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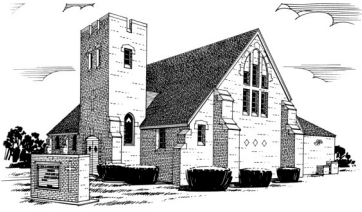
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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

March 2020



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman **Quarterly Voters meeting Minutes** **January 26, 2020**

Chairman Rick Hardesty called the meeting to order with Pastor McPike leading us in prayer. He then asked for anyone to sign the constitution. 3 people signed the constitution, Richard & Rae Ringer and Chase Zimmerman. Welcome to all new members!

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes of the October 2019 Voters meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. A motion was made by Butch Sprau to approve the minutes. 2nd by Dave Kunde. Motion carried.

Treasurer John Lammle gave the Treasurer's report with a cash balance as of December 31, 2019 of \$62,323.92. He discussed the 2019 quarterly financials also looked at expenses and income of the church with the year-end budget numbers. 2020 Thrivent Choice dollars that are available totals \$2,161. A motion was made by Gus Warsaw to approve the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Larry Lutz. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor McPike thanked the congregation for their generosity during the Christmas season and the Christmas Blessing from the church council.
- Pastor McPike also thanked the Haggin family for their dedication to the church and Pastor can always count on Nick Haggin to fill in for some solos during the church service. Alecia shows professionalism in her organ skills and leading the church choir and making the most of what she has to work with on a weekly basis. For that, we all thank them for their service to the congregation.
- Pastor Ehlers is a blessing to Osman as he loves to preach to the word of God and we appreciate his service to Osman.

- The Youth Confirmation classes are going well. The youth participants are very busy in their personal lives with school and sports, so they are doing great. May 31st is Confirmation Sunday.
- We received a letter of transfer from Rita Manning from St. John's Lutheran, Champaign to Osman in January, 2020. We welcome Rita to our congregation.
- The Adult Confirmation class is going well.
- Brooke Miller and her fiancée Rob Brown will be getting married at Osman Lutheran on April 25, 2020. Pastor is meeting with them on upcoming wedding.

In Old Business –

- Chairman Hardesty provided attendance numbers and offering numbers to the congregation for the last 7 years, in which Treasurer John Lammle put together. It clearly shows the decline of attendance and decline of income. Advertising was discussed to advertise the church. The News-Gazette does have a small ad about our weekly services as well as the Rantoul Press. Treasurer Lammle will keep trying to be in contact with the Mahomet Citizen.
- It was also mentioned about the website design and updates. Pastor McPike said he would love to have help with it. Osman does have a Facebook page with no-one updating the information. Secretary Jill Hardesty will try and get things updated. It was thought Annette Warsaw started the Facebook page. Jill will contact Annette for further direction and passwords.
- In an update from the 125th committee, the stained-glass frames and crosses were shown to the congregation. We are still waiting to find out how many we will have to purchase. The council is working on getting that information and will convey to the congregation as soon as we have the

numbers. Larry Lutz has purchased pens for the celebration that are in Pastor's office and 125th Christmas Ornaments are also available for sale now until sold out.

In New Business –

Treasurer John Lammle brought the 2020 church budget to the congregation.

All bolded numbers on the handouts are changes from the 2019 budget.

- Some changes to the 2020 budget include Missions dropped to \$7,500, but still 8%
- Home missions from \$1,500 to \$600
- Pastor's Love offering from \$400 to \$200
- There will be slight changes in spending also
- \$125th monies are \$3,000 in the budget with money from the drainage fund if needed for the celebration
- Bob Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 2020 budget. 2nd by Darryl Redding. Motion carried
- Elections were held. Chairman Hardesty read the offices that were open to fill for the 2020-2022 year. Offices up for election are:

Chairman, Treasurer, Elders (2) Assistant Sunday School Supt., Assistant Financial Secretary, Trustee.

- For Chairman: Rick Hardesty
- Treasurer: none -- Jill Hardesty made a motion to add John Lammle for Treasurer. 2nd by Sue VanWakeman. Motion carried.
- Elders: Steve Martin and Jim VanWakeman
- Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, none.
- Asst. Financial Secretary: Brenda Hendricks
- Trustee: Don Warsaw
- Dwight Hooker made a motion to close the election slate of officers. 2nd by Bob Zimmerman. Motion carried with voting then taking place. The new officers elected are: Chairman Rick Hardesty, Treasurer, John Lammle, Elders: Steve Martin and Jim VanWakeman, Asst. Financial Secretary, Brenda Hendricks, Trustee, Don Warsaw. Congratulations to all elected. We appreciate your service to the church. Installation of the new officers will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2nd during the church service.

A motion was made by Barb Whitehouse Gercken to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Sue VanWakeman. Motion carried with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hardesty,
Secretary, Osman Church Council

Refreshment Committees for Lent

The Refreshment Committees for Lenten Social Hours are posted on the church bulletin board. Feel free to switch with someone if the times are not convenient with your schedule.

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

The first 2020 meeting of the Ladies Aid/LWML will be held on Thursday, March 12th, at 1:30. The new combined group of Ladies Aid and LWML will have meetings every second Thursday of the month except for August and December. The times will alternate between 1:30 PM and 7 PM. On March 12th, Annette Warsaw will have the topic and Wilma Grussing and Brenda Hendricks will provide the refreshments. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



March Confirmation Schedule

There has been a change in the confirmation schedule for March. The students WILL be attending class on March 15 and **WILL NOT** have class on March 22 for spring break.

Easter Lilies

A sign-up will be posted soon on the church bulletin board so members may volunteer to donate an Easter Lily to adorn the altar for Easter Sunday. The cost of the flowers will be listed in a future bulletin. April 5th is the last day to sign-up. Thanks in advance for your contributions.

Attention Thrivent members!

If you qualify for Thrivent Choice Dollars, please remember to direct them to the desired organization of your choice by March 31st. If you need help with this process, there is a printed card on the elders' pew in the back of the church. At the present time there are thousands of dollars from Thrivent members across the United States that have not been directed.

New Council Officers

Congratulations to the council officers elected for the coming year: Chairman-Rick Hardesty, Treasurer John Lammle, Assistant Financial Secretary Brenda Hendricks, Trustee Don Warsaw, and Elders Jim VanWakeman and Steve Martin. Thanks for the continued service of Jill Hardesty, Susan Martin, Dwight Hooker, Bob Zimmerman, Lee Whitehouse, and Beth Bidner. We appreciate the time and efforts of the new, continuing, and outgoing officers.

Quilting

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief on March 2 and March 4 beginning at 8am. Take note that the dates have been changed to the first Monday and Wednesday of each month.



Soup Supper Benefit

The Stewardship Committee will be organizing a benefit soup supper for Declan Lammle, son of Sandy and Ryan Lammle and grandson of Deb and John Lammle. Declan weighed 1 pound and 14 ounces when he was born. He was in the NICU for several months after his birth. He is on oxygen and makes 3 trips to the hospital each week. He sees several specialists, has a heart murmur, and will have hernia surgery soon. Declan will have many extra expenses for a long time. The soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 7th, 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. Bring your appetite, enjoy some Christian fellowship, and support this young boy's fight.



Getting to know our Confirmands...

Hello! I am Ashley Genzel. I am 13 years old. I am in eighth grade at Fisher Junior High.

If you could ask any Biblical character a question, who would it be and what would you ask?

I would ask Noah how he managed to get all of those animals on the ark.

What is your Baptism date?

June 8, 2007

What career do you hope to pursue with your God given talents?

I would like to be a neo-natal intensive care nurse or an allergist.

What is one of your most favorite Bible verses?

John 12:1-10 which reads – Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." ⁹Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,

What is your most favorite Bible story?

Healing of the ten lepers

Would you describe yourself as being a follower or a leader?

I am a little bit of both.

If you had 30 minutes of free time, what would you enjoy doing?

I would like to watch U-tube.

If you could dedicate your life to solving one problem, what problem would you solve?

I would like to work on the problem of homelessness.

In 20 years from now, what will you want to be remembered for?

Hopefully I would like to be remembered for some of my kind deeds.

What song do you remember singing when you were in Sunday School?

It was a Baby Shark song that I sang when I attended Sunday School at Peace in Thomasboro.

What is your best memory about Vacation Bible School?

It would also have to be singing Baby Shark songs at Peace in Thomasboro.

What will you remember the most about Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman as you grow older?

I will remember the friendliness of the people and the great food.

"Spring Forward"

**Daylight Saving Time
begins
Sunday, March 8**

**Set your clocks ahead one hour the night
before, or you will be late for Church.**

Getting to know our Confirmands...

Hello! I am Addison Warsaw. I am 14 years old. I am in eighth grade at Blue Ridge Junior High in Mansfield.

If you could ask any Biblical character a question, who would it be and what would you ask?

I would ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, a question. I would ask her how she was truly feeling when an angel showed up out of nowhere with the news that she would be the mother of the Savior.

What is your Baptism date?

February 26, 2006

What career do you hope to pursue with your God given talents?

I am not quite sure right now, but maybe a teacher.

What is one of your most favorite Bible verses?

Psalm 136:23 which reads "It is He who remembered us in our low estate, for His steadfast love endures forever.

What is your most favorite Bible story?

Zacchaeus or Noah's Ark

Would you describe yourself as being a follower or a leader?

I believe that I am both depending on the situation. However, most of the time I am a leader.

If you had 30 minutes of free time, what would you enjoy doing?

Organizing – I love to organize things.

If you could dedicate your life to solving one problem, what problem would you solve?

I would like to improve the education of underprivileged students.

In 20 years from now, what will you want to be remembered for?

I would like to be remembered for the joy that I hopefully brought into the world.

What song do you remember singing when you were in Sunday School?

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"

What is your best memory about Vacation Bible School?

I will remember making the stepping stones out of cement and doing other arts and crafts.

What will you remember the most about Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman as you grow older?

I will remember the conversations in my Catechism class.



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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

Osman's Upcoming Events

March Upcoming Events

March 4 - Lenten service 7pm with social hour following
 March 7 - Declan Lammle Soup Supper Benefit 4:30 - 7pm
 March 11 - Lenten service 7pm with social hour following
 March 12 - Ladies Aid/LWML meeting - 1:30pm
 March 15 - Confirmation students have class
 March 18 - Lenten service 7pm with social hour following
 March 22 - No Confirmation class—Spring Break
 March 25 - Lenten Service 7pm with social hour following

and Beyond...

April 5 - Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion
 April 10 - Good Friday
 April 12 - The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day
 April 19 - Quarterly Voter's Meeting
 May 17 - Confirmands Questioning & Reception
 May 24 - Memorial Day
 May 31 - Confirmation Day

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
1/19	49	n/a	7	12
1/26	50	n/a	n/a	n/a
2/02	58	0	6	15
2/09	45	2	5	14
2/16	62	0	6	18
2/23	61	n/a	n/a	n.a
2/26	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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
 Jerry Reifsteck Jr.03-31