

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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Love bears all things, believes all
things, hopes all things,
endures all things.
1 Corinthians 13:7

From the desk of Pastor McPike...

Adult Instruction Class

Some interest has been expressed in holding an adult instruction class, for the possibility of adults that are not confirmed to join the church. If there is interest, this could be done this summer. Classes would be at the church. Please contact Pastor McPike at pastor@osmanlutheran.org or 217-903-4853 (leave message; this phone number does not accept text messages).

Lutheran Heritage Tour to celebrate 500th Anniversary of Reformation

The weekend of July 15-16 is the target to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by taking a trip to St. Louis and Perry County, Missouri area. While the major celebrations are happening in Wittenberg and other Saxon towns in Germany, this tour is close to home and much more affordable! Details are still being worked out, but here are some of the possibilities. Tours of major St. Louis area sites, including Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; LCMS International Center; Concordia Cemetery and the grave of Dr. C. F. W. Walther; South Jefferson Street and the sites of Concordia Publishing House, the old Seminary buildings (1867-1926) and the former Lutheran Hospital; Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis (first LCMS congregation in St. Louis, where Dr. Walther was pastor until his death in 1887); historic sites in Perry County, Missouri.

There are a number of details yet to be worked out. The thinking is that we will leave on Saturday morning, tour some downtown St. Louis sites that day; attend church at Trinity, St. Louis on Sunday morning, and see the Perry County sites Sunday afternoon; Monday would be a day to tour Concordia Seminary (and attend morning chapel) and the International Center. We plan to carpool to and from the area, and probably to Perry County, but will utilize a bus for the various St. Louis sites.

At this point, Pastor McPike is looking to gather interest in who might want to go. Once we have a count, some of the other details (including an actual schedule of events and cost) will be determined. At this point, a rough estimate would be two nights in a hotel (Saturday and Sunday), dividing the cost of the bus among those attending and whatever food. Good German Restaurants in St. Louis including Schneidhorsts in Ladue, the Feasting Fox, and more. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church that does not obligate you to anything, but is just to identify interest; or you can contact pastor@osmanlutheran.org.

Pastor's "Home" Telephone Number on the front of the bulletin (217-903-4853) does NOT receive text messages. If you text that number, he will never get it. If you need to text him, please use 312-650-9890.

Pentecost — June 4, 2017

Pentecost is the third great festival of the Christian year. On the first Christian Day of Pentecost, there came, hovering over the eleven disciples gathered together in Jerusalem, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire. On that day, the disciples were strengthened and empowered by the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit which had been given them by the risen Lord.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church, for on that day about 3000 were reported to have been added to the fellowship of the disciples. This initial large influx of converts, those who came out of the stirring events of Pentecost, "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers".

Pentecost, commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit for the Christian world, is held the seventh Sunday after Easter. Red as the color of fire is used on the day of Pentecost when we remember the tongues of fire that descended on the crowd of Jerusalem.

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting- April 19, 2017

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on April 19, 2017. The following members were present: John Lammle, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Kunde, Don Warsaw, Steve Martin, Sandy Whitehouse and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike began the meeting with prayer. Secretary, Sandy Whitehouse, read the minutes from the March council meeting. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept the minutes; Don Warsaw seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob Zimmerman stated the March 31 balance was \$64,734.81. Bob reviewed our March monthly expenses, along with the Statement of Financial Position as of end of March 2017.
- Bob went over the current memorial accounts. With the upcoming ramp project, we will use several of those funds, which will clean up the current list. The balance before ramp project is \$18,402.66 sitting in the Memorial Funds account.
- Don Warsaw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor McPike received a request to transfer the membership for Andrea Hicks and family to Lowell, IN. Pastor has found them a new church family to go along with their relocation.
- Vicar Status: We have extended inquiries to 2 Vicars for our summer program. Our Vicar from last year, Brian Johnston has also spoken to each of them and has encouraged them to accept our opportunity. We have received word that 1 of the applicants accepted another offer, and we haven't heard back from the 2nd applicant. Since the date is getting late, it seems unlikely that we will receive one this year. Pastor Ehlers has been scheduled for an average of 2 Sunday's each month for the summer months to assist.
- We need to set Vacation Bible School dates. This should be done by the May meeting.
- Pastor and Debbie Lammle have spoken about the altar needs. Pastor would like to have an extra blue stole purchased so we have one when we have additional pastors. The cost would be \$203. Pastor would also like to add red paraments for the altar. The full set would be around \$2500. Red would be used for any celebrations, including the Anniversary of the Reformation in October. Pastor and Debbie will continue to research what they would like. It's possible some of the Memorial Funds could be used for that purchase. Those families will be contacted to see if they approve. Dave Kunde made a motion to proceed with the process; Steve Martin seconded; motion carried.
- It was decided to hold the Confirmation 50th

Anniversary service/breakfast on June 25, 2017.

- Third Celebration Tour in St. Louis: Pastor has suggested changing the weekend to July 14-16, 2017 for the Luther Sites around St. Louis tour. Pastor will start putting together an agenda of events for the weekend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and a note put in the bulletin.
- Easter service had an excellent turnout. Pastor thanked the Youth for the Easter breakfast and the Senior member recognition for Larry and Esther Lutz.

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:

- Wheel chair ramp is scheduled to be started in June by Windle Concrete. Larry Lutz is still looking into the railing source.
- FS was out to check the furnace and everything looks good. There are septic issues in the hall and the annex. It's possible it needs to be pumped. Don Warsaw will assist with that.
- Drainage project – Steve Martin will have someone take a look at our drainage situation at the hall to see if we can get some recommendations.
- It was noted the annex thermostat is indicating the filter needs to be changed. The trustees will look into.
- Pending response of Facility Safety Audit. This can also include suggestions for church repairs and upgrades for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

New Business:

- **Policy and Procedure for Memorial Funds** will be presented to Voter's at the quarterly voter meeting this weekend.
- **Church Picnic** – John Lammle will check on various locations to be held on Aug. 13.
- **Parish Nurse** – We now have a Parish Nurse. Susan Miller attended the beginning of our meeting and explained what the Parish Nurse does and does not do. Susan would like to have a space allocated to have information available for our parishioners. John will look into getting her a bulletin board and a table/shelf to have her information. Susan will also be looking at holding some informational meetings for our parish. Susan also needs to have liability insurance for being the Parish Nurse. Bob Zimmerman will check into our current policy to see if this is covered, or if an additional amount will be needed.
- **Voter's Meeting** – The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held this Sunday, April 23 after church services.

Old Business:

- **Rick Hardesty Benefit:** The Benefit held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 was a huge success! Our church provided \$771 cash, along with dessert donations and auction items. Thank you to everyone who assisted in any way.

- **125th Anniversary Celebration:** Committees have

been formed. Those committees have been asked to decide on a budget for their respective committees. We would like to have those for the 2018 budget. Pastor is checking on the proposed dates for activities.

Upcoming Dates:

- Upcoming activities include the following:
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting April 23
- 50th Confirmation Anniversary June 25
- Third Celebration Tour in St. Louis July 14-16
- Church Service/Picnic August 13

Closing:

The next Council meeting will be held on May 17, 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 April Council meeting was made by Steve Martin; Seconded by Dave Kunde; Motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman
Voter's Meeting - April 23, 2017

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Lammle on April 23, 2017. John Lammle opened the meeting with prayer in Pastor McPike's absence. The secretary, Sandy Whitehouse, read the minutes of the January Voter's meeting. Roy Whitehouse made the motion to accept the minutes; Jeff Warsaw seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, read the 1st quarter balance with a total of \$64,734.84. Bob reviewed the first quarter's totals and explained how the accounting firm logs their totals. The total bill for the Helpingstone Accounting firm has been a little more than anticipated due to the initial set up of the accounts. We shouldn't have that added expense next year, but we also don't know what next year's rate could be. At present time, it looks like we will be approximately \$1000 over budget for this service, but everyone feels it's well worth it. Bob feels they do an excellent job and are easy to work with. We will be using memorial money to fund the wheelchair ramp for an estimated \$9,489.66 plus cost of the railings. We have been in contact with those families and have received permission to use the money toward the ramp. Another source of funds could be the emergency fund. Jeff Warsaw made a motion to accept the report; Rick Hardesty seconded; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike left a message to thank everyone for the support and partnership in ministry of God's church that he has with Immanuel Osman.

He would also like to thank everyone who made the Easter services a special occasion. The music was wonderful and Alicia and Nick Hagan are always ready to help. Thank you also goes out to Sarah McPike and the Choir for their

wonderful music and also to the Youth Group for all their assistance.

Pastor reported that he has received a request to provide a certificate of release to Andrea, Erik Jr and Eli Hicks to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowell, IN.

Pastor also reported that it's doubtful that we will receive a Summer Vicar this year. An inquiry has been extended to 2 candidates. One of the candidates accepted an offer elsewhere and we haven't received word on the 2nd request, but since it's getting late it's doubtful we will receive a Vicar this year. Our Vicar from last year, Brian Johnston, has been in contact with both candidates to try and convince them to accept our offer, however we need to plan to not have one this year.

Stole Purchase – There is a need for a blue stole for the church to have. In our present arrangement, we often have two pastors participating in worship services. Many pastors, especially those retired, have the four colors of red, white, purple and green. Many do not have a blue stole. We have had more than one instance during Advent where there are two pastors, and the guest pastor doesn't have a blue stole. The stole to match our present blue set of paraments would be \$203. There is also an additional need for a red parament, which would be used for celebrations, including the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. A question was posed if we hadn't already purchased new paraments in the past few years. John Lammle will check past records to see if this had been the case.

We now have a Parish Nurse, Susan Miller, on staff at Immanuel Lutheran. Susan is a recent graduate of the Community Parish Nurse program and is actively looking for ways to assist our Parish. Susan worked for many years at McKinley Healthy Center at the University of Illinois and has her RN. Her email address is parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report: Everything is going very well. Nothing else to report.

Trustee Report: Lights have been replaced in the Annex. The septic issue has been resolved.

Old Business: The 125th Anniversary Celebration planning is underway. Darwin Warsaw, Jill Hardesty and Darryl Redding are doing the initial planning. There are now committees formed. Celebration dates are under review for Spring and Summer 2020.

Thank you to everyone who helped anyway to the Cindy Masko & Rick Hardesty benefits.

New Business: Policy and Procedure for Administration of Memorial Funds was distributed and reviewed. Memorial contributions given to our Church will be recorded and tracked by the Church Treasurer; The Church Council will serve as the Memorial Committee and will monitor and advise the voters on the use of memorial funds; Members and their families can recommend, within the first 5 years, how to use Memorial Funds. The Church Council will review recommendations to ensure they are in the best interest of the Church; Memorial Funds remaining in the Church treasury greater than 5 years may be used by the Church Council for needs of the Church with the approval of Voters.

The Church council will, if possible, advise the member and families how their memorial funds will be used. Motion to accept the Policy and Procedure for Administration of Memorial Funds was made by Larry Lutz; seconded by John Gercken. Motion carried.

Portals of Prayer – Please let Bob Zimmerman know if there needs to be any additions or removals. We will also put a notice in the bulletin.

The next Quarterly Voter's meeting will be on July 23, 2017.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Thank You!

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous gift sent to our seminary in April, 2017. Your gift is highly appreciated.

God's blessing,
Matthew Adjes
Seminary Student

Thank You!

Thanks to Shirley Sprau and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins this month.

Girls Night Out

Just a quick reminder of the special event for all ladies of the church and their friends: **Girls Night Out on June 2nd at the Osman Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30pm.** Come prepared to sample appetizers and desserts, play bunco, and win prizes! Ask a friend to join in the fellowship and fun with church family and friends! If you want to bring a dessert to share or a prize to give away, that would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brian Johnston, Osman's former summer vicar, who was placed at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Terre Haute, IN for his vicarage.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate our 2017 high school graduates, Hanna Duncan, and Cheyenne Zimmerman. God's blessing to you in your future endeavors.

Hannah Duncan, daughter of Mary and Chris Duncan, graduated from Mahomet HS this year, and is considering Law Enforcement at Parkland College this fall.



Cheyenne Zimmerman, daughter of Cindy and Shane Zimmerman, graduated from Blue Ridge HS on Sunday, May 21st. She continues attending Parkland College this fall.

Important Events

- June 1st - Quilting-8am
- June 2nd - Girls Night Out-6:30pm
- June 4th - Pentecost
- June 7th - Ladies Aid-1:30
- June 15th - LWML-7pm
- June 25th - Confirmation Recognition with Reception after church

VETERAN Honor Flight

VETERAN Honor Flight info can be obtained on the internet. Springfield is called "Land of Lincoln Honor Flight". Once again, Peoria is another place that provides these trips, and I believe Rockford also. Please encourage family or friends that are Veterans of WW2, Korean, and Vietnam to sign up for this free trip to Washington D.C. to see all of the Memorials honoring our Soldiers. A Guardian will be assigned to them if they do not have family or friends that go with them. Anyone can sign up to be a Guardian and there is also an application form on line for this. You will attend a 2 hour meeting to obtain all information regarding this program. You are a helper. This trip is ALL ABOUT the VETERAN, and they will be treated like royalty.

Anyone interested in providing a letter to thank a Veteran for my upcoming June 20th trip can send a one liner, or a long letter, or a card to the following address ASAP! (MY soldiers name is Wm McFarland. Letters may be addressed to him, or just to "Soldier". The generic ones will be distributed evenly to all that may not receive many letters for the Mail Call on our trip home. This is a very emotional ending for their day as many have never been thanked for their service.) Full name of Veteran—for example: Wm. McFarland, c/o Joan Bortolon, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL 62703.

ANYONE INTERESTED in the homecoming ceremony should be at the Springfield airport Tuesday evening June 20th, no later than 8:30pm, to greet the men and women exiting the plane. This is a BIG part of their day and it is apparently quite a sight to see. This has been on my Bucket List and I cannot wait to Honor our Veterans that so deserve our thanks. May God bless, and please say a prayer for our safety as we travel to and from Washington. Thanks so much, Joy Johnson

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on May 3 in the Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall. After the meeting was called to order, Brenda Hendricks read a devotion entitled "Overwhelming Love Breeds a Living Hope for Life". Dorothy Miller led the topic about what heaven is going to be like based on several Bible readings. Minutes and roll call were given by Wilma Grussing. Connie Warsaw gave the treasurers' report with a balance of \$1152.55. The flower fund treasury balance was reported as \$250.03 after sending several cards to our church members. An email correspondence from Vicar Brian Johnston was shared with the group. President Hendricks thanked the members who helped prepare and tie the fleece blankets at the last meeting for the Rick Hardesty Benefit. A letter from Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne outlining the process of adopting a seminary student was read. Since our congregation did not receive a summer vicar, a motion was made to adopt Chris Walters, husband of Dana Friedrichson. The motion passed. The LWML will discuss this action item at their next meeting since we share this donation. Brenda Hendricks served refreshments. The next meeting will be June 7th with Shirley Sprau giving the devotion and serving as hostess. Deb Lammle 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.

Confirmation Recognition

The 1967 Confirmation classes (both youth and adult) will be recognized on June 25th during the Church service. Everyone is invited for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and help celebration this memorable event!



LWML News

Quilting

We will be quilting again on June 1. 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 18. Thank you to everyone who participates!

LWML Meeting—Date change

LWML will meet on Thursday June 15 (instead of June 8) at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Shirley Sprau will have the topic and Deb Lammle and Barb Gaines will serve as hostesses. We will have reports on both the spring gathering in Cissna Park as well as the CID convention in Altamont. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.



Brenda Hendricks at CID LWML servant event

Servant Events at the CID-LWML Convention

Two members of Immanuel Osman, Brenda Hendricks and Debbie Lammle, attended the servant events at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blue Point on April 28th. 88 women made 8 fleece blankets, 22 knotted quilts, trimmed many stamps, marked numerous Bibles, and cut strips from plastic bags and crocheted them to make mats for the homeless. A delicious meal including sandwiches and a large variety of salads and desserts was served before the communion worship service. The evening continued with a depiction of the history of LWML through the decades by 5 past district presidents. The evening concluded with a Bible Trivia game.



Debbie Lammle at CID LWML Convention

Health Interest Survey

In order to plan for my ministry as a parish nurse in this congregation, I would appreciate your assistance by asking you to answer the following questions. There is no need to sign your name, unless you want to. All information is confidential and will only be used for planning bulletin and newsletter information and possible programs in this church. Each family member is asked to reply.

1. How do you rate your health? ☐ Excellent ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
2. **Health Status:** Please check if you have or have had any of the following conditions. Place a "C" by any current conditions and "P" by past conditions.

☐ Heart Disease	☐ Lung disease
☐ High Blood Pressure	☐ Cancer
☐ Arthritis	☐ Mental Illness
☐ Diabetes	☐ Physical Disability
☐ Depression	Other _____

3. **Support groups:** Would you like information on local support groups?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please check which ones.

☐ Loneliness	☐ Coping with Grief & Loss
☐ Weight Control	☐ Caregiver Support
	☐ Alzheimer's Disease

Parenting

☐ Preschool	☐ Teenagers	☐ Single Parent
☐ Living with Chronic Illness/Disability	☐ Unemployment	

☐ Families of Persons with Mental Health Problems

Other _____

4. The following are Health Promotion Classes that enhance our Emotional, Physical, And Spiritual Health. Please indicate if you would participate in any of the following. You may mark as many as you would attend.

☐ Adolescent Health Issues

☐ "Break a Habit"

☐ Communication Skills

☐ End of Life Planning

☐ Exercise

☐ Healthy Aging

☐ Healthy Eating

☐ Holiday Blues

☐ Marriage Enrichment

☐ Pre-retirement Planning

Sexuality: ☐ Teenage ☐ Young Adult

☐ Middle Age ☐ Elderly

☐ Spiritual Dimensions of Health

☐ Stress Management

☐ Time Management

☐ Women's Health

Other _____

5. What is your major health concern(s)? This includes Emotional, Physical, or Spiritual. _____

6. What is your major health concern(s) for your **family**? This includes Emotional, Physical, and Spiritual _____

7. Do you see an area of need in your congregation that you would like the parish nurse to address? If so, please explain.

8. Would you like monthly blood pressure checks? ____Yes ____No

9. Would you like CPR training? ____Yes ____No

10. If you have had experience in any health topic and would be willing to teach or share your experience, please put your name and telephone number below or contact me at the information below. Please include the topic of your choice. _____

11. Name (Optional) _____

12. Contact Information (Optional) _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Susan Miller

Parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Cell phone 217-672-0900

Please use this space if needed to answer questions or make comments. Thank you. Please place completed surveys in envelope at the back of church.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
4/23	61	1	17
4/30	58	4	14
5/07	49	4	14
5/14	52	3	17
5/21	66	n/a	n/a
5/28	n/a	n/a	n/a

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



2017 Elder Schedule

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