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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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**I will give thanks to you, Lord,
with all my heart.**

Psalm 9:1

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - September 19, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on September 19, 2018. The following members were present: Rick Hardesty, Dave Kunde, Steve Martin, Deb Lammle, John Lammle, and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the August council meeting. Debbie Lammle made a motion to accept the minutes; Dave Kunde seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The August 31, 2018 balance was \$61,622.87. The Council reviewed income and expenses for August. The Mission Giving report was reviewed. \$519.42 was paid for CID and \$150.00 was paid to Lutheran Hour Ministries, both on September 16. \$600 will be placed into the Stewardship Committee fund in October. Additional funds have been added to the Memorial Fund, with a balance of \$11,563.85. Dave Kunde made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Steve Martin seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Confirmation class has started and is going very well. We have 6 students, with the potential of 1 additional.
- Ken Clause has declined our invitation to be the guest speaker for our 125th celebration. Pastor recommended we invite Pastor Schmidt to be our guest speaker. Pastor Schmidt has indicated he plans to return for our celebration and is well liked in our congregation. It was agreed to extend the invitation to speak to Pastor Schmidt.
- Pastor reminded the Council he will be out of town this following weekend – September 22 & 23. Pastor Ehlers will be covering this weekend.
- Pastor informed the Council of the many vacancies in our circuit. Most recent vacancies are in Monticello

and Champaign.

- Follow up on the Facebook page: Annette Warsaw did open the Facebook page originally and will soon get with Pastor to discuss future options with it.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Rick Hardesty read the Sunday School Superintendent's report. Kim Clemmons provided an update on the Confirmation Class attendance. All major lessons are being taught on a rotation between several teachers. Pastor McPike is meeting with the students after church once a month. The class for the smaller children is being taught by Kim Clemmons during the weeks that Brenda Hendricks is teaching Confirmation. The idea was presented to use the teachers who were not teaching confirmation on a rotation basis to teach this class, but for the present time we wanted to try to keep changes at a minimum. The only Sunday School material now ordered from Concordia Publishing House is for the smaller children.

Trustee Report:

Steve Martin will work on the gutters and the mailbox will be installed soon. Pastor bought a new security camera for the corner of the church which will need to be installed as well.

Stewardship Committee Report

Will be covered in New Business information.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- Jill Hardesty has spoken to Annette Warsaw about the promotional material for the church. Jill is looking into the costs for printing and non-profit postage.
- Road signs – John has made contact with IDOT but haven't heard back from them. We do have current signs posted about our church, but they are smaller than what we would like.
- John reviewed the various methods of advertising.

All future advertising needs to indicate Osman as our town, and not Fisher. This should help with some of the confusion.

- Building Refurbishment Committee has met twice now. A list of items has been compiled for future improvements. The Refurbishment committee consists of Rick Hardesty, Debbie Lammle, Steve Gaines, Brenda Hendricks, Dwight Hooker, Steve Martin and Steve Warsaw. The committee will continue to meet on the plans and provide costs for the improvements.
- The annual Wiener Roast will be held on September 30 at 4:30. The LWML will be assisting with the planning.

New Business:

- The Thanksgiving Dinner will occur on November 18. The Ladies of the Council will plan the event. As in the past, the Church will pay for the hot food, and there will be a sign up for the side dishes. A free will offering will also be requested.
- Stewardship Committee has a recipient they would like to have a benefit for. Kade Nichols is a student at Blue Ridge middle school and has a brain tumor and could benefit from the donations. Kade has a church connection, as Darwin Warsaw is his great uncle. We are looking at either the 1st or 2nd weekend in November to hold the benefit. The family will let us know soon of which weekend will work best for them. John Lammle approved the request for the benefit; Debbie Lammle seconded; Motion carried.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Wiener Roast/Hayrack Ride September 30
- October Council Meeting October 17
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting October 21
- Pastor Appreciation Day/Reformation Day festivities October 28

Closing:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Voter's Meeting – July 22, 2018

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty on July 22, 2018. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary, Sandy Whitehouse, read the minutes from the April Voter's meeting.

Jeff Warsaw made the motion to accept the minutes; Jill Hardesty seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer report was read to Voter's. The 2nd quarter checking account balance has a total of \$62,886.67. The 2nd quarter totals for income: \$29,412.33 which is a little below the budget expectation of \$30,245.76. Total expenses for the second quarter were \$34,572.33, which equals a net balance of \$2,229.77 after

the 2nd quarter. Along with our Money Market accounts, our total assets are \$246,872.50. There have been no changes to the Memorial Fund, and we have used \$1500 of the \$2,571.00 budget for the Stewardship account.

Darwin Warsaw made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Steve Warsaw seconded; Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike thanked the congregation for the continued support and partnership he receives at Immanuel Lutheran of Osman.

Pastor would also like to express his appreciation for the reception held for his 30th Anniversary of his ordination.

Thank you also goes out to everyone who had any part of the Vacation Bible School program which just concluded. We had a very good turnout of children from the community and this is another way to show the spirit of Osman.

Thank you goes out to Brenda Hendricks for attending the annual convention and being our voting delegate.

Confirmation class will be starting soon. The teachers and Pastor will be meeting to plan very soon.

Hymn sing is going well.

As noted in the last Voter's meeting, an invitation had been sent to President Harrison to attend our 125th anniversary celebration. We have since found out that President Harrison will most likely not be able to attend, so we will invite Pastor Klaus as his replacement.

Pastor McPike reported that one of our former Pastor's, Pastor Schmidt, will soon be relocating to the Pittsburgh area.

District Convention Report: Brenda Hendricks provided a report of the Central Illinois District held on July 8-10, 2018. There were approximately 250 attended, including voting delegates, Pastors, guests and exhibitors.

Highlights included: The Reverend Mark Miller was elected to his third term as District president. The Reverend Rick Milas was elected First Vice-President.

19 Resolutions were discussed and voted on. All resolutions except one, passed. The resolution that did not pass was one that wouldn't allow women to read scripture lessons during the services. After 2 hours of discussion, this resolution was defeated by only 24 votes.

2 pieces of literature Brenda picked up were "Partnership in the Gospel" – an overview of the Central Illinois District, and "Joyfully Lutheran" regarding the challenges of the Synod today, our Lutheran Universities, and mission work we are involved in. This second piece of literature was written by President Matthew Harrison. See Brenda if you would like to read these copies.

Brenda thanked everyone for allowing her to represent our congregation.

Old Business:

The Church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 12 at 10:00am at the Fisher Community Building. Darwin Warsaw will remove the front doors of the Church after the Aug 5 service to have them resurfaced.

We are looking for someone to send bulletins and service CD's to the shut ins. Thank you to Larry and Esther Lutz for doing this work in the past.

Additional lighting will be installed for our parking lot. This

light will be added to the North side of the hall. Also, new exit signs/lights will be installed in the church and hall.

New Business:

The Council was approached about needing clarification in the Policy and Procedure document for Thrivent Choice Dollars. This money goes towards our benefits the Stewardship committee hold. We are changing the policy to say "Current Calendar Year", and we'll change the verbiage to say "any worthy candidate" for the selection of who those dollars get applied to, to hold benefits. There was prior confusion on if this benefactor needed to be a church member. This change will open it up to the community members as well. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept these changes; Jill Hardesty Seconded; Motion carried.

Question: Who is the Administrator of this committee?

Answer: This would be the Chairman and the Stewardship Committee. The Committee will make suggestions on who the benefits should be held for.

Chairman Hardesty has been approached by several members asking about church improvements. As a result, a Refurbishment Committee has been formed and will consist of the Trustees, Brenda Hendricks, Deb Lammle, Steve Gaines and Dwight Hooker. If you have suggestions for improvements, please see one of these individuals. They will measure the necessity of the improvement, along with budget to complete the work. We intend to have these improvements made by the 125th celebration.

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

Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever."

Let us all come together on November 18th for our annual Thanksgiving dinner and service at Immanuel Osman. The meal will begin at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. The hot dishes will be provided (meat, potatoes, and vegetable), but members of Osman are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complete the meal. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board and mark if you are providing a salad or dessert by November 11th. The Thanksgiving service will begin in the church at 7pm. Let us all come together and be THANKFUL for all that God has provided!!!



Soup Supper Benefit

The Stewardship Committee will be organizing a benefit soup supper for Kade Nichols of Farmer City who is undergoing therapy for continuing strength of motor skills after brain tumor surgery. He is a sixth grader at Blue Ridge Intermediate School. The soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 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 to cover some of the grocery expenses has been applied for by Dwight Hooker. There is a sign-up sheet for food donations on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Bring your appetite, enjoy some Christian fellowship, and support this local youth! Potato peeling and set-up will be on Thursday, November 8, at 12:30.

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Debbie Lammle will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on thankfulness. Shirley Sprau will have devotions and prayer and serve as hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to attend!

Bellflower Community Thanksgiving Feast

The Bellflower Community Thanksgiving Feast is returning this year. It will be held on Sunday, November 4th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Community Center gym. The menu will include roast turkey, baked ham, homemade noodles, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, salads, desserts, and beverages. Marcia Shelton will be coordinating the contribution of salads and desserts that will be needed. A free-will donation will be collected to benefit this and other community events. Take-out will be available.

Hayride and Wiener Roast



An energetic group of forty-five members and friends of Immanuel Osman attended the annual Hayride and Wiener Roast on September 30th. The LWML ladies planned the event, but special thanks go to Steve Warsaw for pulling his hayrack and providing the straw, and to Butch Sprau and John Lammle for grilling the meat. As usual, the members at Osman came through with delicious side dishes for all to partake. Thanks to Brenda Hendricks for the drinks, Shirley Sprau for providing the kids with s'mores, and Debbie Lammle for providing the homemade ice cream! A great time of fellowship and fun was had by all!

Important Events in November

- Nov 6 - Quilting at 8am
- Nov 7 - Ladies Aid at 1:30pm
- Nov 7 - Building Committee at 6pm
- Nov 9-10 - Cid Jr. High Lock-In at Washington, IL
- Nov 10 - Benefit Supper at 4:30pm
- Nov 14 - Church Council at 6:30pm
- Nov 18 - Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:30, followed by Thanksgiving Service at 7pm

Thank You LWML Ladies!

Special thanks to the LWML ladies who helped with the service on October 14th, including Sue VanWakeman and Wilma Grussing as greeters, Marsha Warsaw as reader, and Diana Zimmerman and Debbie Lammle as ushers. Thanks to all the members of LWML for sharing their voices in praise to the Lord. Additional thanks to Sue VanWakeman and Debbie Lammle for the bulletin board of all our honorary and full-time members at Osman. The mite cans that were taken home will be collected on **November 11th**. Your help in supporting our Mission Grants makes a world of difference!



Thanks to all the talented ladies of the church who pieced, tied, and stitched the beautiful quilts and sewed the pillowcase dresses on display in the church on LWML Sunday! Thanks to Terri and Dwight Hooker, Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, and Debbie Lammle for boxing the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to Diana Zimmerman, Terri Hooker, and Connie Warsaw for boxing the pillowcase dresses.



Confirmation Class Sleep Over

6 confirmation students and three guests attended the sleep over on Sunday, October 14th, in the fellowship hall. The theme for the night was "Good Moods/Bad Moods". After waiting for a thunder storm to pass, the group enjoyed an array of food. Following the meal, introductions were made and a devotion entitled "Jesus in a Bad Mood?" was read. After a few games, they watched the Samaritan's Purse DVD which explained the Operation Christmas Child Program. The group then packed 24 boxes for this program. Thanks to Terri Hooker and Connie Warsaw who used Thrivent Choice cards to buy the gifts for the boxes and for organizing the items for the packing. Thanks to Marsha Warsaw, Beth Bidner, and Connie Warsaw for putting the boxes together ahead of time. The group then made apple crisp in the crock pot. As the dessert was cooking, the group tied 3 fleece blankets which were given to Canteen Run which serves the homeless in Champaign. The group then successfully used their culinary skills in baking cookies for the benefit in November for Kade Nichols. Due to the rainy weather, the girls experimented with their neon bubbling blowing in the kitchen, and it was quite a COLORFUL success. After much eating, many games, and some movies, the sun began to rise in Osman. A delicious breakfast was served, and the tired students returned home. A special thank you to Kim Clemmons and Annette Warsaw who helped chaperone and to Don Warsaw who grilled the hotdogs for the evening meal after the fire got destroyed by the storm. The event is told in pictures on the back church bulletin board.

Confirmation Schedule

November 4	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
November 11	Class at 8 AM	
November 18	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
November 25	Class at 8 AM	

(Pastor McPike will meet with students on Sunday, November 18th, after church.)

Operation Christmas Child



While the youth were all gathered in the hall for their sleep over on October 7th, we thought it would be a great time to fill the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The kids watched a DVD to learn about the project and to witness children opening their boxes and seeing their smiles of excitement. Some of us even shed a few tears. We then packed 24 boxes with all the items the congregation had donated plus the ones that were bought with a Thrivent Action card. Members of the congregation have donated another 9 shoe boxes for a total of 33 that will be taken to the Gibson Bible Church in November. A booklet "The Greatest Journey" is added to each box which tells the children about Jesus. Last year our shoe boxes went to Togo, Africa. A big THANK YOU to all the members of Immanuel that donated items for these boxes.

CID - Jr. High Lock-In

On Friday, November 9th to Saturday November 10th, the Central Illinois District will sponsor a Jr. High lock-in at Five Points in Washington, IL. There will be singing and dancing to the CIDY Band, along with games, inflatables, pizza, snacks, fellowship, and a service project! The 2018 Junior High lock-in speaker is Pastor Billy Newel. Pastor Billy serves at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington, and loves sharing the love of Jesus to children, youth, and adults. He is very excited to join us for this lock-in! Sign-up with Debbie Lammle if you are interested.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 4th. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday night.

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	Conf	Bible Class
9/23	60	3	7	7
9/30	63	2	7	10
10/7	63	2	7	11
10/14	55	2	7	8
10/21	56	n/a	n/a	n/a
10/28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

November Birthdays

Deb Peyton.....11-02
 C. J. Genzel.....11-03
 Emily Grussing.....11-05
 Lee Whitehouse.....11-06
 Malachi Johnson.....11-10
 Esther Lutz.....11-10
 Karen Bryan.....11-11
 Brent Lutz.....11-11
 Randy Zimmerman.....11-13
 Steve Warsaw.....11-14
 Dwight Hooker.....11-15
 Rick Hardesty.....11-16
 Mary Beth Duncan.....11-19
 Agnes Watson.....11-22
 Nick Forrest.....11-24
 Jenna Clemmons.....11-25
 Bill Forrest.....11-25

November Anniversaries

Annette and Jeff Warsaw.....11-03-2001
 Stefani and Greg Warsaw.....11-16-2002
 Connie and John Grussing.....11-19-1999
 Rong and Aaron Warsaw.....11-20-2016
 Kim and Marvin Clemmons.....11-21-1998
 Connie and Don Warsaw.....11-22-1969
 Anne and Bill Amdor.....11-26-1983

