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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

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Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!

May 2017

From Pastor McPike...

You may have noticed an extra robe on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. This robe goes over the robe regularly worn by the pastor, and is called a "chasuble". It is a specifically Eucharistic vestment, typically worn only for the part of the service where communion is celebrated. The typical time of wearing this robe is to put it on during the offering and wear it for the rest of the service. What makes this robe different from other robes is that it is typically the same color as the altar paraments. "Chasuble" comes from a Latin word that means, literally, "little house". The use goes back to times when the pastor presiding over the celebration of communion was specially identified. The *stole*, which is the colored, "scarf-like" part of the pastor's vestments, indicates the office of the ministry. When worn with the *chasuble*, the stole is smaller, because the two are meant to be worn together. The presiding minister at communion typically also crosses the stole in the front to indicate prior to putting on the chasuble being the presiding minister. Otherwise, the stole is larger and worn falling from the neck down the front of the pastor.

Other robes have other uses and symbolism. The older looking robe that is black underneath and white over the top is called "*Cassock and surplice*." The *cassock* is the black robe, and many pastors in by-gone years would wear it as their "business suit", as it were. For services where communion would not be celebrated, the *surplice*, the white robe, would be thrown on over the top. *Surplice* comes from a Latin word that means, literally, "over furs". There was no practical way to adequately heat the large churches of northern Europe in the middle ages, and so everyone had to dress in warm clothes in the winter. Clergy, then, needed loose fitting robes to go over the heavy fur coats needed to keep warm, hence the name

surplice, the robe that was loose enough to fit "over furs". The robe, even after modern heating and cooling systems made churches much more comfortable, became traditional for non-communion services over the black cassock.

The *alb* is actually one of the earliest robes worn by clergy. The alb is tighter fitting, and was meant to nearly completely cover any clothing the pastor was otherwise wearing. In ancient times, when people did not bathe or change clothes often, the pastor, out of respect for the sacrament and leading worship, would both bathe and put on a clean robe (in the days in which robes were more the usual fashion!) for the Sunday morning service which always included Holy Communion. Even after robes like the "alb" became no longer used for daily dress, the idea had caught on for pastors to wear them for the worship service. "Alb" comes from the Latin word "albus" meaning "white". Albs are generally white today, though some (such as the one I have with a hood) are also "flax". You may notice that for more festive Sundays, I wear a very white alb, while during other "more ordinary" Sundays celebrating communion, I wear flax. The flax robe I have is an adaptation of the monk's robe, which was more commonly worn in the middle ages.

With any robe or other adornment worn during the service by the pastor or others assisting the pastor, there is no "right" or "wrong". While certain robes have become more customarily associated with churches of some denominations more than others, the Lutheran Church has in its past many of the same vestments that are more commonly associated with the Catholic or Anglican (Episcopal) Churches. As with any symbol, understanding the meaning is crucial.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting- March 15, 2017

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on March 15, 2017. The following members were present: John Lammle, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Kunde, Butch Sprau, Shirley Sprau, Roy Whitehouse, Sandy Whitehouse and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike began the meeting with prayer. Secretary, Sandy Whitehouse, read the minutes from the February council meeting. Bob Zimmerman made a motion to accept the minutes; Butch Sprau seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob Zimmerman stated the January balance was \$63,330.92. Bob reviewed our February monthly expenses, along with the Statement of Financial Position as of end of February 2017. Our February 28, 2017 balance was \$65,204.82.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Missions: Bob went over the total spent by month for 2016 compared to the running expenses for January and February 2017. We are on track for what has been budgeted for the year.
- A review of donations for the Rick Hardesty and Cindy Masko benefits were also discussed.

Roy Whitehouse made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Shirley Sprau seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor McPike reported that 2 students have been sent information regarding our Vicar program. At this time, we have not heard back from either of them.
- Reformation Activities: The Face of Reformation German meal was held on Sunday, February 18. Our speaker enjoyed his evening with our Osman family and returned the payment the church had given him for his speaking services. Pastor McPike thanked everyone who provided food and helped with set up and cleanup. A special Thank You goes to the Youth Group who worked very hard at the event. It was decided to donate all proceeds from the evening to the Youth Group.
- It was decided to hold the Confirmation 50th Anniversary service/breakfast on June 25, 2017.
- Third Celebration Tour in St. Louis: Pastor has suggested the weekend of July 7 – 9, 2017 for the Luther Sites around St. Louis tour. Pastor will start putting together an agenda of events for the weekend. Please save this date for the tour. If there are multiple concerns over the weekend

date chosen, the date can be adjusted. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church starting in April.

- Pastor McPike thanked all the people who donated their time and food to the Cindy Masko benefit. We had a record breaking crowd of 263 people and donations exceeded \$8,600.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Trustee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Pending response of Facility Safety Audit. This can also include suggestions for church repairs and upgrades for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

New Business:

- **Sanctuary lighting:** It was noted there is an LED bulb in one of the lights. Chairman Lammle noted we should keep all lighting consistent within the sanctuary.
- **Stained-glass windows in the bell tower:** Chairman Lammle read a letter from the Warsaw family suggesting we use Memorial money donated for their family members towards replacing the stained-glass windows in the bell tower. All committee members agreed this would be a wonderful improvement.
- **Photos in Monthly Newsletters:** It has been brought to Council's attention that printing photos in the newsletters could be compromising people and the positions they hold. It was determined that when taking photos at events, we should always ask that person's permission before we publish them. Not only will they be in print for the newsletters, but also online since we publish newsletters on our website. Please note this for awareness.

Old Business:

- **Rick Hardesty Benefit:** The Benefit is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the Farmer City Legion. Churches were asked to provide as many desserts as they can. Desserts can be anything – pies, brownies, etc. Our focus should now change from donations to desserts. Auction items – a table will be set up under the church balcony to collect anything that can be auctioned off that night. A reminder will be included in future bulletins. To date, we have collected \$661.00 in donations which will be deposited into the Farmer City Bank – Rick Hardesty Benefit Pump Fund. We will remove the donation box since we are now focusing on auction

items and desserts. We have representatives attend each of the fundraiser committee meetings.

- **Pancake and Sausage Senior Member Recognition:** Chairman Lammle suggested holding this event on Easter Sunday, April 16. It was agreed this will be very well attended by having it on this date.

- **Wheelchair ramp:**

1. Lee Whitehouse has been in contact with Windle Concrete and they will plan to do this work in June.

2. We are still pursuing cost estimates for railings for the ramp.

3. Memorial funds have been approved to use towards the ramp project by the respective families. This should cover most, if not all, of the expenses.

4. Fundraisers - We will delay planning any additional fundraisers until it's determined if additional funds are needed.

- **125th Anniversary Celebration:** Several dates in 2020 have been suggested to hold events in recognition of the 125th year of Immanuel Lutheran of Osman. The committee will discuss these dates and activities in future meetings.

Upcoming Dates:

- Upcoming activities include the following:
- Lenten Service with Social Hour March 22, 29, April 5
- Maundy Thursday Service with Social Hour April 13
- Good Friday Service April 14
- Rick Hardesty Benefit April 15
- Easter Service April 16
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting April 23
- 50th Confirmation Anniversary June 25
- Third Celebration Tour in St. Louis July 7-9

The next Council meeting will be held on April 19th, 2017. The next Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on April 23, 2017 after church services. Please note these dates have been adjusted to accommodate the accounting firm for report development.

A motion to adjourn the March Council meeting was made by Roy Whitehouse; Seconded by Dave Kunde; Motion carried.

Pastor McPike adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Annual Girls Night Out

You won't want to miss a fun evening out with your girlfriends on June 2nd at the Osman Lutheran Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6:30pm. Food, fellowship, games, and prizes will be included in the evening's festivities. A sign-up will be posted in the church by May 7th to let us know who is coming and the number of guests. If you wish to help with refreshments or prizes, mark that on the sign-up as well. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!

A special thank-you to our talented soloists, Pastor McPike, Nick Haggin, Sara McPike, and Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson.

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

Thanks to everyone who donated a lily this Easter season: Butch and Shirley Sprau, Gene and Dorothy Welborn, Steve and Susie Martin, Bill and Moneta McCleary, Jeff and Annette Warsaw, Jim and Sue VanWakeman, Don and Connie Warsaw, John and Debbie Lammle, Lee and Sandy Whitehouse, Jim and Jane Poppe, Steve and Marsha Warsaw, Jeri Bidner, Larry and Esther Lutz, Harry Henriksen, and Dave and Sara Kunde.

Mother's Day Poem

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears
Can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

Author Unknown

Osman Parish Nurse



Susan Miller and Pastor McPike

The No Casserole Disease

Have you been wondering about aunt Eve's loss of interest in going to weekly bridge games? Why is neighbor Dave having angry outbursts or why are your child's grades dropping? May is Mental Health Awareness Month. One in 5 teens and adults will be affected by mental illness in their life. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines mental health as a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with normal stresses in life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to

make a contribution to his or her community. Stigma associated with mental illness persists due to lack of knowledge and fear. What can the congregation do to prevent, recognize and help people with a mental illness?

- Increase your knowledge. CDC, National Alliance on Mental Illness, libraries.
- Advocate change to the stigma surrounding mental illness.
- Break down the silence barriers. Let's talk about it like we do cancer or asthma.
- Inform your parish nurse or pastor about your concerns or concerns about someone else.
- Create an environment that is recognized by the mentally ill as accepting, sympathetic, and well informed.
- Bake a lasagna for the family and person struggling with a mental illness.

Acceptance and friendship are powerful deterrents to the internalization of the stigma of mental illness by the mentally ill.

Acceptance, Romans 15:7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Friendship, Romans 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Thank you

Susan Miller, your Parish Nurse

You may contact me by phone 217-671-0900 or email parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Adapted from NAMI, Foundations In Faith Community Nursing, Faith Roberts RN, MSN presentation. Top Ten Relational Needs by Intimacy Press, Philip McGarvey M.Div., B.C.C. presentation.

Important Events

Mother's Day: May 14th

Church Council: May 17th 7pm

Heritage Days Fundraiser: May 27th

LWML News

Spring Fling

Connie Warsaw, Brenda Hendricks, Deb Lammle and Barb Gaines attended the Spring Fling for our zone in Cissna Park on April 1, 2017. The topic for devotion was "Beautiful Feet" and there was a presentation by Milford about the Comfort Dog program since their congregation recently received their dog which is a 2 year process. Her name is Mahlah and she is the only comfort dog in Central Illinois so she's been busy. Pastor Gibbs of Milford explained that this program is not about the dog but about the ministry that is available through the dog.

Quilting

Our next quilting date will be Thursday, May 4th at 8 am in the hall. Everyone is invited to come!

Baby Bottle Project

LWML will once again sponsor the Baby Bottle Project that supports the Pregnancy Resource Center. The bottles will be available from Mother's Day thru Father's Day so look to pick one up and put your spare change in it for a month.

Adopted Family

Thanks to Brenda Hendricks for putting together the information sheet about our adopted family. Several members have signed up for birthdays or special events but there are still several open dates. Feel free to sign up as you are able and let Barb Gaines know which date you choose. You also have the option to put a donation (cash or gift cards) in the box on the elder's pew anytime throughout the year. Thank you to those members who've shared God's blessings so far!

LWML Recycles

The LWML continues to collect ink jet cartridges, used cell phones, and trimmed stamps. They also collect used Portals of Prayer, Bibles, Christian materials, and old LWML quarterlies. These last items will be given to "Love Packages" in Butler, IL. Empty, unlabeled pill bottles will also be collected. These empty pill bottles will improve the quality of health care in hospitals and health clinics in developing countries. Instead of dispensing medicine by hand or pocket, they can be distributed in sterile containers to the poorest of the poor. This plastic recycling program

can also keep thousands of bottles out of landfills each year. Placing a nickel, dime, or quarter in each pill bottle helps with shipping costs to send the bottles to developing countries. All these items may be placed in the purple covered box under the balcony at the back of the church. Thanks for your help in this important project!

Heritage Days Fundraiser

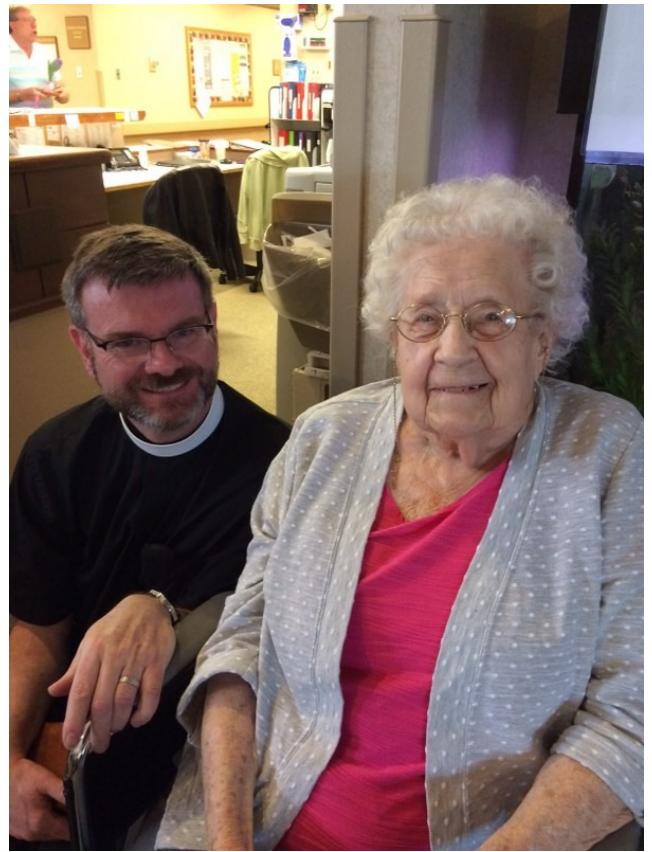
The Osman LWML will be holding a fundraiser on May 27th at the Farmer City Heritage Days. They will be selling pie, brownies, and ice cream, as well as raffling two quilts in order to raise money for the Danville LWML Zone project. This year's zone project will be in the form of a scholarship to assist a needy child enrolled at one of our parochial schools in the zone. Each LWML member will be asked to donate pies or brownies, and volunteers will be needed to sell the items on the day of the event. Debbie Lammle has applied for a Thrivent Team Action Grant which will help with the cost of supplies for this fundraiser. Look for more information in the church bulletin.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on April 5th in the Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall. The group met early to tie two fleece blankets for the Rick Hardesty Benefit. After the meeting was called to order, Connie Warsaw read a devotion entitled "The King Enters". Annette Warsaw had the topic "A Spring in Our Step" based on Romans 10:15. Minutes and roll call were given by Wilma Grussing. Connie Warsaw gave the treasurers' report with a balance of \$1220.24. Deb Lammle reported that the flower fund treasury balance is \$233.03 after sending several cards to our church members. A thank you note from Bethesda Lutheran Communities was read. President Hendricks thanked everyone who helped with the Cindy Masko funeral dinner and thanked Shirley Sprau for purchasing the items for the basket of teaching supplies for the Rick Hardesty Benefit. Clarifications were made on dues payment, flower fund donations, and LCFS donations. Connie Warsaw served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be May 3rd with Brenda Hendricks giving the devotion and serving as hostess. Dorothy Miller will be giving the topic. The roll call will be answered with a verse on hope. All ladies of the church are always invited to attend the Ladies Aid meetings on the first Wednesday of each month from March through December at 1:30 p.m.



Moneta McCleary



Pastor McPike and Wilma Forrest

Choir News

The Immanuel Osman Church Choir, directed by Nick Haggin and accompanied by Alicia Haggin, sang to the shut-ins on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Fruit baskets and flowers were given to the shut-ins by the choir. Pastor McPike read the Easter story, and gave the shut-ins communion during the visits. The choir sang to Moneta and Bill McCleary at their home in Mansfield, Marge Morrissey and Joanne Bloch at Bridle Brook, and Wilma Forrest at the Gibson City Annex. The choir ate pizza at Monicals in Gibson City at the end of their excursion. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible, especially Shirley Sprau for calling the Nursing Homes and purchasing the flowers.



Bob Zimmerman, Marge Morrissey and Butch Sprau

Rick Hardesty Benefit

Three hundred fifty family, friends, and acquaintances of Rick and Jill Hardesty were served at the Rick Hardesty Benefit on April 15th at the FC Legion. A successful night with a silent and live auction, and a performance by the "Modern Cowboys" rounded out a fun, exciting evening. John Lammle was the lucky person that left with the 55" TV given away at the benefit. During the evening, those attending were urged to become organ donors. Jill and Rick left the benefit reassured that they were "simply blessed".



Jill and Rick Hardesty



Larry and Esther Lutz and family

Honorary Senior Members

Larry and Esther Lutz were recognized as honorary senior members at Immanuel Osman during the Easter breakfast on April 16th. Their family, Brent and friend Cora, Brad, Tiffany, and Drayton, were present to see Chairman Lammle present Larry and Esther with their own parking sign.

Larry served as a cook at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and later served as the Mess Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was asked to make the pancakes at the first Easter Breakfast at Osman in 1961, and has been serving in that position ever since. After Larry and Esther were married in 1965, Esther helped make the pancake batter for the Easter Breakfast every year.

Larry also has been the photographer for many important events at Osman and provided pictures and albums of confirmation classes for over 50 years as well. Larry and Esther also assist Immanuel Osman in ministry to the shut-ins by sending an audio disc of the Immanuel church service and bulletin to those in nursing homes. Thanks to Larry and Esther for their dedication to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman!

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
3/19	74	5	12
3/22	48	-	-
3/26	59	3	10
3/29	39	-	-
4/2	69	4	18
4/5	33	-	-
4/9	68	5	14
4/13	43	-	-
4/14	38	-	-
4/16	120	-	-
4/23	61	n/a	n/a
4/30	n/a	n/a	n/a

MAY

CONGRATULATIONS!

May Birthdays

Doug Majercin.....05-01
 Susan Miller.....05-04
 Cheyenne Zimmerman.....05-04
 Martha Warsaw.....05-08
 Elizabeth Barrack.....05-10
 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
 Blaine Martin.....05-30

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

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