

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

Reverend Daniel Fienen

September 2013

In all your ways acknowledge
Him, and He will make
straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:6

Thank You

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Majercin, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Warsaw, Ross Warsaw, and Wade Warsaw for refinishing the front doors of the church during the last weeks. It makes a beautiful entry into our church.

Congregational Thank You

To members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for having me this summer. This has been one of the best experiences of my life. From taking part in a silly play for VBS to preaching for you on Sunday, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. And let's not forget all of the food! I have learned a great deal, and it is all thanks to you. I hope you continue to support the Seminary by asking for summer vicars. You made me feel very welcome and I am sure you will continue to do the same for future vicars. I hope to be able to see you all again some day. God bless you all!

Your happy and content Vicar Jonathan Scheck

(The thank you card with this note included is on the back bulletin board. Anyone wanting to communicate with Vicar Jonathan can do so at the following address: Jonathan Scheck, Concordia Seminary, Box 222, 6600 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825)



Council Meeting

Church council will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

Special Voters Meeting

On Sunday, September 8, there will be special voters meeting held after the worship service. The discussion will center around the repair of the exterior of the church building which will include tuck pointing, guttering, and water drainage away from the building. If you are 18 years old and have signed the Constitution, please plan to attend this meeting.



Thank You

Thanks you to Bill McCleary, Mark Barrack, Steve Warsaw, Jeff Warsaw and Don Warsaw for trimming out the dead branches in the ash tree in front of the church and cutting down the dead pine tree by the railroad tracks. Also thanks for tarring the bell tower to keep the rain out. We appreciate their coming out on a very hot day to do this work.

Thank You

Thank you to John Gercken and Steve Warsaw for their work on installing the ballasts and the new lights in the Annex. The lights are much brighter! Two more lights in the annex and the one in Pastor's study will be fixed in the near future.

Thank You

Thank you to Darryl Redding and Debbie Lammle for visiting our shut-ins during the month of August.

Ladies Aid

Sixteen members and guests traveled to Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur on August 7th to enjoy a delicious lunch and good fellowship. Several of them did a little shopping before returning home. Thanks to the committee of Debbie Lammle and Shirley Sprau for making the arrangements.

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be Wednesday, September 4th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wilma Grussing will have the devotion and prayer and be our hostess and Dorothy Miller will have the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on righteousness. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Quilting

The ladies will be quilting again on Wednesday, September 4th and Saturday, September 7th starting at 8 a.m. on both days. Over 70 quilts have been made for Lutheran World Relief and will be sent out the end of October. The ladies also made a beautiful quilt and presented it to Vicar Jonathan Scheck at his farewell potluck on August 25th.

Fellowship Club

Sixteen members and guests attended Fellowship Club on August 11th. Those having birthdays in July, August and September were recognized and sung to and then Bunco, a fast moving dice game was played by all. The grand prize winner was Brenda Hendricks. Congratulations! Homemade ice cream and toppings, cake and cobbler were served. Thanks to Butch and Shirley Sprau and Don and Connie Warsaw for planning the evening.

Thrivent News

The McLean County annual Brat Fest was held on Sunday, August 18, at TriLakes Banquet Facilities in Bloomington. 195 Thrivent members from all the Lutheran churches in McLean enjoyed a delicious meal and some fellowship.

Thrivent Choice Dollars! This month our congregation received \$154 in choice dollars. This is one way that you can determine how Thrivent uses its charitable outreach grant dollars. Thank you to William Amdor, Allen Grussing, John Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Shirley Sprau, Annette Whitehouse, and Roy Whitehouse 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".

LWML News

The next LWML meeting has been changed from Thursday, September 12th to Wednesday, September 11th due to a conflict with several people's schedules. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please make note of this on your calendars. The four ladies who went to the LWML national convention in Pittsburgh will be presenting a power point presentation instead of a topic. Hostesses will be Marsha Warsaw and Connie Warsaw. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

LWML Fall Rally

The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hoopeston. Registration, coffee and refreshments will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The program and meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The cost for registration, rally materials and lunch will be \$10.00, payable at the door. Please let Connie Warsaw know by September 8th if you will be attending. The theme is "Streaming with the Lord" Jeremiah 17:7 & 8. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Katie Schuermann, author and wife to Pastor Schuermann, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sherman, IL. Katie has published two books and writes articles for Lutheran publications. The ingathering will benefit New Beginnings Women's Center, Watseka, IL and the Women's Care Clinic, Danville, IL. Both are pro-life ministries supported entirely by private funding. Items needed are: diapers (all sizes), wipes, infant clothing (size up to 24 months), onesies (all sizes), sleepers (all sizes), almost anything needed to care for a baby. If you wish to donate, please put items on the elder's bench.

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning will be on September 14th starting at 8 a.m. Men and women are encouraged to bring their cleaning supplies and help beautify the Lord's house.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Scott and Rebecca Gercken who were blessed with a daughter, Marilyn Ruth, on July 29, 2013. She was welcomed home by Julianna. She was baptized last Sunday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Blue Point. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gercken. May God's continual care be bestowed upon this family.



Church Council Minutes

August 6, 2013

(Abridged Edition)

6 members, plus Pastor McPike and Vicar Scheck attended the monthly council meeting held on August 6 in the fellowship hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, reported a balance of \$96,355.26. Report was approved. Christ Lutheran High School in Buckley will be the recipient of our August mission giving.

Pastor lead his report off with the discussion of Pastor Dan Fienen's call to Michigan and the vicar's departure. If Pastor Fienen accepts his call, it leaves Osman with the need for someone to assist. Pastor McPike will express this need at the Circuit meeting and also will contact the CID office if see if there are any retired pastors in the area.

Promotion Sunday for the Sunday school children was set for Sunday, September 7 to avoid Labor Day Weekend.

The trustees reported that 3 of the lights in the Annex have been repaired. They seem to be much brighter and the installation went well. The remaining four will be fixed in the near future. The tuck pointing project was discussed. The tuck pointing will be done first and then the guttering. The discussion of this project will take place at a special voters meeting on Sunday, September 8, after the worship service.

The board has investigated different internet providers for the church. Pastor led a discussion on the many ways that this service can be used at the church. Because of the location of the church and the many trees surrounding the church, the internet will have to be installed in the hall and then buried under the driveway to the church. This will be a discussion item at the regular quarterly voters meeting in October.

The sign up sheet for council officers will be posted on the back bulletin board in September.

The next council meeting will be September 3. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Church Picnic

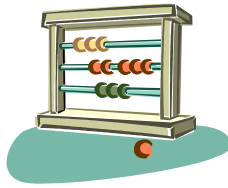
58 members, family and friends came out for the annual Church Picnic at the pavilion in Bellflower on August 18. After the church service, a delicious meal was shared, followed by games for all ages. The water activities were the most enjoyed, with Vicar Scheck being the target of most of the water balloons! A fun time was had by all!



Church Picnic - August 18, 2013

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
7/21	61	2	18
7/28	54	4	12
8/04	68	2	17
8/11	67	4	21
8/18	57	0	0
8/25	74	4	16



September Altar Guild

Jill Hardesty

September Shut-in Visitors

Debbie Lammle

September Acolytes



09/01.....Hannah Duncan
 09/08.....Kenzie Delaney
 09/15.....Ryan McPike
 09/22.....Chase Zimmerman
 09/29.....Cheyenne Zimmerman

September Birthdays

Darryl Redding.....09-05
 Jim Poppe.....09-06
 Mark Barrack.....09-07
 Matthew Barrack.....09-09
 Ken Whitehouse.....09-12
 Gene Welborn.....09-14
 Nicholas Homann.....09-16
 Stephanie Gaines.....09-17
 Marge Morrissey.....09-20
 Ryan Peyton.....09-21
 Mitchell Gallier.....09-23
 Rob Gallier.....09-24
 Sara McPike.....09-24
 Arnita Zimmerman.....09-25
 Scott Gercken.....09-26



September Anniversaries

Kris and Shaun Zimmerman.....09-02-2011
 Sue and Jim VanWakeman.....09-13-1969
 Phyllis and David Hasty.....09-14-1985
 Esther and Larry Lutz.....09-18-1965
 Brenda and David Peyton.....09-26-1996

Happy Anniversary

Elder Schedule

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