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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Lightning, The Underrated Killer

Summertime means BBQs, fairs, sporting events, boating, farming, camping, and many other events. Summertime means more people are spending more time in the great outdoors. But summer is also peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena--lightning. Lightning typically receives less attention than other storm related killers because it does not cause mass destruction or casualties like tornadoes or floods. There are about 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes each year in the USA. Over the past 30 years, the US has averaged 51 lightning fatalities per year. Only 10% of people struck by lightning are actually killed. The other 90% must cope with varying degrees of discomfort and disability, sometimes for life.

Most lightning victims are struck not during the worst but rather before or after the storm reaches its greatest intensity. **Lightning can strike as far as 25 miles away from its parent thunderstorm, much farther out from the area of rainfall within a storm.**

Therefore if you hear thunder, you are within striking distance. Remember this safety rule: **When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors...**and stay 30minutes after the last clap of thunder.

The safest location during a storm is inside a large enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring. The plumbing and wiring will conduct the electricity and direct it to the ground. If not available, an enclosed metal vehicle such as a car or bus would be suitable. Buildings with exposed sides are **not** safe, even if they are grounded. These include metal sheds, picnic shelters, carports, and baseball dugouts. Convertible vehicles, golf carts, and tractors offer no safety from lightning. There are still some safety guidelines while inside your shelter:

1. Don't use corded phones. Using a corded phone during a storm is one of the leading causes of indoor lightning injuries. However it is safe to use a cordless or cell phone if not being charged.
2. Stay away from windows and doors.
3. Don't touch electrical equipment. Any device that uses electricity is susceptible to strikes.
4. Avoid plumbing. Do not wash dishes, take a shower, or do laundry during a storm.
5. Refrain from touching concrete surfaces. Lightning can travel through the metal bars.

If inside a vehicle, roll the windows up and avoid contact with any conducting paths such as metal surfaces, ignition, or portable electronic devices plugged in for charging.

Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch him or her, you'll get electrocuted.

Fact: The human body does not store electricity and victims require immediate medical attention. Call 911 and give first aid.

Myth: If caught outside during a storm, seek shelter under a tree.

Fact: Seeking shelter under a tree is one of the leading causes of lightning related fatalities.

From: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Susan Miller parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Annette Warsaw will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on grace. Wilma Grussing will have devotions and prayer and serve as hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to attend!

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - May 16, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on May 16, 2018. The following members were present: Rick Hardesty, John Lammle, Dave Kunde, Steve Martin, Don Warsaw, Deb Lammle, and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the April council meeting. Minor corrections were noted. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept the minutes; Deb Lammle seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The April 30, 2018 balance was \$66,484.22. John Lammle reviewed income and expenses for April as well as balances in the Mission Giving and Stewardship funds. There have been no changes to the Memorial Fund account since last month. There is some confusion around the 100-111 account named Stewardship Fund, which is conflicting with our Stewardship committee. John will ask Helpingstine to rename the account to the Lutheran Church Extension Savings, which is better named for what it is for. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried.
- John presented the FS LP gas contract. The price has gone up from \$1.38 to \$1.60 a gallon. We currently have a credit balance of \$1,882.80, leaving a new balance of \$4,509.20. A motion to have John Lammle sign the contract in place of the trustees for the FS contract was made by Steve Martin, seconded by Deb Lammle. Motion carried.
- Country Insurance has completed the insurance assessment for the church property. The total insurance quote came in at an increase of \$445 for the year – a 7% increase. The increase is a result of an automatic increase inflation of the replacement value. John expects the invoice to come in at approximately \$6,121.00 for the year and should arrive any day. Dave Kunde made a motion to have John pay the invoice; Steve Martin seconded; Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- President Harrison has responded to the request regarding our 125th celebration, however he said he would need to get back to us about attending.
- Confirmation Class – The next confirmation class is being planned for.
- Vacation Bible School - Kim Clemmons will order materials. We will consider having evening VBS again this year since it worked well last year. It is anticipated that VBS will be held in July.
- Pastor would like to have a "Hymn Sing" on Sundays that we don't have communion. This will give an opportunity for people to sing some of their favorite hymns for approximately 10 minutes prior to services.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

No report this month, however Chairman Hardesty said he was approached about moving some of the Elder duties to other people in the church. The confirmation class could be a possible option to assist with a few of those tasks. The Elders will discuss and will decide what can be split up. This could start as early as mid-summer.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Trustee Report:

- Steve Martin indicated we still need to fix the gutter and install the mailbox. Steve will spray for weeds soon.

Stewardship Committee Report

Nothing to report this month.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

- Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- The Memorabilia committee will take over the process of taking orders for the stained-glass crosses and picture frames. We should have samples of each within a month to display for the orders. There has been a private donation of \$1,000 to pay for the setup and labor.
- Brenda Hendricks will be our voting representative at the District Convention on July 8-10 in Springfield. A motion to reimburse Brenda for Convention and travel expenses was made by Steve Martin; Seconded by Dave Kunde. Motion carried.
- Removing the carpet from the church was discussed. This is something a committee could look into.

New Business:

- Chairman Hardesty has been asked if the Council has considered any interior improvements to the church. It was noted the interior could use a new coat of paint, along with other improvements. It was decided to post a note in the bulletin and ask if there would be interest in forming a Building Refurbishment committee.
- Debbie Lammle said the next Confirmation Class 50th Anniversary will be held on June 3, with a cake and punch reception after the church services. Invitations will be sent to those participants from that class.
- Budget for 125th Celebration – We started the fund with \$3500 from the Drainage fund, as we needed startup money to assist the Memorabilia committee. This was approved several months ago, by the Council.

Upcoming Church Activities:

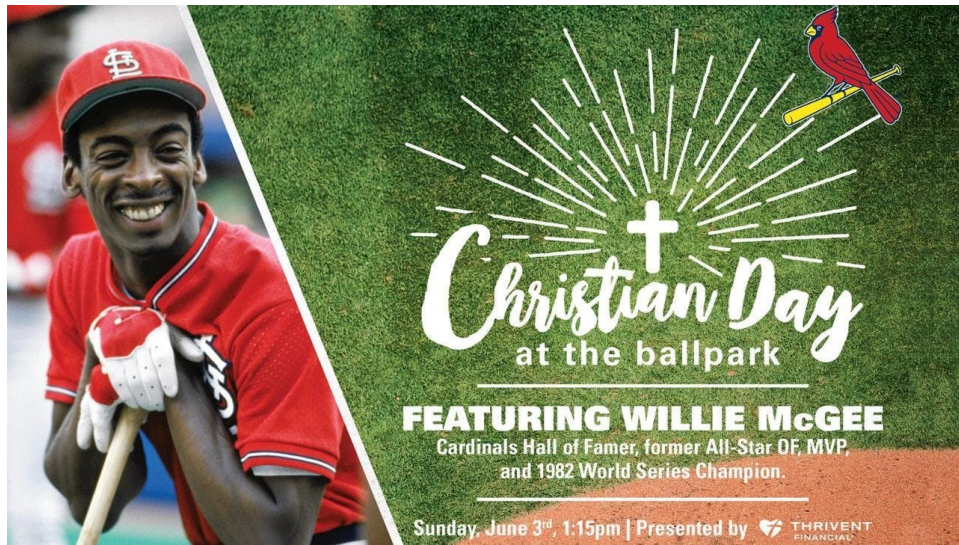
- Girl's Night Out June 1
- Confirmation Class 50th Anniversary June 3
- June Council Meeting June 20

Closing:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Christian Day at the Ballpark



The Kansas and Missouri Thrivent Member Network and the St. Louis Thrivent Member Network sponsored Christian Day at Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals, on Sunday, June 3. The attendees assembled and decorated birthday boxes with supplies for a birthday party for foster children in the St. Louis area. After the game, the program featured Willie McGee, 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 over the Pirates were Jeff, Annette, and Addison Warsaw; Don and Connie Warsaw.

Vacation Bible School

Join us July 15 through 19 for Vacation Bible School! VBS will begin on Sunday, July 15, with a cookout at 5PM for all children, parents, and volunteers. The children will begin their program at 6PM. The following days from Monday, July 16 to Thursday, July 19, the program will run from 6PM to 8PM each evening with a light supper served at 5:30 each evening. The theme "Splash Canyon – God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride" will teach the children that Jesus is around the bend but is by their side on life's wild ride and that God saves them through Jesus and gives them life and hope every day and forever. There will be Bible lessons, games, crafts, songs, and skits. The children will be participating in a service project of assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you are planning to bring your children, grandchildren, or friends, please contact Kim Clemmons or Brenda Hendricks. The registration sheets are on the back elder pew. The children will tell the congregation about their "Osman Wild Ride" during the worship service on Sunday, July 22.

Adult Bible Class for July 22

Change in Adult Sunday School: The Adult Sunday School will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on July 22nd for Bible Class, while the upcoming confirmation class will be instructed on lighting altar candles in the church.

Pastor McPike Reaches Milestone 30 Years in the Ministry

Pastor McPike was ordained on June 26, 1988 at his home church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Martinsville, Indiana. He served eleven years as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. He moved to Trinity Urbana in 1999, where he completed his chaplaincy training at Carle, and continued a very extensive program for endorsement and certification. Pastor McPike continues to serve as Chaplain at Carle Hospital while serving as our Pastor here at Immanuel Osman.

Pastor, you live out your faith with kindness and care and share your talents in so many ways! You are a blessing to all at Immanuel Osman and your ministry helps make our church a brighter place to worship! We gratefully say, "Thank You"!

LWML Quarterly Meeting Minutes

The LWML held their quarterly meeting on June 21st in the fellowship hall with twelve members present. The LWML song was sung, followed by a responsive reading of the LWML pledge. Devotion was given by Barb Whitehouse Gercken, followed by Brenda Hendricks giving topic. Shirley Sprau read the roll call and minutes from the last meeting. Sue VanWakeman gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$682. 06. After collecting mites, a story was read about the Mission Grant for Haiti, followed by prayer. Correspondence was read by our Seminary Student, Chris Walters. Cards were sent to several members in the church who had been sick or in the hospital during the last three months. Thanks were given to the food committee, those making quilt tops and pillowcase dresses, those who help quilt and bring refreshments, and those who made sweet breads for the Spring Gathering. Additional thanks were given to everyone who supported our adopted family, and to Brenda Hendricks who is the editor of the Clarion. The deadline for the next Clarion is July 25th. The group was informed that 111 quilts have been tied and 80 pillowcase dresses completed since January.

Upcoming dates for quilting are July 10th and 12th, August 7th and 9th, and Sept. 4th and 6th. The group then signed up to purchase birthday gifts for our adopted family. Barb Gaines gave a report that \$758 was donated for the Military Biblestick program. Sue VanWakeman gave a report on the Spring Gathering and Barb Gaines gave a report on the CID LWML convention. President Lammle reported that \$528.50 was made at the past Garage Sale, with all proceeds going to the LWML Zone Project ("Feed the Children" program in Danville). The topic of a missed payment from the LWML to the Ladies Aid for the seminary student was discussed. It was decided that payment should be made in September for the school term ending the following May. New business included the 4th of July Bake Sale, cleaning the church on Sept. 7th, and giving quilts made by the church ladies to other people besides LWR. Discussion was held concerning making a 125th anniversary family cookbook, sponsored by the LWML. It was decided to put this project on hold, since multiple items are being sold for the 125th anniversary. Important dates include: LWML Fall Rally, Sept. 18th, LWML Retreat at Camp Cilca on Oct. 12-13th, National LWML Convention at Mobile, Alabama on June 20-23, 2019. Thanks were given to Terri Hooker and Debbie Lammle for the delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be September 13th with Shirley Sprau giving the topic, and Debbie Martin and Sue VanWakeman as hostesses. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

Thank You!

Thank you to Sue VanWakeman and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins this month.

50th Anniversary of Confirmation



Steve Warsaw, Jim Poppe, and Terri Zimmerman Hooker were honored at a reception on Sunday, June 3 in observance of the 50th anniversary of their confirmation.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Laura Zimmerman and John Engelbrecht who will be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, July 7, here at Immanuel. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Engelbrecht and Laura is the daughter of Myron and Janet Zimmerman. Bless their marriage, O God, with peace and happiness!

Thank You!

Thanks to the dedication and sincere efforts of Larry and Esther Lutz for sending bulletins and copies of the sermons to the shut-ins and others not able to attend church for the last five years. We appreciate all they did in spreading God's Word to those unable to attend church at Immanuel!

Annual Bake Sale

The Ladies Aid and LWML are sponsoring their annual Bake Sale during the Bellflower 4th of July celebration. They'll be set up by 8am with coffee and water for sale as well. Come support these ladies who give of their time and energy to support missions and other local projects.

Girls Night Out

The annual Girls Night Out event was held June 1st in the Fellowship Hall. MacKenzie Beck was the winner of Bunco and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken received the prize for low score.



L-R: Hadley Laster (Diana's granddaughter), Janet Zimmerman, Chris Zimmerman and Diana Zimmerman



L-R: Arnita Zimmerman, Sandy Whitehouse, Agnes Watson, and guest, Karla Ruch

**Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12**

2018 Elder Schedule

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

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
5/20	53	n/a	n/a
5/27	57	6	9
6/3	53	1	6
6/10	68	2	16
6/17	50	3	16
6/24	71	n/a	n/a

July Birthdays

Ryan Lammle.....07-02
 Jessica Poppe.....07-03
 Joshua Poppe.....07-03
 Jerry Edwards.....07-05
 MacKenzie Delaney.....07-06
 Weston Hasty.....07-06
 Larry Lutz.....07-12
 Wilma Grussing.....07-13
 Daniel Schuh.....07-13
 William Schroeder.....07-14
 Ryan McPike.....07-15
 Aaron Warsaw.....07-15
 Bryan Warsaw.....07-15
 Marvin Clemmons.....07-20
 Carolyn Majercin.....07-20
 Shane Zimmerman.....07-21
 Steve Gaines.....07-24
 Jane Poppe.....07-27
 Stefani Warsaw.....07-28
 John Haggin.....07-29
 Roy Whitehouse.....07-30



July Anniversaries

Marti and Steve Brandt.....07-06-1984
 Deb and Dick Johnson.....07-10-1971
 Hallie and Greg Payne.....07-12-2011
 Marsha and Steve Warsaw.....07-16-1977
 Rebecca and Scott Gercken.....07-21-2007
 Nikki and Rob Gallier.....07-24-1999
 Nicole and Jesse Johnson.....07-28-2007