurer's reports were given. President Lammle informed the group that a care package had been sent to Greg McCleary who is serving in Afghanistan as an Air Force pilot. Greg writes, "We've flown some very rewarding missions over the past few weeks. One of those missions was an emergency airdrop to some ground troops operating far from normal supply lines. We supplied them over 20,000 lbs. of food, supplies, fuel, water, etc. The crew enjoys all of our flying missions, but especially feels great supporting soldiers who depend on us for survival and completion of their mission." He also thanked the Ladies Aid for the care package. He said it came in very handy and he shared many of the items with others in his unit, who were just as appreciative as he was.

President Lammle also read an email from the seminary student which the Ladies Aid and LWML support. On July 29, Luke Wolters will be Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Wellsville, MO. He thanked both groups for their support given during his time at Seminary by way of finance and prayer which played an important role in everything that led to this joyous occasion. He wrote that his Dad will be preaching for his Ordination/Installation service.

He is thrilled to begin this new chapter in his life and to work among God's people.

The Ladies Aid and LWML will be given a new seminary student to support in September.

A thank-you was read from Jeannine Henriksen for the plant that was sent by the Ladies Aid.

Old business included discussion about cleaning the church, followed by the discussion on the July 4th Bake Sale in Bellflower. Joanne Nelson was asked to get change for this event. The next meeting will be held on June 27th, due to the usual July meeting falling on the 4th of July holiday. Joanne Nelson will have devotion and prayer, and Vicar Dan will be giving the topic. The roll call will be answered with a verse on kindness.

The Lord's Prayer was recited, followed by singing a table prayer to the tune of "Amazing Grace". A delicious salad with cheese, crackers, nuts, and candy was served by Moneta McCleary.

Shut-in Visits

Thank you to Vicar Dan, Diana Zimmerman, and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins in June.



Habitat for Humanity House Building

Last week a team from Immanuel Lutheran of Osman made their first appearance at a Habitat for Humanity House Build. Thank you to Marvin Clemmons, Vicar Grimmer, Donnie and Connie Warsaw, and Brenda Hendricks for donating their Saturday morning to the house being built near the Wesleyan campus in Bloomington, Illinois. This first experience was very worthwhile. This house will be built by volunteers from McLean County Thrivent and members of the Lutheran churches in McLean County. If you are interested in possibly going on the next trip, please grab a form from the back bulletin board. The next Saturday morning date has not been set, but contact Brenda Hendricks if you think you might be interested.



Thrivent News

Choice Dollars! By directing designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable

outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. Immanuel of Osman is one of those choices. We thank the following members for contributing their money to our congregation in the month of June: John Gercken, John Grussing, and Marge Morrissey. Members nationwide direct \$140,000 Choice Dollars every day. If you think you might have choice dollars and have not designated them, please see Brenda Hendricks for an easy 5-step process either on-line or by phone.

Cornbelters Baseball tickets are available! On Sunday, August 12th part of the purchase of the ticket will be donated to Habitat for Humanity for McLean County. Tickets are \$11 with \$3 going to this good cause. If you have not seen the Cornbelters Field in Bloomington, you should take this opportunity. Tickets are available from Connie Warsaw or Brenda Hendricks.



New officers needed! There will be several positions to be filled on the McLean County Thrivent Board for the 2013 year. The election will take place in November at the annual meeting. The board meets once a month on a Saturday morning at one of the churches in Bloomington/Normal. It is always good to have someone from the congregation on this board to relay the business.

The Church Basement Ladies are back!

Attention -- all you Church Basement Ladies fans! They're back! "Away in the Basement": A Church Basement Ladies Christmas is coming to the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA) on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

It's the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program and the Ladies of the East Cornucopia Lutheran Church are busy with their work in the basement kitchen. As the children rehearse in the sanctuary, the ladies are finishing up the goodie bags and putting the final touches on the nativity pieces. Little do they know what surprises are in store for them as they will, once again, be called upon to step in and save the day!

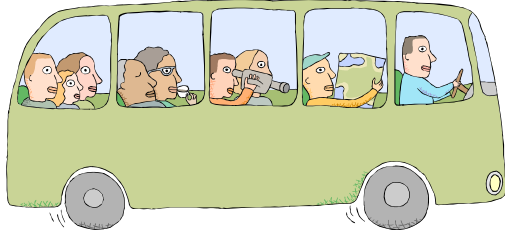
There will be 2 performances at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please let Jill Hardesty know if you'd be interested and we'll arrange for tickets.



Smile
God Loves You

Creation Museum Bus Tour

Peace Lutheran in Thomasboro invites our friends at Osman to come along with us for an awesome adventure to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. Lois Wood will be the hostess on the bus to and from the museum. If you are interested, please reach out to the Secretary at Peace at the number listed below...



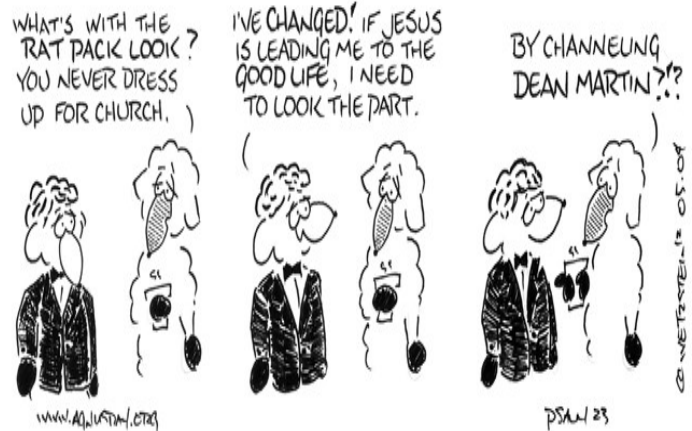
What: Creation Museum coach tour
When: Saturday, August 11, 2012
Time: Leave Peace Lutheran, Thomasboro at 5:30 a.m.
Where: Petersburg, KY
Cost: \$40.00 per person, make checks out to Peace Lutheran Church and send to Peace Lutheran, 200 West Arnold Avenue, Thomasboro, IL 61878 or call the office for more details at 217-643-3265. Office hours are M-Th 8a-12p and Friday 8a-10a.

Juice and donuts will be provided on the bus. Lunch will be on your own at the museum, with 4 restaurants available. Supper will be on your own on the way home - we will do a stop along the way. We will depart at 5:00 p.m. eastern time from the museum to arrive back at Peace about 8 p.m. central time. The museum opens at 10 central time. It takes about 4 hours + to arrive at the museum.

For more information about the museum and the activities, visit website: www.creationmuseum.org.



Agnus Day



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Drinking from the Saucer

By John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune,
And I'll never make one now
But it really doesn't matter
'Cause I'm happy anyhow

As I go along my journey
I'm reaping better than I've sowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough
But with kin and friends to love me
I think I'm rich enough

I thank God for the blessings
That His mercy has bestowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed

He gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough
I'll not ask for other blessing for
I'm already blessed enough

May we never be too busy
To help bear another's load
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer
When our cups have overflowed

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
05-27	78	2	16
06-03	98	8	?
06-10	68	4	9
06-17	73	4	12
06-24	Stats Unavailable		

Elder on Duty

Marvin Clemmons	Mar	July	Nov
Butch Sprau	Feb	June	Oct
Aaron Warsaw	May	Sept	Jan 2013
Roy Whitehouse	Apr	Aug	Dec

July Birthdays



July Mowing



Schedule

July 7.....Marvin Nelson and Darryl Redding
 July 14.....Myron and Randy Zimmerman
 July 21.....Jim Poppe
 July 28.....Shane Zimmerman

Acolyting in July

July 1.....Cheyenne Zimmerman
 July 8.....Hannah Duncan
 July 15.....Mackenzie Delaney
 July 22.....Chase Zimmerman
 July 29.....Ryan McPike

Lay Readers

July 1.....Vicar Dan
 July 8.....Vicar Dan
 July 15.....Marsha Warsaw
 July 22.....Vicar Dan
 July 29.....Vicar Dan

July Council Meeting

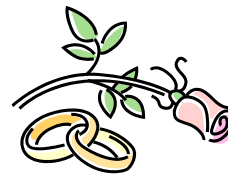
The Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Bulletin/Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin Deadline. To have submissions included in Sunday's bulletin, please forward them to the Church Secretary **by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.**

Newsletter Deadline. To have submissions included in the monthly newsletter, please forward them to the Church Secretary **by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.** You may contact Linda Warsaw by phone at 309-828-5883 or by email to SecretaryOsmanLutheran@frontier.com. Thank You!

Leona Albin07-01
 Ryan Lammle07-02
 Jessica Poppe07-03
 Joshua Poppe07-03
 Jerry Edwards07-05
 Mackenzie Delaney07-06
 Weston Hasty07-06
 Joanne Nelson07-06
 Larry Lutz07-12
 Wilma Grussing07-13
 Daniel Schuh07-13
 William Schroeder07-14
 Ryan McPike07-15
 Aaron Warsaw07-15
 Bryan Warsaw07-15
 Marvin Clemmons07-20
 Carolyn Majercin07-20
 Shane Zimmerman07-21
 Steve Gaines07-24
 Carol Martinie07-26
 Jane Poppe07-27
 Stefani Warsaw07-28
 Roy Whitehouse07-30



July Anniversaries

C. J. and Ross Warsaw.....07-04-1988
 Marti and Steve Brandt.....07-06-1984
 Deb and Dick Johnson.....07-10-1971
 Marsha and Steve Warsaw.....07-16-1977
 Rebecca and Scott Gercken.....07-21-2007
 Lisa and Wayne Miller.....07-23-2005
 Nikki and Rob Gallier.....07-24-1999
 Nicole and Jesse Johnson.....07-28-2007