

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Kurt Cockran, Summer Vicar*

July 2014

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

Thank You!

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel of Osman,

I would like to start out by expressing my deepest gratitude to you all for your support and well wishes to me in my recent graduation from Urbana High School this past May. Not just that, but also for your gracious support that I have gotten the past five and one half years or so that I have been with you at Immanuel. Thanks be to God that I have gotten to know you and be with such good people like yourselves. I look forward to serving you in many ways this summer, including Vacation Bible School, as well as playing my instruments for various services throughout the summer. Even though Concordia is approximately two hours north of here, that won't get in the way too much of coming to visit you whenever I can. God's peace to you all and thanks again.

In Christ,
Sara McPike

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

This is a belated thank you for blessing us with your cookies, fruit, flowers, cards and most especially the home visits and caroling. You will never know how grateful we are nor how wonderful it is to see your happy smiling faces. We very much enjoyed seeing the children when you were here Easter caroling. Please do bring them again. We sincerely appreciate your continued prayers and visits. Thank you Pastor for your faithful visits and communion. You are a sustaining comfort, reminding us always that God is in charge.

Blessings to you all,
Marv and Carolyn Heinze

Thank You!

The church would like to thank the person or persons for the generous donation to the Altar Guild for the purpose of continuing to upgrade the paraments of our church. A big thanks for the gift!

The Church Treasurer,
Bob Zimmerman

Thank You!

Thank you to Connie Warsaw, Brenda Hendricks, and Vicar for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Church Council

The July Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1st, at 7 PM, in the fellowship hall.

Quarterly Voters Meeting!

The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, July 6th. 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

Plan now to attend the annual church picnic on Sunday, August 10th, at the Bellflower pavilion. The worship service will take place at 10AM with a delicious potluck, games, and fellowship with your church family afterwards. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled and the drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a few of your favorite recipes to share. Don't miss the fun!

Church Council Minutes

June 3, 2014

(Abridged Edition)

6 members, plus Pastor McPike and Vicar Cockran, attended the monthly council meeting held on June 3rd in the fellowship hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance being 63,860.46 at the end of May. The monthly mission giving project for June was previously approved for Concordia University in River Forest for scholarships.

Pastor introduced our summer vicar, Kurt Cockran, to the council. He moved in last week to his apartment in Fisher. He will be starting a Bible study class on Wednesday nights starting next week. Pastor asked to switch Communion from the third Sunday to the second Sunday in July due to a preaching schedule switch. This will work well so the VBS Sunday will not be a Communion Sunday.

Pastor McPike then elaborated on the internet installation at the church. John Gercken had done some communicating with the Wireless Data Net service and had emailed the council members earlier of the information. Pastor felt that the 4 megabytes per second for \$44.95 per month was reasonable. There is a \$100 equipment lease with free installation. It would be installed in the west side of the fellowship hall. We would then trench it to the church where the wires are already fed to the furnace room. There was much trepidation on trenching safely with other underground utilities and pipes. Chairman Hardesty will get a map designed of the underground systems between the church and hall before any trenching is done. It was agreed to start a trial period with these terms.

The elders were asked to program the air conditioner to turn on earlier for the Sunday morning service since summer has started. They also were asked to be the acolytes when there are no other acolytes present.

Bob Zimmerman gave the trustees report. He reported that Chief Bauer does not want to bother the present duct work to get more air returns installed for the air conditioner/furnace. They will install two new vents going up to the balcony. They will send an estimate for this work.

Chairman Hardesty then proceeded to the new business. He reported that the annex window would be cut and boarded up this week. Dick Johnson and Donnie Warsaw would do that. Most of the front of the church except the bell tower has been ground out so progress is being made around the church.

Bob Zimmerman notified us that the church has received the new tax exempt letter. Anyone who is going to purchase something for the church needs to get a copy of this letter. Brenda Hendricks presented the idea of purchasing a set of ceramic bells for the Sunday School children to play during VBS and some special worship services. The council approved to purchase them out of the Norma Homann memorial account for approximately \$70.

The social committee submitted the following dates to the council: Vicar Farewell potluck – July 27th, church picnic – August 10, wiener roast/hayride – September 28th, and pastor appreciation – October 12.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Special Voters Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2014

Chairman Rick Hardesty called the special meeting to order after the worship service on Sunday, June 22. 43 members were present.

Chairman Hardesty explained to the voter assembly that there needs to be some additional duct work done to the present air conditioner/furnace and the expense is more than the council has authority to spend. The installer of our new system, Chief/Bauer, has given us a quote of \$650 for supplies and labor to install the duct work to add additional air returns and make the system quieter. It should make the choir loft cooler and could help with our propane usage. Butch Sprau made the motion to accept this quote. Darwin Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

VBS

VBS Volunteers needed!

We will be holding VBS July 13 - July 17. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please contact Beth Bidner. Thank you!

Cookies needed for VBS!

There is a signup sheet in the back of the church for anyone wanting to donate cookies, brownies or treats for the kids snacks for VBS.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dorothy Miller will give the devotion and prayer and serve as hostess. Brenda Hendricks will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse from Acts. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

Ladies Aid and LWML Bake Sale!

Don't miss the goodies at the Bellflower July 4th Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to the start of the parade. It will be in the Bellflower Fire House. There is always a wide variety of treats to choose from! If you are interested in donating goods, please have them to the Fire House by 7:30 or deliver them to Shirley Sprau or Connie Warsaw the day before.

Next quilting dates!

The ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, July 1 and Saturday, July 5 to work on quilts in the fellowship hall. No sewing or quilting skills needed, so please join us at 8 a.m. to make quilts that change people's lives in distant places!

Thrivent News

Thank You!

Thanks to the following members who designated their Thrivent Choice dollars to Immanuel. They are: Terri Hooker, Carolyn and Doug Majercin, David and Sharon McPike, Marge Morrissey and Darryl Redding. The total amount contributed this month was \$153.

Thrivent Builds!

Volunteers are needed Saturdays for Thrivent Builds Habitat House at 804 S. Oak in Bloomington. To volunteer or to get more information, contact Carol Kuester at (309) 827-3931 or carol.kuester@habitatmclean.org.

Six Flags Tickets!

Thrivent Financial is offering a special ticket price this summer to Six Flags St. Louis Theme Park. Ticket price is \$29.99 (not including tax, parking, or a one-time handling fee). The regular price is \$56.99. Promo tickets are good from June 14-July 13, 2014. Purchase tickets online at www.sixflags.com/stlouis with promo code Thrive from June 9-July 13. Children age 2 and under are free.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual BratFest will be Sunday, August 24th. More details to come.

CornBelters Game!

Sunday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. \$11 box seat ticket includes a hot dog and soft drink with a \$2 donation for Habitat. To get tickets, contact Nicole Galante at (319) 530-6421 or nicole.olivia@gmail.com.

LWML News

Thirteen ladies met on June 12, 2014 for their regular meeting. Barb Gaines gave a great topic on "Seeds of the Faith". Connie Warsaw gave a report on the CID convention in Effingham on April 26th. Brenda Hendricks, Deb Lammle, and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken offered their insights as well. The next CID Convention will be held in Champaign in April 2015.

Quilting dates were chosen for the next three months. They are: July 1 and 5, August 7 and 9, and September 4. So far the ladies have met 9 times and completed 77 quilts with approximately 242 volunteer hours onsite. Many other hours have been donated piecing quilts and making middles. All ladies of the congregation are invited to help on these quilts.

We have received a letter from Concordia Theological Seminary about selecting a new student for 2014-2015. The Ladies Aid and the LWML will be sponsoring our new vicar, Kurt Cockran. There was a discussion on cleaning the church and hall, and it was decided to wait until Saturday, September 13th, when the tuck pointing project is completed.

Deb Lammle gave the Danville Zone report indicating that \$159 was given to the Gifford Food Pantry in addition to our in-gathering items at the Spring Gathering. She also stated that we can donate Portals of Prayer and My Devotions for the Prison Ministry in a box on the back elder pew.

Thirty-two baby bottles were taken home for Living Alternatives pregnancy resource center. We have received 22 bottles back and the amount donated at this time is \$360.06. Thanks so much to everyone who participated and for being such great givers.

Karen Bryan and Marsha Warsaw served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be September 11th when Connie Warsaw will have the topic and Brenda Edwards and Debbie Martin will be the hostesses.

LWML Zone Presidents Meeting

A meeting of the LWML Zone Presidents will be held on July 26th in the fellowship hall. Debbie Lammle will lead the meeting, informing the group of what was discussed at the board meeting at Camp Cilca on July 15th.

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
5/25	76	6	21
6/1	70	3	13
6/8	70	4	14
6/15	63	3	10
6/22	59	3	10
6/29	n/a	n/a	n/a

July Altar Guild

Susan Martin

Acolytes

July 6.....Cheyenne Zimmerman
 July 13.....Hannah Duncan
 July 20.....Kenzie Delaney
 July 27.....Ryan McPike

July Birthdays

Ryan Lammle.....07-02
 Jessica Poppe.....07-03
 Joshua Poppe.....07-03
 Jerry Edwards.....07-05
 MacKenzie Delaney.....07-06
 Weston Hasty.....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
 Nikki and Rob Gallier.....07-24-1999
 Nicole and Jesse Johnson.....07-28-2007

Elder Schedule

Bill	April	July	Oct
Jim	May	Sept	Jan
Steve	Feb	August	Nov
Neil	March	June	Dec

***God Bless
America!***