

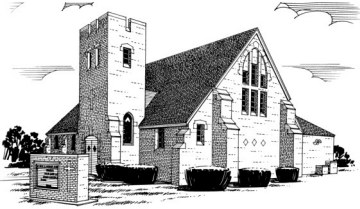
THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

August 2020

Come to Me, all who labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

From Pastor McPike's Desk...

Confirmation Day

Confirmation will be Sunday, August 30, 2020. On that day, we will be having four services in order to get everyone confirmed and allow for families to be present. Church members not having children in a confirmation class will have opportunity to fill in any of the services that have extra places. As usual, you will need to contact Jill or Rick Hardesty to declare which service you want to attend, so that we can maintain a maximum number of 40 people in the church.

The four service times are:

- 9:00 AM - Megan Bidner and Jenna Clemmons
- 10:30 AM - Addi Warsaw
- 12:30 PM - Ashley Genzel
- 2:30 PM - Reese and Jack Gallier

All services will be carried on "Radio Osman", 90.5 MHz FM, which can be heard throughout the greater Osman metro area. That is offered for those who are concerned about being in the church building. We also plan to record all four services, and there is the possibility of video for them as well.

Confirmation questioning will be the previous Sunday, August 23, 2020. While the preferred way of questioning is for the students to do it in front of the church with the whole congregation present, that is not going to be possible this year. Questioning will be held at 11:00 AM in the church with pastor, elders, parents, and of course, the students! It will not be a worship service, only questioning.

As always, we thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation in these difficult times.

Update on Malachi Johnson

As of now, please send mail or packages to this address:

SFC Malachi Johnson
B/2-130 IN
PSC 903 Box 60171
FPO, AE 09859

At this time he feels it will remain his address until the troops return in December.

Thank You!

Thank you to the congregation:

You showered seeds of kindness....and God made blessings grow! Thank you so much! You have truly blessed the Backpack Food Program Blue Ridge students and their families through your generous donation. How wonderful is the Lord to bless us to bring His blessing to those at risk for hunger over the weekends!

May the Lord bless you,
Alice Jones for the Backpack Food Program students

Thank You!

Dear Members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Give Me 5 Backpack Food Program. We are very blessed to be able to continue and expand this program for our community. We could not do this without support of people like you. We appreciate your donation so much!

Sincerely,
Megan Hunter

Principal of Lincoln Trail School in Mahomet
On behalf of all staff, students, and families of Lincoln Trail

Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will be packing shoe boxes in November for children in poor countries across the world. Since school supplies are on sale NOW, this would be a good time to purchase needed items. We are in need of scissors, ink pens, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils (10-12 packs), markers (10-12 packs), erasers, glue sticks, toothbrushes, combs, and bars of soap. We usually fill 12 boxes for boys and 12 boxes for girls so other small items can be added such as matchbox cars, bracelets, small hair bows or clips, etc. We could not do this project without the help of the congregation. There will be a collection box on the back elder's pew. Through a Thrivent Action Team we will also be receiving \$250 for this project. If you would like to pack a box or have questions about what is acceptable, please see Terri Hooker or Connie Warsaw. Thanks so much for helping with this worthwhile project.

Ladies Aid/LWML

The Ladies Aid/LWML ladies have been busy working on their mission projects. Since the beginning of October 61 quilts have been made for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are delivered to a semi in Gibson City every year in late October, so the accumulation is always totaled from October to October. The ladies have also been busy sewing sun dresses for the organization Dresses for Africa. 134 very stylish dresses have been made this year so far. A special thank you to Arnita Zimmerman who has made 221 dresses since April 2019. She has also made many, many, many quilt tops!

The ladies have also adopted a project to send "goodies" to Malachi Johnson and his BRAVO troop overseas. Malachi made a list of products that were needed, and he sent the list to his mom. She shared that list with our group. The collection box that is on one of the back pews is beginning to get full. The project completion date for this box is August 2nd.

Next Ladies Aid/LWML meeting will be held on August 13 at 7 PM. The annual luncheon which is usually held in August has been postponed so a regular meeting will be held instead. The members that were assigned duties for the April meeting will be switched to this meeting. The topic will be given by Shirley Sprau. The hostesses will be Annette Warsaw and Deb Martin. A Bible verse on trust will be recited for roll call.

Congratulations Newlyweds!

Congratulations to Chase Zimmerman, son of Shaun and Kris Zimmerman and the late Angi Zimmerman, and Mackenzie Beck, daughter of Shawn and Lori Beck and Brandi and Will Watson, who are getting married on August 1st at the family farm. Pastor Jeffrey McPike will be officiating. A wedding reception will be held next year.

Almighty Everlasting God, our Heavenly Father, grant that by Your blessing, Chase and Mackenzie may live together according to Your Word and promises. Strengthen them in faithfulness and love toward each other. Sustain and defend them in all trials and temptations. Help them live in loving sacrifice and service to you Lord so that they may enjoy Your gift of marriage. In sickness and health may they rely on Your strength rather than their own. In Jesus name, Amen.

Confirmation

Congratulations and God's blessings to our confirmation class who have been taking instruction the last two years, and will be confirmed here at Immanuel Osman on August 30th. Those included are Megan Bidner, daughter of Neil and Beth Bidner, Jenna Clemmons, daughter of Marvin and Kim Clemmons, Jack and Reese Gallier, son and daughter of Rob and Nikki Gallier, Ashley Genzel, daughter of Chris and Kari Genzel, and Addison Warsaw, daughter of Jeff and Annette Warsaw.

Dear Lord God, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do for our confirmands. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the paths are tempting. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in each one of them be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. Amen.

Reservations for Church: REQUIRED

You **MUST** call either Rick Hardesty (309-830-8531) or Jill Hardesty (217-841-3487) to reserve a seat in the church on Sundays or an East parking lot spot for communion for every Sunday. There are only 40 spaces in the church available each week, and they usually fill up fast.

For the parking lot services, you turn to FM90.5 to hear the Sunday service. If you need hymnals, please let an Elder know.

AUGUST 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Virus guidelines, all these activities will be pending the decisions made by the Church Council and Pastor McPike.

Osman's Upcoming Events

Tentative Upcoming Events

August 2 - Confirmation review at 8am in the hall
 August 9 - Confirmation review at 8am in the hall
 August 16 - Confirmation review at 8am in the hall
 August 19 - Church Council - 6:30pm
 August 23 - * Confirmands Questioning
 *(NO worship service)
 August 30 - Confirmation (4 services)
 2021- Centennial Celebration

August Anniversaries

Carolyn and Doug Majercin.....08-08-1981
 Cindy and Shane Zimmerman.....08-08-1998
 Tiffani and Brad Lutz.....08-25-2001
 Diana and Bob Zimmerman.....08-26-1967

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
7/5	0	Covid-19	0	0
7/12	34	0		0
7/19	45	0		0
7/26	39	0		0
8/2	55	0		0

August Birthdays

Jamie Krueger.....08-07
 Sue VanWakeman.....08-07
 Phyllis Hasty.....08-08
 Linnea Warsaw.....08-08
 Annette Warsaw.....08-09
 Ashley Genzel.....08-18
 Pam Christians.....08-24
 Butch Sprau.....08-25
 Ross Warsaw.....08-26
 Sarah Kerns.....08-28
 Jill Hardesty.....08-29
 John Lammle.....08-29
 Kari Genzel.....08-29
 William Delaney.....08-30