

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

942 Grape Avenue, Fisher, IL 61843-8512

(217) 897-6170

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

Reverend Keffie Deen II

Incline your ear, and come to Me;
hear, that your soul may live.

October 2015

Isaiah 55:3

Osman Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 5, 2015

The Osman Lutheran Church Council met for its monthly meeting on August 5, 2015. Those present were Rick Hardesty, Debbie Lammle, Bob Zimmerman, Susie Martin, Diana Zimmerman, Steve Martin, Shane Zimmerman, Jeff Warsaw, Connie Warsaw, and Pastor McPike. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardesty. Pastor McPike's devotion was from Psalm 145: 10-21, followed by prayer. Debbie Lammle read the minutes from the July meeting. Diana Zimmerman made a motion to approve; Connie Warsaw seconded; motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by Bob Zimmerman, with a balance in the treasury of \$82,507.64. Connie Warsaw made a motion to approve; Shane Zimmerman seconded; motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor began his report directing several thank yous to the congregation for their support and generous contributions, VBS staff for a great job, and to the Gerckens for transporting Sara during the week of Bible School. Pastor stated we would not publicize the key code for the locks on the church and hall. He suggested having an Octoberfest celebration on October 25th to commemorate the Reformation. Pastor McPike also informed the council that the laminated cards explaining Holy Communion were ordered. General discussion continued on church security.

Christian Education Sunday will be celebrated on August 30th during the church service. Communion will be celebrated on the third and fourth Sundays in August.

Debbie Lammle reported that there will be two students continuing their second year of confirmation instruction - Will Delaney and Mitchell Gallier. Pastor

McPike will meet with the class once a month after church.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Connie Warsaw reported that the VBS was a huge success this past summer.

Old Business:

Chairman Hardesty informed the council that Lee Whitehouse confirmed that running the fans continually lowers the temperatures in the church.

Lee Whitehouse installed combination locks on the back door of the church and side door of the fellowship hall. A verbal announcement of the code to unlock the doors will be made multiple times during church. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin to call a council member anytime you forget the code and are unable to enter the buildings. (Labeled keys are located in the same place as before) Bob Zimmerman will look into keying all three doors the same.

Chairman Hardesty thanked Bob Zimmerman for running the microphone wiring and placing a shelf in the sacristy off the pastor's office. Discussion was held about the need for a higher quality receiver. Glass instead of plastic inserts is now being used in the eternal flame. A possible oil filled eternal flame candle might be considered and purchased from memorial money.

Discussion was held concerning hiring an electrician to make sure all devices in the church and fellowship hall are grounded appropriately.

Dick Johnson completed the balcony trim around the lights. Discussion was held concerning a new wheel chair ramp for the east door to the annex. Further discussion included extending the deck on the ramp and an electric door opener. Sidewalk replacement was also mentioned.

Chairman Hardesty asked for an update on the plans

for the upcoming church picnic. Debbie Lammle reported that all details were covered by the Ladies Aid.

The possible 125th Centennial Celebration was then discussed. It was suggested that three members be involved on the Steering Committee, with the Church Council in control of the entire event. Discussion followed with ideas for possible steering committee members.

Connie Warsaw suggested getting a baby gift for our organist, Alicia Haggin. The council approved the idea. Connie Warsaw was asked to purchase the gift card.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Lammle



Osman Wi-Fi

The Osman Wi-Fi code for "OsmanChurch(public)" is "romans1017".

"Worship for Shut-ins"

Know someone who can't get to church? Lutheran Ministries from Concordia Theological Seminary produces "Worship for Shut-ins". It airs locally on WCIX-49 Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM.



Thrivent News

In September the church received from Thrivent Choice Dollars \$209. We thank the following people for designating Immanuel: William Amdor, David and Sharon McPike.

Each Thrivent member can do two Action Team projects a year. Go to Thrivent.com/actionteam to apply. Within five business days you'll learn if your project is approved. If it is, you'll receive resources - including T-shirts and seed money (up to \$250 on a debit card) to help you get started. The projects can be fundraisers, one-time service activities or educational events - that can be completed within 90 days. You have to use the debit card to pay for expenses and there is no matching funds from Thrivent. If you have any questions, please ask Brenda Hendricks, Terri Hooker or Connie Warsaw.

Ladies Aid!

The Ladies Aid will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Shirley Sprau will have the devotion and prayer and serve as hostess. Brenda Hendricks will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on Gossip. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

Choir Practice

Our first choir practice will be Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 PM. Please come and practice for Reformation and All Saints Sundays.

Reformationfest and Pastor Appreciation Event:

Mark your calendars NOW for a great event to commemorate the Reformation and at the same time show how much we appreciate our pastors. Everyone is invited to an evening of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall on **October 25th at 5pm**. The menu will be German food, including brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and Pastor's great strudel. Entertainment that helps us learn more about Martin Luther will be provided. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Annual Harvest Breakfast

Help the Youth and enjoy a GREAT BREAKFAST! The Annual Harvest Breakfast will be Nov. 1 after church in the Fellowship Hall. (The proceeds from this event will help the youth pay for next year's Youth Gathering.)

Other Important Dates:

Church Council Meeting: October 7th, 7pm
Voter's Meeting: October 11th after church
LWML Zone President's meeting - October 31st, 9:30am at Immanuel Osman.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Pastor McPike for the special prayers in our honor. Thank you to Tiffani Lutz, Diana Zimmerman and Shirley Sprau for coordinating the open house for us. We also wanted to thank everyone who helped prepare all of the fabulous food, beautiful decorations and the numerous people that participated in cleaning up. We are so blessed and thankful for those that attended the open house and for the wonderful cards and prayers. A special thanks to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman for the use of the fellowship hall.

Larry & Esther Lutz

Pastor McPike and Pastor Deen:

Immanuel Osman Appreciates You!

God's Instrument:

I see the hands that hold God's word
And fold in prayer to seek His will.
I see the feet that walk the path
And offers of praise as from lofty hill.

I see the hands that serve Him well,
The ears that seek to hear His call,
The mouth that speaks truth and wisdom,
The busy feet that carry the message to all.

I see the heart that was pricked and entered
When God's man answered the Gospel call
And yielded His life as a humble servant,
A man who is willing, as was Apostle Paul.

I see all of this as he stands in the pulpit,
An instrument through which God speaks
The words of wisdom, of love and peace,
To lead and guide all those whom God seeks.
By Judy Crowe

To Our Pastors

Our God has sent you to this place
To lead us in the way
That He would have us work and think
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whatever the need,
You go the extra mile,
Always ready and willing to share
A comforting thought and a smile.

We're grateful that you're here with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
In service of our Lord.

We thank you for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.
His greatest blessings for your life
Is our most humble prayer.

Author Unknown



Thank You!

Thank you for all the cards and gifts to celebrate the birth of our baby Rita. We really appreciate everything. You are all too kind!

The Haggin Family

Thank You!

Thanks to Barb Gaines and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Thank You!

Thank you to Pastor McPike and my church family for your visits, prayers, cards, notes, phone calls, emails and well wishes while I was healing from surgery. Linda

Thank You!

A special THANK YOU to Brenda Hendricks for preparing the bulletins while I was in the hospital and recovering from surgery. Brenda, you did a great job, and it was very much appreciated! Linda

Thank You!

Thank you to Connie Warsaw for helping me fold the bulletins on Friday, September 25th. Linda

Thank You!

Some of my closest friends have remarked that I have the best cousins in the world. YES, I certainly do! It's a humbling experience to witness the "Warsaw Rescue Squad" in action. THANK YOU Don, Connie, Steve, and Marsha, for not listening to me on August 30, driving like maniacs, showing up in record time, taking me to ER against protest and argument, and putting up with my surly attitude during a painful recovery. You are simply the best, and a huge blessing in my life! Linda

LWML NEWS

LWML RALLY

Immanuel Osman hosted the fall Danville Zone rally on Thursday, September 17th. 53 members and guests enjoyed a day of studying the Bible, singing, listening to a speaker, engaging in a business meeting, and eating! The Bible study based on the theme, "Go Ye, Means Me" was led by Pastor Becker from Strasburg. The speaker was Karen Ruhlig who shared her experiences teaching Vacation Bible School in Poland. Deb Lammle, Danville Zone President, presided over the business meeting where she was re-elected as president. Our ladies served a delicious coffee hour and a lunch under the direction of the food committee. Our hall was decorated with the traditional colors of LWML, purple and yellow, by the decorating committee. A skit was performed by four of our "academy award" actresses! Thank you to all the Osman ladies that served on committees and donated many volunteer hours preparing for the rally. Thank you also to Pastor McPike for leading the opening devotion and Alicia Haggin for being our accompanist for this event.

LWML SUNDAY

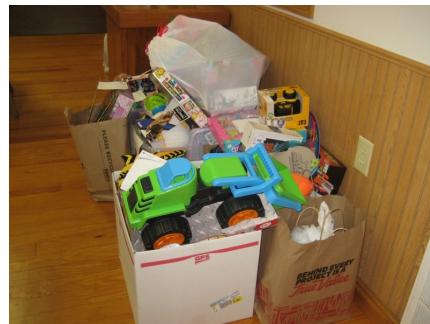
LWML Sunday will be celebrated in the worship service on Sunday, October 11. The women of the LWML invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the body of Christ under the theme, "Seek First the Kingdom of God". Join us and learn how the Lord has worked through the LWML in bringing the lost and erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry. The quilts that the ladies have made will be displayed on the pews until that Sunday. Our ladies will be greeters, ushers, singers, and readers for the service that day.

LWML MEETING

The LWML met on September 10 with 15 members present. The four ladies that attended the national convention in Des Moines in June (Barb Gaines, Brenda Hendricks, Terri Hooker, and Deb Lammle) showed a power point and told of their experiences for the topic. Correspondence from Vicar Jonathan Scheck was read. The ladies decided to quilt in October and November, but not in December. Final preparations for the fall rally were discussed. Folders were assembled for the registration table.

LWML Sunday will be October 11th. Several members volunteered to help with the service that day, and it was decided to sing "Seek Ye First" to go along with the theme. Committees were set up to organize the hayride and wiener roast. It was voted to

send LWR \$150 this year to help with shipping expenses on quilts. Thanks to Marsha Warsaw and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken for being our hostesses. Our next meeting will be December 10th when secret pals will be disclosed and election of officers will take place. Shirley Sprau will have the topic for the December meeting and Annette Warsaw, Sue Van Wakeman, and Brenda Hendricks will be the hostesses.



123 Toys Collected at the LWML Fall Rally for Salt and Light Ministries



Front: (L-R): Debbie Lammle-LWML Zone Pres, Seiri Schippert-Zone Sec/Treas, Dianne Estes-Zone V.Pres, Karen Ruhlig-Rally speaker, Jan Bundy-Dist. V. Pres. Mission Advocacy.
Back: Pastor Stephen Becker-Zone Counselor, Sheila Lutz-Dist V. Pres. Christian Life, Pastor Karl Gibbs-LWML Zone Counselor.

QUILTING

The ladies will meet again on Thursday, October 1st and Saturday, October 3rd at 8 AM to quilt. 112 (unofficial count) 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 to be taken to a warehouse. They will be distributed as the need arises from these warehouses. Some of the quilts are displayed on the back of the pews and will remain there until LWML Sunday on October 11th. The ladies are also working on pillowcase dresses to be shipped to either Haiti or Africa for girls in need of clothing.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
8/23	64	2	8
8/30	65	6	8
9/6	71	4	13
9/13	57	4	16
9/20	76	5	15
9/27	54	n/a	n/a

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
 Wiley Hasty.....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



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



Elder Schedule

Steve	Jan	Aug	Nov
Neil	Feb	May	Sept
Shane	Mar	June	Dec
Aaron	Apr	July	Oct