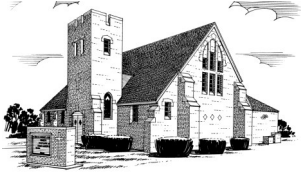


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Every word of God proves true;
He is a shield to those who take
refuge in Him. Proverbs 30:5

July 2021

From the desk of Pastor McPike:

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS:

On June 11, 2021, the state of Illinois moved to "Phase 5" of reopening. A major feature of Phase 5 is masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals. While this may look in most situations like things have "returned to normal", it is only a movement to a "greater normal". After discussing the implications of this for our church, the Church council is suggesting the following considerations going forward:

1. Masks:

- A. Required for those not vaccinated
- B. Optional for those fully vaccinated. Appreciated for all; helps with continuing infection control.

2. Worship service:

- A. Offering will still be collected in the back.
- B. Please use the communion cards to register your communion attendance.
- C. Communion will still be served in the back of the church and at the end of the sidewalk for those in cars.
- D. Radio Osman will broadcast the service for those choosing to remain in their cars for the service.
- E. Communion will be given to the people in the parking lot first, then to those in the building. Those worshipping in the church will be dismissed as we have been doing ... back pews first.
- F. Calling ahead to register for worship attendance is no longer necessary.
- G. Worshippers are reminded that while communion continues to be distributed, please be considerate and remain quiet.

Dorothy Horine Lange is going to be 100!

Please help her celebrate by sending her a birthday card on or before July 5th. Dorothy's address is: Dorothy Lange, Farmer City Rehab, 404 Brookview Drive, Farmer City, IL 61842.

Ladies Aid/LWML

Ladies Aid/LWML will be meeting on Thursday, July 8th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Connie Warsaw will have the topic and Brenda Edwards and Terri Hooker will be the hostesses. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

Quilting

The ladies will be tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Monday, July 5th and Wednesday, July 7th in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to tie knots. The group has made ninety quilts since October when the last collection day was held.

Picture Frames and Crosses

Some of the old stain glass from the church has been made into cross sun catchers and 5 x 7-inch picture frames. 25 frames and 25 crosses have been created, but all are different depending on the color of glass used in them. The prices are \$30 for a frame and \$15 for a cross. They will be sold in a lottery style system. There will be two boxes on the elder's pew in the back of the church from July 4th – July 25th. One will be labeled "cross", and one will be labeled "frame". Write your name on the slips of paper by the boxes and put in the appropriate box. The names will be drawn on July 25th after the quarterly council meeting and the items can be selected and paid for that day in the order that the names are drawn. If there are items left after July 25th, they will be available on the day of our celebration, August 29th.

Anniversary Mugs and Pens

Coffee mugs and ink pens with the anniversary logo on them are available in the front entryway of the church. Please take one of each to remember this milestone of our congregation. Those which are not taken will be displayed for the August 29th church service for possible visitors to take.

Thank You!

Thank you to Dwight and Terri Hooker and Brenda Hendricks who hosted the Ladies Aid/LWML garage sale in their garages in May and June. The household items and furniture in the church's storage shed that were donated in the past for vicars while they resided here were included in the sale. The combined sales made \$560.50. The proceeds will be used for expenses and to sponsor a Seminary student for the next school year. Thank you to everyone who donated items and who helped at the sales!

Thank You!

A special thank you to Larry Lutz for providing the coffee mugs and pens in commemoration of the church's 125th anniversary. Larry, we appreciate all that you do for the church and it's members!

Thank You!

I cannot begin to thank everyone for all the beautiful birthday cards. There are so many that I still have not even finished opening them all. I do love cards, and I can enjoy them over and over again. Thank you all for helping make my birthday one I will always remember. Thanks especially to Brenda for having the kids play Happy Birthday on the bells. That was such a joy to hear. God's blessings to you all. Jeri Bidner

Correction!

The 2020 Confirmation class is invited to the 9am church service on August 29th, when we recognize the class during our 125th celebration of our church. Please RSVP to Debbie Lammle by August 8th if you plan to attend.



Congratulations, Jeri Bidner!



Jeri Bidner Celebrates 100th Birthday!



Many friends and family from near and far were on hand last week to help Jeri Bidner celebrate her 100th birthday in style. A former Sunday School teacher at Immanuel Osman since most of us were toddlers, Jeri celebrated with friends and family, great food, and a special carriage ride up and down her lane at the farm she has called home since 1944. The carriage which is operated by Merrybeth Farm Carriage Services, was pulled by a horse named Lena, who is a 12 year old Clydsdale.

July



Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
5/23	41	1	0
5/30	39	1	0
6/06	41	1	0
6/13	47	1	0
6/20			
6/27			



Anniversaries

7-06-1984 Marti and Steve Brandt
 7-10-1971 Deb and Dick Johnson
 7-12-2011 Hallie and Greg Payne
 7-16-1977 Marsha and Steve Warsaw
 7-21-2007 Rebecca and Scott Gercken
 7-24-1999 Nikki and Rob Gallier
 7-28-2007 Nicole and Jesse Johnson



Birthdays

7-02 Ryan Lammle
 7-03 Jessica Poppe
 7-03 Joshua Poppe
 7-05 Jerry Edwards
 7-06 MacKenzie Delaney
 7-06 Weston Hasty
 7-12 Larry Lutz
 7-13 Wilma Grussing
 7-14 William Schroeder
 7-15 Ryan McPike
 7-15 Aaron Warsaw
 7-15 Bryan Warsaw
 7-20 Carolyn Majercin
 7-21 Shane Zimmerman
 7-27 Jane Poppe
 7-28 Stefani Warsaw
 7-29 John Haggin
 7-30 Roy Whitehouse