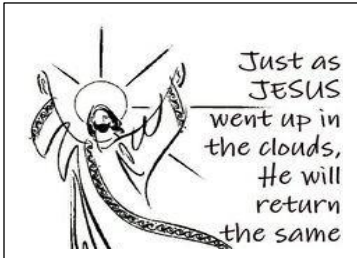


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From Pastor McPike's Desk...

Twelve months ago, this column adopted the routine of giving a history of our church body, the LCMS, since the celebration of 175 years on April 26, 1847. This history continues today, picking up where last month left off... with the publication of Lutheran Worship (1982).

It is hard to know how often to release new hymnals. The Roman Catholic Church has an interesting approach. Instead of one hard-bound formal hymnal for use in every parish in the United States, some publishers produce seasonal books printed as paperbacks using cheaper paper like newsprint. The book contains worship materials for a season or two, and when that time passes, it is thrown out and replaced by the new one.

One thing is for certain – the LCMS waited way too long to replace TLH. That book was 41 years old by the time of the publication of Lutheran Worship of 1982. Why did the church wait so long? Here's the story.

There are two ways to look at Lutheran Worship (1982). From one perspective, the book is an amazing recovery feat by a committee hastily assembled after the LCMS in convention rejected *LBW* – Lutheran Book of Worship (1978). *LBW* has a green cover and is a stylistic match to *LW*. Inside the front cover, you will find several church bodies listed as coordinating on *LW* – one of them being the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The other perspective is that the book, having to be a hurried edit and re-work of *LBW*, tried to push the synod too far too fast in worship and did a poor job of it (my opinion).

Since the time of the publication of *TLH* (1941), there was a significant liturgical renewal in America. LCMS pastors through the days of the 1950s typically wore suit and tie as “every-day attire” and a black robe called a “Geneva gown” for worship. Also, partly because of “anti-Catholic” sentiment among Lutherans and also problems with the early publication of *TLH*, chanting had fallen out of use. *TLH* instructions in the liturgy (called rubrics) called for many of the pastors’ part to be “chanted or said”. I grew up in the 1960s at Trinity Lutheran, Indianapolis, and Pastor Maas chanted the communion portion of the page 15 service every Sunday. I use his same format... different than what is printed in *LSB*... because when I do it, I can hear in my head Pastor Maas singing that liturgy!

An aside: What is chanting, anyway? Chanting has a very practical purpose. In very large churches before electronics, microphones and sound systems, chanting was a dignified way of loudly projecting

the pastor's voice. Of course, the dignified sound adds formality to the worship setting. Recognizing that many people grew up in services that were never chanted, we have taken a "mixed" approach to it here at Osman. I chant during the festival half of the church year, from the First Sunday in Advent to Pentecost. Those services are more "dressy" – "formal" in approach. During the time after Pentecost to the end of the church year, I speak, reflecting the less formal nature of those services.

TLH was released in 1941. The "Pastor's edition" that included all the chants was released in 1943. OOOPS! This made chanting seem like something of an afterthought.

Lutheran Worship ended up being caught in the cross winds of the major controversy of SEMINEX from the 1970s. The "Seminex walkout" has been explained in a previous edition of this history. Interest in releasing a new hymnal goes back to the 1960s, the time that TLH was already 20 years old. Additionally, a little known fact: The Lutheran Hymnal of 1941 is the ONLY hymnal printed and used by the synod that was never formally adopted by the synod. This is amusing especially for those of us who remember the huge stir the release of LW created in 1982 and how many congregations clung tenaciously to TLH, vowing NEVER to use LW. Many of them have not, to this day, but skipped LW entirely and went straight for LSB when it was released in 2006.

There was a dream among many in various Lutheran synods that hoped for a single hymnal for all English-speaking Lutherans in North America. In the 1960s, when TLH was already 20 years old, the LCMS expressed interest in a new hymnbook. Other Lutheran synods had just released a hymnbook, Service Book and Hymnal (SBH) in 1958, and so were naturally uninterested. The LCMS decided to at least work toward the production of a new book, resulting in the release of a supplement to TLH called Worship Supplement 1969. This book contained some of the newer hymns that were eventually included in Lutheran Worship.

Talks progressed in the early 1970s, to work on a new hymnal. The political/theological storm brewing between the St. Louis seminary faculty and the president of the Synod was a major distraction. Still, the committee pressed on. In 1978, Lutheran Book of Worship was released. The LCMS Commission on Worship, which had been heavily involved in the production of LBW, presented a draft to the convention in 1977. The LCMS in convention rejected it for a variety of reasons. LBW relied far more heavily on SBH than it did TLH. The Common Service (1888) as found in TLH (page 5/15) was ignored entirely. A few of the prayers and the newly included funeral service raised issues theologically. And the synod felt that far too few hymns found in TLH were included.

When the synod rejected the adoption of LBW, the entire Commission on Worship resigned and walked out of the convention. In the wake of the SEMINEX walkout and the exodus of approximately 1100 congregations, the synod was in a significant mess. At the same time, the then 36 year old TLH was showing its age, and many more progressive LCMS congregations were ready to adopt LBW. In fact, many did adopt LBW despite the fact that it was never approved. Time was of the essence. The president of Synod, JAO Preus, appointed a "Blue Ribbon Panel" to look carefully at LBW and suggest edits that would cause the LCMS to be able to take the work and make it their own. That was 1977. By 1982, Lutheran Worship was ready for publication and adopted by the Synod in convention. A side-by-side comparison of the two books shows the strong reliance of the committee on the work already done for LBW. Additionally, many hymns more familiar to LCMS congregations were included. The Common Service of 1888 was included as a re-write of page 15 as Divine Service, setting 1 (in my opinion, somewhat of a disaster) along with the settings of communion in LBW, meaning that there were

four complete settings of the communion service. Wedding and funeral services in LBW were not included. Many congregations found the modernization from King James English of some very familiar hymns to be quite objectionable. (Examples abound, such as “My faith Looks Trustingly” instead of “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” and the Lenten hymn “Thousand, Thousand Thanks Are Due, Dearest Jesus, Lord to You” instead of “Thousand, Thousand Thanks Shall Be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.”)

Overall, the committee pulled off a minor miracle with the production of LW. On the other hand, the hurried nature and some really odd changes caused many congregations who were very used to a forty-one year old hymnal great concern. All in all, LW was adopted by less than half of the LCMS. The other half kept using TLH for the next 25 years, until TLH was 75 years old!

Next Month: *Lutheran Service Book (2006)* and other matters of worship

May Lawn Mowers

The week of May 1 – May 6 – Butch Sprau
The week of May 8 – May 13 – Mark Barrack
The week of May 15 – May 20 – Kent Whitehouse
The week of May 22 – May 27 – John Gercken
The week of May 29 – June 3 – Shane Zimmerman



The schedule this year lists the week that the volunteer needs to mow. It is recommended to mow on Thursday through Saturday of that week, so it looks nice for Sunday. If you have misplaced your schedule which was in the March newsletter and there is also one on the back bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact trustee John Grussing.

Holy Week Services

Thank you to everyone who made the Holy Week worship services very meaningful. Thank you to Pastor McPike who designed each worship service as well as delivered sermons and homilies that made the Biblical Holy Week experiences very real. Thank you to Alicia Haggin, organist, who provided beautiful music and organized the special musical pieces. Thank you to the special vocal musicians who were Nick Haggin, Sara McPike, and Theresa Van Wakeman Wilson. Thank you to Sara McPike who accompanied the hymns with her trumpet on Easter morning. Thank you to the altar guild volunteers that had many duties with changing altar paraments, folding palms, stripping the altar, decorating the added wooden cross, and organizing the altar flowers. By Easter morning the phrase “He is risen. He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!” definitely echoed throughout the church body.

Ladies Aid/LWML

The Ladies Aid/LWML ladies will have their next meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Topic will be given by Debbie Martin. The hostesses will be Brenda Edwards and Marsha Warsaw. The roll call will be answered by a favorite Bible verse on praise. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. The ladies will be tying quilts on May 1 and May 3 at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome to attend – no experience needed!

Council Meeting

The next church council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at 6:30 PM in the hall.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Arnita Zimmerman who passed away on Tuesday, March 28th at the age of 92. May God provide comfort and care for those who mourn her loss. The funeral was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman on Monday, April 3rd, and burial followed at the Bellflower Township Cemetery in rural Bellflower.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mike Miller who passed away on Sunday, April 2nd at the age of 67. May God provide comfort and care for those who mourn his loss. A celebration of life took place in Champaign, and the burial followed at GAR Cemetery in Homer.

“What’s Your 80?”



The LWML is celebrating its 80th Anniversary of being an organization that is recognized by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. This anniversary will be celebrated at the LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June. The slogan “What’s Your 80?” was created to encourage all of the groups nationally to do a project in their communities that included 80 items. The ladies at Osman sewed 80 dresses for Dresses for Africa which is a Christian nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian relief to little girls in poverty areas of Africa and around the globe. Connie Warsaw made the majority of the dresses with Diana Zimmerman and Brenda Hendricks chipping in to complete the 80 fashionable pillowcase dresses. Deb Martin and Diana Zimmerman folded, sacked, and packed the dresses into boxes to be mailed to the warehouse in Michigan. The Osman ladies have been making dresses since 2015 and with this shipment have sent 581 dresses.

Happy Mother's Day

Thank You

Several Ladies Aid /LWML members and also church members have given donations to our adopted family in the last few months. This is a thank you that the church received – “Thank you so very much for your monetary gift and gift cards that were given to our family. It is so nice of you to think of our family in this time of need. It means so very much to us. Again, thank you!” Love, Amy, Ava, Chili and Nova Jamison

Congratulations Graduate!

Megan Bidner, daughter of Neil and Beth Bidner and granddaughter of Lee Bidner, will graduate from Fisher High School in late May. She will continue her education at Parkland College with a concentration in exercise science. May God guide you in your career choice.

History Book

The history book covering the years from 1995 – 2021 has been printed and distributed in the last few weeks. Eighty-one books were sold and seven were given by our congregation to the past pastors, substitute pastors, and vicars who contributed articles to the book. If you did not order a book and have decided that you want one, please see Connie Warsaw or Brenda Hendricks. There was a correction sheet inserted in each book so if you see a mistake, please follow the directions on the sheet so that a compiled list can be printed.

Several people have responded with a thank you:

“I received the Osman history book. What a nice surprise and beautiful book! It is so great to hear from Osman. I still think about Immanuel often and what a great and formative summer that was for me in my summer vicarage. Hope you are all doing well.” Pastor Dan Grimmer

“We received your Osman history book. Thank you so much! My kids like finding me in the pictures when I looked so much younger.” Pastor Jonathan Scheck

“I received the Osman history book today. I love it! Thanks so much for the gift. Hope you are all having a great Easter”. Pastor Justin Schmidt

“Thank you so much for mailing us the church anniversary book. It’s wonderful! What a lot of work that was for the committee. Hope all is well with everyone. Take care and give our best to all the members of Osman!” Barb and Steve Gaines

“Just spent the last hour – plus reading through the history book that the committee put together. Nicely done! I can only imagine the amount of work that went into this project. Thanks so much!” Cheryl Johnson

“The 125th Anniversary book arrived last Saturday. What a surprise! Thank you so much! What a fantastic job and tribute to the Lord’s work and the people at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. It is so interesting and indeed brings out so many fond memories! Alleluia! Christ is risen! May God continue to prosper faith in you and among you and equip you in every way for the privilege of the opportunities to serve in His name as His witnesses. God loves you all!” Pastor and Lynda Spooner

Installation Invitation

St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ash Grove and Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park cordially invite you to the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Dale Fjordbotten, on Sunday, May 7th at 4 PM. The installation service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park. A light supper will be served.



Doug Majercin.....05-01
 Susan Miller.....05-04
 Cheyenne Zimmerman.....05-04
 Martha Warsaw.....05-08
 Wade Warsaw.....05-12
 Alvin Hinrichs.....05-15
 Barb Whitehouse-Gercken.....05-21
 Jesse Johnson.....05-21
 Darwin Warsaw.....05-22
 Kris Zimmerman05-29
 Blaine Martin05-30



Susan and Steve Martin05-09-1975
 Ashley and Bryce Martin05-19-2012
 Amanda and Chuck Amdor05-30-2009

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Bible Class</u>
<u>March 26</u>	45	2	14
<u>April 2</u>	55	0	11
<u>April 6</u>	40	N/A	N/A
<u>April 7</u>	40	N/A	N/A
<u>April 9</u>	69	N/A	N/A
<u>April 16</u>	34	0	8
<u>April 23</u>	34	1	11



May 28th

Ascension Day – May 18th

On May 18th Christians around the world will mark Ascension Day. Despite being a public holiday in more than a dozen countries, the festival has a relatively low profile outside the church. So what's it all about?

What is Ascension Day? For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem. The Book of Acts provides the longest account of Christ's farewell to his disciples, bidding them to preach the word of God and assuring them of his eventual return for the Second Coming, the day of judgement in which the virtuous will be saved and the wrongdoers condemned.