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Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 7, 2015

The Osman Lutheran Church Council held its monthly meeting on October 7, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall with eight members present. Those attending were Lee Whitehouse, Steve Martin, Susie Martin, Diana Zimmerman, Bob Zimmerman, Debbie Lammle, Rick Hardesty, and Pastor McPike. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardesty, followed by devotion by Pastor McPike. The Secretary's minutes were read by Debbie Lammle. Lee Whitehouse made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Zimmerman seconded; motion carried. Bob Zimmerman read the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$84,560.59. Steve Martin made the motion to accept the report, Debbie Lammle seconded, motion carried. The monthly Mission giving project was given to the Fisher Food Pantry.

Pastor's Report

Pastor McPike announced that David and Sara Kunde transferred to Immanuel Osman from Faith Lutheran, Monticello. Pastor Deen is filling in at Immanuel Loda, during Pastor Allen's illness. Brenda Hendricks was thanked for filling in during Linda Warsaw's absence. It was then discussed buying Microsoft Publisher for the church. A text message will be sent on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am to everyone who signed up for notices on their cell phone. Pastor McPike will be gone on the second Sunday in November.

Old Business

Discussion was held on the following topics: Ceiling fans, updating wiring, condition of bell tower, cleaning mold at the top of the church, seal on the refrigerator, new leaf blower with an approximate cost of \$150, constant air movement decreasing the running of the furnace/air conditioner, temperature sensors on new

fans, maintenance agreements on furnaces and air conditioners in both buildings, furnace filters changed quarterly, disposing of old windows, another bid on new speakers, and hanging of fire extinguishers.

Three new windows, that had been approved at a past voter's meeting, were purchased and put in the annex and Pastor's office. Chairman Hardesty thanked Dick Johnson, Steve Martin, and John Lammle for completing this project.

New Business

A sign-up for new officers for 2016-17 will be placed on the bulletin board in the church. The positions open for next year include Chairman, two elders, one trustee, Assistant Finance, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and Head Usher. Men and women can hold most positions, except elder.

Chairman Hardesty told the council members to be thinking about the budget, which needs to be in place by the December newsletter. It was discussed to budget for the ramp on the south east corner of the church.

Chairman Hardesty then stated that members may bring their favorite German beverage to the Reformation Fest and Pastor Appreciation Event on October 25th. He will explain this to the congregation at the Voter's Meeting.

Lee Whitehouse offered to plow snow around the church this winter, with Steve Martin on stand-by. Lee Whitehouse will make adjustments on the mowing schedule, as some members have asked to be removed from the list. Trustees will make the decision if services will be called off due to inclement weather.

The council agreed that Brenda Hendricks should get the bulletins for LWML Sunday copied from an outside source, because of a problem with the church copier.

Discussion was then held on the video camera in the church. It was decided that viewing the video pictures would be password protected. The council approved an

outside video camera on the southwest corner of the church.

Pastor McPike stated that the Sadorus Lutheran Church pastor invited our youth to accompany them to the National Youth Gathering next year. The council was also informed that Annie Downey (sister of Nikki Gallier and Christie Delaney) was willing to be Youth Leader for the Immanuel Osman Youth at next year's event.

The News Gazette needs details for our Christmas service by December 11th. The Thanksgiving Meal and Service will again be held the Sunday before Thanksgiving at Immanuel Osman. Chairman Hardesty asked Debbie Lammle, Shirley Sprau, and Diana Zimmerman to plan the event.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Advent Soup Supper / Advent Service

The Advent Soup Supper will be December 2 at 5:30, followed by the Advent Service at 7pm.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet in the fellowship hall on Monday, December 7 at 7pm.

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.

Ladies Aid!

The Ladies Aid will meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 2 in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas Luncheon. Husbands and guests are welcome. A short program will follow lunch. There will be an \$8.00 gift exchange.

Thrivent News

By directing Thrivent Choice dollars, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars. This month our congregation received \$344. Thank you to William Amdor, Allen Grussing, John Grussing, Wilma Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Moneta McCleary, Gerald & Shirley Sprau, Gene Welborn, Annette & Roy Whitehouse and Barbara Whitehouse-Gercken for their donations.

LWML

The LWML will meet on Thursday, December 10, in the fellowship hall at 7 PM. Shirley Sprau will have the topic, and Annette Warsaw, Sue VanWakeman, and Brenda Hendricks will be our hostesses. We will reveal our secret pals and draw names for the new year. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

Bellflower Community Christmas Cantata

The Bellflower Community Christmas Cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 6th at 7 PM. Come celebrate "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" presented by the Bellflower area singers. It is directed by Norm DeGraff and will be performed in the Bellflower Community Center. The story that goes with the music will be the perfect way to put you in the spirit of the joy of Christmas. There is no admission fee.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped the Ladies Aid by donating items for Christmas Care Packages for our college students. Packages were sent to Courtney Delaney, Sara McPike, Jordan Bidner, Gina Masko, Daniel Schuh, Jonathon Schuh, Sara Schuh, and our seminarian student, Jonathan Scheck. I'm sure they were greatly appreciated!



Thank You!

Thanks to Diana Zimmerman and Connie Warsaw for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Operation Christmas Child



On Sunday, November 8th, Megan Bidner, Jenna Clemmons, Reese Gallier, Jack Gallier, Mackenzie Delaney, and Cheyenne Zimmerman packed 24 plastic shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, and hygiene items for children that will have nothing to open on Christmas due to poverty or unrest. They also included materials and crafts that told about Jesus' love for them. Before packing the boxes, they watched the video clip entitled "Juan's Story" about a young man who received one of these boxes and the changes that it made in his life. This project is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Most of the supplies were purchased with two \$250 Action Team cards from Thrivent that were applied for by Terri Hooker and Brenda Hendricks. Thank you to our church members who also donated items in August for the boxes. This year we received many donated items which helped our money go farther. Thank you to Connie Warsaw, Joy Johnson, and Annette Warsaw for helping with this project. The boxes were taken to Gibson City where they were collected with over 300 boxes and shipped to warehouses across the United States and Canada to be shipped worldwide. The shipping for each box is \$7 which was covered by the Vacation Bible School offering and money from Thrivent Choice dollars.

Reformationfest and Pastor Appreciation

Seventy-five family, friends, and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman attended the Reformation Fest and Pastor Appreciation Event on October 25th at the Fellowship Hall. The meal was provided by Pastor McPike, Esther and Larry Lutz, Jill and Rick Hardesty, Darryl Redding, Debbie and John Lammle, Connie and Don Warsaw, Barb and John Gercken, and Brenda Hendricks. Both Pastors were presented a gift for their dedication and devotion to our church. The group was entertained by "Maria and Company", which included an accordion player, clarinetist, and bass guitar player. A trivia game was played concerning fun facts about Pastor McPike and Pastor Deen. A surprise visit from 16th century time travelers were next on the agenda. Thanks to Pastor McPike, Shane Zimmerman, and the confirmands, Will Delaney and Mitchell Gallier, the members at Osman learned several facts about Martin Luther. Alicia Haggin accompanied the choir as they sang the "Reformation Polka". Angi Deen read the answers to the trivia game and a prize was awarded to the winning team. Debbie Lammle concluded the evening with thank-yous to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. A free will offering was taken to help pay for the entertainment and food costs. "Maria and Company" continued by playing favorite songs such as "Edelweiss" as those present joined in song. By celebrating this very special occasion, we hope our members became closer to their German heritage!

Important Dates!

Decorating Church for Christmas-December 5;
1pm
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1pm
Advent Soup Supper- December 2nd; 5:30pm
Advent Service-December 2nd; 7pm
Christmas Eve Children's Service- December
24th; 7pm

Annual Harvest Breakfast

The annual Harvest Breakfast was held on November 1st at Immanuel Osman. Thanks to Nikki & Rob Gallier, Christie & Leonard Delaney, Beth & Neil Bidner, Kim & Marvin Clemmons, Annette & Jeff Warsaw, and Debbie & John Lammle for providing the food. Thanks to the youth for serving the delicious meal, and for all those who attended and gave a donation to help the youth attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year. Donations of \$345 were collected.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to donate a poinsettia to adorn the altar for Christmas, please sign-up on the bulletin board by **December 20th**. Watch the bulletins for more details later.



Will Delaney and Mitchell Gallier helping with the Harvest Breakfast



Members enjoying the delicious breakfast

Church Officers Needed!

Please prayerfully consider signing up for a church council office for the coming year. The offices up for election are Chairman, one trustee, two elders, assistant financial, assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and Head Usher. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. We hope that all the lines are filled in by our next Voter's Meeting on January 10, 2016.

LWML Danville Zone President's Meeting

Debbie Lammle, President of the LWML Danville Zone, led the President's meeting at Immanuel Osman on October 31st with a representative from nine different societies present. Several items were donated for the zone's "52 weeks of Giving Thanks" project which was given to "Salt and Light" ministries in Champaign. Other items were donated to be recycled and monies given for our CID LWML mission grants. As the ladies arrived for the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by Debbie Martin and Debbie Lammle. The meeting began with devotion and prayer by Pastor Karl Gibbs of Our Savior Milford. The minutes and treasurer's report had been emailed to the presidents prior to the meeting. They were approved as sent. The meeting continued with news from the district, and important dates shared. A reminder was given that society Record Sheets must be turned into Debbie Lammle by December 15th. A Christmas luncheon for all the presidents was planned for December 11th at the Paxton Tea Room. A district project for Cancer patients involves all societies bringing 200 of one designated item to be given to Phil's Friends at the CID LWML Convention at Jacksonville next April. The meeting concluded with each president sharing activities completed by their society. The next meeting will be in March at Our Savior Milford.



Unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11

WML 52 Weeks of Giving Thanks Project



Debbie Lammle donating the items from the LWML zone "52 Weeks of Giving Thanks" project to Salt and Light Ministries



Thank You!

A special thank you to everyone who donated toys and games for the ingathering during the LWML Fall Rally. These gifts were given to Salt and Light Ministries for their special week of Christmas celebration on December 7-12th. Our donations will help Salt and Light continue to serve the community with a model that provides access to basic needs without the loss of dignity. Your donations helped to create a real world opportunity to communicate God's love. Thanks again for helping put a smile on a child's face Christmas morning!

Thank You!

We would like to thank you and the LWML societies in your zone for the wonderful donations from your "52 Weeks of Giving Thanks" project. We truly appreciate your contributions and need them in order for our ministry to continue. God's blessings to you all.

Salt and Light Ministries



Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
10/25	66	5	17
11/1	76	5	13
11/8	55	4	10
11/15	60	3	12
11/22 AM	n/a	n/a	n/a
11/22 PM	n/a	--	--
11/29	n/a	n/a	n/a

December Birthdays

Larry Camp.....12-01
 Myron Zimmerman.....12-02
 Jonathon Schuh.....12-04
 David Hasty.....12-05
 David Brown.....12-08
 Deborah Martin.....12-09
 Darren Peyton.....12-12
 Barbara Reifsteck.....12-16
 Jerred Grussing.....12-17
 Alicia Haggin.....12-17
 Amber Hendricks.....12-17
 Connie Grussing.....12-18
 Wilma Forrest.....12-20
 Diana Zimmerman.....12-21
 Nathan Hooker.....12-25
 Deb Johnson.....12-28
 John Grussing.....12-31

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



December Anniversaries

Jodi and Jake Stockle.....12-04-1999
 Dorothy and Gene Welborn.....12-20-1953
 Martha and Darwin Warsaw.....12-31-1966



Elder Schedule

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