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Behold the Lamb of God, who
takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:29

From the desk of Pastor McPike...

Open House

Pastor and Sharon are hosting an open house at their home in Philo on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 2-4 PM. This will include an open house for Sara, who graduated December 15 from Concordia University—Chicago. The address is 112 W. Jefferson Street, Philo. From Urbana, go south on 130 to Philo. Jefferson is 3 blocks south of the railroad, turn left and go one block east, to the corner of Jefferson and Jackson.

National Blood Donor Month

According to the American Red Cross, winter is “one of the most difficult times of the year to collect enough blood to meet patient needs.” That’s because, among other things, busy holiday schedules and bad weather often resulting in canceled blood drives. Furthermore, seasonal illnesses such as the flu force potential donors to forgo their donations. That’s just a few of the reasons that the National Blood Donor Month, which has taken place each January since 1970, is such an important observance. Donating blood saves many lives and improves health for many people. The decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components- red cells, platelets, and plasma.

How to observe National Blood Donor Month

- **Donate**, not just in honor of the month but in the spirit of providing blood to those that need it most. Donate now. Donate again in eight weeks. Repeat.
- **Inspire** people to donate. And those donations can inspire others to donate.
- **Learn and remember your blood type.** O positive

donors are needed more often than other blood types. O negative donors are considered universal donors. AB positive donors are universal recipients.

Amazing Facts About Blood Donations

- **Not Enough Blood For All Of Us.** According to the American Red Cross, about 38% of US population can donate - but only 10% actually do.
- **Fill “ER” Up With Regular Donations.** Brookhaven National Laboratory says that people who begin donating blood at age 17 and donate every 8 weeks will have donated 48 gallons of blood by age 76.
- **Donate Blood And Get Medical Information.** When we donate blood, labs examine the donation for multiple infectious diseases, such as HIV and West Nile virus.
- **Dogs Can Donate, Too!** Check with your veterinarian and the Humane Society to make sure you know the local rules and regulations for donation.
- **The Multiplier Effect Is Huge.** Every time we donate a pint of blood, the potential is there to save 3 lives. It’s the gift that keeps giving.

From National Blood Donor Month and American Red Cross.

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Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - November 14, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on November 14, 2018. The following members were present: Rick Hardesty, Dave Kunde, Steve Martin, Deb Lammle, John Lammle, Don Warsaw and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the October council meeting. Minor corrections were made. Dave Kunde made a motion to accept the minutes; Don Warsaw seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

- The October 31, 2018 balance was \$66,627.03. The

Council reviewed income and expenses for October. Total income was \$13,380.67 and expenses were \$8,123.85 for a net balance of \$5,256.82, which includes interest earned. The Mission Giving report was reviewed. \$1,021.88 was paid for CID for a total of \$7,396.28, which is 87% of the budgeted amount for \$8,500.00 for 2018. Our balance in the Memorial Fund is \$11,613.85. Don Warsaw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor expressed his appreciation for the Pastor's Appreciation dinner and reception, and to everyone who assisted with the arrangements.
- A few years ago, we had put the Official Acts on the website. Pastor would like to continue with that as it wasn't completed before.
- Sunday School is going well, as is Confirmation classes.
- Pastor let the Council know he may be absent on January 13, and possibly December 30. Pastor Ehlers will be covering for him.
- Thanksgiving dinner and services will be held Sunday, November 18 at 7:00pm.
- Advent Service is on December 5. In the past, we've had a meal with this. Debbie reported the Ladies Aid plans to have refreshments.
- December 11 will be the Pastor's Conference for Champaign and Iroquois Circuit. Osman will be hosting this time. The conference begins at 9:00 am. Debbie will arrange the breakfast and lunch. Approximately 15 Pastors will be in attendance.
- Church Decorating – December 2: Greens will go out; December 9: The tree will be on display; December 16 & 23 the remainder of the decorations will go out.
- Debbie Lammle will put the decorating schedule in the church bulletin.
- Deb asked Pastor if we need a teacher meeting before the December council? Pastor thought probably not, however asked her to check with the other teachers.
- Pastor is working with Kim Clemmons on the Children's Service for Christmas Eve.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

Do we have a plan for potential snow cancellations? Trustees and the Elder on Duty decide on if church services should be cancelled and then let Pastor know. Debbie will send Rick the call tree.

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.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- Jill Hardesty received a quote from Up Close Marketing for the mailers. Minimum start price for 2,000 cards is \$512.93. This would be for a double-sided card, measuring at 6 3/4" x 9". Postage would be \$360, which would be 18 cents per card. Another option would be to check with Martin Graphics. They've done other projects for the church before. Rick will ask Jill to get a quote from them as well.
- Building Refurbishment Committee is still waiting on quotes to come back for cleaning the ceiling. Committee thought maybe we could put the donated fans in the hall and get 3-4 new fans for the church. If decided to go this route, the approval will come from the Voter's at an upcoming Voter's Meeting.

New Business:

- Rick will contact Steve Warsaw about getting the tree for the church.
- The bows and ornaments we have for the Christmas greenery is in bad shape. Discussion occurred and it was decided to replace the red bows, and go with the new blue ornaments we have for the celebration. A motion was made by Deb Lammle to get new bows; Seconded by Steve Martin, not to exceed \$500. Motion carried. Deb will take care of getting the new bows.
- Elections are coming up for the following: Secretary, 2 Elders, Trustee, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Finance positions. Rick will put a sign-up sheet in the church on Sunday.
- We'll go over the 2019 budget at the December 19 Council Meeting.
- The next Voter's meeting will be January 20.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- Thanksgiving Dinner & Service November 18
- Pastor's Conference December 11
- December Council Meeting December 19
- Christmas Eve Service December 24
- Voter's Meeting January 20

Closing:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

Operation Christmas Child

We have received word that the shoe boxes we did this year went to Ghana in West Africa. Ghana has 27.5 million people and 38% of the population is 14 years or younger. Since Operation Christmas Child began in 1996, 2,756,507 children have received a shoe box. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile project!

Annual Voter's Meeting

Immanuel Lutheran Church members are urged to remain after church on January 27th to participate in the annual Voter's Meeting. Afterwards a potluck will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The table service and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring dishes to share for the potluck. Mark your calendars now to assist with the business of the church.

Ways to Serve

Please consider signing up for altar flowers and the eternal flame, serving on Altar Guild, visiting the shut-ins, or reading the lessons for the coming year. The new lists will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and talents to make Immanuel Osman a wonderful place to worship!

LWML Quarterly Meeting

President, Debbie Lammle, opened the Immanuel Lutheran LWML meeting on December 6th with prayer. After the LWML pledge and devotions by Barb W. Gercken, topic was given by Annette Warsaw. Roll call and minutes were given by Shirley Sprau and the Treasurer's report given by Sue VanWakeman. The balance for the organization was \$1143.66. Motions were made and seconded to approve both reports. A report on one of the mission grants was read while mites were collected. Correspondence was read from our seminary student, Chris Walters, owner of Mahlah-the Comfort Dog, and the Lutheran World Relief. Cards were sent to Barb W. Gercken, Larry Lutz, Gene Welborn, John Gercken, Marsha Warsaw, the Genzel family, Jeff Warsaw, Jodi Burgess, Bob Zimmerman, Linda Warsaw, Mrs. Ehler's, and Marge Morrissey. Thanks were given to those who made food for the hospitalized, those donating to the adopted family, quilters and those making pillow case dresses, Terri and Dwight Hooker for boxing and delivering the quilts to LWR, Diana Zimmerman, Connie Warsaw, and Terri Hooker for boxing the pillow case dresses, those making refreshments during quilting, Debbie Martin and Connie Warsaw for binding the quilts, Brenda Hendricks for the Clarion, those who helped with LWML Sunday, Connie Warsaw, Brenda Hendricks, and Debbie Lammle for attending the Fall Rally, and everyone who helped with the Wiener Roast and Hayride. A special thank-you to Terri Hooker for making a beautiful afghan for next year's CID servant events in Danville. Terri Hooker gave a report on the quilts she took to LWR-120 quilts, 46 school kits, and 22 fabric kits for a total of 27 boxes. The next quilting dates will

be Jan. 8 and 10, Feb. 5 and 7, and March 7 and 9. The lady who owns the Quilting Bee in Mahomet quilted the special quilt made by past LWML/Ladies Aid members for \$50, and is now binding it. A total of 65 pillow case dresses were sent to "Little Dresses for Africa".

President Lammle gave a report on the LWML Fall Rally at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Woodworth held on Sept. 18th. Brenda Hendricks gave a report on the LWML Retreat at Camp Cilca. It was then explained that Laura Strattman, Human Care Chairman for the district, requested 2 quilts/and-or afghans from each society for the servant events next April at the CID Convention. One of the quilts will be red, white, and blue for the veterans in Danville. It was decided to get 2 gift cards for the LWML adopted family for Christmas. Debbie Martin and Debbie Lammle volunteered to purchase the gifts. The amount collected on the small pringels cans passed out on LWML Sunday was \$127.30. Thanks to everyone who contributed. A new adopted family will be discussed at a later date. It was voted to continue the Baby Bottle Project for Crisis Nursery in Champaign, and Debbie Martin volunteered to lead the project from Mother's Day to Father's Day of next year. Annette Warsaw volunteered to shop for items needed for the upcoming servant events for the 2019 CID convention. President Lammle told the group that we will be recycling ink cartridges and cell phones again (just take the sim card from the cell phone before placing in the purple collection box under the balcony).

A Pastor's Conference will be held at Immanuel Osman on Dec. 11th with approximately 15 pastors in attendance. A sign-up was passed around to donate coffee cakes, salads, and desserts. The amount contributed to the national LWML Giving Tuesday event was \$48,505.02 and because of the matching program, a total of \$68,505.02 was donated for LWML mission grants. No Spring Gathering will be held for the district next year because the Danville zone will be organizing the 2019 CID convention in April. After discussion about combining LWML and Ladies Aid into one organization at Osman, a motion was made and seconded to combine the 2 organizations into one starting in 2020. The group voted and the motion passed. Writing new by-laws will continue next year.

Important dates included the next steering committee meeting for the CID convention on Jan. 14th at 10am, CID-Convention at Danville, April 26-27, 2019, National LWML Convention at Mobile, Alabama-June 20-23, 2019. Information about the convention is located in the Winter Quarterly. The cost to ride the CID bus is \$300, and includes hotel reservations down and back. A meeting will be organized at a later date for those attending from Osman.

Thanks were given to Connie Warsaw and Marsha Warsaw for serving the delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be March 14th; Topic will be given by Connie Warsaw and hostesses will be Barb W. Gercken and Diana Zimmerman. The meeting ended with a sentimental Christmas song played on President Lammle's computer, followed by refreshments and a gift exchange.

Thanksgiving Meal



Shirley Sprau, Debbie Lammle and Sandy Whitehouse at the Thanksgiving meal on November 18th

Osman Carolers

Twelve members of Immanuel Osman along with Alicia and Nick Haggin and family started out Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, to spread Christmas cheer. The first stop was Larry and Esther Lutz's home in Fisher, followed by Glenwood Assisted Living in Mahomet to visit Marge Morrissey. A special treat of home-made cookies and a Christmas poinsettia were taken to the shut-ins. Pastor McPike also read the Christmas Story from the Bible. A portion of the group ended their caroling venture by eating pizza together, including more laughs and good times! This was a record year, with more male voices than female. **Thank You Gentlemen!!!**



Larry and Esther Lutz

Youth Holiday Breakfast



The confirmation class served another successful youth breakfast on December 16th. Thanks to the youth, their parents, and everyone who donated to this money making project. Over five hundred dollars was collected to help with expenses when the youth attend a National Youth Gathering.



Caroling at Glenwood Assisted Living

Stained-Glass Windows Refurbished and Re-dedicated



The two stained-glass windows above the coat racks in the front foyer were removed and reinstalled in December. According to our church's history book which was printed in 1995, "the two stained glass windows in the bell tower were taken from the original church" which was dedicated in 1910. Jacksonville Stained Glass completed the work of taking the windows apart, cleaning each piece, and then re-soldering the pieces back together to make the beautiful pattern. The frames were refinished, and an outer covering was installed to protect the windows from the weather. This work was done in memory of Michael Hendricks and was financed with his memorial funds and a gift from his family. The windows were re-dedicated in the service on December 23.

Stewardship Committee Presentation



On Sunday, December 2, the Stewardship Committee which consists of Dwight and Terri Hooker and Brenda Hendricks presented the soup supper benefit recipient, Kade Nichols, and his parents a check for \$6000. The benefit was held on Saturday, November 10th, at the fellowship hall with delicious soups, sandwiches, and desserts being served. The check was a combination of the free will offering that was collected on that evening, \$600 that the church gave for mission projects, and some of the Thrivent Choice dollars that our congregation has graciously received from the Thrivent members. Kade is undergoing intensive therapy as he recovers from a brain tumor.

Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Aid held their annual Christmas Luncheon with husbands and guests on December 5th in the fellowship hall. After a delicious meal, President Shirley Sprau presented a fun Christmas game, trying to change tricky phrases into the title of Christmas songs. The group exchanged Christmas gifts at the end of the party. Thanks to everyone for the tasty food they brought for the meal!

Congratulations to the new Ladies Aid officers: President: Debbie Lammle, Vice-President: Brenda Hendricks, Secretary: Shirley Sprau, Treasurer: Connie Warsaw, Flower Treasurer: Wilma Grussing, LCFS: Annette Warsaw.



Agnes Watson, Connie and Don Warsaw



Dorothy Miller at the Ladies Aid Luncheon

Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to Brenda Hendricks for printing the December 2 bulletin after I fell on the ice in my driveway!

Linda Warsaw

Thank you to the following members for donating a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve Service: Don and Connie Warsaw, Bill and Moneta McCleary, Jim and Sue VanWakeman, Skinner and Joy Johnson, Gene and Dorothy Welborn, Butch and Shirley Sprau, Jim and Jane Poppe, Brenda Hendricks, Lee and Sandy Whitehouse, Dave and Sara Kunde, Steve and Susan Martin, Rich and Rae Ringer, Larry and Esther Lutz, Jeri Bidner, and John and Debbie Lammle. You may take your poinsettias home after the December 30th service.

Confirmation Schedule

January

January 6	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
January 13	Class at 8 AM	
January 20	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
January 27	Class at 8 AM	

(Pastor McPike will meet with students on Sunday, January 20, after church.)

Important Dates

January 5, 2-4pm, Open House at Pastor and Sharon's home in Philo

January 6, Take down decorations after worship service

January 8, 8am, Quilting

January 9, 6pm, Building Committee Meeting

January 10, 8am, Quilting

January 16, 6:30pm, Church Council

January 27, Voter's Meeting with Potluck after worship service

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
11/18am	49	1	7	6
11/18pm	43	-	-	-
11/25	50	0	0	9
12/2	69	1	7	3
12/5	23	-	-	-
12/9	60	1	7	3
12/16	72	3	8	-
12/23	63	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/24	n/a	n/a	-	-
12/30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

January Birthdays

Joey Haggin.....01-02
 Sara Kunde.....01-05
 Brad Lutz.....01-10
 Rebecca Gercken.....01-14
 Anne Amdor.....01-18
 Hannah Duncan.....01-19
 Megan Bidner.....01-21
 Bryce Martin.....01-23
 Mackenzie Homann.....01-26
 Matthew Burgess.....01-27

January Anniversaries

Christie and Leonard Delaney.....01-07-1995