

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

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From the Desk of Pastor McPike...

Thank You

LENT IS COMING!

It seems like Epiphany just started, probably because for the first time in Osman history we were out of our church for three weeks in a row due to the weather. The Epiphany season is quickly winding down, however, with the last Sunday after the Epiphany being March 3. Actually, because Easter is so late, the start of Lent is actually late as well. Ash Wednesday will be March 6 with the celebration of Holy Communion. Each Wednesday evening service will begin at 7:00 PM. Pastor Ehlers will preach all six of the Wednesday evening services using a series entitled "The Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Passion".

Thank you to all the members of the church for all the hard work and the opportunity for us to join your soup supper benefit in November. We had a wonderful time and were just overjoyed by the people that came to support Kade. Thank you for such an amazing and generous check that you were able to give to us. Medical bills are not close to ending so this was an enormous help. We thank the Lord daily for such amazing people in our communities. We greatly enjoyed your sermon and plan to come visit you again soon. Kade is a strong and determined child, and we have the faith that he will overcome this. God bless! **The Nichols Family – Todd, Kelly, Travys, Jackie, Lane, and Kade**

Church Council

The following members were elected at the February 10th Annual Voters meeting of the church council:

Jill Hardesty, Council Secretary

Bob Zimmerman & Dwight Hooker, Elders

Lee Whitehouse, Trustee

Susan Martin, Assistant Finance

Beth Bidner, Sunday School Superintendent

Thank you to the past council members that served the church well the past two years: Sandy Whitehouse, Roy Whitehouse, Butch Sprau, Steve Martin, Dave Kunde and Kim Clemmons. Thank you for your service to the church!

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Annual Voters Meeting – February 10, 2019

Chairman Hardesty called the meeting to order at 10:40 with all in attendance signing in. Pastor McPike lead the congregation in prayer. Chairman Hardesty read the minutes of the October 2018 Quarterly Voters meeting in the absence of Secretary Sandy Whitehouse's absence. A motion was made by Darwin Warsaw to approve the minutes as read; 2nd by Butch Sprau. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer John Lammle provided the year-end Treasurer's report. The checking account balance as of 12/31/2018 is \$65,449.54. A question was made from Annette Warsaw regarding the Vacation Bible School budgeting. John will double check with the Accountant on her question and respond as soon as he has an answer for her. In a Memorial report, John listed

the Mike Hendricks memorial has been exhausted. In the Stewardship report, all money has been used for 2018. \$2,523 will be available for the 2019. A motion was made by Darwin Warsaw to approve the Treasurer's report; 2nd by Jeff Warsaw. Motion carried.
Pastor's Report – Pastor McPike thanked all who hold roles in the church as we are all very essential to this church.

- Pastor Ehlers is going to be preaching the Lenten mid-week services this Easter season and Pastor McPike will be bringing him in the evenings.
- Pastor also noted that his mother is continuing declining in health and might be gone several times soon.
- Catechism class continues to go well
- Membership changes requested to be transferred out of Osman: The Schuhs, Mahomet to Trinity in Urbana, IL and Gaines's moved to Long Beach, Mississippi and also asked for a transfer out.

Old Business - Chairman Hardesty asked for Old Business.

- Sue VanWakeman thanked Don Warsaw for fixing the light on the pulpit.

New Business – Chairman Hardesty called for Treasurer Lammle to discuss the proposed 2019 budget. The 2018 overall income was down. The council based the 2019 budget with income set from the 2018 actuals. He is presenting the total budget of \$115,757.

- Wage increases included 1% for the Pastors and paid staff also.
- The VBS budget for 2018 was \$650. \$712 was spent and the 2019 Budget that is proposed is \$700. A question was asked from Theresa VanWakeman Wilson regarding service on the organ. Discussion was held and determined the service was completed 2 years ago.
- Mission giving included \$450 for the Stewardship committee.
- Darwin Warsaw asked a question on the Joint Seminary Fund – was one fund better than the other one? Pastor McPike explained that is was support to seminary students overall, not specific families like the LWML sponsors. His question was answered.

A motion was made by Larry Lutz to approve the 2019 budget. 2nd by Dave Kunde. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardesty then called for nominations from the floor for new council members.

Secretary – Jill Hardesty

Elder - Bob Zimmerman

Dwight Hooker

Trustee – Lee Whitehouse

Asst. Finance – Susan Martin

Sunday School Superintendent – Beth Bidner

A motion was made by Darwin Warsaw that the nomination list be closed and the Secretary position be closed. 2nd Butch Sprau. Motion carried.

- Chairman Hardesty asked for any other New Business. Darwin Warsaw gave an update on Kade Nichols, a former benefit recipient. He will now be going to Chicago for additional rehab.
- Annette Warsaw announced she will be taking over the Youth Group after the Valentines dinner on Feb. 16th, 2019.
- Chairman Hardesty thanked all former council members for their service to the congregation.
- Don Warsaw also thanked Pastor McPike for the sermon today due to the short notice of Pastor Ehlers not being able to give the sermon. Pastor McPike's sermon was totally off-the-cuff with no prepared sermon before he came to church and he rocked it!
- Chairman Hardesty called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barb Whitehouse-Gercken made that motion. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

125th Ornaments

125th ornaments are available until after the 2020 celebration. Please see Debbie Martin, Christie Delaney, Wilma Grussing, or Marsha Warsaw. Thank you!



"Save the Date" Lifetouch Picture Directory for the celebration

The picture dates are: Friday, July 19th from 2-9pm and on Saturday, July 20th from 9:30am to 4:00 pm. We will be back in touch with everyone close to the time to finalize everything.



Benefit Soup Supper

The Stewardship Committee will be organizing a benefit soup supper for Jodi Burgess of Fisher, who is undergoing continued treatments for cancer. Jodi is the daughter of Gene and Dorothy Welborn of Fisher and is a member of our church. The soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 23, from 4:30 to 7pm. 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 will be used to cover some of the grocery expenses. There is a sign-up sheet for food donations on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

MARCH

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Statistics				
Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
1/27	37	-	6	-
2/3	63	3	7	-
2/10	57	2	7	9
2/17	57	1	7	10
2/24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Important Dates

Upcoming Events:

March 6 - Ladies Aid - 1:30 PM

March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 PM

March 7 - Quilting - 8:00 AM

March 9 - Quilting - 8:00 AM

March 13 - Lenten Service - 7:00 PM

March 20 - Lenten Service - 7:00 PM

March 23 - Benefit Soup Supper - 4:30 - 7:00 PM

March 27 - Lenten Service - 7:00 PM

March Birthdays

Terri Hooker.....03-02

Mike Miller.....03-06

Brenda Hendricks.....03-09

Shirley Sprau.....03-12

Sandy Whitehouse.....03-14

Melia Warsaw.....03-16

Joy Johnson.....03-19

Shaun Zimmerman.....03-20

Marsha Warsaw.....03-21

Nikki Gallier.....03-25

Matthew Poppe.....03-25

Amanda Forrest.....03-30

March Anniversaries

Shirley and Butch Sprau.....03-03-1973

Kari and Chris Genzel.....03-10-

Brenda and Jerry Edwards.....03-27-1982

Joy and Skinner Johnson.....03-31-1979