

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

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**I am the way, and the
truth, and the life.**

John 14:6

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Council Meeting-April 6, 2016

The Immanuel Lutheran church of Osman held their monthly Council meeting on April 6, 2016 with eight members present. Those attending were John Lammle, Aaron Warsaw, Don Warsaw, Bob Zimmerman, Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, Lee Whitehouse, Debbie Lammle, and Pastor McPike. Chairman Lammle called the meeting to order, followed by prayer by Pastor McPike. Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved as amended.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike reminded the council that confirmation would be held on April 17th. Pastor also stated that the three evenings of questioning during Midweek Lenten Service went very well. This was a long time wish of Pastor's and allowed the questions to be narrowed down for each chief part, with greater opportunity for the confirmands to study in depth. The summer vicar's schedule is finalized. Vicar Johnston will arrive on May 23rd and will attend military training from May 31-June 14, as well as drill weekends on July 6-7 and August 6-7. Chairman Lammle researched housing in Fisher and contacted two different property owners. A studio apartment was available for \$200/month. Pastor McPike thought this would be adequate for the vicar's needs, but will confirm with the Vicar on specific furniture needs. Vicar Johnston is from California, has three older brothers, and is now attending Ft. Wayne Seminary. He completed an internship at Trinity Lutheran Church of Urbana as their Director of Christian Education. Pastor Strom, the pastor at Trinity, recommended Vicar Johnston highly.

The dedication for the new lawn mower, purchased with memorial money from the Leona Albin trust, will be held on Sunday April 10th. Training on the use of the mower will be given by Don Warsaw, and helpful operational hints will be posted on the mower. Discussion continued concerning

advertising future Holy Week services in a brochure that would be passed out in surrounding communities.

Bob Zimmerman gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$80,727.22. Motion passed to approve the report. Treasurer Zimmerman reported that windows in the balcony were being replaced with stain glass using the Paul Zimmerman memorial monies. The baptism and communion theme will be continued.

Chairman Lammle commented on the good job as well as professional dress of the elders. Pastor stated their appearance signifies the importance of the special meal they are serving. Since the previous brochure for Immanuel Osman is no longer available, a new one will need to be compiled. New member reception with a BBQ cook off for the men and chili cook off for the women will be held in July. This is targeted to the sub 40 members in our church.

Sunday School Superintendent, Connie Warsaw, will be contacting parents about VBS.

Trustees Report: Lee Whitehouse stated that an audit of the church property and buildings were completed. He also obtained a second bid for the bell tower repair from McKumsey in the amount of \$1500. A motion was passed to present the two bids at the Voter's Meeting. A mowing list will be posted on the bulletin board in the church. Discussion then continued concerning the type of material (aluminum, wood, or concrete) for the new outside ramp east of the annex. Lee Whitehouse stated prices on aluminum ramp kits in the amount of approximately \$6000. Bob Zimmerman will get a bid on a concrete ramp as well as a separate bid on sidewalks to the east and north of the church.

Chairman Lammle compiled a Handyman List to be posted in the church. He also met with Waggoners, Inc. to match the fabric needed to repair the two church pews in the sanctuary. The factory representative is checking with the home office to find a match. It was recommended that movement of the pews be discussed after fabric availability is determined.

The Pastor's Circuit Meeting will be held at Immanuel Osman on May 10th. Coffee and rolls in the morning, and lunch will be served by the LWML. Communion service will be held in the church. A Vicar welcome will be held June 19th with coffee and donuts before church.

Chairman Lammle went over the tentative list of activities for the rest of the year. They are as follows: Confirmation Reception-May 1st; Pastor's Circuit Meeting-May 10th; Ladies Night Out-June 10th; VBS-June 20-24th; Bring a Friend Night/Men's BBQ cook off/Ladies Chili cook off in July; Church Picnic-August 14; Hay Ride/Wiener Roast-Sept. 25, Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest; Youth Harvest Breakfast; Thanksgiving Potluck-Nov. 20th; Christmas Eve Children's Program-Dec. 24th; Christmas Morning Service-Dec. 25th. Chairman Lammle will research the use of the community building in Fisher for the church picnic.

Chairman Lammle then referred to the motion made by Shane Zimmerman to resolve the issue of "Choice Dollars" by the next Voter's Meeting-April 10th. He presented a second proposal which directed 50% to Youth Activities such as the LCMS Youth Gatherings and possible mission trips and 50% to adult and "sub 40 adult" projects, which includes church member assistance, non-member charitable benefits, and education and training for sub 40 adults. This training might include a retirement seminar or a Dave Ramsey class on budgeting. Remaining year-end balance would be directed into the organ fund. Chairman Lammle suggested a Stewardship Committee composed of Brenda Hendricks, Terri & Dwight Hooker, Steve & Marsha Warsaw, and Roy & Annette Whitehouse to help fulfill the objectives of this committee. A suggestion was made and agreed upon to omit the percentages from the policy. A motion was made by Diana Zimmerman and seconded by Shirley Sprau to accept the proposal for Thrivent Choice Dollars, without the percentages. Motion carried. Discussion was then held on having greeters during Sunday morning services. No decision was made. Discussion was held on advertisement for our church in local papers. The cost for advertising in the Mahomet Citizen, LeRoy/FC Press, Journal Republican, and Rantoul Press for a year was estimated under budget. (Due to the cost, the News Gazette will not be used) It was suggested that one Centennial Committee stay the same for the entire time of planning, instead of changing each year. Chairman Lammle suggested adding new church signs on RT 136 and 150, as well as updating the current signs. He stated the new signs use a different color for the LCMS emblem. It was suggested to keep the old signs, but add two new ones. It was also mentioned that we need a sign in Mansfield as well. No final motion was made.

Chairman Lammle then showed the latest web site done by Cybernautic, a design firm from Champaign. An estimated cost of \$5000 was quoted to update our church web site. By improving our web site, our congregation as well as people new to the community will be better informed as to what our church has to offer. Chairman Lammle will set up a meeting with the web designer, Pastor McPike, and himself for the coming week. Discussion continued on the functional use of our current web page for sermon files, bulletins, and newsletters thanks to Pastor McPike. Chairman Lammle stated that Immanuel Osman is on the Fisher web site, and has asked to be placed on the

Mahomet and Gibson City sites as well. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Welcome Vicar Johnston

Let's show our new Vicar a warm "Osman Welcome" on June 19th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no adult or children's Sunday School that day. Coffee and donuts will be served. Hope to see you there!

Vicar Johnston's address this summer: 600 Pickett, Apt. #5, Fisher, IL 61843; Phone: 707-685-6993

Thank You!

Thank you to our church for your love and support through our past two years of Confirmation class. Also, thank-you for our reception and gift. We appreciate everything and God Bless you all.

William Delaney and Mitchell Gallier

Thanks to Debbie Lammle and Shirley Sprau for visiting the shut-ins in May.

"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.

Confirmation Reception



On Sunday May 1st, a reception for the confirmation class of Will Delaney and Mitchell Gallier was held in the Fellowship Hall following church. Personalized crosses were presented to the confirmands from the church by Debbie Lammle.



Chairman Lammle also surprised Bill McCleary with his own parking sign as the Senior Member on the church roster. Following the presentation, cake and punch were served by Diana Zimmerman and Connie Warsaw. Families and friends reminisced and shared stories of past times together. The class of '66 continued their celebration by eating together at Jack's restaurant in LeRoy.

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At the same time, the class of 1966 was recognized for the 50th anniversary of their confirmation. Those included in the celebration were Charlene (Dobbs) Fahsbender, Debbie (Christie) Lammle, Keven Sprau, Barb Whitehouse Gercken, and Susan (Bidner) Martin. Chairman Lammle presented the class with a cross to remember this important milestone.

New Addresses

Marge Morrissey

1505 Patton Dr. Rm. 205

Mahomet, IL 61853

PH: 217-489-5511

(*note* phone same as old one)

Larry and Julia Camp

714 Dennis Dr.

Mahomet, IL 61853

PH: 217-766-8282

or

PH: 217-590-0304

Carolyn Heinze

3294 Co Rd 300 E.

Foosland, IL 61845

LWML NEWS

Quilting

We will be quilting again on June 2 and 4. So far we've completed 88 quilts and 51 pillowcase dresses. All ladies of the congregation are invited, so please come as you are able and join in good fellowship and creativity!

Baby Bottle Project

On Mother's Day we started our baby bottle project for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Champaign. Anyone interested can take a bottle and fill it with spare change. Please bring them back by Father's Day June 19. Thank you to everyone who participates!

LWML Meeting

LWML will meet on Thursday June 9 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Connie Warsaw will have the topic and Brenda Edwards and Agnes Martinie will serve as hostesses. We will have reports on both the spring gathering in Ash Grove as well as the CID convention in Jacksonville. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

New Clarion Editor!

Congratulations to Brenda Hendricks for her new job as LWML Clarion editor.

Save the Date!

All LWML ladies are reminded to mark your calendars for the next Fall Rally at Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro, September 20th, beginning with registration at 9am.

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our graduates! Chase Zimmerman is graduating from Blue Ridge HS on May 22nd and attending Parkland next year. Ryan McPike is graduating from Urbana High School on May 28th. Please recognize their achievements by dropping them a card. Chase's address is 405 N. State St., Box 109, Bellflower, IL 61724 and Ryan's address is 112 W. Jefferson St., Philo, IL 61864. God's blessings to both young men!

Upcoming Events

June 2 - 8:00am - Quilting
June 4 - 8:00am - Quilting
June 8 - 1:30pm - Ladies Aid
June 8 - 7:00pm - Church Council
June 9 - 7:00pm - LWML
June 10 - 6:30pm - Girl's Night Out
June 19 - 8:30am - Vicar Welcome
June 20 - 8:30am - VBS begins

Retiring from the USAF Reserves

Greg McCleary of Collierville, TN is retiring from the USAF Reserves on Saturday, June 4th at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. Greg is the grandson of Bill and Moneta McCleary, brother of Christie Delaney and Nikki Gallier, and nephew of Debbie Lammle and Darryl Redding. Greg, we are so proud of you!

LADIES AID NEWS



May Meeting

The May meeting of Ladies Aid was called to order by President, Debbie Lammle. After devotion by Brenda Hendricks and topic by Dorothy Miller, the members each read a verse on creation. Treasurer's report was given by Connie Warsaw with a balance of \$1658.36. Correspondence was read from Jonathan Scheck, our Seminarian Student. After his call service on April 27th, Jonathan learned he would be serving a dual parish at Parsons and Oswego, Kansas. The churches are small, but there is a parsonage across the street from the church in Oswego. Jonathan sends his deepest regards to Immanuel Osman.

The ladies were then thanked for all their efforts making 74 quilts so far this year.

Brenda Hendricks reported on the care package to Nathan. The donations were overwhelming and filled two boxes.

A motion was made and seconded that we have Greeters at church each Sunday morning. A sign-up was passed around that will be posted on the bulletin board in the church.

The meeting ended with singing, prayers, and refreshments.

After the Ladies Aid meeting, Barb Gaines, Diana Zimmerman, Sara Kunde, Wilma Grussing, Barb Whitehouse Gercken, Agnes Martinie, and Debbie Lammle traveled to Fisher to visit the sewing room of Joyce White. Joyce has a large quilting machine in her basement. She explained how the machine works and showed many beautiful quilts she had made. We all

shared questions and comments about quilting, and learned many things we didn't know before. (Joyce has finished quilts for many members in our congregation.)

The next Ladies Aid meeting will be held June 8th (change from the program booklet) at 1:30pm. All ladies of the church are invited and urged to attend. Shirley Sprau will have devotions and refreshments. Connie Warsaw will have topic, and roll call will be given with a verse on disciples

Serving the Lord in East Asia



Dear friends at Immanuel,
Spring greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord...our risen Lord. This note is arriving to you perhaps a little delayed, but please know that my family's appreciation for your somewhat recent gift is not diminished. The longer we serve in Asia (12 plus years now) the more and more clear it becomes that this is a team ministry, a partnership in the Gospel. Without friends, families, individuals, and congregations like you, we could not be here. We are of the mind that this is God's mission and we only play one part in it. Thank you for your expression of concern and support. We would also boldly ask that you remember us in prayer as we serve as your partners on this side of the world.

We have enclosed a prayer card for some more details about us, if you are interested. I have also added info@osmanlutheran.org to our e-newsletter list. According to God's will, may we continue to work together in God's mission.

Matt Wasmund and family

Upcoming Events



Vacation Bible School June 20 — June 24, 2016

VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!" In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever.

Registration is open for ages Pre-K - 5th grade who will attend VBS from June 20 - June 24, 2016, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He gathers us together! Can't wait to see you there!

We would like for everyone to preregister by June 1st 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 appreciate your prayers as we ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior!

Vacation Bible School Program

Please join us on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 9 - 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Donuts, Coffee and Juice. Come see the *Barnyard Roundup* decorations, the crafts the children made, fleece quilts made for a mission project, and a slide show of their "farm-tastic" week at VBS. They will also have a part in the worship service sharing songs they learned and telling you a little about their week. Please join us and support the youth in our church.

VBS Sign up Sheet

A sign up sheet will be posted on the back bulletin board for snacks for the children during VBS week, June 20 - June 24th. If you can help out with cookies or other items needed for their daily snack, the children will be especially grateful.



Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
4/24	63	3	12
5/1	85	2	17
5/8	57	2	12
5/15	61	2	13
5/22	n/a	n/a	n/a
5/29	n/a	n/a	n/a

June

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!

June Birthdays

Susan Martin.....06-03
 Brant Hendricks.....06-08
 Jamie Poppe.....06-08
 Donald Warsaw.....06-09
 Jim VanWakeman.....06-12
 Amanda Amdor.....06-13
 Michael Brooks.....06-15
 Brenda Edwards.....06-16
 Jeri Bidner.....06-18
 Dick Johnson.....06-19
 Natalie Hooker.....06-21
 Beth Bidner.....06-22
 Kim Clemmons.....06-24
 Laura Zimmerman.....06-26
 Ashley Martin.....06-27
 Jack Gallier.....06-30

June Anniversaries

Jenna and Nathan Mangold.....06-03-2011
 Jill and Rick Hardesty.....06-11-1994
 Terri and Dwight Hooker.....06-15-1985
 Kim and Bill Schuh.....06-20-1987
 Beth and Neil Bidner.....06-23-2001
 Debbie and John Lammle.....06-25-1977
 Janet and Myron Zimmerman.....06-30-1979

Please Note...

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

Thank You!