

# ***THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER***

942 Grape Avenue, Fisher, IL 61843-8512

(217) 897-6170

## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN**

**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



*Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC*

*July 2017*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

### **Church Council**

#### **Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - May 17, 2017**

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on May 17, 2017. The following members were present: John Lammle, Steve Martin, Sandy Whitehouse, John Gercken and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike began the meeting with prayer. Secretary Sandy Whitehouse, read the minutes from the April council meeting. One slight revision was made. John Gercken made a motion to accept the minutes; Steve Martin seconded; Motion carried.

##### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The April 30, 2017 balance was \$67,934.79. The Council reviewed the monthly expenses and will have Bob Zimmerman follow up with the Accounting firm on any questions. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; John Gercken seconded. Motion carried.

##### **Pastor Report:**

- Pastor McPike is proceeding plans for the summer as if we will not receive a summer Vicar. Pastor Ehlers will do an average of 2 Sunday's each month during the summer months. Pastor Bob Franks will perform one of the services in June when both Pastor McPike and Pastor Ehlers is unavailable.
- Vacation Bible School has always been run in the past by the Vicar. Since we will not have a Vicar, we are exploring an option of having Sarah McPike assist with VBS this year. Suggested dates for VBS will be June 25-28 and the theme will be the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Celebration. Pastor will check with Beth Bidner to see if these dates will work with her.

- Elder's duties at funerals – Don Warsaw presented a list of Elder responsibilities to Pastor that should be used for funerals. Pastor will meet with the Elders and provide them this list and answer any questions they may have.
- The Third Celebration Tour in St. Louis is scheduled for July 14-16. A sign up sheet will be put at the back of the church until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. If we don't receive enough interest, the tour will be canceled.

##### **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 mid-June by Windle Concrete. Steve Martin will follow up with Erwin Walter Iron Works for a railing estimate.
- Batteries have been replaced in the smoke detectors.
- Filters will be replaced before the next meeting.
- Septic tanks have been pumped and the grass has been re-seeded at the entrance.
- It was noticed the roof above the women's restroom in the hall is leaking again. Steve Martin will call a roofer to come look at it.
- Pending response of Facility Safety Audit. This can also include suggestions for church repairs and upgrades for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Chairman Lammle would like this done very soon.

### Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month

### New Business:

- Trent Swift and Eric Elliott from Country Financial were present to discuss the insurance renewal for the upcoming year. The total premium for this year is \$5,676.00, however this includes the extra cost if broken down and paid in installments. We believe we paid this in one payment last year. Chairman Lammle will verify with Bob Zimmerman if that is what we did. Trent and Eric will provide us with the amount due if paid in one lump sum.
- **Church Picnic** – We will hold the church picnic at Bellflower school on Aug. 13. Activities were presented for discussion.

### Old Business:

- Chairman Lammle continues to look into some space for the Parish Nurse to have at the back of the church.
- **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Pastor is checking on the proposed dates for activities. Tentative schedule of events is being tabled until additional council members are available to discuss.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Upcoming activities include the following:
- Girl's Night Out June 2
- June Council Meeting June 21
- Vacation Bible School June 25-28 ?
- 50<sup>th</sup> 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 June 21, 2017.

A motion to adjourn the April Council meeting was made by Steve Martin; Seconded by Sandy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Whitehouse

## Pentecost 2017



**Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC**

Thanks Pastor McPike for our meaningful Pentecost service on June 4, 2017, the seventh Sunday after Easter. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit for the Christian world.

## With Deepest Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Joni Reifsteck who was called to her heavenly home on June 11. Her funeral service was held in Rantoul on Friday, June 16 with Pastor McPike officiating. Her burial was in Danville National Cemetery in Danville with military rites. May our loving Lord grant comfort and peace to all those who mourn.



## Just Married

Congratulations and God's blessings to Jamie and Aaron Krueger who were married Saturday, June 10, 2017.

## Girls Night Out

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Girls Night Out” was a great success with 36 friends and family of Immanuel Lutheran Church present on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fellowship Hall. The evening included playing the exciting game of bunco, indulging in a variety of appetizers and desserts, and reconnecting with old friends. Prizes were awarded throughout the evening. Debbie Peyton was the grand winner of the gift card to Hobby Lobby. Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments and prizes for the gift table, and to the committee of Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, and Debbie Lammle who organized this annual event!



Anita Lair, Arnita Zimmerman, Marsha Warsaw and Janet Zimmerman enjoying Bunco



Debbie Peyton was the winner of Bunco at Girls Night Out

## Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on June 7 in the Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall. After the meeting was called to order, Shirley Sprau read a devotion entitled “New Belief”. Deb Lammle led the topic “Who Would You Consider a Great Encourager in Your Life?” Minutes and roll call were given by Wilma Grussing. Connie Warsaw gave the treasurers’ report with a balance of \$1162.55. The flower fund treasury balance was reported as \$242.28 after sending several cards to our church members. There was not any correspondence. President Hendricks explained that the Ladies Aid voted to adopt Chris Walters as our adopted seminary student for next year, but we are waiting the approval of the LWML since they split the donation. They will meet next week. The next quilting date was announced as July 6<sup>th</sup>. New business consisted of planning the July 4<sup>th</sup> bake sale. The August Luncheon Committee, Deb Lammle and Shirley Sprau, reported that the luncheon will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at JT Walkers in downtown Mahomet. The next meeting will be July 5th with Annette Warsaw giving the devotion and serving as hostess. Connie Warsaw will be giving the topic. The roll call will be answered with a verse on freedom. 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 pm.

## **July 4<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale!**

The LWML and Ladies Aid will be hosting their annual bake sale during the Bellflower 4th of July celebration. All members of the congregation are invited to purchase baked goods and snacks before the Bellflower Parade which starts at 9:30 AM. LWML and Ladies Aid members may take their baked goods to Shirley Sprau or Connie Warsaw on the day before if you cannot attend. Those attending the bake sale on the 4th need to have their items to the fire station by 7:30 AM. Proceeds will be divided between the two organizations.

## **Ladies Aid Luncheon**

The Ladies Aid annual luncheon will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at JT's, 401 E. Main, in Mahomet, beginning at 12 noon. Members, guests, and anyone in the church are invited to this outing for great food, fellowship, and shopping. After the meal we have scheduled a presentation at the Quilting Bee shop, right across the street, for those who are interested. Sign-up on the bulletin board between July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend (please add the number of guests).

## **LWML News**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

LWML met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting on June 15, 2017 and opened with the LWML song and pledge. Agnes Watson had devotion entitled "Truth or Trash". Shirley Sprau provided a timely topic about prayer. Ten members were present plus one guest. Due to the secretary's absence the minutes were not available. The treasurer's report was given by Deb Martin with a balance of \$1,040.93. The report was approved. Annual dues is due at this time and was collected. Mites were collected and it was noted that not only did we reach our mite goal in CID for 2016 but exceeded it by \$14,000! Our goal for 2017-18 is \$90,000.

We currently do not have a seminary student but it was decided to support Chris Walters who is attending Fort Wayne. We will share the financial assistance with the Ladies' Aid. Motion was made and approved.

Thank you's were offered to Deb Martin for coordinating the Baby Bottle project and to Deb Lammle and Deb Martin for coordinating the fund

raiser at Heritage Days. Thanks also were offered to all who donated food and time for this project. We made \$350 which will be given to the zone for the scholarship project for our zone schools. President Gaines thanked everyone who has donated to our adopted family so far this year and members were reminded that they can also place a donation in the box at the elder's pew.

We have currently completed 68 quilts. Upcoming dates were discussed and it was suggested that we consider moving to a Tuesday/Thursday so we can keep the supplies out. It was decided to just quilt one day in July on July 6 but to try this on August 1 and 3 and possibly September 5 and 7. Terri Hooker reported that some of our quilts have been sent to Georgia (Russia).

We have completed 35 pillowcase dresses so far and Diana Zimmerman read a thank you postcard from the organization who received them.

Under new business, President Gaines reported on the Spring Gathering in Cissna Park on April 1<sup>st</sup> that she and Connie Warsaw, Brenda Hendricks and Deb Lammle attended. The theme was "Beautiful Feet" and the guest speakers were the handlers of the new comfort dog from Milford. 60 people attended and in-gathering went to support the comfort dog needs. We learned that these dogs go thru 2,000 hours of training and are technically a service dog. Milford's dog, Mahlah is the only dog in Central Illinois so she's been very busy.

The CID convention was held in Altamont on April 28-29 and was attended by Brenda Hendricks, Deb Lammle and Barb Gaines. Brenda Hendricks reported on the servant events and Barb Gaines reported on the convention and the approved mission grants. If the \$90,000 goal is met, most of the grants will be met.

Our Parish nurse, Sue Miller was a guest and spoke about her role and some of the plans she has to assist and support our congregation.

Upcoming events: Fall Rally in Watseka on September 19, 2017 with the theme of "The Word of God is our fortress". We will be turning in our money from the fundraiser and there will be election of officers for the zone, namely President and Secretary/Treasurer. The group was asked if they had any nominations but none were offered. The national convention will be attended by Brenda Hendricks June 22-25. Members were asked to keep her in our prayers.

Camp Cilca retreat is scheduled for October 12-14, 2017.

The annual bake sale will be on July 4 in Bellflower. Baked goods are to be given to Connie or Shirley by the evening of July 3.

The annual church cleaning date was discussed but has not yet been set. A tentative date is August 11. Hostesses Diana Zimmerman and Barb Gaines served

refreshments. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 with Brenda Hendricks having topic on her national convention experience and Deb Lammle and Wilma Grussing serving as hostesses.

### **Donations for a needy family**

As reported in April, LWML has adopted an area needy family for a year. This family has been through a recent tragic loss and is facing some real financial challenges. In addition to remembering them on birthdays and holidays we plan to offer assistance anytime throughout the year. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to donate—money, gift cards, etc. There is a designated box in the back of the church for all donations. Thank you to all who have already donated in any way. Your generosity is such a blessing!

### **Quilters**



One of the beautiful quilts made by the ladies of the church: Terri Hooker, Debbie Peyton, Brenda Hendricks, Debbie Martin, Arnita Zimmerman, Barb Gaines, Wilma Grussing, Shirley Sprau and Diana Zimmerman

# Thank You!

Thanks to Sue VanWakeman and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins this month.

### **Adult Confirmation Class**

Interest has been expressed in an adult confirmation class. Classes usually take 14-15 weeks and will meet for an hour at a time. If you have interest in a class, please contact Pastor McPike.

# Thank You!

Thank you to the Osman LWML ladies that donated money for my Mission in Motion pledge walk at the 37th Biennial Convention of the LWML in Albuquerque, New Mexico this last week. Due to the extreme outdoor temperatures the walk was held on the second floor of the convention hall. Because of time restrictions and limited space with 1,127 walkers, I was only able to complete 2 miles, but it was an exciting effort. The donations from Osman totaled \$155 which became a part of the grand total which was \$73,674.55 at the time of the convention. Other pledges are always added later so thanks be to God for so many gracious ladies of the LWML! This money is directed to pay for the mission grants adopted by the convention. Thanks again! Brenda Hendricks

### **Vacation Bible School**

Join us July 23 through 27 for Vacation Bible School. VBS will begin on Sunday, July 23 with a cookout at 5PM. The children will begin their program at 6PM. The following days from Monday, July 24 to Thursday, July 27, the program will run from 6PM to 8PM each evening. The theme "Mighty Fortress - In Jesus, the Victory is Won" will teach the children that God is their refuge and strength through Bible lessons, games, crafts, songs, and skits. If you are planning on bringing your children, grandchildren, or friends, please contact Brenda Hendricks or Connie Warsaw.

## 1967 Confirmation Classes Recognized



Immanuel Lutheran of Osman recognized the 1967 Confirmation classes at a reception after church on June 25, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall. Those present from the classes were Patty Christie Downey, Diana Zimmerman, and Juanita Whitehouse. The original classes also included Marla Hassebrock Jones, Steven Brian Meuser, and Darrell Gene Zahnd (deceased). The original adult confirmation class also included Alice Gunter who is also deceased. Cake and punch were served after church and while the confirmands were reminiscing, a video was running of the past 50+ years of confirmation pictures. Thanks to Larry Lutz, Debbie Lammle, and Ryan Lammle for this history reminder of those who were confirmed in our church. We look forward to the next few years when we celebrate our 125th anniversary of Immanuel Osman!

## Upcoming Events

July 4<sup>th</sup> - LWML and Ladies Aid Bake Sale 7:30am at Bellflower Fire Station

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm

July 6<sup>th</sup> - Quilting 8am

July 19<sup>th</sup> - Church Council 7pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Voter's Meeting after service

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Vacation Bible School cookout 5pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup> - Vacation Bible School 6pm to 8pm

July 29<sup>th</sup> - LWML Zone President's meeting 9:30am

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ladies Aid Luncheon noon at JT's in Mahomet

August 13<sup>th</sup> - Church Picnic at Bellflower Grade School

## Food Safety

As we celebrate this Independence Day, let's keep our friends and families safe from food poisoning. If you're like my family, we graze all day and push the limits on leaving food out on the picnic table. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention you should:

**1. Clean** hands and surfaces often. Wash your hands with soap and water. Have hand sanitizer on each picnic table. Wipe surfaces with clean cloth, dish soap and water or disposable kitchen wipes. Cooking and cutting utensils will need rinsed if washed or wipes used.

**2. Separate.** Don't cross-contaminate. Raw meat, poultry, and seafood can spread illness-causing bacteria to already prepared foods unless you keep them separate. Don't store them in the same cooler. Don't reuse marinade that had raw meat in it.

**3. Cook** at the right temperature. Bacteria that causes food poisoning multiplies quickest between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The safest way to tell if a food is done is with a food thermometer. Keep food hot after cooking. Wrap well and place in insulated container. Take-out food such as fried chicken should be eaten within 2 hours of purchase.

**4. Refrigerate** promptly. Bacteria can grow in many foods within 2 hours, 1 hour if 90 degree heat. Keep perishable foods in a bowl of ice while on picnic table. Refill ice as needed. Cold freezer packs may also be used. Return to insulated cooler within recommended time.

Have good food, drink, and fellowship.

**God's Promises.** "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

Susan Miller [parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org](mailto:parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org)  
217-671-0900



## Statistics

| Date | Worship | Sunday School | Adult Class |
|------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| 5/21 | 66      | 5             | 15          |
| 5/28 | 56      | 4             | 15          |
| 6/4  | 81      | 3             | 15          |
| 6/11 | 47      | 0             | 0           |
| 6/18 | 64      | 5             | 12          |
| 6/25 | 61      | n/a           | n/a         |

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### July Birthdays

Ryan Lammle.....07-02  
 Jessica Poppe.....07-03  
 Joshua Poppe.....07-03  
 Jerry Edwards.....07-05  
 MacKenzie Delaney.....07-06  
 Weston Hasty.....07-06  
 Larry Lutz.....07-12  
 Wilma Grussing.....07-13  
 Daniel Schuh.....07-13  
 William Schroeder.....07-14  
 Ryan McPike.....07-15  
 Aaron Warsaw.....07-15  
 Bryan Warsaw.....07-15  
 Marvin Clemmons.....07-20  
 Carolyn Majercin.....07-20  
 Shane Zimmerman.....07-21  
 Steve Gaines.....07-24  
 Jane Poppe.....07-27  
 Stefani Warsaw.....07-28  
 John Haggin.....07-29  
 Roy Whitehouse.....07-30

# JULY

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### July Anniversaries

Marti and Steve Brandt.....07-06-1984  
 Deb and Dick Johnson.....07-10-1971  
 Hallie and Greg Payne.....07-12-2011  
 Marsha and Steve Warsaw.....07-16-1977  
 Rebecca and Scott Gercken.....07-21-2007  
 Nikki and Rob Gallier.....07-24-1999  
 Nicole and Jesse Johnson.....07-28-2007

## 2017 Elder Schedule

|                     |              |                |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Jan<br>Marvin       | Feb<br>Don   | Mar<br>Butch   |
| Apr<br>Roy          | May<br>Roy   | June<br>Butch  |
| <b>July<br/>Don</b> | Aug<br>Butch | Sept<br>Marvin |
| Oct<br>Marvin       | Nov<br>Roy   | Dec<br>Don     |