

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

Reverend Daniel Fienen

Vicar Jonathan Scheck

July 2013

Blessed is the nation whose God
is the Lord, the people he chose
for his inheritance.

Psalm 33:12

Pastor McPike celebrates 25 years in the Ministry

Pastor McPike's parents David and Sharon McPike, dear friends, Rev. & Mrs. John Fale, friends from St. John's Lutheran Church, Carle Pastoral Care Department, and Pastoral Care Department at Presence Hospital, along with friends here at Immanuel Osman attended a festive celebration for his 25th year in the Ministry. After the church service, Alicia Haggin, our dedicated organist, planned a Musical Interlude with special selections by Nick Haggin, Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson, Sara McPike on trumpet, and the choir here at Immanuel. Eighty-eight guests continued to the fellowship hall for a delicious meal and refreshments of cake, nuts and mints. Pictures were taken, followed by returning to the church for a program. A slide presentation was given with pictures from pastor's first church where he was ordained, and first served after ordination. Other pictures included those of pastor interacting with members here at Osman during baptisms, confirmations, teaching the confirmands, visiting the shut-ins, singing with the choir, Bible School, and his last Germany trip with some members here at Immanuel. Warm heartfelt words of appreciation for Pastor's dedication were said by Debbie Lammle, Rev. John Fale and Sara McPike. A poem was read by Vicar Scheck and a letter read by Shirley Sprau from a colleague and manager of Pastoral Care at Carle, Philip K. McGarvey. Connie Warsaw presented the Pastor with a CPH gift card from the LWML and Ladies Aid. Rick Hardesty presented the Pastor with a gift from the church, a beautiful framed photograph of Pastor and his children. Pastor then thanked the committee (Diane Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau and Debbie Lammle) and everyone else involved with the event for making this celebration such a memorable part of his special job of serving the Lord!

Thanks to Brenda Hendricks, Debbie Lammle and Annette Warsaw for providing pictures of Pastor McPike for the slide presentation shown during Pastor's 25th celebration. Special thanks to Kim Clemmons for arranging the photos into the PowerPoint presentation.



Ryan and Sara McPike celebrated with Pastor



Pastor with his parents David and Sharon McPike



LWML News

Fourteen ladies met on June 13, 2013 for their regular meeting. Shirley Sprau gave a great topic on "Guilt and Grace: A Gospel Fresh Start." Wilma Grussing gave a report on the Spring PING Fling meeting and Brenda Hendricks reported on the CID convention held in Decatur. Quilting dates were picked for the next three months. They are: July 17 and 20, August 8 and 10, and September 4 and 7. Please mark your calendars and come out and participate.

We have received a letter from Concordia Theological Seminary about selecting a new student for 2013-2014. We will be sponsoring our new vicar, Jonathan Scheck. There was a discussion on cleaning the church and hall, and it was decided to wait until September 14th when it is cooler.

Thirty-five baby bottles were taken home for Living Alternatives pregnancy resource center. We have received 23 bottles back and the amount donated at this time is \$432.89. Thanks so much to everyone who participated and for being such great givers.

Brenda Hendricks and Terri Hooker served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be September 12th when Debbie Martin will have the topic and Marsha and Connie Warsaw will be the hostesses.



Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, July 3rd at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Brenda Hendricks will have the topic and Connie Warsaw will have devotion and be the hostess. Roll call will be answered with a verse on nation. All ladies of the church are welcome!

July 4th Bake Sale...The Ladies Aid and LWML will be holding their annual bake sale on July 4th at the Bellflower Fire Station. Please have your baked items there by 7:30 a.m. on the 4th, or you may take them to Shirley Sprau's or Connie Warsaw's the night before.

Shut-in Visits

Thanks to Jill Hardesty, Brenda Hendricks and Vicar Jonathan for visiting the shut-ins this month.

Youth Group

The Osman Youth group had their final gathering before leaving for the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX on Friday 6/21 at the Rob and Nikki Gallier home. A cookout was held, bible study time and craft time consisted of tie-dyed t-shirts! Annette Warsaw graciously made our Osman youth 3 t-shirts that they'll be taking with them to the gathering! We thank Annette for her donation of one of the t-shirts and for all 3 of the designs. The youth leave on Saturday, June 29th and return on Saturday, July 6th. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for safe travels! A slide show will be shown sometime in July, of all the pictures they took and showing us their awesome t-shirts! They'll be the best dressed kids there! Attending the trip is: Jordan Bidner, Gina Masko, Courtney Delaney, MacKenzie Delaney and Hannah Duncan. Youth Leaders attending are: Annie Downey and Tricia Downey Walker. Thanks also to Annie and Tricia for being leaders of our group to Texas!

VBS 2013

Many thanks go out to all involved in VBS 2013...*Go Tell it on the Mountain*. The children were fantastic and excited to learn about our Lord Jesus as the one true God. Leaders and volunteers made VBS run smoothly and we couldn't have done it without you!!! Thanks to all involved in making the kick-off cookout a success, Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for teaching the children their daily lesson, Kim Clemmons and Steve Gaines for help with crafts, Jill Hardesty, Deb Lammle, and Shirley Sprau for food organization in the kitchen as well as various other areas, Patty Downey and Sara McPike with music, Vicar Jonathan for his assistance with skits and lessons, Kenzie Delaney and Hannah Duncan for assistance with the children, Beth Bidner for games and Annette Warsaw with general help with everything! In addition, my sincere thanks to Beth Bidner and Annette Warsaw for their help in the planning and implementation of VBS this year. We make a great team!!! Nikki Gallier

Thank You!

Thank you so very much for last weekend. Thank you for the good wishes, the meal, the presentation, the cards, the gifts, the music and your presence. Several people I have seen this week have remarked what a wonderful celebration that you as a congregation put on for me, and I simply remark that "at Osman, they do it right!" It is a blessing to serve you! Pastor McPike

Thrivent News

Choice dollars! This month our congregation received \$ 82 in choice dollars. This is one way that you can determine how Thrivent uses its charitable outreach grant dollars. Thank you to Brenda Hendricks, John Grussing, and Carolyn Majercin for their donations. If you are a Thrivent member, please check to see if you have any Choice Dollars to contribute. You can do so by calling 1-800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Thrivent Choice" and when next prompted say "Choice Dollars".

Common Bond Vote! The results of the recent member vote on whether to extend our common bond from Lutheran to Christian are in. Members voted in favor of the extension 72% to 28%. The results show that nearly 425,000 members voted, more than in any other membership vote. Thrivent will remain focused on serving their existing members. It does not change Thrivent's purpose to strengthen Christian communities by helping members to be wise with money and to inspire them to live generously.

Mark your calendars now to attend the McLean County Brat Fest in Bloomington on Sunday, August 18th at the TriLakes Conservation and Recreation Club from 4 – 6:30.

Church Council

The July Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 7 PM, in the fellowship hall.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The quarterly Voters Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, July 7th. If you are 18 years old and have not become a voting member, please consider signing the constitution and taking part in the church business.

Church Picnic

Due to a conflict with the scheduling of the Bellflower pavilion for the church picnic, the date had to be changed to Sunday, August 18th. The worship service will take place at 10AM with a potluck and games after the meal.

Church Council Minutes

June 4, 2013 (Abridged Edition)

5 members, plus Pastor McPike and Vicar Scheck attended the monthly council meeting held on June 4 in the fellowship hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, reported a balance of \$93,888.58. The Orphan Grain Train will be the

recipient of our June mission giving.

Two agents from Country Companies attended the meeting to give us a review of our present property insurance policy. The policy previously did not insure the fellowship hall in our full assessed evaluation. The new proposed policy will insure the church, hall, and storage shed. Our premiums will increase about \$400 a year.

Pastor McPike introduced Vicar Scheck and explained the responsibilities that he has been assigned such as a part of Vacation Bible School and visiting the shut-ins.

Sunday School Superintendent, Nikki Gallier, reported that after polling the Sunday School teachers, the consensus was to continue Sunday School thru the summer.

The problem with the humming in the sound system and the malfunctioning of the annex lights was discussed. It seems to be a grounding problem and is being investigated.

The council was very pleased with the shampooing of the carpet and the cleaning of the pews. Thanks to all who helped move furniture to get this job done. The trustees are gathering quotes for new windows in the annex and also some tuck pointing on the outside of the church.

Pastor's 25th anniversary in the ministry will be celebrated on Sunday, June 23rd. The catered meal will cost \$8.50 - \$9. A freewill will offering will be taken and the council approved the balance being taken from the treasury.

The next council meeting will be July 2. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks



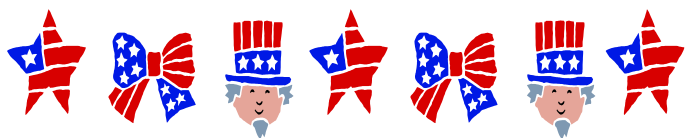
Church council will meet on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
5/12	81	7	16
5/19	62	6	18
5/26	78	6	18
6/2	75	3	24
6/9	79	6	19
6/16	69	5	19
6/23	n/a	n/a	n/a
6/30	n/a	n/a	n/a

July Altar Guild

Susan Martin



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 3:17

July Birthdays

Leona Albin.....07-01
 Ryan Lammle.....07-02
 Jessica Poppe.....07-03
 Joshua Poppe.....07-03
 Jerry Edwards.....07-05
 Mackenzie Delaney.....07-06
 Weston Hasty.....07-06
 Joanne Nelson.....07-06
 Larry Lutz.....07-12
 Wilma Grussing.....07-13
 Daniel Schuh.....07-13
 William Schroeder.....07-14
 Ryan McPike.....07-15
 Aaron Warsaw.....07-15
 Bryan Warsaw.....07-15
 Marvin Clemmons.....07-20
 Carolyn Majercin.....07-20
 Shane Zimmerman.....07-21
 Steve Gaines.....07-24
 Carol Martinie.....07-26
 Jane Poppe.....07-27
 Stefani Warsaw.....07-28
 Roy Whitehouse.....07-30

July Anniversaries

C. J. and Ross Warsaw.....07-04-1988
 Marti and Steve Brandt.....07-06-1984
 Deb and Dick Johnson.....07-10-1971
 Hallie and Greg Payne.....07-12-2011
 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

July Acolyte Schedule



07-07.....Ryan McPike
 07-14.....Chase Zimmerman
 07-21.....Cheyenne Zimmerman
 07-28.....Hannah Duncan

Elder Schedule

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