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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

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"I am the way, and the truth,
and the life. No one comes to
the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

Church Council

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 Helpingstine 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

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The June 30, 2017 balance was \$62,316.61. Bob Zimmerman reviewed the monthly expenses and year to date totals and how we compare to the budgeted amount. We are on track to what we have budgeted. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor would like to thank Brenda Hendricks for leading this year's Vacation Bible School program, and all others who have pitched in, which there are many. VBS will start on Sunday, July 23 and go through the 27th and will be held in the evenings. Pastor is able to attend this year since it will be held in the evenings and plans to hold Adult VBS in the church. Planned start will be by 6:30pm for Adult VBS. Since a Summer Vicar would normally teach an adult class 1 day a week, this will work out nicely since Pastor is available in the evenings.

- Pastor is considering holding another adult catechism class. He has 1 interested but would like to have at least 2 or 3 more to hold the classes.
- Our church computer is not working. Not sure if a recent power outage may have caused the issues, but it won't even start up. This desktop is used to record the weekly church services, which is then put on our website. Pastor mentioned he could probably put something together that would get us by. The computer has had previous issues before, so the Council felt it would be better to have a new one purchased. The computer has to be able to have the recording software we use, which eliminates any Office 10, and most re-sale options. Pastor will shop for a new computer. Bob Zimmerman made a motion to approve this purchase; Don Warsaw seconded; Motion carried.
- Susan Miller, Parish Nurse, would like to start holding monthly blood pressure screenings. Susan has a Small/Medium blood pressure cuff, but would like to purchase a large one for \$33.35 as well. John Gercken made the motion to reimburse Susan for this purchase; Dave Kunde seconded; Motion carried. Susan also needs a private setting to perform the screenings. Pastor suggested the Pastor office.

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:

- John Gercken reported he has installed a new floor lamp and an outlet for the adding machine, both back in the Accounting room. He has also replaced the light in the choir loft.
- The air conditioning has been fixed.
- Wheel Chair Ramp project: Windle Concrete – concrete completed. Original quote was \$7,062.00. Final cost was \$9,512.00. The additional cost was due to the sidewalk needing to be 2 feet wider and 12 feet longer than initially planned. There was also additional cost because of the problem with the concrete on the brick. A planter was built in its place to hide the issue. Shaun Windle donated \$500 worth of labor since we are a church.
- Railings: The first bid from Creative Iron came in at \$7,457.50. There will be a substantial amount of difficulty installing it, which includes post holes being drilled through the concrete. There are concerns with doing a side faceplate attachment due to the vulnerability that they won't secure well. This work would require 8 week's lead time to perform.
- John Lammle would like to thank all who have assisted with installing the temporary wood railings.
- It was decided to seek out 2 more bids for this work. More to come.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

New Business:

- 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 30 at 5:00pm. There will be pizza and beverages provided prior to the presentation.
- Don Warsaw will pressure wash the decking and also some of the brick that have green and white algae spots forming.
- There are 2 recent opportunities for benefit dinners. This will be discussed with the Stewardship committee. We could possibly do a combination dinner, splitting the profits for each family.

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. We'll also ask for volunteers to run the kid's games. We will ask if there is an organ or piano at the community center so we won't have to bring one. There will not be a pie auction.

Upcoming Dates:

- Upcoming activities include the following:
- Vacation Bible School July 23 - 27
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting July 23
- Sara McPike trip presentation July 30
- Church Service/Picnic August 13
- August Council Meeting August 16
- Hayrack Ride/Wiener Roast September 24
- Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest October 29
- Thanksgiving Service/Potluck November 19
- Christmas Eve Service Program December 24

Closing:

The next Council meeting will be held on August 16, 2017. A motion to adjourn the July Council meeting was made by John Gercken; Seconded by Dave Kunde. Motion carried. Pastor McPike adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

From our Parish Nurse

Labor Day September 5, 1882

Labor Day has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the 8-hour day movement. It advocated for 8 hours of work, 8 hours of recreation, and 8 hours of rest. Today it is an annual holiday *to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country.* (from Calendar-12.com) Let's also celebrate the international labor organizations and workers that are dedicated to improve the living standards and labor conditions in those countries.

One woman who really inspired me was Mary Harriet Jones, Mother Jones. During negotiations at work, one saying I kept on my desk was: "We feared them because we thought they were big, but then we stood up." Here are some quotes from dedicated leaders, organizers, and workers to ponder.

Mother Jones: "Reformation, like education is a journey, not a destination." "And who is responsible for this appalling child slavery? Everyone."

Martin Luther King Jr: "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right." "There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we have the techniques and resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will."

Sam Gompers: "What does labor want? We want more schoolhouses and less jails. More books and less guns. More learning and less vice. More leisure and less greed, More justice and less revenge. We want more... opportunities to cultivate our better natures."

Franklin D Roosevelt: If I went to work in a factory the first thing I would do is join a union."

Richard Trumka: "If jobs are created but people are excluded because of the way they look or who they worship or who they love are eliminated, then those jobs are beyond their reach, ..."

Survey results

11 surveys

- The health of most surveyors was excellent to fair.
- High blood pressure was #1 health problem.
- The majority of people want monthly blood pressure checks. We will be having checks done the 4th Sunday of each month after church starting September 24th. They will be taken in Pastor's office for privacy.
- There were inquiries about support groups. I will address these in future.
- There was interest in health promotion classes. Healthy aging was #1 health concern.

There was not enough interest in CPR training but it is offered by Carle, American Red Cross, American Heart Association and others. Some offer online training and in person training. I renewed mine with online training and hands on testing. Thank you for participating. I value your input and comments. They will help in planning bulletins, newsletters, and programs. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13.

Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to Brenda Hendricks for all her work on VBS this year! She put it all together in about 3 weeks and volunteered MANY hours in preparations and decorating. It was a great success and the kids had an awesome time. Without Brenda's efforts, we wouldn't have had VBS and more than 20 children would not have experienced that "Jesus Won the Victory for Us." VBS Staff

LWML News

Quilting

Due to the Labor Day holiday we will only quilt one day in September on Thursday, September 7th at 8 a.m. in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

LWML Meeting

The September meeting of LWML will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 7 p.m. Brenda Hendricks will have the topic reporting on her experience at the National Convention. Hostesses will be Deb Lammle and Wilma Grussing.

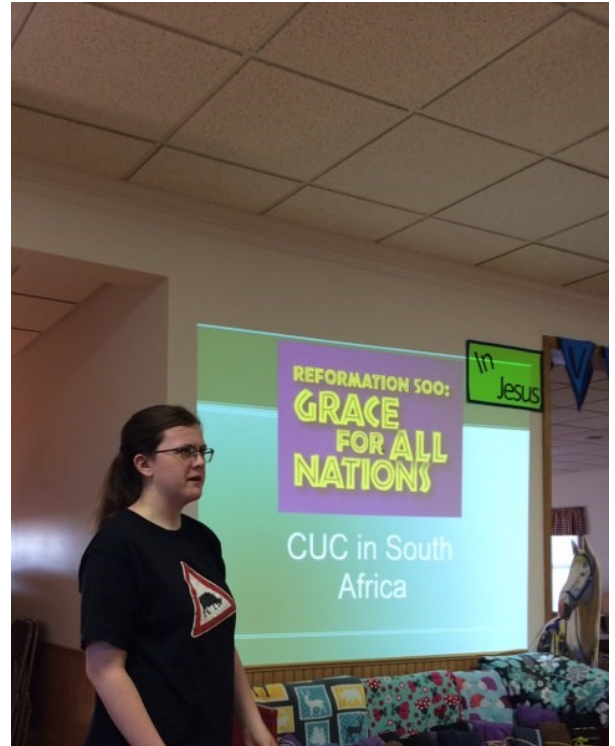
LWML Fall Rally

The Fall Rally will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at Calvary in Watseka. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. The ingathering will be either monetary for the Blessing Shed or food items for the Watseka Food Pantry. Please let Barb Gaines know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP.

LWML Retreat

The fall retreat for LWML will be held on October 13-14 at Camp Cilca. The theme is "The Rock and Your Role". Registration for both days is \$40 and for one day \$30. Registration forms are available on the LWML CID website

Presentation on South Africa



Sara McPike

Thanks to Sara McPike for presenting an informative slide show of her trip to South Africa. Before the program, the group enjoyed pizza, drinks, and dessert. Thanks to Debbie Lammle for arranging for the meal and to the generous donations that more than covered the cost of the pizza.

Upcoming Events

Hayride and Wiener Roast

Everyone is invited to the annual Hayride and Wiener Roast on September 24th. The hayride will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the meal following. Drinks, meat, and table service will be provided, but please bring a dish or more to share. Invite a friend and come out for a delicious meal, activities for the youth, and homemade ice cream! Please sign-up on the bulletin board so we know how much meat to purchase.

Vacation Bible School

"In Jesus, Victory is Won"!



Osman's Castle

We had a great "Mighty Fortress" adventure at Vacation Bible School from July 23 – 27. The children learned that "In Jesus Victory is Won!" We explored five Bible accounts that taught us that God is mighty, that God is our strength so we need not fear, that God's Word is true and powerful, that Jesus comes to save, and that Jesus is our Savior King. Sara McPike taught the Pre-K through first grade class, and she had 10 students. Susan Martin was her helper. Connie Warsaw taught the second through sixth grade class, and she had an average of 10 students per evening.

We thank all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School. It was indeed a group effort! Besides our teachers and helpers, we thank the following people: Pastor and Sara McPike for portraying Martin Luther and tour guide; Annette Warsaw for being "Bob, the Bailiff" in the Bible Storytelling, organizing the games, designing the VBS t-shirts, and making the awesome power point to capture our five evening adventures; Kim Clemmons for organizing the crafts; Sara McPike for leading the music; Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for organizing the mission projects; Bryan Edwards for being the technology guru and helping with the games; Connie Warsaw, Don Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for the decorating, and Don Warsaw for the grilling. The kitchen help was very essential as we served a meal every evening. The helpers were Angi and Pastor Deen, Don Warsaw, Jeff Warsaw, Amanda Amdor, Jed and Annette Gerdes, and the entire staff. We also thank all of those who baked cookies for our hungry castle dwellers.

On Sunday, August 6th, donuts and drinks were served in the fellowship hall where everyone got to see our Osman castle and courtyard and the slide show. The children participated in the worship service where they sang songs and told about the five Bible lessons. Our offering went to Themba Trust which is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships for rural children to attend a school that teaches Christian beliefs in Africa. Sara McPike brought this idea to us after she visited Africa earlier this year. We collected \$157.58. We also made 5 fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief and 30 personal health kits. Thank you to Brenda Hendricks for applying for a Thrivent Action Team Card to buy the supplies for these projects.

Thanks again to everyone who made this year's VBS a wonderful experience for our youth to be excited about sharing the news that "In Jesus, Victory is Won"!



VBS children enjoying Osman's Courtyard

Christian Day at the Ballpark



Jeff, Addison, Annette Warsaw

Thrivent Financial sponsored Christian Day at Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals, on Sunday, July 30th. 1800 Thrivent members and guests joined in activities at the ballpark. The attendees donated enough supplies to fill hundreds of care packages to be sent to deployed military through the organization HEROES Care and they also made over 300 letters and cards to be sent with those packages. After the game, the program featured Lance Berkman, some current Cardinal players, and Manager Mike Matheny as they gave testimonies of their Christian beliefs. Those attending from our congregation and seeing a Cardinal victory were Jeff, Annette, and Addison Warsaw; Don and Connie Warsaw; Brenda Hendricks and Jamie Krueger.



Seated: Betty Page, Arnita Zimmerman; Standing: Annette Warsaw, Karen Derges, Marsha Shelton, Brenda Hendricks, Carolyn Paullin, Barb Whitehouse-Gercken, Connie Warsaw

Ladies Aid News

Annual Luncheon

The annual Ladies Aid luncheon was held on August 2nd at JT's Barrel Room in downtown Mahomet with six members and ten guests present. After a delicious lunch and fellowship between members and guests, some of the group went across to the Quilting Bee to listen to an explanation of the owner's quilting machine. Each guest was able to use the machine and stitch a design of their choice. After looking around at the beautiful material in the shop, some went for a sweet treat at the new Yogurt shop or the new pastry shop called "Lucky Moon", a bakery on Oak Street that makes a variety of different pastries each day. Those present were happy for a "day out" with their church family and guests!



Seated: Wilma Grussing; Standing: Terri Hooker, Sue VanWakeman, Sara Kunde, Debbie Lammle, Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau

September Meeting

The Ladies Aid will hold its monthly meeting on September 6th at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Devotion and refreshments will be provided by Debbie Lammle and topic will be presented by Shirley Sprau. Roll call will be given with a verse on trust. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Church Picnic

Immanuel Osman held their annual church picnic at the Bellflower Community Center on August 13th, beginning with our church service at 10am. Pastor gave a wonderful sermon in connection with a hymn by Paul Steratus, an associate of Martin Luther and explained each verse.

As usual, the Immanuel Osman cooks came through with a delicious meal. (Thanks to John Lammle and Bob Zimmerman for cooking the meat.)

Those present were asked to sign-up for a ride in their favorite vehicle. They could choose from Pastor's BW Beetle, Lammle's 2005 corvette, Delaney's tractor, or Zimmerman's ATV. The favorite vehicle of choice was the John Deere tractor driven by Christie Delaney. The Delaney's were presented with a gift card to Clemmon's Wild Hare restaurant in Downtown Fisher.

Children's games and water balloons presented by Beth Bidner, Kim Clemmons, and Debbie Lammle were played during the picnic and gift cards to DQ were presented to all the youth who participated.

Thanks to Jill and Rick Hardesty for presenting Bingo gifts to everyone present. Additional thanks to everyone who helped make this event a fun, exciting activity with our church family!



Delaney's John Deere was the vehicle of choice



Rick Hardesty and Bob Zimmerman



Bella Ford, Jenna Clemmons
are driven by John Lammle

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
7/23	57	2	12
7/30	53	1	6
8/6	91	0	0
8/13	53	0	0
8/20	60	n/a	n/a
8/27	n/a	n/a	n/a

Congratulations!

September Birthdays

Darryl Redding.....09-05
 Jim Poppe.....09-06
 Mark Barrack.....09-07
 Ken Whitehouse.....09-12
 Gene Welborn.....09-14
 Nicholas Homann.....09-16
 Stephanie Gaines.....09-17
 Marge Morrissey.....09-20
 Ryan Peyton.....09-21
 Mitchell Gallier.....09-23
 Rob Gallier.....09-24
 Sara McPike.....09-24
 Arnita Zimmerman.....09-25
 Pastor Keffie Deen.....09-26
 Scott Gercken.....09-26
 Nicholas Haggin.....09-29

September Anniversaries

Kris and Shaun Zimmerman.....09-02-2011
 Sandy and Ryan Lammle.....09-05-2014
 Sue and Jim VanWakeman.....09-13-1969
 Phyllis and David Hasty.....09-14-1985
 Esther and Larry Lutz.....09-18-1965
 Brenda and David Peyton.....09-26-1996

IMPORTANT DATES

Quilting - Sept 7th - 8 a.m.
 Ladies Aid Meeting - Sept 6th - 1:30 p.m.
 LWML Meeting - Sept 14th - 7 p.m.
 LWML Fall Rally - Sept 19th - 8:15 - noon at Watseka
 Church Council - September 20th - 7 p.m.
 Hayride and Wiener Roast - Sept 24th - 4:30 p.m.

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