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**Be still, and know that I am
God. I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be exalted
in the earth. Psalm 46:10**

Monthly Hymn Sing begins in June

From Pastor McPike's Desk...

The choice of music in worship services can be more contentious than many think. We all enjoy familiar music, favorite hymns, etc. Often, it could be said that those discussing the service they just attended over a Sunday midday meal speak more favorably of the service when they liked the music and less favorably (or even disdainfully) when music has been less familiar.

There is a particular theme to each worship service. The theme is set by the "propers", or those things that are "proper" to be done for that particular Sunday. These include the three Scripture lessons read in the service, as well as elements like the Introit, Collect, Gradual, etc., that are usually made available to us by the weekly bulletin inserts from CPH. I have a book that suggests hymns for each Sunday and service of the church year based on how those hymns support the particular theme of the day.

What makes a good hymn? There are both objective and subjective elements to answer that question. Subjectively, familiarity and "sound" of the hymn figure high in the minds of many. Objectively, the theological content of the words, a "good wedding of text and tune" (meaning that the melody or tune is supportive of the words of the hymn). As an example of the difference the tune can make, consider many people's favorite "Amazing Grace". First of all, if you hear the melody without the words, you can almost "hear the words" before the singing starts. Also, the melody very well supports the message being conveyed – the wonder of God's Amazing Grace. Those same words, however, fit the tune of the theme-song of a 1960s TV sitcom "Gilligan's Island". Try it sometime... it is probably the best illustration I can think of where a tune can ruin wonderful words!

When I choose hymns, I follow several criteria. One, I try to choose hymns that support or agree with the theme of the

service for that day. Usually we don't sing Christmas hymns on Easter or Pentecost Hymns at Christmastime. The next thing I follow is not singing any particular hymn too often. There are over 500 hymns in *Lutheran Service Book*, and singing just a few would do dis-service to the many rich hymns included in the book. (Exceptions to that are hymns made to replace parts of the liturgy, such as "We Praise You and Acknowledge You", LSB 941, which is written as a more modern presentation of the ancient Matins chant known as the *Te Deum Laudamus*.) Another thing I follow is, there is one hymn appointed for each service called the *Hymn of the Day* (in German, *Hauptlied*). I try to use that, unless it is so hard to sing it would just not work out. I do rate hymns according to how easy or hard they are to sing, and try not to choose more than one rather difficult hymn in any given service. You have also probably noticed that when a hymn is not so familiar, or when it is long, I will sing major portions myself or have the Choir support it so that it is not tedious. In other words, I don't deliberately choose hymns that are not familiar or too hard to sing, though I'm sure that I don't please all the people all the time.

The words of hymns are as important, if not more important, to me. The theology they present is a key element. Hymns are important teaching tools. Luther said, "Why should the devil get all the good tunes?" He was talking about how tunes can teach us and remind us of things. When you hear the tune to "A Mighty Fortress" - you think of Luther and the Reformation. When you hear music traditionally used at weddings, you think of a wedding. Words make a huge difference. Many older Lutheran hymns are written to convey a specific message of theology. Luther's "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" and Paul Speratus' "Salvation unto us has come" tell the entire story of salvation in ten stanzas. Luther wrote a hymn for each chief part of the catechism, so that the concepts could be learned by music as well as teaching.

On now to why the title probably caught your eye. Hymn sing! This summer, we are going to take the first 10 or so minutes of one non-communion service each month and,

instead of an opening hymn, we will take requests from the congregation. This should add a little variety to our program and allow people to occasionally sing hymns that they would like. The only caveat is, they must be hymns in our current hymnal. Music that is not in the hymnal is tricky copyright-wise. (Yes, sadly, churches are often the worst offenders when it comes to breaking copyright laws by carelessly producing copyrighted music and other materials without permission). The Sunday that we plan to start this is the fourth Sunday of June.

Volunteers Needed

Church Council is looking for Volunteers to be on a committee to identify projects and research cost to spruce up the church before our 125th celebration. Interested members please contact Chairman Hardesty at 309-830-8531. Thank you!

Commemorative 125th Anniversary Ornament

Please sign up for an ornament commemorating our 125th anniversary. A sample ornament is located by the "sign up" board at the back of the church. Ornaments may be displayed on a hanger, your Christmas tree, or wherever you like. Cost is \$5.00 per ornament and \$5.00 per hanger. Please give payments for ornaments to Christie Delaney, Wilma Grussing, Debbie Martin or Marsha Warsaw. Thank you! Commemorative Committee

Important Events

June 1: Girls' Night Out - 6:30pm in the Hall
June 3: Confirmation Recognition for Class of 1968
after church in the Fellowship Hall
June 5: Quilting - 8am
June 6: Ladies Aid - 1:30pm
June 7: Quilting - 8am
June 17: Father's Day
June 20: Church Council - 7:00pm
June 21: LWML meeting - 7:00pm
July 1: Recognition for Pastor's 30th year in the
Ministry after church

Pastor McPike reaches 30 years in the Ministry

Save the Date: In honor of Pastor McPike's 30th year in the ministry, the congregation is invited to a reception after church on July 1st in the Fellowship Hall. Please help Pastor commemorate this special milestone in his ministry!

Disaster Won't Wait National Safety Month

Create Your Emergency Plan Now.

It's time to prepare for natural disasters in our area, such as tornadoes and floods.

Create an emergency kit for your home and car.

Create a home emergency plan with your family and learn how to shut off your utilities.

Be a good participant in emergency drills at work and school by following instructions and paying attention to lessons learned.

Store important phone numbers with other important documents in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box

Learn first aid and CPR. Check with American Red Cross or National Safety Council First Aid app.

Know how to respond to an active shooter. Free training at nsc.org/communitytraining.

Stock Your Emergency Kit Now

Your home emergency kit should be accessible and contain:

- Food and water for each family member for 3 days as well as a can opener and nonperishable foods, such as tuna and peanut butter.
- Pet food, water, cat litter for 3 days
- Hand crank or battery-powered flashlight and radio with extra batteries.
- Full first aid kit, including hand sanitizer and garbage bags.
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for broken windows or leaky roof
- Whistle to signal for help so rescuers can locate you.
- Remember to grab medications to take to your shelter

Your car emergency kit should contain:

- A properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench, tripod jack, and jumper cables
- A tool kit, compass, duct tape and car charger for your cell phone
- A flashlight with extra batteries, rain poncho and a fire extinguisher
- Reflective triangles and vest, and brightly colored cloth to make your vehicle more visible
- A first aid kit and enough nonperishable food and water for 3 days
- Blanket

Emergency situations can happen any time, making it crucial that you are prepared for the unexpected long before it happens.

From National Safety Council

Susan Miller parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Shirley Sprau will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on redemption. Connie Warsaw will have devotions and prayer and serve as hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to attend!

LWML - CID 73rd Annual Convention

The LWML-CID 73rd annual convention was held on April 28th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington, with a theme "Look Up! Look In! Look Out! During the procession of banners, Marlene Schultz, Danville Zone LWML President, carried the Danville Zone banner, made by Calvary Watseka. The convention was opened by Sheila Lutz, LWML District President. The pledges were recited, followed by a welcome by the Bloomington Zone President. The bible study was given by Rev. Mark Peters, Senior District Counselor. Adoption of convention rules and agenda was given by Shelley Moeller. The convention speaker was Missionary Gary Thies, Director of Mission Central, the largest Mission Supporting Agency in the entire LCMS. At the present, this facility is operated by a total of 97 volunteers. 18 volunteer secretaries type in their homes, and 5 pilots donate their planes and their efforts to fly Gary to different locations. Gary has spoken in more than 1700 congregations in the US and Canada. Last year 118 missionaries and their families stayed overnight at Mission Central from all over the world. The convention offering was \$3838.31 and 291 were in attendance. Reports were given by the two YWR's who attended the National Convention in Albuquerque. The first sessions and business meetings were then conducted. Balloting was completed on new district officers and mission grants. After lunch a second special interest session was held followed by the afternoon business meeting. The LWML Song and pledge were recited. Greetings from Rev. Mark Miller, District President, were given. The Gifts from the Heart report was given by Laura Strattman, Human Care Chairman. There were 28 members who helped with off campus servant events on Friday, with 70 helping with servant events at the church. 130 bibles were marked, 21 quilts tied, 9 baby quilts completed, 165 t-shirts cut for layettes, 40 bags packed for Home Sweet Home, 240 boxes for Orphan Grain Train, \$470 collected for shipping costs, and \$1500 collected for Disaster Relief. Marlene Schultz invited the group to Danville for the next LWML-CID convention in 2019. Installation of officers was held, followed by the President's address by Sheila Lutz. Closing devotion and hymn ended the convention. Those attending from Immanuel Osman were Barb Gaines, Connie Warsaw, Brenda Hendricks, and Debbie Lammle.

LWML Garage Sale

The LWML of Immanuel Lutheran Osman held a very successful fundraiser at the home of John and Debbie Lammle during the Fisher city wide garage sale. Thanks to the following LWML members and their husbands: Debbie and John Lammle, Shirley and Butch Sprau, Diana and Bob Zimmerman, Sue VanWakeman, and Theresa VanWakeman Wilson. Thanks also to everyone who contributed baked goods and other garage sale items for this project. The total amount raised for the LWML Zone project was \$528.50. Items not sold went to Goodwill, Salt and Light Ministries, and a family in Fisher who lost everything in a home fire.

Special Thanks!

A special THANK YOU to Randy Zimmerman for the use of his trailer to haul, store, and take garage sale items from the LWML garage sale to Champaign last weekend. It was a life saver and greatly appreciated!

LWML — Date Change

The LWML quarterly meeting is being changed to June 21st at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Brenda Hendricks will have the topic and Terri Hooker and Debbie Lammle will be hostesses for the evening. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

Thank You

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

Girls' Night Out

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited to a "Girls' Night Out" on June 1st in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30pm. The evening includes playing bunco, awarding prizes, and sampling a variety of refreshments. (Feel free to bring a sweet or salty snack to share.) Don't miss this special evening with church family and friends!

Class of '68 Reception

Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman are invited to help recognize the confirmation class of 1968 at a reception on June 3rd after church in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars for this special occasion!

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting April 18, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on April 18, 2018. The following members were present: Rick Hardesty, John Lammle, Dave Kunde, Steve Martin, Don Warsaw, Deb Lammle, Steve Warsaw and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the March council meeting. Minor corrections were noted. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept the minutes; Don Warsaw seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The March 31, 2018 balance was \$60,083.10. John Lammle reviewed income and expenses for March. We have no changes to the Memorial Fund report from last month. John provided a copy of a letter to be sent to the Stewardship committee with their account balance of \$471.00, however there will be \$600 moved to their balance in September which was approved by the Voter's at the annual meeting. Steve Warsaw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Steve Martin seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor noted he will send another letter to President Harrison regarding attending the 125 Celebration.
- Pastor will work on the funeral procedures for the Elders.
- Vacation Bible School will be upon us soon. Pastor will meet with Kim Clemmons and discuss ideas and options.
- We will start a new Catechism session in the fall. This is a 2-year program and we anticipate having 6 or 7 kids attend. Catechism will be held on Sunday mornings before church services.
- Pastor's phone number on the church bulletin will be changing. He will be going to a cell phone as his main phone number. That number will be 312-650-9890.
- Pastor would like to shift communion from the first Sunday in May to the 2nd Sunday – May 13. Pastor will be out of town the first weekend in May. Since there are 5 Sundays in April, we will have communion on April 29 so there will not be a large lag in time between communion Sundays.

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:

- Steve Warsaw reported the mowing list has been posted.
- FS has been out to test the regulators and everything looks good.

- Brandon Clemmons will look at the parking lot light situation and determine which light would be the best to install, which will provide enough light to the parking lot but not disturb neighbors.
- Steve Martin did some wiring to the sound system.
- New mailbox has arrived.
- Gutter above the ramp will be fixed soon.

Stewardship Committee Report

No representatives attended this month's Council meeting, however it was noted they will plan to hold another benefit in November.

Parish Nurse Report:

Susan Miller will plan to do the blood pressure checks after church on April 29.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

- Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- The Emergency Action Plan and Facility Audit needs to be completed soon. It was decided to do this as a group some evening before a Council meeting, or after church one Sunday.
- We are still discussing if we will fix the material on one of the pews. We have 2 pews with damaged material, but only have enough spare material to fix one pew. We'll continue to discuss. It was also noted that several of the pews are cracking.

New Business:

- The District convention will be held in Springfield on July 8-10. Registration for the event is \$125. We are allowed to send 1 voter to the convention. It was decided to offer the opportunity to the congregation at the Voter's Meeting on April 22. Registration is due on June 1.
- Steve Martin has had a couple of people asking if the Council has discussed removing the carpet in the church and going back to the hardwood floors. The Council discussed the pros and cons of going back to the hardwood. There will be some research done to see what is under the carpet and what the possible costs could be. Once that information is gathered, it will be taken to the congregation and discussed at a future Voter's Meeting.
- Deb Lammle informed the Council they would like to hold the next Girl's Night Out on June 1 and submitted the request for using the Hall.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Voter's Meeting April 22
- May Council Meeting May 16

Closing:

A motion to adjourn the April Council meeting was made. Pastor closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

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

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
4/22	58	5	15
4/29	50	5	15
5/6	40	4	9
5/13	68	8	16
5/20	n/a	n/a	n/a
5/27	n/a	n/a	n/a

June Anniversaries

Jenna and Nathan Mangold.....06-03-2011
 Jamie and Aaron Krueger.....06-10-2017
 Jill and Rick Hardesty.....06-11-1994
 Terri and Dwight Hooker.....06-15-1985
 Kim and Bill Schuh.....06-20-1987
 Beth and Neil Bidner.....06-23-2001
 Debbie and John Lammle.....06-25-1977
 Janet and Myron Zimmerman.....06-30-1979

June Birthdays

Susan Martin.....06-03
 Brant Hendricks.....06-08
 Jamie Poppe.....06-08
 Donald Warsaw.....06-09
 Jim VanWakeman.....06-12
 Amanda Amdor.....06-13
 Rong Warsaw06-13
 Michael Brooks.....06-15
 Brenda Edwards.....06-16
 Jeri Bidner.....06-18
 Dick Johnson.....06-19
 Natalie Hooker.....06-21
 Beth Bidner.....06-22
 Kim Clemmons.....06-24
 Laura Zimmerman.....06-26
 Ashley Martin.....06-27
 Jack Gallier.....06-30

