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Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

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Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His
benefits.

Psalm 103:2

Church Council Minutes

July 2, 2014

(Abridged Edition)

6 members, plus Pastor McPike, attended the monthly council meeting held on July 2, in the fellowship hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance as \$61,165.05. The July mission giving project was approved for Pastor Peter Kolb from the Altamont area who is raising money to start his missionary work. The August mission giving project was approved for Orphan Grain Train, specifically for the Pilger, Nebraska area which was damaged by tornadoes in June.

Pastor McPike reported on the status of summer vicar, Kurt Cockran. Pastor Deen will fill in for two Sundays in August. There has not been a formal financial agreement set up with Pastor Deen at this time.

Beth Bidner reported on the update of Vacation Bible School. She had to order craft supplies from two different suppliers. The offering from VBS will go to Salt and Light in Champaign. The float in the Bellflower parade will advertise VBS. The children will give a short program on Sunday, July 20th, during the worship service.

Jeff Warsaw gave the trustees report. Chief Bauer has us scheduled for the duct work. The church sign on Route #54 was been fixed. After the tuck pointing is complete, the ceiling fans will need to be cleaned so maybe at this time we need to consider buying new ones which have a reverse option to circulate the air better.

Chairman Hardesty gave the update on the tuck pointing project. There will be an additional cost for the matching bricks that were needed for the columns where there was so much water damage.

Pastor led the report on the internet installation. He met with the internet provider last month. There does not seem to be a signal to the fellowship hall due to many trees. One option was to install a 2 inch pipe to the top of a pole by the railroad to get a height that would receive the signal. However since this is railroad property, we would have to ask permission. The other option is to install a pole on our property if there is a place where a signal can be received. Pastor has the equipment to get it installed to our buildings once we get a signal. However, since this delay, it will not be available for Vacation Bible School.

In new business, it was discussed that the new acolytes from the upcoming Confirmation Class need to be trained in September since we do not have many acolytes for the worship services. The council gave the approval for the curtains to be removed at the back of the church under the balcony. It was also suggested that we have a thank you printed from our church to send to the families that donate memorial money. It was approved to purchase a case for the new lap top computer.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Quarterly Church Council Minutes

July 6, 2014

(Abridged Edition)

36 voting members attended the quarterly voter's meeting held on July 6, 2014, after the regular worship service.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance as being \$61,165.05 at the end of June.

Pastor McPike elaborated on the presence of our church in the Bellflower area. If you use the Google search engine you can find our church listed as well as the directions. The advertising budget is being used to put ads in the local papers. Pastor then explained that our summer vicar, Kurt Cockran, has asked for extension of time off due to personal circumstances. The council has made adjustments in his salary. Pastor Deen will be coming back on board in August for 2 Sundays a month.

Chairman Hardesty then updated the congregation on the tuck point project. They should be wrapping things up in two weeks. There was tremendous amount of damage done to the columns where the bricks absorbed the moisture. They used some of our extra bricks but had to purchase new bricks. After the columns are reconstructed, they still need to acid wash and seal the windows. Chairman Hardesty asked for a motion not to exceed \$1000 to finish the project. Diana Zimmerman made the motion and Darryl Redding seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The contractor once again stressed the importance of guttering. As soon as the tuck pointing is complete, Dalton Seamless Guttering is ready to begin the next phase of the project. Dick Johnson will work with them getting the fascia boards completed. Dick will also install the lentil and the seal for the window in the annex.

The duct work for the cold air returns has been scheduled with Chief Bauer. The road signs advertising our church have been repaired. Some of them are located off the side of the road so far that they are easily missed.

The missing church key has been located. John Gercken suggested looking into an electronic code entry with a single code so that you do not have to change it. The cost of these will be researched before we agree to go with that method.

Chairman Hardesty then explained the steps that have been taken to acquire internet for the church and hall. The trees seem to be blocking the signal coming into the hall so the Data Net provider did not recommend his service for a weak signal. We are in the process of investigating if we can install our own pole on the church property to get the height that we need to clear the obstructions. The process has been delayed but hopefully not forgotten.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

With Deepest Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Mike Hendricks who was called to his heavenly home on July 14. His funeral service was held at Immanuel on Friday, July 18. Mike had been a Sunday school teacher, youth group leader and had held many offices on the church council. Mike's church family will miss him greatly. May our loving Lord grant comfort and peace to all those who mourn.

Thrivent News

The total received from Thrivent Choice to our church last month was \$425. We thank the following members who directed Choice Dollars to our church: Jeri Bidner, Doug & Carolyn Majercin, Wilma Grussing, John Grussing, Terri Hooker, Butch & Shirley Sprau, David & Sharon McPike, Kim Clemmons, Connie Warsaw, Bill Amdor, Allen Grussing, Marge Morrissey, Darryl Redding, Brenda & Mike Hendricks and Greg McCleary. Most of this (\$380) was a result of the Direct Now...Add \$20 campaign.

Thrivent Brat Fest

The McLean County Thrivent Brat Fest will be held on Sunday, August 24, from 4 - 6 pm at Tri-Lakes Banquet Facilities at 2100 S. Bunn Street, Bloomington, Illinois. We will need 5 volunteers to work a 30 min. shift starting at 4:30. Please let Connie Warsaw or Terri Hooker know if you can help work. Join your fellow Thrivent members for burgers and brats with some fixings and some fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child

The Sunday school children will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. We are going to request \$400 from Thrivent, but we would like each child to bring 2 boxes of crayons. We are making this request now while school supplies are on sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing other school supplies for the boxes, that would be a big help. Other items needed are pens, pencils, sharpeners, markers, scissors, etc.

Save the Date

There will be a benefit for Austin Miller on October 18th at the American Legion in Farmer City. Watch for more information.



Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Grimmer

Daniel Grimmer and Christine Schotte were united in marriage on July 26, 2014 at the Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary. Dan was our 2012 summer student and will be in his fourth year at the seminary. He will graduate in May and receive his call to serve a church. We wish them God's blessings.

Fellowship Club!

Come and join us for fellowship club on Sunday, August 17th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. We will have a light supper and recognize the July, August, and September birthdays. The main event of the evening will be the program presented by Erik Henriksen who will speak about his Winter Olympics experiences. The evening will conclude with some mini-Olympic games for the young and the "not so young"! So bring your family and friends to the cool Osman Olympic Arena on Sunday, August 17th!

Thank You!

Thank you from the Hendricks family! Thank you so much to all of the members of Mike's church family that have offered condolences in so many ways in the past weeks. Thank you for all of the beautiful cards and flowers, the generous memorials, the delicious food, the heartfelt prayers, and the many conversations. Thank you to Pastor McPike, Vicar Cockran, Alicia Haggin, and Scott Gercken for making Mike's funeral service so meaningful. Thank you to the Ladies Aid and all those who donated food and cooked the delicious meal for our family and friends. May we all gather together some day in the heavenly realms of our beautiful Savior! God's blessings to all of you.

Brenda, Brant and Becki, Amber, Jamie

LWML News

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the baby bottle collection for Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center. We **collected \$461. What a great response! This program helps share** Christ's love with mothers and babies both born and unborn. Thanks to our entire congregation for helping with this outreach program.

Mark your calendars to attend the Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally to be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Milford, on September 18th. Cost is \$10 and reservations have to be in by September 11th. Please let Brenda Hendricks know if you are planning on attending. Watch for more details in the September newsletter.

Anyone interested in attending the 2014 LWML-CID Fall Retreat at Camp Cilca? You will have the great opportunity to hear Jan Wendorf, past national LWML president speak on her mission experiences abroad. We will lodge in the Christian Growth Center. The registration for both days is \$65, Saturday only is \$40. These prices are only good until August 20. More information is on the back bulletin board. If you are interested, please see Brenda Hendricks.

Please place your old Lutheran Witnesses, My Devotion books, Portals of Prayer, or Bibles in the box on the elder's pew. These items will be used in prison ministry.

Quilting

The ladies will be quilting on Thursday, August 7th and Saturday, August 9th starting at 8 a.m. each day. We have completed over 80 quilts. There have been some very beautiful quilts made this year. Some of them will be on display on LWML Sunday in October. Please consider joining us for a morning of good fellowship while helping out those in need.

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10th at the Bellflower Pavilion. The worship service will start at 10 AM. It will be followed by a potluck dinner and games for all ages. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Invite a friend for this fun-filled event.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Gangway to Galilee - VBS

The smiling faces of the Sunday School children during the Sunday morning service on July 20th tells it all! The small but mighty group attended VBS at Immanuel Osman, beginning with a cook-out on July 13th. The theme for the week was "Gangway to Galilee", and each day the children participated in skits with the setting near the Sea of Galilee. They witnessed Jesus miraculous events when He filled the disciples' nets with a "boat load" of fish. The scene of one other story was on the shore near the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus fed the disciples with bread and fish. The children loved dressing up like the characters in the Bible lesson. They experienced the love of our Lord Jesus Christ through up-beat songs, skits, and crafts. A great learning experience was provided by the talented staff at Immanuel Osman! **Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible!**



Church Cleaning

Mark your calendars now to help with the church cleaning on Saturday, September 13th. The date was set a little later this year to make sure that the tuck pointing project was completed. All ages are welcome!

Annual Ladies Aid Luncheon!

The Ladies Aid will meet for their annual luncheon at 12 noon on Wednesday, August 6th at the Lost In Time restaurant in Fairbury. Lost In Time is located at 200 E. Locust St. and features a restaurant, bakery and retail store. There are also numerous antique stores in Fairbury to shop in after lunch. The luncheon will be in place of the regular monthly Ladies Aid meeting, and all ladies of the church and their guests are welcome. If you are interested in this annual fun event, please sign up on the back bulletin board.



Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
6/29	60	3	16
7/06	72	5	17
7/13	54	2	9
7/20	71	7	24
7/27	66	1	11

Altar Guild

Susan Martin

Shut in Visits

Thank you to Karen Bryan and Debbie Lammle for visiting our shut-ins during the month of July.



August Birthdays

Dorothy Welborn.....08-06
 Jamie Hendricks.....08-07
 Sue VanWakeman.....08-07
 Linnea Warsaw.....08-08
 Annette Warsaw.....08-09
 Carole Warsaw.....08-09
 Pam Christians.....08-24
 Butch Sprau.....08-25
 Ross Warsaw.....08-26
 Sarah Kerns.....08-28
 Jill Hardesty.....08-29
 John Lammle.....08-29
 Kari Genzel.....08-29
 William Delaney.....08-30



August Anniversaries

Kathy and Phil Brendel.....08-02-1985
 Julia and Larry Camp.....08-08-1976
 Carolyn and Doug Majercin.....08-08-1981
 Cindy and Shane Zimmerman.....08-08-1998
 Agnes and Carol Martinie.....08-17-1996
 Tiffani and Brad Lutz.....08-25-2001
 Diana and Bob Zimmerman.....08-26-1967

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Elder Schedule

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