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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

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From the desk of Pastor McPike...



New Address

Pastor McPike's new mailing address is:

112 W. Jefferson St., Philo, IL 61864.

Phone number remains the same (217-903-4853).

Open House

Pastor and Sharon are hosting an open house at their home on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 2-5 PM.

Holy Week in Jesus Day and Now

Holy Week is the last week of the 40 day season of Lent and the week preceding Easter. In Holy Week we focus on the last week of Christ's life here on earth, remembering especially His Passion and Resurrection. Palm Sunday reminds us of the triumphal entry of

Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week—a high point of joy for Jesus and His followers. Jesus was fulfilling His Father's will, and His followers were welcoming Him to the Holy City. This day takes its name from the fact that as Jesus approached Jerusalem on a donkey, the huge crowd that followed carried palm branches as they praised Him as the long awaited Messiah! Here at Osman, we share the palm branches made into crosses by the Altar Guild. On Maundy Thursday, Jesus' disciples wondered at the institution of the Lord's Supper and His new commandment to love as He washed His disciple's feet. At the end of our Maundy Thursday service, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. This symbolizes Christ being stripped by the Roman soldiers prior to His crucifixion. Holy Communion will be celebrated with homemade bread and wine. Good Friday was a busy and sorrowful day. Judas came with the chief priests and soldiers to betray and arrest Jesus. He was tried and sentenced to death. Jesus was nailed to the cross at the "third hour" (about 9am) and died at about the ninth hour (3pm). His body was removed from the cross and rushed to burial in a nearby tomb before sundown and the beginning of the Passover Sabbath. Easter Sunday - when the women visited the tomb early on the third day, they were alarmed by the presence of the angel and the empty tomb which initially caused great fear, but then fear and sadness turned to joy. With the angelic proclamation "He is Risen", we rejoice along with Jesus' followers, for His crucifixion redeemed us from sin and His resurrection guarantees our own! "Hallelujah, He has Risen Indeed!" Our Easter celebration includes Holy Communion with homemade bread and wine. Easter breakfast will be served by the youth following the service.

by Debbie Lammle

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes

January 6, 2016

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman held their monthly Council meeting on January 6, 2016 with ten members present. Those attending were Rick Hardesty, Debbie Lammle, Bob Zimmerman, Susan Martin, Steve Martin, Diana Zimmerman, Lee Whitehouse, Jeff Warsaw, Connie Warsaw, and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with reading from Ephesians 3:1-12, followed by prayer. Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the minutes from the last meeting. Diana Zimmerman made a motion to approve, Connie Warsaw seconded, motion carried. Bob Zimmerman gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$83, 917.62. Steve Martin made a motion to approve, Lee Whitehouse seconded; motion carried. Treasurer Zimmerman thanked Chairman Hardesty who helped him set up a book-keeping spread sheet to make his job easier. He also informed the council that less kWh were used in 2015 than in 2014. Steve and Barb Gaines audited the Treasurer's books and gave their approval that all was correct. Susan Martin made a motion to give our monthly giving to Salvation Army Men's Shelter in Champaign; Jeff Warsaw seconded; motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor McPike thanked everyone for the gifts, cards, goodies, and all the expressions of appreciation he received at Christmas. Upcoming details: Pastor Ehler will fill in during the months of March and April when needed. Confirmation will be April 24th, with questioning on Feb. 24, March 2nd, 9th, and 16th (last four mid-week Lenten services).

Sunday School Superintendent Report:

Discussion began with compliments on the Children's Christmas Program by Chairman Hardesty and Pastor McPike. Connie Warsaw reported for Annette Warsaw in her absence. Connie mentioned she would use CPH materials for VBS, called "Barnyard Round-Up", and will order through the Christian Book Store.

Trustees Report:

Lee Whitehouse received bids for the materials needed of the wheelchair ramp project. The lumber expense for the complete deck is \$1196.78; the Polly decking cost (without wood structure) is \$2245.79. \$2500-\$3000 was the cost estimate for the door with an electric opener. (Quotes were obtained during an 11% discount sale on materials) Discussion then followed concerning the wheelchair ramp project, including adjoining sidewalks. Chairman Hardesty

stated that this project should be ADA compliant. It was suggested to table the topic, but give an overview at the Voter's Meeting the following Sunday. Champaign Mobility was suggested as a possible contact for a bid for the ramp. Lee Whitehouse will get the facts concerning compliancy and inform Chairman Hardesty of his findings. He also mentioned talking to Austin Miller, a member at Osman, to acquire his feelings about the project.

Bob Zimmerman made a motion to purchase a replacement flush valve for the urinal in the men's restroom in the church from JC's at the cost of \$250. Steve Martin seconded; motion carried. Jeff Warsaw will take care of this purchase.

Completed trustee issues discussed: measured for blinds for the four windows in the annex and Pastor's office at a cost of \$234 by Lee Whitehouse, replaced the outside light in the marquee at the front of the church by Lee Whitehouse; board replaced in the furnace in the annex; new faucet for Women's restroom purchased by Steve Martin, test concerning mold on the ceiling of the church reported not to be a health hazard, and measurement taken for a rubber roof on the bell tower by McCumsey Construction.

Other trustee issues discussed: Needed repair from leak above the women's restroom in the attic, replaced batteries and pads for the defibulator in the annex by Shane Zimmerman and Rick Hardesty, better lightening on sides of steps in front and east of hall, motion lightening on the front and east of the hall, slick steps on east entrance to hall, and inside light of marquee changed.

New Business:

Eternal flame candles were then discussed. The replacement candles last nine days, so they will be used for two Sunday services before changing. The elders will be notified. Pastor McPike informed the council that if the temperatures drop below 38 degrees in the hall, he will receive a warning on his cell phone. He also suggested leaving the cabinet doors open in the hall.

Discussion was then had on moving two long pews from under the balcony, replacing the pew with a fabric flaw in the front of the church, and taking the two long pews upstairs. The four smaller pews from the balcony would be placed downstairs. This topic was tabled till the next meeting.

It was suggested that a mail tray be placed in the annex for written requests for work done by the trustees.

The council was informed that the youth will sponsor the Valentine's Dinner on February 13th in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5pm. Trustees were asked

to approve this event.

The proposed slate of officers were read for the upcoming election. It was suggested that we have one or two more trustees elected each year. Pastor McPike stated that the by-laws would have to be changed and the suggested change be posted a month in advance of a vote. It was reminded that trustees are the organizers and can delegate the work.

Debbie Lammle and Diana Zimmerman volunteered to prepare the drinks for the Voter's Potluck on January 10th. Outgoing officers will count the ballots after the election. Installation will be held at the end of the Voter's Meeting.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle



Choir News

Easter Caroling to shut-ins!

The Choir will go Easter caroling to our shut-ins on Sunday, April 3, time TBD.

Easter Lilies

Anyone wanting to purchase an Easter Lily for Easter service, please sign up on the bulletin board by Friday, March 18th. The cost will be \$9.00 and checks may be payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and given to Bob Zimmerman.

Ladies Aid News

March Meeting

Ladies Aid will hold their first meeting of the year on March 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Wilma Grussing will have the topic and Agnes Martinie will have devotions and refreshments for this meeting. Roll call will be answered with a verse on angels.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Lenten Service: February 24th

Lenten Service and Questioning: March 2nd, 7pm
followed by Taco Supper

Lenten Service and Questioning: March 9th, 7pm
followed by Refreshments

Lenten Service and Questioning: March 16th, 7pm
followed by Refreshments

Folding Palms: March 19th

Maundy Thursday: March 24th, Refreshments at
5:30pm; Service at 7pm

Good Friday Service: March 25th, 7pm

Easter Service: March 27th, 7am; Easter Breakfast
following

LWML NEWS

Quarterly Meeting

The LWML will meet for their first quarterly meeting on March 10th at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Brenda Hendricks will have the topic and Marsha Warsaw and Shirley Sprau will serve as hostesses. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

Thank You!

Thank you to the committee of Deb Lammle, Shirley Sprau, Deb Martin and Barb Gaines for organizing the Ash Wednesday soup supper. Also thank you to all who donated food and helped serve and clean up.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have helped quilt this year. So far we have 53 completed quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will quilt again on March 3rd and March 5th. Everyone is welcome to come and help. You only need to be able to tie a knot!

Thank You!

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



LWML members helping in the kitchen

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

The LWML sponsored an Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 10, 2016. The ladies served Italian Beef sandwiches, Potato soup and Fruit Crisp.



Members enjoying the social hour before the Ash Wednesday service



Youth who served the Valentine Dinner



Youth Group News



Valentine Dinner!

The Youth Group hosted a Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 13, 2016. The evening included some pre-dinner musical entertainment by Patty, Annie and Tricia Downey. A lasagna dinner and dessert was served, and post-dinner musical entertainment was also enjoyed. Proceeds from this event will help support our youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering this July 2016 in New Orleans.



LWML News

Spring Gathering

The Danville Zone LWML Spring Gathering will be held on April 2nd at Ash Grove beginning at 8:30am. St. Paul's Woodworth, Buckley, and Ash Grove are planning this event. Please invite a friend and get others excited about LWML!

Zone President's Meeting

Danville Zone LWML President's Meeting will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford on March 19th at 9:30am. All Zone Presidents are asked to bring a report of activities completed at their societies since the last President's meeting.

Christian Women's Conference

Soul Support

"Soul Support" is the name of the Christian Women's Conference held at Lincoln Christian University on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 beginning at 8am. Registrations received by April 20th are \$35, with an additional \$5 for those received after that date. More information is listed on the bulletin board in the church.

Thrivent News

Choice Dollars

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman received \$858 in January from Thrivent Choice Dollars. We will no longer be listing those who donated as we have been told it is illegal to do so. Thanks to all who donated!

F.Y.I.

"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 7:30am.

Osman Wi-Fi

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

Important news

Important news is sent via EMAIL. Urgent alerts (such as service time or location changes) are sent via cell phone text message. If you want to be on either or both lists, please contact Pastor McPike

Confirmands

Confirmands will be meeting with Pastor McPike after church on March 13th for lunch and preparation for the Questioning on March 16th.

Thank You!



A sincere thank you to all who attended the Sweetheart Dinner to celebrate our love for each other and Jesus' love for us! We enjoyed a delicious dinner and "sweet" entertainment from Patty Downey and her Praise and Worship Team from Christ Lutheran Church in Normal. Thanks to all who donated to the Youth Group for their fundraising efforts to attend the National Youth Gathering in July. We raised \$550! The Youth Group appreciates your attendance and looks forward to our last fundraiser at the Easter Breakfast!

He is risen! Alleluia!

THANK YOU!



Thank You!

Thanks so much to Pastor and the choir for coming to my home caroling. It is so uplifting to see all the smiling familiar faces. You do such a great job. Also, thank you for the plate of goodies, poinsettia, and Sunday School's snowman. I pray you all have a healthy and happy 2016. God Bless each of you, Marge Morrissey

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
01/17	58	4	9
01/24	64	4	15
01/31	68	5	19
02/07	78	6	18
02/10	41	-	-
02/14	63	2	10
02/17	n/a	-	-
02/21	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/24	n/a	-	-
02/28	n/a	n/a	n/a

March Birthdays

Terri Hooker.....	03-02
Mike Miller.....	03-06
Brenda Hendricks.....	03-09
Shirley Sprau.....	03-12
Melia Warsaw.....	03-16
Joy Johnson.....	03-19
Shaun Zimmerman.....	03-20
Kim Schuh.....	03-21
Marsha Warsaw.....	03-21
Byron Christians.....	03-25
Nikki Gallier.....	03-25
Matthew Poppe.....	03-25
Amanda Forrest.....	03-30
Jerry Reifsteck Jr.	03-31
Bill Schuh.....	03-31



March Anniversaries

Shirley and Butch Sprau.....	03-03-1973
Brenda and Jerry Edwards.....	03-27-1982
Joy and Skinner Johnson.....	03-31-1979

Elder Schedule

January Aaron	February Marvin	March Don
April Aaron	May Shane	June Shane
July Don	August Marvin	September Shane
October Aaron	November Marvin	December Don
January 2017 Marvin		