

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

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And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."

Isaiah 30:21

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman
Church Council Meeting - June 21, 2017

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on June 21, 2017. The following members were present: John Lammle, Steve Martin, Sandy Whitehouse, John Gercken, Bob Zimmerman, Don Warsaw, Butch Sprau and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike began the meeting with prayer. Secretary Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the May council meeting. Butch Sprau made a motion to accept the minutes; John Gercken seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The May 31, 2017 balance was \$63,016.36. Bob Zimmerman reviewed the monthly expenses and year to date totals. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Butch Sprau seconded. Motion carried.
- The accounting firm expenses will probably average \$250 per month instead of the \$200 per month which was budgeted for. The accounting firm will also submit W2's and quarterly reports.

Pastor Report:

- The Third Celebration Tour in St. Louis planned for July has been cancelled, due to lack of interest. Pastor stated there may be more of an interest closer to the Reformation at the end of October. A proposed itinerary would include visits to the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, along with the Concordia Seminary of St. Louis.
- Vacation Bible School is not able to be held in June. Pastor will send a note to the congregation to have a quick meeting after church services on June 25 to see if there is still interest and

availability if we hold a VBS program later in July. We have received an invitation to attend Thomasboro's VBS from July 17-21 and their program is held in the evenings. More information / decisions will be made after the June 25 meeting.

- Sarah McPike would like to hold presentation of her mission trip to South Africa. It was decided this presentation will be held the evening of July 9.
- Susan Miller, Parish Nurse, now has a bulletin board to display information. Susan also needs access to a computer. The church has an extra laptop, and she should be able to use Linda's desk on days that Linda is not there. We need a new printer for the church, since the existing one is not working properly. Pastor will research the various kinds of printers available, including a laser jet which will only print in black & white.

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:

- The wheelchair ramp is currently being installed. Windle Concrete is doing this work. Shawn Windle has a contact for the railing, and has offered to obtain a quote for us. It was noted the ramp looks very nice and the crew is doing a very good job. Pastor McPike would like to have a dedication of the ramp after the work has been completed. A generous donation has been given to go towards the ramp.
- Additional wiring is needed for the microphones, along with additional wiring for lighting and an adding machine for the small room

in the back of the church. John and Steve will look into it.

- The Hall roof has a leak above the ladies' restroom. Don Warsaw has put more sealant on it, but we need to get someone to patch it. Steve Martin will contact John Popejoy of Popejoy Roofing.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

New Business:

- Bob Zimmerman purchased a new door for the Annex, which is being installed during the ramp work. This purchase was previously approved by the council; however a vote was done to approve for the Zimmerman memorial monies to pay for the door. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the allocation of memorial money; Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.
- Girl's Night Out was a big success with 35 ladies attending. It was noted they would like to hold additional outings throughout the year.
- The 50th Anniversary of the Confirmation class of 1967 will be held with a reception after church service on June 25.
- It was decided not to have a float in the Bellflower 4th of July parade this year. The Ladies will still hold their bake sale.
- The annual Hayrack ride & Wiener Roast will be held on September 24. It was decided we would attempt to leave this scheduled for the 4th Sunday every year.

Old Business:

- The Church Picnic will be held at the Bellflower School, on August 13. The cost estimate is \$150 for 3 hours. We will need to have some grills brought in. Activities will include rides in tractors, jeeps, Volkswagens, ATV's, and Corvettes. There is also talk of having a pie auction.
- **125th Anniversary Celebration:** Pastor is checking on the proposed dates for activities. Committees are already starting to work, included updating the book, and gifts being researched.

Upcoming Dates:

- Upcoming activities include the following:
- 50th Confirmation Anniversary June 25
- July Council Meeting July 19
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting July 23
- Church Service/Picnic August 13
- Hayrack Ride/Wiener Roast September 24
- Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest October

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- Thanksgiving Service / Dinner Potluck November 19
- Christmas Eve Service Program December 24

Closing:

The next Council meeting will be held on July 19, 2017. A motion to adjourn the June Council meeting was made by John Gercken; Seconded by Don Warsaw. Motion carried. Pastor McPike adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

From Your Parish Nurse ...

Protecting Your Vision

August 21, 2017 will be the biggest solar event of the year. The moon will be between the sun and earth causing a partial eclipse in our area. Travel to southern IL and other States to view a total eclipse. We have all heard "don't look at the sun, it will blind you." So to protect your eyesight and view this spectacular solar event we need solar eclipse glasses or viewers. Ordinary sunglasses do not filter enough sunlight to protect your eyes. Wearing solar eclipse glasses to look through a camera, binoculars or a telescope **will not** protect your eyes. Use only specially designed filters for those lenses.

Check with your library, university, planetarium, and astronomy society on events leading up to the eclipse and viewing parties. Some groups are traveling to southern IL. for viewing. Some TV channels may be broadcasting the event live.

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Proverbs 27:1

So why do we spend so much time thinking about tomorrow? Boasting about tomorrow won't get it done today. All too soon it will be tomorrow, and we may have passed up an opportunity that should have been taken today. With the power of God's Holy Spirit behind us, let's get busy and do what must be done today.

Today is mine, God, a gift from You. How do you want me to use it?

Lord, You have blessed me with today. May all I say and do be to Your glory. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Mustard Seed Daily Devotions, LWML
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Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Osman

SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday August 13th

Church Service at 10:00 am

Bellflower Community Center - Bellflower, IL.



Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks, plates and silverware will be provided by the Church. Please bring a dish to share.

Games are planned along with the ability to take a ride in your favorite vehicle.



Yes, they may all be Red? Hope to see you there!

Ladies Aid

Appreciation Reception

Everyone is invited for coffee cake and donuts in the Fellowship Hall after church on August 20th, sponsored by the Ladies Aid. God encourages us to show our appreciation to one another, especially those who work for the Lord in our midst. So mark your calendars and help make this a special event for those who so graciously give of their talents at Immanuel Osman.

July Meeting

The Ladies Aid met on July 5th in the Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall. After the meeting was called to order, Annette Warsaw read a devotion entitled "When Worry Makes Me Weary". Connie Warsaw led the topic "Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Enjoy!" Minutes and roll call were given by Wilma Grussing. Connie Warsaw gave the treasurers' report with a balance of \$1704.55. The flower fund treasury balance was reported as \$240.48 after sending several cards to our church members. A thank you from Jamie Hendricks for the crystal bowl wedding gift and a thank you from the Cynthia Masko Family for the funeral dinner were read. President Hendricks announced that quilting will be the first Tuesday and Thursday of August and September. She thanked all the members who worked and baked items for the July 4th Bellflower Bake Sale. It was a big success as it made \$457 for Ladies Aid and \$457 for LWML. Several suggestions for improvement were discussed. New business consisted of the August 2nd Ladies Aid Luncheon which will be held at JT Walkers in Mahomet and the sign-up sheet was passed around the table to sign. Reservations need to be received by the committee by July 23. The church cleaning date was set for Friday, September 15 at 8 a. m. The meeting closed with a short history of the song "God Bless America". The next regular meeting will be September 6th with Deb Lammle giving the devotion and serving as hostess. Shirley Sprau will be giving the topic. The roll call will be answered with a verse on trust. 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.

LWML News

Quilting Dates

We will be quilting on Tuesday, August 1 and Thursday August 3 at 8am in the hall. Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary!

"Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School

Castle Float



VBS! Our "Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School was held from Sunday, July 23 to 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. To publicize the VBS, a float was entered in the July 4th Bellflower Parade. The castle theme for the celebration of the 500th year of the Reformation was portrayed throughout the float. Kim Bidner and Brenda Hendricks carried the banner in front of the float while Connie Warsaw and Annette Warsaw walked by the float and handed the spectators shields advertising our VBS. Addi Warsaw and Jenna Clemmons rode the float and threw candy. Don Warsaw pulled the float with his truck. The float won second place. Thanks to Marsha and Steve Warsaw for letting us borrow the trailer.

Vacation Bible School Program

Everyone is invited to join us on SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, for doughnuts and drinks at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come see the PowerPoint of our "Osman Mighty Fortress" depicting the decorations, the crafts that the children made, and the mission projects that the children worked on. The children tied fleece blankets and made health kits for Lutheran World Relief as their mission projects. They will have a part in the worship service as they share their adventuresome week where everything will be centered around "In Jesus, VICTORY is won!" There will not be regular Sunday School or adult Bible class that day as the children will practice in the church from 8:30 – 9.

You're Invited



50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Bob and Diana Zimmerman

On August 26, 2017 we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. We are going to have a celebration of the big event from 2 to 5 P.M. at Osman Immanuel Lutheran Church Hall with an open house on Sunday, August 27th. It would please us greatly if you could stop by for awhile to wish us many more, have a bit of refreshment and share memories of those last 50 years! We request no gifts please, just your presence to help us celebrate! Hope to see you there. Bob and Diana

Operation Christmas Child!

Our Sunday School children will once again be packing shoe boxes in November for children in poor countries across the world. Since school supplies are on sale NOW, this would be a good time to purchase items. Items needed are 24 pack crayons, colored pencils, erasers, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and scissors. All members of the congregation may contribute to this mission project. There will be a collection box on the back elder pew. Through a

Thrivent Action Team, we will also be receiving \$250 for this project. If any member would like to pack a shoe box, please see Terri Hooker or Connie Warsaw for a complete list of items that can and cannot be sent.



Upcoming Events

August 1st and 3rd; 8 a.m. - Quilting
August 2nd; noon at JT's - Ladies Aid Luncheon
August 13th; 10 a.m. - Church Picnic at Bellflower Community Center
August 16th; 7 p.m. - Church Council
August 20th - Appreciation Reception after church in the Hall
August 27th - Bob and Diana Zimmerman's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Presentation by Sara McPike

Sara McPike will be presenting a power point presentation on her trip to South Africa on July 30th at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and drinks will be served before the program, with a free will offering taken to help cover the cost. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the birthday cards, hugs, and wishes for my 96th. Gee, that sounds like a big number. For some reason, my bulletin did not have all the inserts. I was really surprised when Pastor made the announcement after church. Kim says that Brenda is smart. I agree because I spent several years with her in Sunday School. Playing the bells and singing by the Sunday School ones "Jesus Loves Me" and by different ones singing was so fitting for the occasion. I enjoyed it so much and will always remember it. Thanks Brenda and everyone! Also thanks to my family for the beautiful flowers on the altar. Jeri

Thank You!

Thanks to Terri Hooker and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
6/25	61	3	12
7/2	64	2	6
7/9	49	2	12
7/16	55	1	12
7/23	57	n/a	n/a
7/30	n/a	n/a	n/a

Congratulations!

Birthdays

Jerry Reifsteck.....08-05
 Dorothy Welborn.....08-06
 Jamie Krueger.....08-07
 Sue VanWakeman.....08-07
 Phyllis Hasty.....08-08
 Linnea Warsaw.....08-08
 Annette Warsaw.....08-09
 Pam Christians.....08-24
 Butch Sprau.....08-25
 Ross Warsaw.....08-26
 Sarah Kerns.....08-28
 Jill Hardesty.....08-29
 John Lammle.....08-29
 Kari Genzel.....08-29
 William Delaney.....08-30

Anniversaries

Kathy and Phil Brendel.....08-02-1985
 Julia and Larry Camp.....08-08-1976
 Carolyn and Doug Majercin.....08-08-1981
 Cindy and Shane Zimmerman.....08-08-1998
 Tiffani and Brad Lutz.....08-25-2001
 Diana and Bob Zimmerman.....08-26-1967



2017 Elder Schedule

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