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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one
another.

1 John 4:11

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Voter's Meeting-October 16, 2016

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman held its quarterly Voter's meeting on October 16, 2016 with 33 members present. Pastor McPike began the meeting with prayer. New members were asked to sign the constitution. Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the minutes from the last Voter's meeting. Jeff Warsaw made a motion to accept the minutes; John Gercken seconded; motion carried. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, read his report with a balance of \$64, 410.93. Jill Hardesty made a motion to accept the report; Gene Welborn seconded; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike thanked the congregation for the honor of serving at Immanuel Osman and for the many cards of appreciation. He informed the congregation of the following events: Christmas Day service, with hymn sing at 9:30am and service at 10am; 500th anniversary of the Reformation; and a possible mini tour of our German heritage to St. Louis and Perry County. The two to three day tour would include historic Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis, the church where C.F.W. Walther was pastor until he died. The trip would also include Concordia campus and exhibits in Perry County. The following LCMS suggested celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation include November 13th- nearest date of Martin Luther's birth and baptism; February 19th- closest to Luther's death; June 25th-recognizing the presentation of the Augsburg Confession; and October 29th- recognizing the posting of the 95 Theses. Received by transfer include Dave and Sara Kunde, Rev. James and Johanne Bloch, and Kari Genzel and family. A motion was made by Theresa Van Wakeman-

Wilson to accept the transfer of the new members; Shirley Sprau seconded; motion carried.

A dedication for the stain glass windows given by the Frances Zimmerman and Paul Zimmerman family will be planned at a later date.

Old Business: Chairman Lammle informed the voters that a presentation of a personal parking sign was given to senior member, Jeri Bidner, at the Hay Ride and Weiner Roast. Special thanks were given to Jeri as a valued Senior Member of Immanuel.

Trustee Projects: The Church Council recommended we replace the existing wheel chair ramp with a new Concrete Ramp. The voters were asked for approval to place this expense in next year's budget, and contact Windle Concrete to place this project in his schedule for next spring. The council proposed looking at fund raisers and memorial funds to offset the cost. Discussion continued on this topic. Rick Hardesty made a motion to continue with the concrete ramp project, and place this expense in the 2017 budget. Larry Lutz seconded the motion; motion carried. Two new church directional signs have been purchased and will be installed next week-one on Rt. 136 and one on Rt. 150.

Future Church Activities: Youth Harvest Breakfast on October 23rd after church; Reformation Fest/Pastor Appreciation event on October 30th at 5pm; Stewardship Committee Benefit on November 12th; Thanksgiving Meal and Service on November 20th; Christmas Eve Service on December 24th; and Christmas Morning Service on December 25th with 9:30am hymn sing and 10am church service. Chairman Lammle gave a special thanks to Thrivent Members for directing choice dollars to our church!

The Nominating Committee composed of the Church Council has been working on the 2017 Church Officer ballot. If anyone is interested in a church office in 2017, please contact Chairman Lammle. The proposed ballot

will be posted in December along with a signup sheet. Additional names may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. The ballot still has openings for Assistant Sunday School, Treasurer, and Head Usher. The Church Council has received a letter of resignation from Linda Warsaw as Church Secretary. Since this is a paid position the council has decided to post the opening and allow any and all members to apply. The posting will be placed on the bulletin board with a job description listing the duties of this position and a pay summary. Any questions may be directed to Pastor McPike or John Lammle.

Chairman Lammle thanked Linda Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for their service at Immanuel Osman.

Barb Whitehouse Gercken made a motion to adjourn; Roy Whitehouse seconded; motion carried.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman **Church Council Minutes- December 7, 2016**

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman held its monthly council meeting on December 7, 2016 with six members present. Those attending were John Lammle, Shane Zimmerman, Lee Whitehouse, John Gercken, Deb Lammle, Shirley Sprau, and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with prayer. Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the minutes of the last meeting. Shirley Sprau made a motion to accept the minutes; Shane Zimmerman seconded; motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by John Lammle with a balance of \$67,734.67. Lee Whitehouse made a motion to accept the report; John Gercken seconded; motion carried. Chairman Lammle thanked the Finance Committee for assisting the treasurer in drafting the 2017 budget.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike informed the council he had written the Christmas Eve Service, including the Children's program, and would be present at the upcoming practices with the children. Ft. Wayne seminary contacted Immanuel Lutheran of Osman, thanking us for our participation in the summer Vicar Program and encouraging us to make our request known for this summer. It was suggested that Chairman Lammle confirm the interest of the congregation in the summer vicar program at the annual meeting. Pastor McPike will then send information to Ft. Wayne concerning our request. Chairman Lammle suggested that we recognize

Nathan Hooker for his military service in Afghanistan in connection to the Paul Zimmerman memorial dedication. Pastor McPike will continue communicating with the family on the dedication and recognition of Nathan Hooker.

Trustees Report: Trustees were instructed to schedule Windle Concrete in the spring for the ramp renovation on the east side of the church. The cost of the ramp has been added to the 2017 budget. Suggestions to help cover the cost of the ramp project were fundraisers, memorial moneys, emergency fund, and the 2009 money allotted for the drainage project.

Chairman Lammle suggested having another senior member recognition in the first quarter of the new year. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Pastor McPike suggested placing hand sanitizer dispensers at entrances to the church and hall. Lee Whitehouse will get prices.

The wood steps at the hall were then discussed. Since the steps are slick when wet or snow covered, Chairman Lammle volunteered to place slip resistant material on the steps.

Lee Whitehouse stated that furnace filters need to be changed, and is looking into furnace maintenance. Work at the church should be verified by calling the trustees, John Lammle or Butch Sprau.

2016 Church Activities: Chairman Lammle congratulated the Stewardship Committee and everyone who helped with the Jodi Burgess benefit for a job well done. The Stewardship Committee asked for the full amount of Thrivent Choice dollars received in 2016 for this benefit which was approved by the council. With the full amount of Thrivent Choice dollars and the contributions received at the benefit, we have a check in the amount of \$6,375.52 ready for the Stewardship Committee (Roy and Annette Whitehouse and Dwight and Terri Hooker) to present to Jodi during the December 11th service. Chairman Lammle stated that the Thanksgiving Dinner was canceled. The Frances Zimmerman memorial dedication was held on November 20th. Thanks to the family for the beautiful window of Noah's Ark in the church annex. The new member reception was held on December 4th, even though sickness prevented some new members from attending. Chairman Lammle stated that the Altar Guild placed the Advent wreath in the sanctuary, followed by placing the greens, and decorating the tree on following Saturdays. It was decided that removing the decorations will take place after the potluck on January 8th. Installation of 2017 council officers will be held on January 22nd. Christmas Eve Children's service will begin at 7pm. Christmas morning service will begin with a hymn sing at 9:30am, and service beginning at 10am.

No children or adult Sunday School will be held on December 25th or January 1st.

Old Business: Chairman Lammle presented a draft for the 2017 Ballot of Council officers. Chairman Lammle discussed the option of hiring an outside firm, Helpingstine Accounting, to prepare financial statements for the church. An additional person in the church would be voted on as Council Treasurer to coordinate with the outside firm. The other option would still continue with a full time treasurer from the church. Chairman Lammle was instructed by the council to inform the members at the next Church service concerning this topic. Shane Zimmerman made the motion to place the two options for treasurer on the ballot and present this information at the next Voter's meeting. Lee Whitehouse seconded; motion carried.

Mission Giving: Chairman Lammle presented a policy and procedure for Administration of Mission Giving. It included our usual annual budget for Mission Giving (8% of monthly income to the synod and \$150 per month to local giving), Synod Giving Commitment as approved by the voters, and local giving commitment to be submitted monthly, as approved by the voters. Contributions are to be at least 50% to Lutheran agencies and not more than 50% to other agencies. Chairman Lammle also presented a 2017 Council Recommendation for Mission Giving. Lee Whitehouse made a motion to accept the policy; Shirley Sprau seconded; motion carried. Chairman Lammle will present this to the voters at the next Voter's meeting, Jan. 8th.

Needy Fund: Chairman Lammle presented a policy and procedure for administration of Needy Funds. After discussion by the council it was decided to change line item #7 from needy fund requests greater than \$500 shall be directed to the "church council and stewardship committee" for review to "Board of Elders and church chairman". Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Needy Fund policy as changed.

Budget: The council reviewed the proposed 2017 Budget, with a 2.9% increase for Pastor McPike and a 1.7% increase for the remaining paid staff. Since Thrivent Choice dollars vary each year and are received throughout the year, \$3000 has been added to the year's budget to provide the Stewardship Committee funds to use starting in January 2017. In following years, the budget will reflect the actual amount received in the prior year.

Pastor McPike suggested that treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, reevaluate the line item for substitute pastors. Lee Whitehouse then made a motion to

accept the proposed budget; Shane Zimmerman seconded; motion carried.

Pastor McPike suggested purchasing another advent stole for guest pastors. A motion was made by Debbie Lammle to purchase another stole; seconded by Shirley Sprau; motion carried. Debbie Lammle will make the purchase.

Shane Zimmerman made a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card for Pastor McPike for Christmas; John Gercken seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

2017 Council Members

The 2017 Immanuel Lutheran Council Members are: Chairman-John Lammle, Elders-Marvin Clemmons, Don Warsaw, Roy Whitehouse, and Butch Sprau, Trustees-John Gercken and Steve Martin, Treasurer Bob Zimmerman with Helpingstine Accounting, Assistant Finance- Shirley Sprau and David Kunde, Council Secretary-Sandy Whitehouse, Sunday School Superintendent-Beth Bidner, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent-Kim Clemmons, and Head Usher-Mackenzie Delaney. Please feel free to address any questions or concerns to any of the above council members. Thanks to the outgoing council members: Deb Lammle, Aaron Warsaw, Shane Zimmerman, Diana Zimmerman, Lee Whitehouse, Connie Warsaw, and Cheyenne Zimmerman.

Upcoming Events

February 2 - Quilting

February 15 - Church Council meeting at 7:00 PM

February 18 - "Face of Reformation" Meal

March 1 - Ash Wednesday with Social Hour afterwards

\$150 Monthly Mission Giving for 2017

January-March to Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

April-June to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

July to Back Pack Program at Fisher Schools

August to Back Pack Program at Blue Ridge Schools

September to Back Pack Program at Mahomet Schools

October to Christ Lutheran High School Buckley

November to St. John's Lutheran School Champaign

December to Concordia University River Forest

Scholarship Fund

"Face of Reformation" Meal

In commemoration of the Anniversary of Martin Luther's death, Immanuel Osman will hold a special evening of food and entertainment on February 18th in the fellowship hall. Sauerbraten, Sauerkraut, German potato salad, German pancakes, and rote grutze will be served. If you wish to help with the meal please sign-up on the bulletin board in the church, and needed recipes will be provided. Following the meal, a retired University of Illinois scholar will speak on Erasmus, a Dutch Renaissance teacher and theologian. A second sign-up is posted for those attending, so a sufficient amount of food is prepared. Plan now to attend this fun and informative event!

"Rick Hardesty Pump Fund"

The Farmer City Fire Department asked our church to join them in raising funds for Rick Hardesty as he waits for a heart transplant. The event will be held on April 15th at the Legion in Farmer City, and will include a meal, auctioned items, and music. A lantern is located at the back of the church for donations. Our church has also been asked to donate desserts and items for the auction. Contact Bob Zimmerman or John Lammle for questions.

Thanks to Pastor and Sharon

Thanks to Pastor and Sharon for the kind gesture of hospitality when welcoming the congregation into their home for the Epiphany Open House on January 7th. It was enjoyed by all who attended!

LWML News

Quilting

All ladies who are interested in assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief will be meeting on Thursday, February 2 and Saturday, February 4 (if needed) at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. We have about 26 quilts finished to start the new year which ends in October when they are shipped to warehouses. All ladies are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service

Instead of the meal prior to the Ash Wednesday Service, LWML will have refreshments after the service on March 1, 2017.

"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.

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



Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
12/24	121	-	-
12/25	68	-	-
1/1	50	-	-
1/8	61	7	11
1/15	50	3	14
1/22	58	n/a	n/a
1/29	n/a	n/a	n/a

February

2017 Elder Schedule

Jan Marvin	Feb Don	Mar Butch
Apr Roy	May Roy	Jun Butch
Jul Don	Aug Butch	Sept Marvin
Oct Marvin	Nov Roy	Dec Don

CONGRATULATIONS!

February Birthdays

Bryan Edwards.....02-03
 David Peyton.....02-03
 Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson.....02-07
 Austin Miller.....02-09
 Christie Delaney.....02-10
 Jenna Mangold.....02-14
 Lora Nelson.....02-16
 Neil Bidner.....02-17
 Lisa Miller.....02-17
 Jeff Warsaw.....02-19
 Andrea Hicks.....02-20
 Sarah Schuh.....02-21
 Amanda Burgess.....02-24
 Reese Gallier.....02-26
 Marti Brandt.....02-27

February Anniversaries

Barb and Jerry Reifsteck.....02-04-1998
 Susan and Austin Miller.....02-12-1977
 Sara and Dave Kunde.....02-14-19?

Please Note...

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