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**I am the way, the truth, and
the life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me.**

John 14:6

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - October 17, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on October 17, 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 September council meeting. Debbie Lammle made a motion to accept the minutes; Dave Kunde seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The September 30, 2018 balance was \$60,611.22. The Council reviewed income and expenses for September. Total income was \$8,541.12 and expenses were \$7,520.89 for a net balance of \$1,071.88, which includes interest earned. The Mission Giving report was reviewed. \$683.24 was paid for CID and \$600.00 was paid to the Stewardship Committee. It was noted we have received a Thank You note from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our balance in the Memorial Fund is \$11,563.85, and there is \$1,831.00 in the Stewardship Fund for the 2nd Benefit of the year. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried.
- John reported that Wireless Data Net would like to set up an automatic payment plan with either a Debit or Credit Card. Our monthly fee with this payment plan will be \$44.95, but without it the fee will increase to \$49.95. It was agreed to set this automatic payment plan through our credit card.
- John shared with the Council he received a letter from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund offering a 40 month CD at 4% interest. The Council discussed the pros and cons of this, and at this time will table that option.

Pastor Report:

- Confirmation class has started and is going very

well. We've also recently added 2 additional children to the younger classes.

- Pastor Schmidt has accepted our offer to be our speaker at our 125th Celebration.
- We have received a new transfer in family from St. Paul's Lutheran of Bourbonnais. Rich and Rae Ringer have recently moved to Fisher. The Ringer's granddaughter was a recipient of one of our benefits about 20 years ago.
- Pastor passed information about a fire alarm system for the church. Simply Safe is a company who offers a monthly monitoring service, and it doesn't require professional installation. The Council will consider this in future discussions.
- Communion will be held this Sunday and again next Sunday for Reformation Sunday.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

The fans have been shut off since the air conditioning is not needed.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Trustee Report:

Steve Martin has started some of the smaller projects, and all trimming is done. We are still waiting on the Exit lights to be installed.

Stewardship Committee Report

Nothing to report this month, however it was noted our next benefit will be held on November 10.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- Jill Hardesty is working on the promotional handouts, and has contacted a company for a quote for the mailers and also business cards. She's also researching what the price for postage would be for 500 mailers.

- Road signs – John has received a note back from IDOT, stating they will not put up additional, or larger, signs.
- Building Refurbishment Committee met last week. A list of items has been compiled for future improvements. Rick reported the 2 priority items at this time will be to receive quotes on having the ceiling cleaned and new fans installed. Once those quotes come in, then they will start looking at other projects.
- Still looking into other advertising options. The local papers have not responded to John yet.
- Martin property – before we get too deep into this, we need to look at any zoning issues we may run into.

New Business:

- Memorabilia committee has ordered the ornaments.
- Erik Henriksen has donated a small bush from Harry Henriksen's property. We'll need to look into where we can plant the bush, and get it planted soon. John will look at our plot and find a good place to have it planted.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Voter's Meeting October 21
- Pastor Appreciation Day/Reformation Day festivities October 28
- Benefit November 10
- November Council Meeting November 14
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 18

Closing:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Important Dates:

Advent Begins: December 2nd

Ladies Aid Christmas luncheon: December 5th at 12 noon

Advent Service: December 5th at 7pm with refreshments afterwards

LWML meeting & gift exchange: December 6th at 7pm (note date change)

Pastor's Conference for Champaign & Iroquois Circuit at Osman — December 11th at 9am

Church Council: December 19th at 7pm

Christmas Eve Service: December 24th at 7pm

Advent Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman will hold their annual Advent Service on December 5th at 7pm. Following the service there will be a social hour in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments provided by the Ladies Aid. Everyone is invited!

Decorating the Church

The church will be decorated for Christmas in the traditional way, with the hanging of the greens and displaying the advent wreath by December 2nd, the placing of the Christmas tree by December 9th, and the rest of the decorations by December 16th. Everyone is invited to help on December 1st and December 15th at 8:30am in decorating the church for Christmas.

Poinsettias

Anyone interested in donating a poinsettia to adorn the altar on Christmas Eve, please sign up on the bulletin board by December 16th. Your money may be given to John Lammle, our church treasurer, and the checks should be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. Watch for the price in the coming bulletins. Poinsettias may be taken home after the December 30th service. Thanks in advance for your contribution!

Commemorative Centennial Ornaments

There are still Commemorative 125th Anniversary ornaments available for purchase through the Memorabilia Committee. Each ornament is \$5.00. If interested, please contact Debbie Martin, Wilma Grussing, Christie Delaney or Marsha Warsaw.

Merry Christmas

Pastor McPike Celebrates 30th Year in the Ministry

Fifty co-workers, family, friends, and members of Immanuel Osman came together to celebrate the milestone in Pastor McPike's life-30 years in the ministry. The event was held on October 28th beginning in the church at 5:00pm. Our talented organist, Alicia Haggin, planned a beautiful musical tribute for Pastor McPike, including an organ solo by Alicia, songs by the choir, and solos by Nick Haggin and Theresa VanWakeman Wilson. Pastor McPike introduced his guests, followed by everyone moving to the Fellowship Hall for the delicious meal prepared by Sandy Whitehouse, with assistance by her husband Lee and daughter Kaleigh. The speaker for the evening was Pastor Phil McGarvey, Department Head of Pastoral Care at Carle, who had worked with Pastor for sixteen years. A special poem entitled "The Very Best Pastor Appreciation" was read followed by Sara McPike reading several letters from important people in Pastor's life. Both Ryan and Sara McPike presented their father with a blue stole. Debbie Lammle and Sue VanWakeman presented the Pastor with a scrapbook of pictures and letters from co-workers and family. Several members and friends expressed words of appreciation to Pastor and shared meaningful stories. The evening concluded with singing the Reformation Polka and an expression of thanks to those who helped make the evening such a success!



Pastor McPike and his brother Randy McPike during the Reformation Service on October 28th



Pastor McPike, his wife Sharon, and his parents David and Sharon McPike



Pastor McPike with his children Sara and Ryan





Thank You

THANK YOU so much for all your support over these past ten years here at Osman, and for the wonderful evening of well-wishing recently on Sunday night celebrating 30 years in the Ministry. Your good wishes are truly appreciated.

Pastor McPike

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who collected money for the LWML Mission Grants. An exact total will be announced in a later bulletin.

Thank You

Thank you to Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for visiting our shut-ins in November.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who brought salads and desserts for our Thanksgiving meal last Sunday. Thanks also to Shirley Sprau, Sandy Whitehouse, and Debbie Lammle for preparing the meat, rolls and other hot dishes. We appreciate everyone who helped with cleanup!

Thank You

Thank you to our church family for the cards, prayers, visits, inquiries and delicious food. Everything was greatly appreciated! Gene and Dorothy Welborn

Thank You

We would like to thank you for such a warm and Blessed welcome. Thank you to the ladies that prepared the delicious meal. We are so Blessed to have found a wonderful church family and are looking forward to many years of worship with all of you. Thank you again.

Sincerely in Christ,
Richard and Rae Ringer

Osman Welcome New Members



New members Richard and Rae Ringer were welcomed with a breakfast brunch on November 11th after the worship service. Thanks to the female council members and council member's wives for making the delicious egg casseroles, coffee cakes, and fruit for the event. God's blessings to our newest members!

LWML Meeting

The LWML quarterly meeting is changed to **December 6th** at 7pm. Topic will be given by Annette Warsaw, and Connie Warsaw and Marsha Warsaw will be hostesses. If you wish to participate, please bring a \$12-\$15 gift for the Christmas exchange.

Confirmation Schedule

December 2	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
December 9	Class at 8 AM	
December 16	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
December 23	Class at 8 AM	
December 30	No Class - Break	

(Pastor McPike will meet with students on Sunday, December 16, after church.)

Benefit Soup Supper

Thank you to all the members who volunteered in a variety of ways for the Benefit Soup Supper on Saturday, November 10. Approximately 204 hungry attendees enjoyed the soups, sandwiches, and desserts that were donated by our church members and community members. It was indeed a great outreach project for our congregation. At the present time we have collected \$4098 in the freewill offering for our recipient, Kade Nichols. Kade is a sixth-grade student at Blue Ridge Intermediate School, and he is recovering from brain tumor surgery. The money will help Kade with expenses for his intensive therapy. \$1831 was added to the collected amount from Thrivent Choice Dollars that our congregation has received from Thrivent members, so the grand total at this time is \$5929. The groceries were purchased with a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Card which was applied for by Dwight Hooker. It was a great evening of delicious food and fellowship as our members worked together to help someone in need in our community. A special thanks to Terri and Dwight Hooker, members of the Stewardship Committee, who organized the event.

Quilting Project

Thank you to the entire group who worked on quilts this past year by donating their time, talent, and materials. We sent 120 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Special thanks to Terri and Dwight Hooker for the many hours they spent in sorting, boxing, and transporting the quilts. God bless you all for your selfless efforts! We will resume quilting in January with the dates to be set later.

Thanks to everyone who made the pillow case dresses, another one of LWML's service projects during the year. Special thanks to Diana Zimmerman, Terri Hooker, and Connie Warsaw for boxing the 65 dresses that were sent to "Little Dresses for Africa." We appreciate all your time and efforts in this very worthwhile project!

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall for their annual Christmas Luncheon. There will be a short program and an \$8 gift exchange. Husbands and guests are invited to attend.

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	Adult Class
10/21	56	2	7	7
10/28	65	0	6	12
11/4	58	2	7	13
11/11	65	3	7	10
11/18am	49	1	7	6
11/18pm	43	-	-	-
11/25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

December Birthdays

Myron Zimmerman.....12-02
 Jonathon Schuh.....12-04
 David Hasty.....12-05
 David Brown.....12-08
 Deborah Martin.....12-09
 Darren Peyton.....12-12
 Barbara Reifsteck.....12-16
 Jerred Grussing.....12-17
 Alicia Haggin.....12-17
 Amber Hendricks.....12-17
 Connie Grussing.....12-18
 Diana Zimmerman.....12-21
 Nathan Hooker.....12-25
 Deb Johnson.....12-28
 John Grussing.....12-31

December Anniversaries

Dorothy and Gene Welborn.....12-20-1953
 Martha and Darwin Warsaw.....12-31-1966

