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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

May 2016

The LORD lift up His
countenance upon you and give
you peace.

Numbers 6:26

Voter's Meeting

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman

Voter's Meeting - January 10, 2016

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman held their Voter's Meeting on January 10, 2016 with 46 members present. Pastor McPike began with prayer. Debbie Lammle read the minutes from the last Voter's meeting. Roy Whitehouse made a motion to approve; Bill McCleary seconded; motion carried. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, read the fourth quarter report with a balance of \$83, 917.62. Darryl Redding made a motion to approve the report; Butch Sprau seconded; motion carried. A question was asked about the money in the Herman Meyer CD. Darwin Warsaw, an executor of this fund, explained that the money was directed for students going into the ministry by his father, Fritz Warsaw. The interest above the note is given to the Seminary Student sponsored by the LWML.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor expressed how blessed he felt for the partnership in ministry with the wonderful group at Immanuel Osman. He shared a personal story from his 25th Anniversary celebration in which his mother expressed how wonderful it was to see how Pastor fit in with the rural setting here at Osman! Pastor also thanked everyone for their generosity at Christmas. He stated that Pastor Deen accepted a vacancy call at St. Paul's at Sadorus and a teaching position at Christ Lutheran in Buckley. Pastor Ehler's will fill in at Immanuel Osman in Pastor McPike's absence. Pastor explained he would be questioning the confirmands on the parts of Luther's Small Catechism during 4 of the 6 mid-week Lenten Services.

Old Business:

Chairman Hardesty reviewed what had been

accomplished in the previous year: Made repairs to the Fellowship Hall after the fire, installed two new windows in the annex, and one new window in the pastor's office, repositioned fire extinguishers in the Fellowship Hall, replaced more light bulbs with energy efficient ones, and placed combination locks on the hall and church.

New Business:

Chairman Hardesty thanked the outgoing officers; Steve Martin, Susan Martin, Neil Bidner, Jeff Warsaw, and Annette Warsaw. He informed the congregation that Steve and Barb Gains audited the Treasurer's books and found them to be in good order. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, presented the 2016 budget, with a 3 % increase from the previous budget for all paid staff. Darwin Warsaw made a motion to accept the budget; Darryl Redding seconded; motion carried. Jill Hardesty made a motion to request a summer vicar; Jeff Warsaw seconded; motion carried. Since it was a busy year for the trustees, the council is proposing voter consideration of a bylaw change of two additional trustees on the ballot. The trustees would rotate like the elders, replacing two each year. Darwin Warsaw suggested letting the members know when help is needed, place a sign-up in the church, and then publish a list of volunteers who would assist the trustees in certain areas. Topic was tabled.

The slate of officers was passed around and one candidate was written in-Roy Whitehouse for elder. No additional nominations were made from the floor, so the ballots were passed out, and the members voted. While the outgoing officers counted the ballots, Chairman Hardesty reminded the congregation to sign-up for the youth sponsored Valentine's Dinner on February 13th. The new officers elected were: John Lammle, chairman; Marvin Clemmons & Don Warsaw-elders; John Gercken-trustee; Assistant Sunday School Superintendent-Beth Bidner; Assistant Finance-Shirley

Sprau, and Head Usher-Cheyenne Zimmerman. Installation of officers was held immediately after the meeting. The next Voter's meeting will be April 3, 2016. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman **Church Council Minutes-March 1, 2016**

The Church Council of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman held its monthly meeting on March 1st at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending were John Lammle, Shane Zimmerman, Bob Zimmerman, Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, Lee Whitehouse, John Gercken, Debbie Lammle, and Pastor McPike. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lammle, followed by a reading from Psalm 85 and prayer by Pastor McPike. Secretary Debbie Lammle read the minutes from the last meeting. Diana Zimmerman made the motion to accept the minutes; Shirley Sprau seconded; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor stated that Bryan Johnston agreed to be our summer vicar. Treasurer Zimmerman passed out a handout listing the summary of expenses to be incurred for the vicar. The lowest amount for his take home monthly pay would be \$1571.15. Fisher was suggested as a possible location for lodging for the vicar. Chairman Lammle will look into this matter for his estimated arrival the second week of June.

The questioning of the confirmands will be held during the next three mid-week Lenten Services- two chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism will be covered each Wednesday. Confirmation is scheduled for April 17th. Jonathan Scheck, a former summer vicar, will be preaching at Osman on Palm Sunday. Bible Study on Revelation is going well. Pastor thanked everyone who sent congratulations on his recent marriage. Pastor and Mrs. McPike will be hosting an Open House at their new home in Philo in March.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Zimmerman gave the monthly treasurer's report with a balance of \$77,743.69. Debbie Lammle made a motion to approve the report; Shane Zimmerman seconded; motion carried. A question was asked concerning the average amount of money received from Thrivent Choice Dollars per year. Treasurer Zimmerman stated that \$2700-\$3000 was received each year. An additional question was asked concerning the cost of a

new organ, and Pastor estimated the cost at \$40,000-\$50,000.

Finance Report: Diana Zimmerman stated that the finance committee was using the LCMS financial form as requested by the chairman.

Elder's Report: Shane Zimmerman reported that the elder's schedule for the year had been sent to Linda Warsaw. Shane also suggested having a new member reception and updating our web page. Chairman Lammle suggested hosting a men's BBQ cook off and women's chili cook off in connection with a new member reception in May. The question was raised that we had a brochure at one time for new members, and that we should continue using something similar in new areas such as Heritage addition in Fisher.

Shirley Sprau reported that the Sunday School children were working on a song for Palm Sunday with the choir's assistance. Dates for VBS have not been determined, but Pastor suggested after June 17th so the summer vicar and his daughter could be available.

Trustee's Report: Lee Whitehouse reported on the following issues: blinds installed in annex and Pastor's office, bid on bell tower in the amount of \$2790 from Popejoy Roofing, on-line bids for aluminum ramp (48" wide recommended), wattage increased to outside pole light by hall, mowing list, replaced LED light inside the church, contacted David Kennedy about tiling around the hall, and new batteries and pads for defibulator. Other issues discussed were a doorbell or ringer at the base of the new ramp instead of an automatic door and replacing the fabric on the damaged pew on the front north side of the sanctuary. A handy man list will be posted on the bulletin board at a later date. Discussion continued on possible need of drainage tile. Lee Whitehouse will contact a professional about this issue. Based on the age of the original motion, Chairman Lammle suggested the issue of drainage be presented to the voters again, once the bids are received. Since liability is not an issue, a motion was made by Diana Zimmerman to accept the offer from Don Warsaw to use his parents and Leona Albin's memorial money to purchase a ride mower for the church. Lee Whitehouse seconded; motion carried. Don Warsaw will complete the maintenance on the mower.

Old Business: Chairman Lammle referred to the motion by Shane Zimmerman to resolve the issue of Thrivent Choice Dollars by the next voter's meeting. Chairman Lammle scheduled a meeting on Feb. 17 at the hall with the Thrivent Community Engagement Team Coordinator, Laura Ennenbach, for the purpose of providing the Council with clarification on the Thrivent Choice Dollars Program. Chairman Lammle

researched how 10 area churches used their Choice Dollars. The majority of the churches placed the choice dollars in their general fund, with others churches targeting the money to their Lutheran School, youth group, pre-school debt reduction, mission trips, foreign missions, and school scholarship funds. Based on the above information, Chairman Lammle put together a recommendation for the use of Thrivent Choice Dollars at Immanuel Osman. It is as follows: 1/3 to Congregation Education and Outreach Activities, 1/3 to Charitable Projects, and 1/3 to Worship Needs. This topic was tabled till the next meeting.

Discussion was held on hiring a professional web designer to update our current church web page. May 1st was set for a confirmation reception for the current confirmands, as well as recognizing the 1966 Confirmation class who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. The ladies of the council will plan this event. Discussion was held on putting up new signs with directions to the church, as well as replacing all the existing signs. Discussion was held concerning the need to increase advertising in surrounding community newspapers and web sites. We are presently paying for advertisements in only one paper, the Rantoul Press.

Bob Zimmerman then presented a very beautiful picture of Noah's Ark to be made in stain glass for the west window in the annex. He will be using his mother's memorial money for this purchase.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Thank You!

Thank You!

Thanks to Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Thank You!

Thanks to Larry Lutz for taking pictures of the confirmands. Thanks to Larry and others, we have records of classes back to 1912.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the banner for the CID LWML Convention at Jacksonville, especially Sue VanWakeman and Marge Perkins, friend of Dorothy Miller, who completed the final sewing on the banner.

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Important Dates

May Church Council meeting: May 4th, 7pm

Quilting: May 5th and 7th

Pentecost Sunday: May 15th

Ladies Night Out: June 10th

Camp CILCA Schedule

The summer 2016 Camp CILCA schedule is on the elder's pew. Please take one to see the different camps and events that are being held there. Camp CILCA has a new full time director, Rev. Joshua Theilen. They also need volunteers as "Medic of Week", Pastor of Week" or on workdays.

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Easter Breakfast 2016

THANKS to all who attended and donated to the Youth Group for our annual Easter breakfast. We made a little over \$600 for our trip to the National Youth Gathering in July.

Larry has made and flipped pancakes for 55 years! We thank him for this great tradition!

A huge thank you to all the youth and their parents, Darryl Redding and Jill and Rick Hardesty for making the breakfast happen.

What a wonderful time of fellowship to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Osman Youth Group



Choir

Choir News

Osman Choir sings to Shut-ins!



Osman Choir and friends singing to our shut-ins



Diana Zimmerman with Marge Morrissey

Fruit baskets, candy, and flowers were given to each member with the help of the choir members and a Thrivent grant applied for by Brenda Hendricks. This same grant helped pay for pizza for the group at the end of their visits. Thanks to everyone that made this event possible! A special thanks to Alicia and Nick Haggin for directing the choir.

An annual event of the Immanuel Lutheran Choir is singing to the shut-ins during the Easter season. Twenty one members and friends continued this tradition by bringing the Easter message through scripture and song to Wilma Forrest, Marge Morrissey, Alma Hassebrock, and Phyllis Burnett.



Annette Whitehouse and Shirley Sprau with Phyllis Burnett

Thank You!

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The church would like to acknowledge and thank the Leona Albin Trust for leaving a memorial of \$10,000 to the church. With this money we have purchased an eXmark lawnmower for the church's use. This will alleviate everyone bringing their own mower to the church and gives those who have no way to get a mower here a chance to mow too. If you prefer to use your own mower, that's fine. This mower has the feature of rear discharge for safety of not throwing rocks into the building which has happened to the hall. The lawnmower was dedicated during the worship service on April 10th.



Don Warsaw and Roy Whitehouse with new mower

Address Correction for Nathan Hooker

SPC Hooker, Nathan
HQRS
FSB/TPT
APO, AE 09356



Barnyard Roundup VBS

Save the Date! Our Barnyard Roundup VBS will be held Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24th from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. All children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend. We would like for everyone to preregister so that we have plenty of supplies for each child. Please see Connie Warsaw for registration forms. Please invite your grand kids, nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends. We want lots of children to hear how God gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

90th Birthday Card Shower!

The family of Moneta McCleary is proud to announce her 90th birthday will be celebrated on May 19th. We are asking for cards and notes to be sent to her as we shower her with love. Her address is 2513 N. 900 E. Rd., Mansfield, IL 61854.

Handyman List

As discussed at the quarterly voter's meeting, if you would like to help the trustees with projects around the church, please sign up on the Handyman List posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Ladies Aid News

The monthly meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid was held April 6th in the Fellowship Hall. President Lammle called the meeting to order. The highlights of the meeting included finalizing the care package for Nathan Hooker and a field trip to Joyce White's in Fisher to see her quilting machine on May 4th. Anyone interested in carpooling to Fisher to learn more about quilting meet at the Fellowship Hall at **2:45pm on the 4th**.

The group also passed a motion to hold a food shower for our summer vicar. Items suggested were canned goods, paper products, and gift cards to Ingold's Grocery in Fisher. **LWML and Ladies Aid members are asked to bring these items to the church and place in the box labeled "Summer Vicar" by May 15th**.

The next meeting will be May 4th with Brenda Hendricks giving devotion and refreshments and Dorothy Miller giving the topic. The roll will be called with a verse on creation. All ladies of the church are invited!

Annual Ladies Night Out

Mark your calendars for the annual **Ladies Night Out** on June 10th, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up sheet will be posted in the church on May 8th. Please sign your name, number of guests, refreshments you would like to bring, and number of small gifts you would like to donate as prizes presented during each Bunco set played that night. It's a fun evening of fellowship and laughter that you don't want to miss!

New Address

Phyllis Burnett
1505 Patton Dr, Apt 104
Mahomet, IL 61853

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God,
As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wind Symphony

Are you attending the National Youth Gathering this July? Do you play an instrument? Consider playing in the Wind Symphony that will be playing at the gathering. It's a great opportunity to play some great music, along with meeting some college students from Concordia University Chicago. Wondering how you can apply? Contact Dr. Richard Fischer (the director of the Wind Symphony) at richard.fischer@cuchicago.edu and follow the guidelines that are listed on this link: <https://www.conferencebuilders.com/LCMS2016/symphony/release.asp>. Important Note: If this doesn't appeal to you, but you do know of someone who would be interested, PLEASE pass this along!

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
4/03	65	5	14
4/10	67	4	14
4/17	96	5	14
4/24	63	n/a	n/a

May

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		

CONGRATULATIONS!

May Birthdays

Doug Majercin.....05-01
 Cheyenne Zimmerman.....05-04
 Martha Warsaw.....05-08
 Wade Warsaw.....05-12
 Alvin Hinrichs.....05-15
 Moneta McCleary.....05-19
 Mike Warsaw.....05-19
 Steve Brandt.....05-20
 Angie Deen.....05-21
 Barb Whitehouse-Gercken.....05-21
 Jesse Johnson.....05-21
 Darwin Warsaw.....05-22
 Benjamin Brandt.....05-28
 Jeff Bryan.....05-29
 Brooke Clemmons.....05-29
 Kris Zimmerman.....05-29

May Anniversaries

Susan and Steve Martin.....05-09-1975
 Karen and David Brown.....05-22-1976
 Ashley and Bryce Martin.....05-19-2012
 Becki and Brant Hendricks.....05-26-2007
 Amanda and Chuck Amdor.....05-30-2009

Please Note...

If your birthday or anniversary
 has been omitted, please let the
 church secretary know by email:
secretary@osmanlutheran.org

Thank You!