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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC
Reverend Justin Schmidt

February 2013

Rejoice in hope, be patient in
tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on Wednesday, February 13, starting at 7:00 P.M.

Our Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Henriksen Family on the loss of Jeannine Henriksen. Jeannine transferred to our congregation when Christ's Family Lutheran Church in Mahomet was closed. Once she found her home in our congregation, she joined the Ladies Aid and was a very faithful worshipper on Sunday mornings. She was taken from this earthly life on Wednesday, January 9, and her funeral was conducted by Pastor McPike at Osman on Monday, January 14th. May our loving heavenly Father grant comfort and peace to those who mourn.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Voters Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2013

The January voter meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with prayer. No new members signed the Constitution and 36 members were present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the October voters meeting. A motion was made by Butch Sprau to approve the minutes as read. 2nd by Brenda Hendricks. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report with a quarterly balance of \$96,535.02 as of

December 31st, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Darwin Warsaw. 2nd by Don Warsaw. Motion carried.

Next on order, Chairman Hardesty called for the annual vote of new council positions. Chairman Hardesty asked for nominations from the floor for each position, three times;

- for **Secretary**, Brenda Hendricks with no additional nominations from the floor. Bob Zimmerman made a motion to close nominations for Secretary. Shirley Sprau 2nd. Motion carried.
- for **Treasurer**, Bob Zimmerman with no additional nominations from the floor. Jeff Warsaw made a motion to close nominations for Treasurer. 2nd by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.
- for **Elder**, Bill Schroeder, Don Warsaw and Jim Van Wakeman with no additional nominations from the floor. Annette Warsaw made a motion to close nominations for Elder. 2nd by Jeff Warsaw. Motion carried.
- for **Assistant Sunday School Superintendent**, Beth Bidner with no additional nominations from the floor. Shawn Zimmerman made a motion to close nominations for Asst. SS Superintendent. 2nd by Bryan Warsaw. Motion carried.
- for **Assistant Financial Secretary**, Larry Lutz with no additional nominations from the floor. Butch Sprau made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by John Gercken. Motion carried.
- for **Trustee**, John Gercken with no additional nominations from the floor. Bob Zimmerman made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by Brenda Hendricks. Motion carried.
- for **Head Usher**, Courtney Delaney and Gina Masko with no additional nominations from the floor. Roy Whitehouse made a motion to close

nominations. 2nd by Debbie Lammle. Motion carried.

Ballots were handed out to all voting members and counted. There was a tie for Elder, with a 2nd vote taken. Additional ballots were distributed with members voting once again and ballots counted. While the 2nd ballots were being counted we continued on with the meeting.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor thanked everyone for the generous gifts at Christmas for he and his family. He was overwhelmed at the generosity from the congregation.
- He thanked everyone who had helped take time to visit the shut-in's and the ill over the past year.
- He thanked the past officers on the council who had served the congregation well over the past year and anyone who had stepped up to volunteer their time for the church with the new council.
- The Christmas program on Christmas Eve was well attended and he thanked Annette Warsaw with her talents, the choir, the teachers and children of the congregation, along with everyone who helped also to fill treat bags for the guests.
- Confirmation classes are going well, thanks to Debbie Lammle for her teaching assistance with the class. April 21st will be questioning and Confirmation will be on April 28th.
- The church records have all been recorded online now. Proofing will be taking place soon and hopefully by the end of the 2nd quarter we can get a listing of all family members dates back to you to confirm and to add any updates.

Old Business

- Chairman Hardesty stated the door project in the hall has been completed since the last voters meeting. Dave Hasty has been asked to put a closer on the new door, due to wind issues. That will be done very soon.
- Chairman Hardesty gave an update on the AED training that will be held with the Gibson Hospital on the AED that the church purchased. Jill Hardesty is working with the hospital contact on the date that will be relayed when a date and time has been secured.
- Handicapped parking spaces will be addressed in the spring.

New Business

- Chairman Hardesty reported that John and Barb Whitehouse Gercken has audited the books and found them to be in good order.

- Treasurer Mike Hendricks presented the 2013 budget. Discussion followed. Some of the highlights were: additional pay to the 2 ministers, added a little more to the summer vicar program and decreased line item for the Substitute pastor.

- A motion was made by Darwin Warsaw to accept the 2013 budget as proposed. 2nd by Larry Lutz. Motion carried.

- Treasurer Hendricks was asked about the LCEF fund and wanting to put additional monies in the fund of up to \$27,000 for 2013. Discussion and clarification followed. Darwin Warsaw made a motion to send no more than \$27,000 to the LCEF in St. Louis in 2013. 2nd by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

- The vicar situation was then asked about and explained more by Pastor McPike. Thoughts were asked if we could get a summer vicar again. Pastor McPike will be checking on it in the next month or so and yes, we were very interested in the program again.

- Chairman Hardesty thanked the Events Committee and their husbands for their talents shown to the council over the past year.

- Chairman Hardesty then announced the results of the 2013 Church council vote:

Secretary – Brenda Hendricks

Treasurer – Bob Zimmerman

Asst. SS Supt. – Beth Bidner

Asst. Fin. Supt. – Larry Lutz

Trustee – John Gercken

Elder – Jim Van Wakeman & Bill Schroeder

Usher – Courtney Delaney

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, 2013 at 7pm in the church hall.

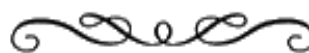
The next voters meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7th, 2013 immediately after church.

Chairman Hardesty called for adjournment. Barb Whitehouse Gercken made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by John Gercken. Motion carried. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer. Everyone went to the church hall for a potluck at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hardesty

Osman Council Secretary



Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 8th, 2012

The January church council meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty in the church hall. Pastor McPike's scripture message was from Isaiah 43. 7 Members in attendance: Mike Hendricks, Jill Hardesty, Rick Hardesty, Pastor McPike, Steve Warsaw, Roy Whitehouse and Aaron Warsaw.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the December meeting with no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Mike Hendricks to approve the amended minutes. 2nd by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$96,535.02. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Roy Whitehouse. 2nd by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.

- Christ the King, Spanish Mission in the Quad cities was chosen as the Mission giving for February, 2013. Jill Hardesty made a motion for the fund and 2nd was by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.
- The quarterly report was gone over for presentation to the congregation for the Voters meeting on Sunday, 1/13.
- Barb and John Gercken has audited the Treasury books and found them to be in order.
- Treasurer Mike Hendricks stated that he paid \$.10 too much in tax to the state of Illinois. That credit will be rolled over for 2013 taxes next year.

Pastor's Report

- Members records will shortly be reviewed for any omissions that we have. The plans are to then ask the members if they know some dates that are missing in the official records and a letter will be sent for the updates. Pastor McPike and Secretary Linda Warsaw will be working on those.
- Confirmation classes are going well. The council set Confirmation Question date of 4/21/13 with Confirmation Sunday on 4/28/13.
- Discussion was held regarding a Summer Vicar. Pastor McPike will be contacting Ft. Wayne Seminary soon to let them know that we'd be interested in the program again.

Sunday School Superintendent's report

A special thanks to Annette Warsaw, the choir, Alicia, the organist, Beth Bidner and Stefani Warsaw, the "sign girls" and the children of the congregation on the Christmas Eve program. Annette donated her time and talents for a very special program. Thank you to

all!

Trustee Report

- Terminex waterproofing for the crawl space project was tabled to talk to more foundation companies and to Dick Johnson for any other suggestions.
- New folding doors for under the balcony project was tabled until a later date.
- Pastor's office cabinetry was discussed along with the reconfiguration of his office area. New carpeting is waiting to be installed, but not until the cabinet situation is resolved.
- Duct work in the Annex attic was discussed. Trustee Steve Warsaw will check into it for resolution.
- The new AED cabinet is mounted on the wall in the annex. A sign needs to be installed above the door from the Sanctuary into the Annex, indicating an AED is in the building. Trustee Warsaw will install the sign.

No Elders report

- Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Council Secretary Jill Hardesty has checked on a copier that was supposed to be given to the church to use. She's contacted the person and is waiting for a response. Updates will be forwarded to the church Chairman when available.

New Business

Jill Hardesty discussed the need for a new vacuum cleaner for the janitorial staff. Chairman Hardesty will discuss this issue with the staff and bring a solution back to the council at a later date. Tabled until next month.

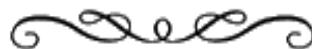
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The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hardesty

Council Secretary



Thrivent News

Thrivent Choice dollars!

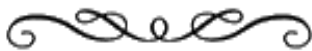
By directing Thrivent Choice dollars, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars. This month our congregation received \$185. Thank you to William Amdor, Wilma Forrest, and Greg McCleary for their donations. To direct choice dollars you have two easy options: Log in to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and select "Get Started" or you can call the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". When next prompted say, "Choice Dollars". It is not automatic starting in 2013.

Congregational Advocate needed!

Each congregation needs at least one advocate to be the communicator to the Thrivent members. There are many items that the members need to be informed about and this person can do so by arranging meetings, writing bulletin articles, and answering questions that the members might have. At our congregation, this person helps organize the benefit suppers and other Thrivent events. You must have computer access to receive all e-mails from the regional office. Brenda Hendricks has been the advocate for the past three years and is resigning this position.

Thrivent Meeting

A Thrivent meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, immediately after the worship service in the annex. If you have any ideas about possible benefit recipients, please bring them to the meeting

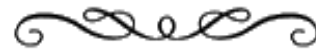


You Know You're Lutheran When...

10. The only meal time prayer you know is "Come Lord Jesus".
9. All of your casserole dishes have your name on the bottom.
8. They have to rope off the last few pews in church so the front isn't empty.
7. A midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.
6. You can't imagine a celebration without food.
5. While watching Star Wars you hear "May the force be with you" and you reply "And also with you".

4. At potlucks all the men have tableware and napkins in their shirt pockets so their full plates are easier to carry.
3. You are at a funeral of a family member who is Catholic, and you are the only one who says "for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen." after everyone else is done.
2. You sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" while sitting down.
1. You arrive in church and start having a panic attack because someone else is sitting in your pew.

~from Lutherans Online



Prayer Time

Did you talk to the Lord today,
Did you take some time to pray,
Did you ask Him to pardon your sins,
To grant you forgiveness again,
To bless your family and friends,
Have you talked to the Lord today.

Did you thank the Lord today
For the blessings He has sent your way,
For the precious gift of his Son,
Who for all our sins did atone.
Who died that we might be His own,
Have you thanked the Lord today.

~ from Lutherans Online
A Poem for the Lenten Season



Open Gym Fellowship Night

Watch your bulletin for Open Gym/Fellowship Night for everyone in the church late in February. Supper will be served, followed by games and activities for all ages!



Pastor Justin Schmidt and Pastor Jeffrey McPike

Pastor Appreciation Celebration!

We at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman consider ourselves extremely blessed to have not one, but two exceptional Pastors serving our congregation. On Sunday, December 16, 2012 we celebrated the 10th anniversary in the ministry of Pastor Justin Schmidt, and also the appreciation of Pastor Jeffrey McPike's 24 years in the ministry.

The congregation enjoyed a catered meal and a special music selection by members of our choir.

We thank Larry Lutz for contributing photos from the celebration.



Pastor Jeffrey McPike



Pastor Justin Schmidt



JOY TO THE WORLD!

Christmas Eve Children's Program

December 24, 2012

JOY TO THE WORLD!

On Christmas Eve 2012, our Sunday School children did an excellent job of delivering the message of why there is JOY TO THE WORLD! Annette Warsaw directed the inspirational Christmas Eve Children's program. She wrote the program, gathered the songs, created all the graphics, printed the bulletin, and organized all of the practice sessions with the children. Annette was assisted by stage hands, Stefani Warsaw and Beth Bidner. Thank you to Larry Lutz for providing the picture from the program.



Easter Lillies

Anyone in the church may donate an Easter Lily to adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. The Easter Lily Chart will be posted on the back bulletin board later in February. Details on the amount of the flowers will be listed in a later bulletin.

Thank You!

Thank you to Darryl Redding and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Thank You!

The confirmands will meet with Pastor McPike on February 24 after church in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and continued study of Luther's Small Catechism. Thanks to Debbie Lammle for preparing the meal this month.



LWML News

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

The LWML will host a soup supper on February 13, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the back bulletin board to donate soup, sandwiches, or dessert. The food should be brought to the hall by 4:30 p.m. on the 13th to be ready to serve at 5:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken, and the money will be used to support our LWML projects.



Quilting

We will be quilting on Saturday, February 2nd and Wednesday, February 6th starting at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch. If anyone is interested in taking a bag of precut squares home and sewing them into a quilt, we have some bags ready. Please see Connie Warsaw. Also, if anyone has old sheets (fitted or flat), we could use them for middles or backs. We welcome anyone to join us for a day of fellowship while working on a worthwhile project for Lutheran World Relief.



Valentines Dinner

The Youth Group will host their annual Valentine's Dinner in the church hall on Saturday, February 9th beginning at 5:00 p.m. The dinner menu will include Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans or Corn, Beef House Rolls and choice of desserts. The proceeds will be used to send the Youth Group to San Antonio, TX to the National Youth Conference in July. Please sign up on the poster in the back of the church by February 3rd.



Choir Practice

The Choir will practice on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM to prepare for Transfiguration and Lent.



Church Council Meeting

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
01-06	71	8	17
01-13	63	8	10
01-20	71	8	13
01-27	Stats Unavailable		

Elder Schedule

Marvin	Feb	June	Oct
Roy	March	July	Nov
Bill	April	August	Dec
Jim	May	Sept	Jan

February Reading Schedule

02-03.....Sara McPike
 02-10.....Shirley Sprau

February Acolyte Schedule

02-03.....Ryan McPike
 02-10.....Chase Zimmerman
 02-13 (Ash Wednesday).....Cheyenne Zimmerman
 02-17.....MacKenzie Delaney
 02-24.....Ryan McPike

Thank You

Thank you to the outgoing Council members for their time and talents. They are as follows: Jill Hardesty, Mike Hendricks, Annette Warsaw, Christie Delaney, Aaron Warsaw, Butch Sprau, Steve Martin and Jordan Bidner.

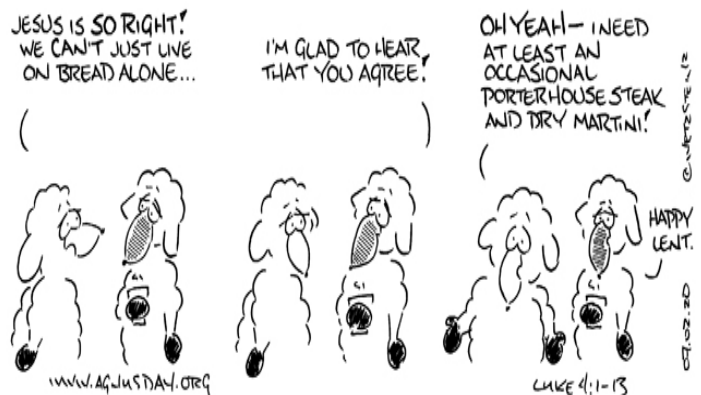


Bryan Edwards.....02-03
 David Peyton.....02-03
 Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson.....02-07
 Christie Delaney.....02-10
 Charlie Homann.....02-10
 Jenna Mangold.....02-14
 Lora Nelson.....02-16
 Neil Bidner.....02-17
 Lisa Miller.....02-17
 Jeff Warsaw.....02-19
 Andrea Hicks.....02-20
 Sarah Schuh.....02-21
 Tyler Barrack.....02-23
 Amanda Burgess.....02-24
 Reese Gallier.....02-26
 Marti Brandt.....02-27



Barb and Jerry Reifsteck.....02-04-1998
 Joanne and Marvin Nelson.....02-06-1960

Agnus Day



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