

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

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Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

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**For Jesus so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son, that
whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have
eternal life. John 3:16**

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting- August 16, 2017

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on August 16, 2017. The following members were present: John Lammle, Roy Whitehouse, Dave Kunde, Bob Zimmerman, and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor McPike was out of town, but sent his Pastor Report ahead of time. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the July council meeting. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept the minutes; Roy Whitehouse seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The July 30, 2017 balance was \$64,204.59. 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. Dave Kunde made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Sandy Whitehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor would like to thank all who were involved in this year's Vacation Bible School program. Though there were not a large number of students who are members here at Osman, it was a great success. There were also 2 other churches within a short distance who also had their VBS programs the same week.
- Thank you also to those who made the annual church picnic a success. There were 53 in attendance, and a good time was had by all.
- Pastor will be starting the Luther Bible study that was purchased for Adult VBS. It will be held on Sunday mornings during the Bible class hour. It gives very good information into Luther and the Reformation. The presentation has a DVD. We can either set up video equipment in the same place we hold Bible study, or we can use the Annex where there is a DVD/TV already set up, however that may interfere with any classes already

using the Annex. Pastor is open to suggestions.

- Pastor's schedule for Fall: Gone on October 15 for his nephew's wedding. Communion will be moved to Oct 22. Pastor Ehlers will be conducting service that day. Nov 6 – 13, Pastor and Sharon will be out of the country. Pastor Bob Frank will be serving Osman on November 12. Pastor Ehlers will be asked to cover any pastoral emergencies while Pastor McPike is gone.
- Pastor is considering holding another Adult Confirmation class. He has 2 interested but scheduling is an issue. Please spread the word and let Pastor know if we have others interested.
- Pastor was able to rehab an old computer and place it in the Pastor's office. Recordings so far have been very good, probably better than the last computer, as the recording is requiring less edit processing. Pastor will still plan on getting another computer for the office but now this buys some time.

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 project:
- Windle Concrete – concrete work is complete.
- Final cost was \$9,512.00.
- We still only have the 1 quote for railings. Creative Iron quote is \$7,457.50 and requires 8 week-lead time.
- Bob Zimmerman will try and obtain another quote.
- Since we are over the budgeted amount, we will need to get voter approval to allocate the extra funds needed to pay for the completion. Several avenues were discussed for the funds.
- New Annex Door- Thank you to Dick Johnson and Don Warsaw for installing the new door to the Annex.

- Thank you to Brenda Hendricks for sealing the wood steps and ramp to the hall.
- Brenda Hendricks would like to allocate some of Mike Hendricks memorial money to the purchase of a new door on the East side of the church.
- Surge Protection for the Church – Two quotes have been requested – Rob Gallier and Brandon Clemmons. We would also like to have them check if current wiring is adequate for the Church. Because of previous storm damage, it was felt this was needed to be looked into. Quotes will be presented during the September Council Meeting.
- Bob Zimmerman checked with the insurance to see if previous storm damage would be covered. Since we recently bumped up our deductible to \$2500, the damage would not be enough to cover the deductible.
- We are also requesting quotes from Rob Gallier and Brandon Clemmons on replacement of the 2 ceiling fans for the Church Sanctuary. This same work was being considered in 2015, but was tabled until 2016. If upgrade is needed, this expense can be put towards the 2018 budget. The 2015 quote was \$1,000.
- HVAC contract – it is felt we would benefit to have an HVAC Maintenance contract in place. By having a contract, we will get faster service and discounts on replacement parts and labor. Steve Martin will request bids from Chief Bauer and JP Heating for both Church and Hall.

Stewardship Committee Report

The committee will meet after Labor Day and plan a benefit for November. One of the recipients could be toward the Reifsteck memorial fund. Another option is to use the Pastor Needy Fund to donate \$500. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept; Roy Whitehouse seconded; Motion carried.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

New Business:

- Church Property and Contents Policy:
- A draft copy was provided to the Council members to review for future documentation of use of church property and church contents. There will be further discussion of this at the September council meeting.
- 2018 Church Officers: Review Ballot and encourage council members to seek possible nominations for positions and bring to the next council meeting.
- A request had been received to provide a peaceful release of membership to Larry and Julia Camp. The Camp's will be transferring to Centerville United Methodist Church.

Old Business:

- The Church Picnic was held at the Bellflower School, on August 13. Thanks to Butch and Shirley Sprau, Bob & Diana Zimmerman and Deb Lammle for

set up and clean up; Pastor McPike, Leonard Delaney, Bob Zimmerman and John Lammle for providing rides in their various toys; Beth Bidner, Kim Clemmons and Deb Lammle for the kids games; Rick & Jill Hardesty for Bingo planning.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Hayrack Ride/Wiener Roast September 24
- 3rd Quarter Voter's Meeting October 22
- Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest October 29
- Reformation Tour of St. Louis sites TBD
- Youth Harvest Breakfast TBD
- Thanksgiving Service/Potluck November 19
- Christmas Eve Service Program December 24

Closing:

The next Council meeting will be held on September 20, 2017.

A motion to adjourn the August Council meeting was made by Roy Whitehouse; Seconded by Dave Kunde. Motion carried. The Council adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse



Reformation Fest/Pastor Appreciation

The annual Reformation Fest and Pastor Appreciation celebration will be held at Immanuel Osman on October 29th beginning at 5pm. This will be the final celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation here at Immanuel Osman. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are willing to bring a German dish to share with the group. Entertainment by a German band will be provided following the meal. Please come out, learn more about Martin Luther, and show appreciation to our dedicated pastors!

A Note from our Organist...

I am sure that we have all had a teacher or a presenter encourage people to ask questions by saying something like, "If you have a question, ask, because most likely several other people have the same question and will be happy that you asked." I am going to answer the two most common questions people ask me here as well as a question that I have always wanted to answer.

Question 1: Why are there triangles (Δ) on the last verse of some hymns and not others?

Many hymns end with a verse in praise of the Trinity. This verse is called a "doxological stanza." If that term is hard to remember, think of the most famous doxological stanza in the English language, "The Doxology." "The Doxology" or "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was originally written by Thomas Ken as the concluding verse in praise of the Trinity of both his Morning Hymn and also his Evening Hymn. (All of these hymns are in the *Lutheran Service Book*, numbers 805, 868, and 883 respectively). In many places it is customary to stand up for such a stanza, so the editors of the *Lutheran Service Book* used a triangle (Δ) to mark the doxological stanzas and indicate that when singing this verse, one should rise. We have a slightly different custom here at Osman, but it is good to know what this symbol means when attending Lutheran rallies and conferences and also services at some of our neighboring congregations.

Question 2: What are the numbers under the hymns?

The numbers under the hymn are the **hymn meter**. These numbers represent the number of syllables in each line of one stanza of the text. Thinking back to the Reverend Ken's famous Doxology, we can count the number of syllables in each line and notice that each stanza contains four lines of eight syllables. This makes the meter 88 88 or Long Meter (LM). The *LSB* gives three different tunes for Thomas Ken's hymns, but because the meter is the same for all of them, we could use the melodies interchangeably. We could even sing the text of "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," another Long Meter hymn, to one of these tunes or use that tune for "The Doxology." While our Osman congregation sings many tunes, it can be helpful to know how to pair a familiar tune with a new or less familiar text. If you are curious about which tunes are in which meters, there is an index of tunes by meter in the back of the *LSB*, starting on page 1007.

Which brings me to the question that I just wish someone would ask: **What are those words and random letters in all caps at the bottom of the hymns?**

The words and seemingly random letters below the hymns are the tune names. Because texts can be sung to a variety of tunes, it is helpful for the tunes to have their own names. Sometimes the tune is named for a text with which it is

frequently paired. For instance, ERHALT UNS HERR, which appears four times in the *LSB*, was originally used for "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" or, in the original German, "Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort." Other tunes are named after the place where they were written, or a place significant for the composer. For instance, the tune we use for *LSB* 733 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (ST ANNE) was written by William Croft, the organist at St. Anne's church in Soho, London. If a tune name looks like it came out of a random-letter generator, it's a good bet that it's Welsh. LLANFAIR (Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise), for instance, means "St. Mary's Church" and is pronounced something like "hchlanvire." And some names defy understanding. For instance, the tune for *LSB* 677, "For All the Saints," is named SINE NOMINE, which is Latin for "without name." Why did Ralph Vaughan Williams do that? That's on my list of questions to ask God when I get to heaven. I'm sure some of the other saints are wondering the same thing.



Alma L. Hassebrock

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Alma Hassebrock who died August 25, 2017 at the age of 99. Alma served Immanuel Osman as Organist and member of the Ladies Aid for over 30 years. Her funeral was held Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home in Saybrook. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery at Saybrook.

Aaron Julius "Jack" Bidner

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Aaron Julius "Jack" Bidner who passed away on September 19, 2017 at age 72. Jack is the son of Jeri Bidner, father of Neil Bidner, and brother to Kim Clemmons and Susan Martin. His funeral was September 23, 2017 at the Gibson City United Methodist Church.



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

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is breast cancer awareness month. Is heredity the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer? What about wearing certain bras or deodorants? When it comes to identifying risk factors for breast cancer, can you identify fact from fiction? In 2017, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) released guidelines for breast cancer risk assessment and screening in average-risk women. These guidelines help us determine what the scientific literature says about how our heredity and lifestyle choices impact our risk.

Breast cancer risks include:

- Family history of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, or other hereditary breast and ovarian syndrome-associated cancer (prostate, pancreatic cancer).
- Known breast cancer gene mutation
- Prior breast biopsy with atypical or abnormal changes
- Early menarche (menses)
- Late menopause
- Never been pregnant
- Prolonged interval between menarche and first pregnancy
- Menopausal hormone therapy with estrogen and progesterone.
- Not breastfeeding
- Increasing age
- Certain ethnicities (breast cancer gene mutation in Ashkenazi Jewish women)
- Higher body mass index
- Smoking
- Alcohol consumption
- Dense breasts on mammography
- Prior exposure to high-dose therapeutic chest irradiation at age 10-30 years old.

The goal of screening for cancer is to detect disease early in healthy, asymptomatic people, to prevent adverse outcomes, improve survival, and avoid the need for more intensive treatments. Screening tests have both benefits (eg. improved health outcomes) and adverse consequences (eg. cost, anxiety, false-positive results, overdiagnosis, overtreatment). Overdiagnosis occurs when screening detects cancer that would not have progressed to symptoms if left undetected. Overtreatment is initiating treatment for this cancer. It's not ethically permissible to do natural history studies of untreated disease so frequency of overdiagnosing is hard to evaluate. Research to develop better prognostic indicators of progression versus nonprogression cancers may allow more customized treatment in the future, thereby reducing overtreatment. Summary of recommendations.

Recommendations based on good and consistent scientific evidence.

- Women at **average risk** of breast cancer should be offered screening mammography starting at age 40 years, no earlier and no later than age 50 years. The decision about what age to start screening should be made through

a shared decision making process.

- Women of average risk should have screening mammography every 1-2 years. Biennial screening after age 55 is a reasonable option to reduce frequency of harms but with some reduction in benefit.
- Women of average risk should continue screening to at least age 75 years.

Recommendations based on limited or inconsistent scientific evidence.

- Health care providers periodically should assess your risk by reviewing your history.
- Women with a potentially increased risk of breast cancer based on the initial history should have further assessment.

Breast self-exam is not recommended in average-risk women because there is a risk of harm from false positive results and a lack of evidence of benefit.

Recommendations based primarily on consensus and expert opinion.

- Screening clinical exam may be offered to asymptomatic, average-risk women. If performed for screening, intervals of every 1-3 years for women aged 25-39 and annually for women aged 40 years and older are reasonable. The clinical breast exam continues to be a recommended part of the exam in high-risk women and women with symptoms.

- Average-risk women should be counseled about breast self-awareness and encouraged to notify their health care provider if changes noted. Breast self-awareness is defined as a woman's awareness of the normal appearance and feel of her breasts.

Age alone should not be the basis to continue or discontinue screening mammography. Beyond age 75 years, the decision to screen should be based on a shared decision making process informed by the woman's health status and longevity.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists 2017 practice guidelines .

There are several national guidelines. Ask your provider which one they use.

Turn awareness into action this month by visiting ACOG.org or Center for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.org for more information and by scheduling an appointment with your provider to check about your personal risk factors. And don't forget to tell a friend! Susan Miller parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org



LWML News

The LWML met for their quarterly meeting on September 14th, with Debbie Lammle leading the meeting in Barb Gaines absence. The meeting was called to order with the LWML song and pledge, followed by devotions by Agnes Watson. Brenda Hendricks led the program on her experiences at the National LWML Convention in Albuquerque. She gave an informative presentation with PowerPoint slides. Minutes and roll call was given by Marsha Warsaw, and treasurer's report by Debbie Martin. Mites were collected and a prayer given for one of the mission grants in Uganda. Correspondence was read by Debbie Lammle from our new seminary student, Chris Walters (son-in-law of Pastor and Debbie Henry). Cards from the LWML were sent to congregational members by Barb Gaines. Thank yous were read to all who donated to our adopted family, took food to those hospitalized in our congregation, and those who made quilts and pillowcase dresses. Additional thanks to Diana Zimmerman for sending the dresses, and also for shopping for the backing for the quilt for our 125th celebration with Terri Hooker. Thanks were also given to everyone who made food for the Pastor's conference at Immanuel Osman on September 12th.

Old Business: \$422.16 was collected for the Baby bottle project, thanks to Debbie Martin. \$458 was collected from the July 4th Bake Sale. The upcoming quilting dates will be Oct. 3rd and 5th, and Nov. 7th and 9th. 98 quilts have been boxed up for Lutheran World Relief and four additional quilts raffled at fundraisers. 50 pillowcase dresses have been sent. Two quotes will be obtained for finishing the quilt for the 125th celebration.

New Business: LWML Sunday will be October 8th with the theme "Be Ready: In Season and Out of Season". Greeters, ushers, acolyte, and readers were requested. The LWML ladies will sit together and sing the new LWML song, and recite the LWML pledge together with the congregation. A motion was made to display the quilts for one Sunday only, and another motion to send \$150 to LWR for shipping the quilts. It was also voted to complete the Military Biblestick project again with the congregation's help.

Debbie Lammle informed the group on the Zone news. She told the ladies that Angi Mader-Deen was running for the zone secretary/treasurer's position. She also displayed the tri-fold board she had made with Sue Van Wakeman, Wilma Grussing, and Connie Warsaw's assistance. This board will be taken to the Fall Rally in Watseka.

Upcoming Events: Fall Rally, September 19th, at Calvary Watseka with four ladies from Osman attending (Angi Mader-Deen, Brenda Hendricks, Connie Warsaw, and Debbie Lammle). Camp Cilca Retreat: Oct 13-14th with a theme of "The Rock and Your Role". Cost is \$40 for Friday and Sat. and \$30 for Saturday only. Mail reservations and checks to Michelle Clevenger, 6315 Old Columbus Rd, Quincy, IL 62305 by Sept. 30th. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer. Refreshments were served by Wilma Grussing and Debbie Lammle.

LWML Fall Rally

The LWML Danville Zone Rally was held at Calvary Watseka on September 19th with 63 members, guests, and pastors in attendance. Gretchen Elliott, representative from Calvary, welcomed the group. After opening prayer, Debbie Lammle, LWML Zone President, called the meeting to order.

The group sang songs, took offering, and recited the pledges. Sheila Lutz, District President, informed the group of important items of interest with her PowerPoint slides. Our speaker for the day was Rev. James Wright from Immanuel Altamont, who spoke on his trip to Germany and all the Luther sights. The business meeting began with Seiri Schippert taking roll call and giving the treasurer's report. (Minutes were included in the individual folders).



Angi Mader-Deen, Marleen Schultz, Pastor Tim Hahn

The election of officers was held, with Marlene Schultz running unopposed for Zone President and Angi Mader-Deen voted in as Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Bible Study was given by our District Counselor, Rev. Tim Hahn, followed by a Christian Growth Skit by the Calvary ladies. Missy West, President of Calvary Watseka, announced the rally attendance, offering amounts, and ingathering Reports. \$379 was given during the offering, 244 items and \$119 for the local food pantry, and \$124 for the Blessing Shed. The invitation to the next fall rally at Woodworth was given by Carol Schuldt. President Lammle thanked several people for the outstanding rally, followed by the closing prayer, hymn, and delicious meal served by the Calvary LWML ladies. Several societies in the zone brought display boards commemorating the 75th year of LWML.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on September 6 in the Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall. After the meeting was called to order, Deb Lammle read a devotion about work relating to Labor Day. Shirley Sprau led the topic "Looking Through God Goggles!" Six members answered the roll call with a Bible verse on trust. The minutes were read by Wilma Grussing. Brenda Hendricks gave the treasurers' report for Connie Warsaw. The account showed a balance of \$1644.55. The flower fund treasury balance was reported as \$213.80 after sending several cards to our church members, buying stamps, and buying a centerpiece. A thank you from Bill and Moneta McCleary for thinking of them during the loss of their grandson was read. Deb Lammle shared a letter from our adopted student, Chris Walters. President Hendricks announced that quilting would be the following day. She thanked Deb Lammle and Shirley Sprau for planning the Ladies Aid Luncheon which was held in August at JT Walkers in Mahomet. She thanked those members who helped with the reception for Alicia and Nick Haggin which was held in August. New business consisted of planning the lunch for the Pastors' Conference which is September 12. The members were reminded that church cleaning is Friday, September 15, at 8 a. m. The meeting closed with singing the hymn "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus". The next regular meeting will be October 4 with Agnes Watson giving the devotion and serving as hostess. Wilma Grussing will be giving the topic. The roll call will be answered with a verse on prayer. 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.

Immanuel Lutheran of Osman Ladies Aid recognized organist, Alicia Haggin, and her husband, Nick Haggin at a reception after church on August 20th. Coffee cake, donuts, and drinks were served by the Ladies Aid. Special recognition to a dedicated church employee was read, followed by a special song by the Osman choir. Thanks to Alicia and Nick! We truly appreciate you!

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest,
A joyous song of love.

John S.B. Monsell



Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
8/20	60	2	7
8/27	60	3	13
9/3	56	3	10
9/10	47	0	0
9/17	65	4	15
9/24	53	n/a	n/a

Congratulations!

October Birthdays

Tyler Duncan.....	10-01
Karen Brown.....	10-01
Bill Amdor.....	10-03
Jodi Burgess.....	10-05
Steve Martin.....	10-07
Eric Zimmerman.....	10-08
Dustin Peyton.....	10-09
John Gercken.....	10-12
Bill McCleary.....	10-12
Addison Warsaw.....	10-12
Greg Johnson.....	10-16
Rebecca Hendricks.....	10-17
Wiley Hasty.....	10-17
Jordan Bidner.....	10-19
Greg Warsaw.....	10-22
Pastor Jeff McPike.....	10-24
Katherine Masko.....	10-28
Julianna Gercken.....	10-31

October Anniversaries

Barb and John Gercken.....	10-09-1982
Deborah and Dennis Martin.....	10-10-1981
Barb and Steve Gaines.....	10-14-1978
Moneta and Bill McCleary.....	10-19-1946
Theresa and Rick Wilson.....	10-31-2005

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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- 1 - Communion
- 3 - Quilting - 8 a.m.
- 4 - Ladies Aid-1:30 p.m.
- 5 - Quilting - 8 a.m.
- 8 - LWML Sunday
- 14 - LMWL Camp Cilca Retreat
- 18 - Church Council - 7 p.m.
- 22 - Communion
- 22 - Quarterly Voter's Meeting
- 29 - Communion
- 29 - Reformation Fest/Pastor Appreciation - 5 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