

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

Reverend Keffie Deen II

October 2014

And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:20

Church Council Minutes

September 2, 2014

(Abridged Edition)

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

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance as \$70,727.14 as of the end of August. Jeff Warsaw made the motion to give our monthly mission money to the National Olympic Organization for September, The Mahomet School District food program for October, the Blue Ridge School District back pack program for November, and the Fisher food pantry for December. Neil seconded and the motion passed.

Pastor McPike requested that the signup sheet for the council officers that are needed for 2015 be posted on the back bulletin board in October. He announced that Christian Education Sunday would be celebrated the Sunday after Labor Day weekend. He outlined the schedule for the confirmands with class beginning on September 14. He also announced that Osman would be hosting the circuit pastor's conference on the following Tuesday with the worship service beginning at 9 AM. The social committee would be serving coffee and breakfast food and also lunch.

Beth has ordered and received the ABCs of Faith book for the Sunday School children for promotion Sunday. She has also received the Christmas program material.

Jeff Warsaw reported that there were about 25 bricks left from the tuck pointing project. As soon as the rain cleans them off, they will be stored in the storage shed. John Gercken worked on the receptacle in the annex and installed it above the counter top so that it is easier to plug in the copier and folding

machine. Jeff is going to contact Chief Bauer about how loud the intake vent in the back of the church is. If they cannot correct the problem, the council gave approval to seek a second opinion. Discussion followed about not being able to hear the service in the back of the church. Under the balcony there is only one speaker in the center so the council approved the purchase of 3 speakers which is one for each section under the balcony.

In old business, Chairman Hardesty thanked Jeff and Donnie Warsaw, Bob Zimmerman, and Pastor McPike for their work on installing the internet. He also thanked Nick Haggin for donating materials for the project. The tuck pointing project was completed to our satisfaction and the new window has been installed in the annex. Now Dick Johnson and Donnie Warsaw will work on the fascia boards and then the guttering will follow to complete the project.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hendricks

Secretary

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5th, after the regular worship service. If you are 18 years old, please sign the constitution so that you can become a voting member to make decisions on church business.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Officers Needed!

There are several positions available on the council board which will be elected at the annual quarterly voters meeting in January. Please sign the sheet on the back bulletin board if you are interested in serving a term on the council. We are in need of a treasurer, secretary, 2 elders, a trustee, an assistant financial secretary, an assistant Sunday School superintendent, and a head usher. Please consider using your God given talents to serve your church.

LWML

The LWML met on September 11, 2014, with 11 members present. Connie Warsaw gave the topic entitled "Praising God When He Seems Quiet" based on Psalm 145. Correspondence was read from Vicar Kurt Cockran updating us on his wedding and his education in England. LWML Sunday will be October 12th. Several members volunteered to help with the service that day, and it was decided to sing "Praise, Love, Serve" a song based on the LWML Pledge. It was voted to send LWR \$100 this year to help with shipping expenses on quilts. Thanks to Deb Martin and Brenda Edwards for being our hostesses. Our next meeting will be December 11th. Wilma Grussing will be our topic leader and Deb Lammle and Agnes Martinie will be our hostesses.

LWML Fall Retreat

Debbie Lammle, Connie Warsaw, Barb Gaines, and Brenda Hendricks attended the Danville Zone Fall Rally held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford, on September 18th. The speaker was Mr. Joel Moritz who spoke on his opportunities that the Lutheran Church Charities has given him with the use of comfort dogs. Luther, one of the comfort dogs sat in the aisle and was a very good listener. In the afternoon Pastor Mark Peters gave the devotion on "Live Forgiven, Live Forgiving" from Colossians 3:12 a and 13b. Deb Lammle, Danville Zone President, presided over the meeting. Brenda Hendricks gave the invitation for the next fall rally which will be held in Osman. A nice meal and fellowship was enjoyed with our sisters in Christ.

Quilting

The ladies will meet again on Thursday, October 2, at 8 AM to organize the quilting totes and the storage closet in the hall. 106 quilts have been made so far this year to be given to Lutheran World Relief. They will be delivered to Gibson City at the end of October to be picked up by a semi-truck to be delivered to a warehouse. They will be distributed as the need arrives from these warehouses. They will be displayed on the back of the pews the first three Sundays in October.

LWML Sunday

"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God". (Ephesians 5:2). Our congregation will have the opportunity to join together in worship under the theme, "Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings" in observance of LWML Sunday on October 12. The author of the service is Rev. Victor Belton, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, in Decatur, Georgia, who was the proclaimer at the National Convention in Pittsburgh. Our LWML ladies look forward to a special time of sharing with you the exciting missions of the LWML - God's ministry around the world through mites, service, prayer, and Christian fellowship. Our ladies will be greeters, ushers, singers, and readers for the service that day.

Church Cleaning

The annual church cleaning was scheduled on September 13. The crew cleaned all of the wood in the church including the balcony and the altar, vacuumed the pew cushions, cleaned the bathrooms, and cleaned the annex. This crew included Butch and Shirley Sprau, Bob and Diana Zimmerman, Don and Connie Warsaw, Arnita Zimmerman, Debbie Lammle, and Susan Martin. We thank all of these members for their time and efforts.

Our Sympathy!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Marvin Heinze. He was taken from this earthly life on Saturday, September 13, and his funeral was conducted by Pastor McPike at Osman on Saturday, September 20. May our loving heavenly Father grant comfort and peace to those who mourn.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes with Debbie Lammle have started every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM. The students in the class are Will Delaney, Mitchell Gallier and Tyler Duncan. Beginning Sunday, September 28th, the class will meet with Pastor McPike after church in the fellowship hall. A light lunch will be provided. The schedule for the once a month class with Pastor McPike will be posted in upcoming bulletins.

Harvest Breakfast!

The Youth Group will be serving a free-will donation breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd. Stay tuned for more details!



Our Pastors

Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes,
And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,
And on your knees, given thanks to God?

Have you ever told him thank you,
For being there, when times are tough,
For comforting words and fervent prayers
When trials come and the storms of life are rough?

He answers our calls in the middle of the night
And tells us not to worry, for he will be there.
He gives up his comfort of quiet rest
And comes with prayers of comfort to share.

Have you ever thought to say thank you Pastor,
For preaching God's word to help us understand,
For all the times he has asked for things
That will lend us a helping hand?

When you pray, put him at the top of the list
And ask the Lord to surround him with loving care,
To give him strength and walk with him,
To help him with the burdens that he must bear.

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And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,
And on your knees, given thanks to God?

By Judy Crowe

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

THANKS to Pastor McPike and Pastor Deen for their service here at Immanuel Osman! To show our appreciation, **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** will be observed on Sunday, October 19th with cake and punch served in the Fellowship Hall after the church service. Hope to see you there!

Thrivent News

Thrivent members met after church on September 14th and decided to do a benefit soup supper for Austin Miller on Saturday, November 15th. A sign up sheet for food donations will be posted later in October on the back bulletin board. Watch the bulletin for more details.

In August the church received from Thrivent Choice Dollars \$218, and in September we received \$236. We thank the following people for designating Immanuel: Allen Grussing, John Grussing, Wilma Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Moneta and Bill McCleary, David and Sharon McPike, Jeffrey McPike, Butch and Shirley Sprau, and Connie Warsaw.

Mark your calendars now for the annual McLean County Thrivent meeting! On Sunday, November 9th, the annual meeting will be held at Shannon's Restaurant in Bloomington. Be informed about the projects, volunteer hours, the latest on Thrivent Choice Dollars and the changes that are coming to Thrivent while enjoying a great meal! There are several board positions available for the coming year, so if you are interested in filling any of these positions, please contact Connie Warsaw.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 PM. Debbie Lammle will have the topic and Connie Warsaw will have the devotion and serve refreshments. Roll call will be answered with a verse from 1 Corinthians.

Choir Practices!

There will be choir practices on THURSDAY, October 2nd and THURSDAY, October 23rd at 7:00 PM in the annex. Please come!



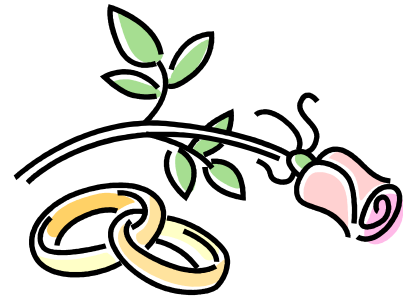
Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
8/24	59	2	11
8/31	69	3	17
9/07	78	7	17
9/14	77	7	7
9/21	71	n/a	n/a
9/28	n/a	n/a	n/a

October Anniversaries

Cindy and David Masko.....10-05-1985
 Barb and John Gercken.....10-09-1982
 Deborah and Dennis Martin.....10-10-1981
 Barb and Steve Gaines.....10-14-1978
 Moneta and Bill McCleary.....10-19-1946
 Theresa and Rick Wilson.....10-31-2005

Happy Anniversary!



October Birthdays

Tyler Duncan.....10-01
 Karen Brown.....10-01
 Bill Amdor.....10-03
 Jodi Stockle.....10-05
 Steve Martin.....10-07
 Eric Zimmerman.....10-08
 Dustin Peyton.....10-09
 John Gercken.....10-12
 Bill McCleary.....10-12
 Addison Warsaw.....10-12
 Rebecca Hendricks.....10-17
 Jordan Bidner.....10-19
 Greg Johnson.....10-19
 Greg Warsaw.....10-22
 Pastor Jeff McPike.....10-24
 Katherine Masko.....10-28
 Julianna Gercken.....10-31

Happy Birthday!



October Acolyte Schedule

October 5.....Tyler Duncan
 October 12.....Will Delaney
 October 19.....Mitchell Gallier
 October 26.....Tyler Duncan

October Altar Guild

Debbie Martin

Elder Schedule

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