

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

July 2025



Summary of the Council Meeting

Ten elected church officers attended the meeting on June 18th. Pastor McPike was present at the meeting via telephone. Secretary Deb Lammle read the minutes from the April meeting, and they were approved. Treasurer Terri Hooker gave the treasurers report with total expenses for May as \$14,512.67 and total income of \$4570. The checking account as of May 30, 2025, was \$52,451.66. With a few corrections, the treasurers' report was approved.

Pastor McPike has arranged for Pastor Strom to preach June 22, July 20, August 24, and August 31. He also has contacted Pastor Frank to preach September 28th, October 26th, and November 2nd. Reformation Sunday/Pastor Appreciation will be October 19th, and All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 9th. Pastor is working on fixing the trouble with recording the church services.

The trustee report centered on the mold issue. It was recommended to purchase and install a HVAC UVC light unit as recommended by Darwin Warsaw at the quarterly meeting. The estimated cost is \$50- \$100 plus the installation of an electrical outlet if needed. It was voted NOT to proceed with the ServPro mold cleaning work at this time. Jeff Warsaw will contact JC Heating and Cooling who installed the new dehumidifier in the church to adjust the new dehumidifier in an attempt to reach 40% humidity. 30-50% is the ideal range for humidity in the church. We will continue to monitor the humidity level through the balance of the year.

A motion was made to purchase a Milwaukee brand 20 volt leaf blower for the church with a second battery pack. The motion was approved to make the purchase. It was stated that the new dehumidifier in the hall is working great, but the need to empty the water is required several times a day. Members coming into the hall during the week were urged to empty the dehumidifier. A discussion followed on ways to get rid of the collected water by draining it to the outside. A new changeable church sign has been ordered for west of the church on the Mansfield/ Bellflower Road and will be installed upon receipt. A new sign has also been ordered and received for Route 54.

The Mission Outreach Committee will be meeting soon to review responses from the surveys. Don and Connie Warsaw, Dwight and Terri Hooker, and Brenda Hendricks will head the committee to serve the Lloyd Power farm sale in rural Bellflower in August. Pastor McPike has provided the council with information on Church Mutual Insurance. Jerry Niemann will request a quote and investigate the proposal.

The council decided not to construct a float for the Bellflower July 4th parade. 400 bottles of water will be purchased to be passed out during the parade in Bellflower. Labels with our church name will

be attached to the bottles by five council volunteers. The council gave approval to purchase stamps before the price goes up to council treasurer and church secretary.

Chairman Lammle then reviewed the Activities List for 2025. The Bring a Friend to Church with social hour afterwards is set for August 3rd. It was decided to have the picnic at the church hall with children's games being provided in August. Several avenues of advertising for our church were discussed.

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 23rd.

LWML National Convention

The LWML National Convention was held in Omaha, Nebraska on June 26-29. There were many activities, worship services, servant events, and Bible studies scheduled at this convention. One of the activities which has been a tradition for many years was a mission walk. The walk took place on the bridge that separates Iowa and Nebraska. Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks attended this event. They would like to thank the three members who contributed to their pledges collected which will be used to support the mission grants for the 2025-2027 biennial that were voted on at the convention. The theme "Growing in God's Grace" – 2 Peter 3:18 - was indeed evident in the Mites in Action speakers, the Bible studies, the worship services, and the servant events. Connie and Brenda will share their experience at the July Ladies Aid/LWML meeting.

Visiting the Shut-ins

All members of Ladies Aid/LWML and all church members who are interested in visiting the shut-ins, please sign up on the back bulletin board. There are several months that are available. You do not have to visit all the shut-ins on the same day; the visits may be divided according to the number of people signed up. Volunteers may decide on the most convenient day and time to visit. A short visit from a church member could make all the difference!

July Lawn Mowers

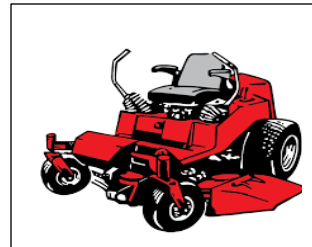
The week of June 29 – July 5 – Steve Warsaw

The week of July 6 - 12 – Jim Poppe

The week of July 13 – 19 – Lee Whitehouse

The week of July 20 – 26 – Jeff Warsaw

The week of July 27 – August 2 – Leonard Delaney



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, there is one on the back bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact trustee Jeff Warsaw or John Grussing.

Upcoming Events

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday – Sunday, August 3rd

(Social Hour in fellowship hall after church)

Church Picnic – Sunday, August 17th

(Potluck in fellowship hall/games and activities)

Church Council

The church council will meet on Wednesday, July 23rd, at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. The Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 27th, after the regular worship service.

Confirmation Recognition Sunday



A Confirmation Reception recognizing the classes of 1971 – 1978 was held on Sunday, June 8th, after the worship service in the fellowship hall. Out of the nineteen invitations sent, six confirmands accepted the invitation to attend. One of those six was unable to attend at the last minute. Linda Amdor, Doug Peyton, Mark Wood, Jill Hardesty, and Tena Sprau were in attendance for the reception of cake and punch after church. A small gift was handed out by Debbie Lammle, after Pastor McPike announced the classes of 1971-1978. Pictures were taken and fellowship followed. Thanks to the members of the congregation who stayed to visit in the hall. Thanks also to Terri Hooker who helped decorate the tables, to Jerry Neimann for helping serve, and to Jane Poppe for helping clean up afterwards. Thanks for helping make it a day to remember!

Ladies Aid/LWML

The Ladies Aid/LWML ladies will have their next meeting on Thursday, July 10th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Topic will be given by Annette Warsaw. A report will be given by Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks about the National LWML Convention which was held June 26-29 in Omaha, Nebraska. The hostesses will be Connie Warsaw and Terri Hooker. The roll call will be answered by a favorite Bible verse on freedom. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

Quilting

The ladies will be quilting on Monday, July 7th at 12:30 PM and on Wednesday, July 9th at 8 AM. All ladies of the congregation are invited to help tie knots for quilts. The quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train.

July 4th Parade Entry

Instead of a church float in the Bellflower July 4th parade this year, the church council has decided to provide bottles of water to those in attendance along the parade route as a means of outreach. The bottled water will be labeled with Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman and will be handed out by the council members along the parade route.

Baked Goods Needed!

EVERYBODY is invited to bake for the Ladies Aid/LWML Bake Sale in Bellflower on Friday, July 4th! It will be served out of the Bellflower Fire House beginning at 7:30 AM. You can bring your “goodies” to the fellowship hall refrigerator on July 3rd or you can bring them before 7:30 on July 4th to Bellflower. Plates with two to four cookies work well and individual baggies of snack mixes are usually popular as parade watchers can eat these as they await the parade.



Bellflower July 4th Schedule of Events

Ryan Albin Memorial 5K Fun Run/Walk- 6:30 sign in – 7:00 race begins

Bake Sale – 7:30 – 9:30

Parade Line – Up – 9:00

Opening flag raising ceremony followed by parade – 9:30

Fireman's lunch – 11:00 – 1:00

Kids' Games – 1:00 – 3:00

Luke Hensley Memorial Bags Tourney – 1:00

Softball Game – 3:30

Dinner served – 4:30

Entertainment by DBash Music and Nik Beats -5:00 to dusk

Fireworks – Dusk

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer devotional booklets were ordered from Concordia Publishing House for members that wanted them in February. The price per subscription was cheaper if 25 copies per congregation were ordered. The order included 23 members who wanted copies so two extra copies were ordered to keep the cost down. These two extra copies are on the back elder pew. If you want one or know of someone who does, please take one. This edition runs from July through December 2025.

Happy Birthday!



Wilma Grussing, our oldest member, will be celebrating her 96th birthday on July 13th. She attends the monthly Ladies Aid/LWML meetings and helps with quilting by untangling skeins of yarn. She is the Ladies Aid/LWML member that sends cards to our church members for all occasions. Let's shower her with many cards and blessings! Her address is 510 West Center Street in Bellflower, Illinois 61724. Happy Birthday, Wilma!

LCMS Central Illinois District Convention

The 61st Regular Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the 10th Convention of the CID Church Extension Fund will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, on July 13-15, 2025. The convention will open with a Communion Service at 7 PM on July 13th. The convention will be in session from 8 AM to 9:30 PM on July 14th and from 8 AM to noon on July 15th. Election of Central Illinois officers and many other business items will be discussed during these days. Brenda Hendricks will be the voting delegate for our congregation. A report will be given at the congregational voters meeting at the end of the month.

Have a Safe and Happy
July 4th !



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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

7-02	Ryan Lammle
7-05	Jerry Edwards
7-06	Mackenzie Delaney Curtin
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
7-29	John Haggin
7-30	Roy Whitehouse

Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Class	Sunday School
June 1	33	13	0
June 8	47	13	2
June 15	43	14	0
June 22	30	13	0