

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

November 2014

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23, at 7 PM. There will NOT be a Thanksgiving Eve service this year. Come praise the Lord with thanksgiving for all that He has provided for you. There will be a potluck supper in the hall before the service.

Church Council Minutes

October 7, 2014

(Abridged Edition)

5 members, plus Pastor McPike, attended the monthly council meeting held on October 7, in the fellowship hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance as \$68,682.40 as of the end of September. The mission giving which was approved at the last monthly meeting goes to the Blue Ridge School District back pack program for November and the Fisher food pantry for December.

Pastor McPike reported that Confirmation has started on Sunday mornings. He meets with the students once a month after church in the hall. He requested that we add Communion to the Reformation service. He is investigating a voice mail service on our phone at the church which will allow more of a menu when people call the church. It will give the times of our services. It could also be set up so that Linda can have a voice mail box for people to leave messages about bulletin articles.

Beth reported that a partition in the door-

way in the hall is necessary to divide the noise level between the high school students and the Sunday School students. She suggested that the hayride and wiener roast be changed to a night when the students do not have school the next day. The chairman agreed to look at changing it to Columbus Day weekend for next year.

The problem with the door not shutting tightly in the annex was the next topic for discussion for the trustees. They are going to contact Pella who the door was purchased from for solutions. There is now a note posted to remind everyone to pull it tightly shut and lock it upon departing from the hall.

The old business started with the progress of the tuck-pointing project. The tuck-pointing is finished. The fascia boards are done where there is no guttering. The guttering should be started soon by Dalton Seamless Gutters from Mahomet. Then when guttering is complete, the remaining fascia boards will be finished.

In new business Chairman Hardesty outlined two furnace related jobs that still need to be completed. The gas regulator on the back of the church by the sidewalk needs to be moved closer to the building. The furnace pipes need to be moved higher in the furnace room so access to the west side of the furnace is possible.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks
Secretary

Church Council Officers Needed!

There are several positions available on the council board which will be elected at the January voters meeting. 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, a 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.

Quarterly Church Council Minutes

October 5, 2014

Abridged Edition

38 voting members attended the quarterly voters' meeting held on October 5, 2014, after the regular worship service.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance as being \$68,682.40 at the end of September. This balance reflected the payment for the tuck-pointing project but not the guttering.

Pastor McPike reported that Vicar Kurt Cockran concluded his summer vicarage with us. In January we will talk about if we want to continue with this summer vicar program. He thanked Bob Zimmerman for doing some sound system adjustments during the service so that the microphones and speakers enable the members that sit in the back to hear the service. Don Warsaw thanked Pastor McPike for his expertise in installing the internet in the church and hall. Chairman Hardesty then thanked the whole group that helped with the installation.

The welcome package for people moving into our communities has been investigated. At this time none of our communities deliver a package to new residents. We do have a tri-folded brochure that we wanted to add to these packages. Deb Lammle stated that we can put them in the Fisher Community Building. There are other places in our communities that we could place these brochures to advertise our church.

Chairman Hardesty reported that the tuck-pointing project is completed. We have the quote from Dalton Seamless Gutters from Mahomet to provide the guttering. The quote included new downspouts which we do not need so the quote will be adjusted. After harvest the remaining fascia boards will be installed. All the outside doors and windows that were previously

approved will be installed at that time.

Chairman Hardesty thanked the women for the beautiful quilts that decorated the church during October. He also thanked the members who cleaned the church in September. He reported that the sign-up sheet for the 2015 – 2016 council positions is posted on the back bulletin board. Please consider using your talents by serving on the council.

The handicapped seating was discussed. The two short pews in the back will be exchanged for the two long pews on the south front side to accommodate wheel chair bound attendees.

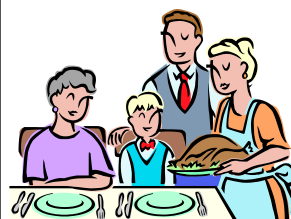
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks
Council Secretary

Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving Dinner



Mark your calendars for the 1st Thanksgiving Dinner at Immanuel Osman on November 23rd at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in attending the dinner, please sign-up on the bulletin board so an appropriate amount of food can be prepared. Following the meal, a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the church at 7 p.m. A second sign-up will be posted next week for those interested in helping with the meal by donating a salad or dessert.

Thrivent News
Soup Supper Benefit

We will be preparing a benefit soup supper on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. for Austin Miller from Farmer City. Austin was paralyzed from the waist down in a fall last year and faces a lifetime of special needs and treatment. Renovations to his home are necessary to allow for his wheelchair. The meal will be chili, potato soup, oyster soup, sandwiches and pie. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board for food donations, You do NOT have to be a Thrivent member to donate or help.

Annual Meeting

The annual McLean County Thrivent meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Shannon's Restaurant at 1305 S. Mercer Avenue in Bloomington. The program will start at 4 p.m. with a short business meeting and election of officers. Be informed about the projects, volunteer hours, Thrivent Choice dollars and changes in the Thrivent program. Please make your reservation by November 5th to either Deb Huber at dfhuber@illinois.edu or LaVon Schultz at 309-452-7190. Any Thrivent member is eligible to attend this meeting and it's FREE.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wilma Grussing will have the devotion and serve as hostess. Shirley Sprau will have the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse from 2 Corinthians. All ladies of the church are welcome.



Debbie Lammle with Comfort Dog Luther

LWML News
LWML Quilts!

Thanks to Terri Hooker for folding and boxing the quilts for Lutheran World Relief this week. She also attached a tracking label to each box so we can tell where our quilts went to help people in need. Thanks to Terri and Dwight Hooker for delivering them to Gibson City on Saturday, October 25th. 106 quilts and 2 blankets were packed in 14 boxes. Thanks to all the ladies who donated their time and talents to help make or assemble the quilts. We recorded over 850 volunteer hours for this effort. This is the most that our congregation has ever made. Great Job!

Danville Zone LWML President's Meeting

Thanks to Shirley Sprau for helping with refreshments at the LWML President's meeting held yesterday at Immanuel Osman Fellowship Hall. Debbie Lammle led the meeting for the 12 LWML Presidents in the Danville Zone. Pastor Gibbs from Our Savior, Milford, lead the devotion for the meeting. The group is planning a Christmas luncheon later this year, but won't meet at Osman again till next March.

Zone LWML Fall Rally

One of the favorite parts of the Zone LWML Fall Rally at Our Savior, Milford last September 18th was the Comfort Dog, Luther. Luther is one of 80 dogs in the US who bring mercy and compassion of Christ to those in need. In the last few years, Lutheran Church Charities and the K-9 Comfort Dogs have assisted after the Sandy Hook and Boston Bombing, Hurricane Sandy, the plant explosion in West Texas, Colorado fires and floods, and the tornado clean-up in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska, and South Wisconsin. The rewarding part of the K-9 Comfort Dog mission is changing scared faces to smiles just with the interaction between the dogs and those facing disaster. Everyone they come in contact with are thankful that the team comes out to listen and be that presence of Jesus in a time of hurt and fear. The ladies attending the Fall Rally saw this connection between Luther and a LWML member who had just lost her husband a few months earlier. It was obvious that the two bonded and Luther gave comfort to a person needing the love of Christ to help her through a difficult time. It's that unconditional love of the Comfort Dogs that bring the needed connection to Jesus Christ and His saving love.



Hayride and Wiener Roast

Thanks to several Immanuel Osman members for helping make the September 28th Hayride and Wiener Roast a big success. They include the Warsaw's for providing the trailer and straw for the hayride, Butch Sprau for driving the truck, Rick & Jill for providing sticks to roast the hot dogs, Darryl Redding for cooking the brats, Steve Martin for providing the wood for the fire, those who brought the delicious food, and all those who helped clean-up. We also appreciate Shirley Sprau, Diana Zimmerman, and Debbie Lammle for helping with the games and decorations!



Give Thanks!

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

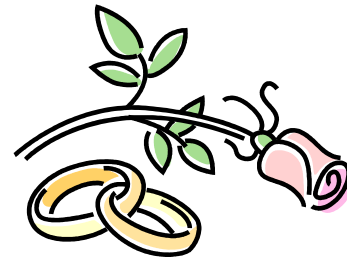
Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
9/21	71	3	13
9/28	60	3	12
10/5	65	4	15
10/12	65	5	10
10/19	66	5	11
10/26	n/a	n/a	n/a

November Anniversaries

Annette and Jeff Warsaw.....11-03-2001
 Stefani and Greg Warsaw.....11-16-2002
 Connie and John Grussing.....11-19-1999
 Kim and Marvin Clemmons.....11-21-1998
 Connie and Don Warsaw.....11-22-1969
 Anne and Bill Amdor.....11-26-1983

Happy Anniversary!



November Birthdays

Deb Peyton.....11-02
 Emily Grussing.....11-05
 Joni Reifsteck.....11-05
 Lee Whitehouse.....11-06
 Malachi Johnson.....11-10
 Esther Lutz.....11-10
 Karen Bryan.....11-11
 Brent Lutz.....11-11
 Randy Zimmerman.....11-13
 Steve Warsaw.....11-14
 Dwight Hooker.....11-15
 Rick Hardesty.....11-16
 Mary Beth Duncan.....11-19
 Agnes Martinie.....11-22
 Nick Forrest.....11-24
 Jenna Clemmons.....11-25
 Bill Forrest.....11-25
 Julia Camp.....11-30



Acolyte Schedule

November 2.....Will Delaney
 November 9.....Tyler Duncan
 November 16.....Mitchell Gallier
 November 23.....Will Delaney
 November 30.....Mitchell Gallier

November Altar Guild

Debbie Lammle
 Shirley Sprau

Elder Schedule

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