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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

March 2018

The Lord is my light and my
salvation; whom shall I fear?
Psalm 27:1

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Voter's Meeting – October 22, 2017

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Lammle on October 22, 2017. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary, Sandy Whitehouse, read the minutes of the July Voter's meeting. Minor corrections were made. Roy Whitehouse made the motion to accept the minutes; Ken Whitehouse seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, read the 3rd quarter balance with a total of \$61,377.03. Bob reviewed the third quarter's totals for each category and stated we are well on track to what has been budgeted for, however offerings are down year to date. Darwin Warsaw made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Rick Hardesty seconded; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike thanked the congregation for the continued support and partnership he receives in ministry. Pastor will be out of the country on November 5-13. Pastor Ehlers will be available. On November 12, Pastor Bob Frank will be leading the Ministry. Reformation Fest is October 29. All Saints will be observed on November 5 and we'll continue this tradition on the first Sunday of November each year. We will remember the Saints on Earth and those who have gone before us. There will be a single toll of the bell for each deceased member. We will start with 2008, the first year Pastor was at Immanuel Lutheran of Osman.

Pastor also stated that he has refurbished the existing computer which should get us by for a while.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Trustee Report:

- The ramp project is almost finished. The Council has approved a permanent railing, which would be completed soon and will allow us to stay within budget.
- We are looking into possible replacement of the ceiling fans for 2018.

- HVAC maintenance contract is also being considered for 2018.
- The Drainage project is also still under consideration and being reviewed if this should be left in the budget.

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

- The annual election is approaching and we need volunteers to run for church council positions. Those positions available are: Chairman, 2 Elders, Trustee, Head Usher, Treasurer, Finance, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Stewardship Committee. A sample ballot is at the back of the church for those interested to sign.
- The Policy and Procedure for use of Church Property is being developed by the Church Council in response to a Darwin Warsaw request at the Quarterly Voter's meeting in July 12, 2015. At the time, it was stated that "guidelines will be compiled concerning this topic." The Council will try to have this finalized for Voter approval at the Annual Voter's Meeting in January. There are a few draft copies available if anyone would like to read and if necessary offer comments and suggestions.
- 125th Anniversary Committees: Committees please provide an update for the November Church Council meeting with estimated costs which need to be included in the 2018 budget.

Upcoming Activities:

Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest October 29

Stewardship Committee Benefit November 4

Thanksgiving Service / Dinner November 19

Youth Holiday Breakfast December 17

Annual Voter's meeting January 21, 2018

A motion to adjourn the Quarterly Voter's Meeting was made by Barb Whitehouse-Gercken; Lee Whitehouse seconded; Motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - December 20, 2017

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on December 20, 2017. The following members were present: John Lammle, Dave Kunde, Don Warsaw, Bob Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau and Sandy Whitehouse. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the November council meeting. Don Warsaw made a motion to accept the minutes; Bob Zimmerman seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The November 30, 2017 balance was \$58,233.38. Shirley Sprau made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Christmas services will be held on December 24 at 9:30am, 4th Sunday of Advent and the Christmas Eve services will be held at 7:00pm that same evening which will include the Children's Program. Thank you to Annette Warsaw for putting the Children's program skit together.
- We will remove the Christmas decorations after service on Jan. 7, which is the Epiphany.
- We will be seeing Pastor Curtis Beltman perform an upcoming service at our church. Pastor Beltman is the Circuit Pastor, and he visits all the churches in his circuit. Pastor McPike will likely swap services with him that same Sunday. Pastor Beltman is from Monticello. Date is to be determined.
- Wheelchair Ramp and Doors dedication will be completed on December 31. Letters have been mailed to families of all whose memorial funds were used to help fund the project.

Finance Committee Report:

Shirley will start training Dave after the Holidays.

Elders Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Trustee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Stewardship Committee Report

Nothing to report this month.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

New Business:

- Deputy Brian Hanner with the McLean County Sheriff's office visited to talk with the Council about church security. Deputy Hanner informed the Council the side door of the church needs a better lock and seal. He reported he routinely checks the doors on the church and Hall and everything else is very secure. As far as church disturbances, the likelihood is very low. Typically, if there are issues, it's related to domestic, issues within a person's life, or mental illness. Our best protection is to be on the lookout for any symptoms or warnings of any of this happening and to let each other

know. We do have options – we can lock the doors during the services. Conceal & Carry is an option, but that would be up to the Church, but strongly suggest taking extra training to do so. It was noted that a few churches in Bloomington have security detail as one of the duties in the church.

- Chairman Lammle plans to attend a Church Security Seminar "How Can You Keep Your Church Safe?", sponsored by the DeWitt County Sheriff's Department and hosted at the Clinton First Christian Church in Clinton, IL on Tuesday, January 9th. Others are welcome to attend as well.

- While researching the Texas church shooting, Chairman Lammle noticed a story about Rylan Ward, a 5-year-old who was shot 5 times during the shooting. His stepmother and 2 sisters were among those killed. Ryland will not be home for Christmas but wished to have people send him Christmas cards with a photo of their pets and it was suggested to send \$1 to help with ongoing expenses. We decided this would be a considerate act for our congregation to take. Pastor will email everyone the next day with the request and the address.

- New Secretary Chair – Due to safety concerns, it was decided we needed to purchase a new chair for Linda. Chairman Lammle found a chair on sale for \$271.24. Bob Zimmerman made a motion to approve the purchase; Shirley Sprau seconded; motion carried.

- 2018 Budget: Bob Zimmerman reviewed the proposed plans for the 2018 budget. After reviewing the line item amounts, it was agreed to a budget of \$120,465, which is approximately \$16,000 less than 2017. The budget detail will be presented to the Voter's at the Annual meeting. Don Warsaw motioned to approve the proposed budget, Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried.

- 2018 Mission Giving-It was agreed to provide to the following in 2018:

- Edward Hines Jr VA Hospital Fisher House \$300
- Back Pack Programs at Blue Ridge, Mahomet and Fisher \$150 each
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care \$150
- Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis \$150
- Balance to Stewardship Committee - \$600

Old Business:

Thank you to the council ladies for planning the Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 19. The food preparation, table decorations and serving. We had 55 people attend.

Thank you to the Youth for a very good breakfast on Dec. 17 and to those who brought Christmas Trees for the Table Display contest. Butch and Shirley Sprau were the high bidders in the Silent Auction for a Christmas Tree to help raise funds for the Youth. Congratulations to Chairman Lammle for winning the Best decorated tree contest.

Christmas caroling was held on Dec. 17. Thank you to our Organist and to the 24 individuals who participated in the event. It is always greatly appreciated by our homebound members.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- January Council Meeting January 17
- Voter's Meeting January 28

Closing:

The next Council meeting will be held on January 17, 2018. A motion to adjourn the December Council meeting was made by Don Warsaw; Seconded by Shirley Sprau. Motion carried. The Council adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

**Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman
Church Council Meeting - January 17, 2018**

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on January 17, 2018. The following members were present: John Lammle, John Gercken, Don Warsaw, Bob Zimmerman, and Sandy Whitehouse. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the December council meeting. Corrections were noted. Don Warsaw made a motion to accept the minutes; Bob Zimmerman seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The December 31, 2017 balance was \$63,467.38. John Gercken made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor thanked everyone for their Christmas generosity shown to Sharon and himself.
- Pastor Deen has accepted a call and will be moving to New York. Sadorus just accepted a call for their new Pastor.
- Adult Bible Study is going through the series for 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and will finish soon.
- Pastor Ehlers will be with us twice a month for the rest of the year. Pastor will see if Pastor Ehlers can perform a couple of the Lenten services.
- Pastor McPike will be gone on February 24 and March 18.
- Reminder that Ash Wednesday is February 14. Additional dates during Lent is February 21, 29 (Maundy Thursday) and March 30 (Good Friday). Easter Sunday is on April 1 this year.

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:

Nothing to report this month.

Stewardship Committee Report

Nothing to report this month.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

New Business:

- Bob Zimmerman has purchased a new phone for the Hall.
- Organ repair will be performed within the next 2-3 weeks. We will need to provide a ladder. Pastor will have Alicia list the problems she is having with the organ.
- Per Pastor McPike, the emergency contact text messages are not currently working for AT&T.
- Who should decide if church should be cancelled due to weather? It was decided this should be a decision between the Elders and the Trustees, with the Pastor's input. Job descriptions will be edited to reflect this.
- Chairman Lammle attended the Church Security seminar held at the Clinton First Christian Church on January 9th. He would like to recommend to the voters:
 - Ensure our 911 emergency Phone services is working correctly
 - Post Emergency Contact information in the Church annex and the Hall
 - Develop a Crisis Plan and provide training to Elders, Nurses and members
 - Add additional LED lighting in our parking lot north of the Hall
 - Change existing lighting on the southeast corner and on the south west corner of the church to LED.
 - Repair the south door to the church.
 - Have Trustees along with the Council conduct the LMS recommended Religious Facility Organization Safety Audit in February and review the findings at the next church Council meeting.
- We have slots filled for the upcoming election, with the exception of Elder positions.

Old Business:

The information for 911 has been corrected. With our location, it needs to be noted that if the call comes from a LAN line, the call will go to Bloomington 911. If a call is made from a cell phone, those go to the towers managed by Champaign 911. Those calls need to be requested to be transferred to Bloomington response.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Voter's Meeting January 28
- February Council Meeting February 21 after Lent Service

Closing:

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New Address

Karen Bryan has moved to the Villas of Holly Brook in Gibson City. Her new address is 1400 N. Melvin St. Apt. 22, Gibson City, IL 60936.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Members, if you have not donated your Thrivent Choice dollars yet, please do so in the near future. Members have until the end of March to donate your 2017 dollars. The Thrivent Choice® program gives eligible members of Thrivent Financial the power to recommend where some of the organization's charitable outreach funds are distributed annually, using a vehicle called Choice Dollars®. Since its inception in 2010, Thrivent Financial has provided more than \$330 million in charitable outreach funds through the Thrivent Choice program to help support the initiatives of churches, educational institutions, and other nonprofit organizations. You can call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. You can visit the website at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or you can contact your Thrivent Representative. Not all Thrivent products are eligible for Choice Dollars. If you have any questions about this process, please see Brenda Hendricks.

Soup Supper Benefit

The Stewardship Committee will be organizing a benefit soup supper for Tammy Warren of Farmer City who is undergoing continued treatments for bladder cancer. She is a teachers' aide in the Blue Ridge School system and her husband Dan works at Central Illinois Ag in Farmer City. The soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 10, from 4:30 to 7. The menu will be chili, oyster soup, potato soup, sandwiches, desserts, pie, and drinks. A free will offering will be taken. Some of the Thrivent Choice dollars that have been generously donated by our Thrivent members will be added to the free will offering. A Thrivent Action Team card for \$250 will be applied for by Dwight Hooker. This will be used to cover some of the grocery expenses. There is a sign-up sheet for food donations on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Thank You

Thanks to Sue VanWakeman and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins this month. Portals of Prayer were left at Glenwood Assisted Living and Bridle Brook Senior Living facilities. There are a few Portals of Prayer left on the elder's pew at the back of the church. If anyone would like to share these devotionals with friends and family, please take one to share. Reminder: Anyone who wants to visit our shut-ins, please see the sign-up on the back bulletin board.

Eat Right, Go Further With Food

By incorporating these food, nutrition, and physical activity tips.

1. Eat breakfast. Start with a healthy breakfast that includes lean protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.
 2. Make half your plate fruits and vegetable.
 3. Watch portion sizes. Get out the measuring cups. Use half your plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean protein foods.
 4. Be active. Start by doing what exercise you can for at least 10 minutes. Children and teens should get at least 60 minutes a day, adults 2 ½ hours per week.
 5. Fix healthy snacks. Choose from 2 or more grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy and protein.
 6. Get to know food labels.
 7. Consult a registered dietitian nutritionist. Whether you want to lose weight or manage a chronic disease, they can provide sound, easy-to-follow advice.
 8. Follow food safety guidelines.
 9. Drink more water.
 10. Get cooking. Preparing at home can be healthy and cost-effective.
 11. Dine out without ditching your goals. Look for grilled, baked, broiled or steamed.
 12. Enact family meal time.
 13. Banish brown bag boredom. Try easy-to-fix, healthy ideas.
 14. Explore new foods and flavors.
 15. Eat seafood twice a week.
 16. Cut back on added sugars.
 17. Experiment with more plant-based meals.
 18. Make an effort to reduce food waste. Check what foods you have on hand before stocking up at the store. Plan meals based on leftovers. Buy only what you will use or freeze within a couple of days.
- From Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Susan Miller — parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Holy Week Schedule

Church Council—March 28th, 7pm

Maundy Thursday Service—March 29th, 7pm with Social Hour before

Good Friday Service—March 30th, 7pm

Easter Morning Service—April 1st, 7am, Youth breakfast following

Easter Lilies

Anyone who would like to donate a lily to adorn the altar for Easter, please sign-up on the back bulletin board. The cost is \$9, and money is given to our treasurer, John Lammle. Checks are made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman.

2018 Lenten Service Refreshment Schedule

February 14th

Ash Wednesday—LWML Ladies

February 21st

Mr. & Mrs. Don Warsaw

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Warsaw

Mr. & Mrs. John Gercken

Wilma Grussing

Mr. & Mrs. Butch Sprau

February 28th

Mr. & Mrs. John Lammle

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Welborn

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Poppe

Darryl Redding

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lutz

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Kunde

March 7th

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Clemmons

Mr. & Mrs. Shane Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warsaw

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Gallier

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Delaney

Mr. & Mrs. Neil Bidner

March 14th

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Martin

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gaines

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Whitehouse

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Edwards

Debbie Martin

March 21st

Mr. & Mrs. Jim VanWakeman

Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hooker

Arnita Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Myron Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zimmerman

March 29th—Before Service

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hardesty

Mr. & Mrs. Austin Miller

Debbie Peyton

Brenda Hendricks

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Whitehouse

Darwin Warsaw

Quilting

Our next quilting dates are March 6th and 8th in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 8am. Everyone is welcome!

LWML Meeting

Our next LWML meeting is scheduled for March 8th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be given by Barb Gaines and hostesses are Brenda Edwards and Wilma Grussing. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Congratulations!

March Birthdays

Terri Hooker.....03-02
 Mike Miller.....03-06
 Brenda Hendricks.....03-09
 Shirley Sprau.....03-12
 Sandy Whitehouse.....03-14
 Melia Warsaw.....03-16
 Joy Johnson.....03-19
 Shaun Zimmerman.....03-20
 Kim Schuh.....03-21
 Marsha Warsaw.....03-21
 Nikki Gallier.....03-25
 Matthew Poppe.....03-25
 Amanda Forrest.....03-30
 Jerry Reifsteck Jr.03-31
 Bill Schuh.....03-31

March Anniversaries

Shirley and Butch Sprau.....03-03-1973
 Kari and Chris Genzel.....03-10-?
 Brenda and Jerry Edwards.....03-27-1982
 Joy and Skinner Johnson.....03-31-1979

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
1/28	56	2	14
2/4	49	1	15
2/11	34	2	8
2/14	38	-	-
2/18	51	5	12
2/21	34	-	-
2/25	54	n/a	n/a
2/28	n/a	-	-

March

2018 Elder Schedule

Jan Butch	Feb Marvin	Mar Don
Apr Roy	May Marvin	Jun Butch
Jul Don	Aug Roy	Sep Butch
Oct Marvin	Nov Roy	Dec Don