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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

John 14:1

Church Council

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

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Treasurer's Report:

- The June 30, 2018 balance was \$62,886.67. The Council reviewed income and expenses for June as well as balances in the Mission Giving funds. John will be sending the check to LCMS World Relief and Human Care for \$300 in July for this month's giving. We had a large jump in utilities this past month so we will inquire if we had additional charges this month. Dave Kunde made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- We have 4 Lay teachers for the confirmation class this year. They will soon be meeting to plan the curriculum for the classes. The confirmation class will most likely meet on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. There

will be a parent meeting in early August.

- Pastor wanted to thank everyone who volunteered their time for Vacation Bible School. We've had good attendance with at least 16 children each evening.
- Pastor also thanked the Council for the reception for his 30th anniversary.
- Hymn sing is going well. Everyone is getting used to the structure.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

Nothing to report this month. Still need to have further discussion on the sharing of duties.

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, however Pastor has asked them to start looking at a date they would like to hold the next event.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- Brenda Hendricks attended the conference in early July and will provide a report at the Quarterly Voter's meeting.
- Rick will be meeting with the Refurbishment committee soon.
- We still need a volunteer to burn CD's of the church services. This will be mentioned during the Quarterly Voter's meeting.
- Don Warsaw asked Mark Barrick to assist with hanging the parking lot light and a new light for the marquee. He will probably do this work next week.
- We are still having issues with people being able to find the church. We had some individual's late for a funeral because GPS led them the wrong direction. Different ideas were discussed, including having the funeral home put the church address in the obituary. We also discussed having larger signs on the roads, however we believe there is a size limitation from IDOT. Possibly we could look into putting a sign in Fisher somewhere.

New Business:

- The last 2 funerals were cremations. Could the altar guild dress up the table for the urn? This has been a discussion topic in the past. Most times, the funeral home will provide a table, but the Altar Guild will discuss further.
- Plans continue to be made for the church picnic. Don Warsaw will bring the church grills. Deb asked if they could take money out of the Activity Fund for ice cream for the picnic. Chairman Hardesty agreed to allow them to do this.
- Deb Lammle informed the Council that the church picnic will also include Mahlah, a comfort dog. Deb asked if a

special collection could be taken up that day for Mahlah's handler. It was agreed to allow for an extra collection.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Quarterly Voter's Meeting July 22
- Church Picnic Aug. 12
- Aug Council Meeting Aug. 15
- Wiener Roast/Hayrack Ride Sept. 30
- Pastor Appreciation Day/
- Reformation Day festivities October 28

Closing:

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From Our Parish Nurse...

So Much To Do In Too Little Time?

One of the most common complaints of people is not enough time to get things done. If you feel that way, what are you going to do about it?

"...Oh that I had the wings of a dove to fly away and find rest! I would escape far away to a refuge in the wilderness."

This cry from the psalmist could easily be ours today when we feel overcome with responsibility that results in fatigue and exhaustion.

Kerstens and Williams write the following comments in this tiredness and exhaustion: "It is the exhaustion that comes from trying to do everything for everyone. This is the kind of fatigue that comes from trying to prove yourself to others, the kind of tiredness that comes from trying to doing something you are not really called to do but which your family, your neighbor, or you yourself think that you should be doing.

It is the tiredness that comes from carrying a heavy burden and not being able to trust someone to share it with you. It's the kind of exhaustion that results from the many demands others place on us and we place on ourselves.

We want so much to please God that using our gifts becomes a sort of work righteousness that drives us compulsively to do more and more, burning ourselves out because we can never do enough."

Time To Be Honest With Yourself!

What responsibilities are waiting for you at home that have been given to you by someone else?

Have you taken on these responsibilities because you are the best person to do them, or the ONLY person who will do them? Pick one of these responsibilities waiting for you.

Ask God now if it is truly in the best interest of His Kingdom that you are to do this?

If you are convinced the responsibility you just selected is God's task for you, then continue to look at your other responsibilities until you find one that can be done by

someone else. Ask God to help you in finding a way that responsibility can be given up—without burdening someone else.

Dear Friend,

Please don't feel that you are totally, absolutely, irrevocably responsible for everything. That is *my* job.

Love,

God

From Parish Nurse class parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Domestic Violence Survey

1 in 3 women is a victim of some sort of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. In addition, up to 97% of women turn to God to cope with the violence. But often the experience of violence also leads to spiritual struggles and/or doubts about the power and goodness of God and others.

Research Study on Religious Coping and Domestic Violence-

Researchers at the University of Illinois are looking for women who would like to participate in the study of religious coping with domestic violence. If you are a woman who has experienced physical abuse from an intimate partner in the past three years, are at least eighteen years old, are able to read English, and consider yourself spiritual or religious in some way, you are invited to participate in the research study. The study would involve a 30-minute written survey. Participants would be compensated \$20 for their time in taking it. To find out more about the study, please contact Kristen Godlin by phone(217-979-3644) or email (kgodlin2@illinois.edu). Thank you for considering!

Confirmation

Confirmation classes begin on September 9th with six students included: Addison Warsaw, Ashley Genzel, Jack Gallier, Jenna Clemmons, Megan Bidner, and Reese Gallier. Five teachers will be rotating as instructors for this program: Connie Warsaw, Debbie Lammle, Theresa VanWakeman Wilson, Annette Warsaw, and Brenda Hendricks. Pastor McPike will be meeting with the teachers once a month before Church Council meetings, and once a month after church with the confirmands till 12:15pm. The students will be studying Luther's Small Catechism, completing "Applying Luther's Catechism" workbook, and memorizing the six parts of Luther's Small Catechism as well as the books of the bible. The students will meet every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00-9:20am. We pray for God's guidance that through the Word and the Spirit of God, the students will respond in faith and grow up into Christian maturity, live happily in peace with God, and witness openly of their faith. The class will be acolyting every service and sitting together at the front of the church, as they take sermon notes. Please pray for these confirmands as they grow in their faith!

Church Picnic

A guest speaker, Diane Goldenstein, was present with Sheila Selk and Mahlah, the Comfort Dog, for the annual Church Picnic on August 12th. After the church service and potluck meal, Diane gave a presentation on Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs. Both Diane and Sheila are part of Team Mahlah from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford, IL. Both ladies have gone to Handler training and can take Mahlah to events. Mahlah is a LCC K-9 Comfort Dog and is a purebred Golden Retriever who is AKC certified and has passed the AKC Good Citizenship test! Mahlah and her handlers are also certified by LCC. They receive ongoing and advanced training. Mahlah is considered a working dog that requires daily training, exercise, play and nurturing in order to be successful when attending events, deployments, and visiting those who are suffering and in need. Thanks to everyone who donated to the free will offering for OSLC Comfort Dogs! It takes a large group of organized members to plan an event for the church. So we don't forget anyone, please know that everyone who helped with the Church Picnic on August 12th was greatly appreciated! Thanks again!



Mahlah, the Comfort Dog from Our Savior, Milford, made a new friend, Sara McPike

Upcoming Events in September

4	Quilting	8am
5	Ladies Aid	1:30pm
6	Quilting	8am
7	Cleaning the church	8am
13	LWML meeting	7pm
18	LWML Fall Rally at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Woodworth, rural Milford; (8-8:50 registration)	8am
19	Confirmation Teachers Meeting	5:30pm
19	Council Meeting	7pm
30	Wiener Roast and Hayride	4:30pm

In Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Phyllis Burnett, who was called to her eternal home on August 2nd. A private graveside service was held at Riverside Cemetery, Mahomet on Sunday, August 5.

Thank You!

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

Thank You!

We would like to thank our church family for your continued prayers, cards, visits and delicious food. We appreciate your kindness so much! Esther and Larry Lutz

Church Cleaning

Everyone (men and woman) are invited to help clean the church on September 7th, beginning at 8am.

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Brenda Hendricks will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on healing. Annette Warsaw will have devotions and prayer and serve as hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to attend!

Annual Wiener Roast and Hayride

Invite a friend and come join in the festivities during the Immanuel Lutheran Hayride and Wiener Roast on September 30th, starting at 4:30pm. Please bring dishes to share, as drinks, meat, and table service will be provided. End the evening with making s'mores around the campfire! Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sept. 23rd so we know how much meat to purchase.

New Baby

Congratulations to Kevin and Kristan (Lammle) Hansen on the birth of their third daughter, Tiler Rose Hansen, on August 16th. Tiler was 7 lbs., 19 inches long at birth, with brown hair and eyes. Tiler's sisters are Talitha Maren and Tatum Madelyn who are both excited for the new addition to the family! Their address is 7121 S. Bryant St., Littleton, CO. 80120. Grandparents are John and Debbie Lammle.



LWML News

Quarterly LWML Meeting

The quarterly LWML meeting will be held on September 13th, beginning at 7pm. Topic will be given by Shirley Sprau, and hostesses are Debbie Martin and Sue VanWakeman. All ladies of the church are invited.

LWML Danville Zone Fall Rally

The LWML Danville Zone Fall Rally will be held on September 18th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Woodworth, in rural Milford, IL. The program includes devotions, bible study, speaker-Carmen Gronewold from Peace Rehabilitation Center, and a business meeting. Registration with a coffee hour is held from 8-8:50am and a \$7 fee is payable at the door. An in-gathering will be held for local food pantries (food/money) and a collection of Christian material for overseas such as bibles (new/used), Christian books (hard/paper), and daily devotionals. The St. Paul's Church is located at the intersection of Iroquois County Roads 1130 North and 1500 East. Please let Debbie Lammle know if you plan on attending by Sept. 9th at 217-419-6717.

Quilting

All ladies of the church are invited to join in the fun when quilting on Sept. 4th and 6th, beginning at 8am.

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
7/22	95	0	0
7/29	58	4	12
8/5	63	3	14
8/12	44	0	0
8/19	54	n/a	n/a
8/26	n/a	n/a	n/a

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
 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

