

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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



*Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC*  
*Reverend Keffie Deen II*

*May 2015*

Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia!

### Osman Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 4, 2015

9 members and Pastor McPike met under the balcony after Lenten Service for the March Church Council meeting. Pastor began the meeting with prayer. Chairman Hardesty sent around pictures of the damage done to the Fellowship Hall from the fire caused from trying to thaw frozen pipes on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the February minutes. Neil Bidner made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff Warsaw seconded, motion carried.

Pastor McPike suggested giving a monthly mission donation to the Orphan Grain Train in memory of Lois Wilke, deceased wife of executive director of the Orphan Grain Train. Jeff Warsaw made a motion to give the March donation to the Orphan Grain Train and give the April Mission donation to Emily Robinson of Bellflower. (switching a previous motion from the February minutes) Lee Whitehouse seconded it, motion carried.

Pastor McPike informed the group of a Tuesday night catechism class he is planning. Three people are interested at this time, but pastor will open the class to anyone in the congregation.

Sunday School Superintendent, Annette Warsaw, reported she was ordering a VBS Kit from Concordia for preview. A date for Vacation Bible School will be set after surveying the most convenient times of the VBS staff. The summer Vicar will also be involved with Vacation Bible School.

The Trustees reported that the Easter banner will be hung next week. They will also be addressing the project of new fans and speakers.

Chairman Hardesty will give Jeff Warsaw a copy of the mowing schedule, so some adjustments may be made for this summer's schedule.

Discussion continued concerning calling TV or radio stations when Immanuel Osman church service is cancelled due to inclement weather. Chairman Hardesty will look into this matter.

Annette Warsaw will be placing ads, approved by Chairman Hardesty and Pastor McPike, in local newspapers concerning upcoming Holy Week services. Chairman Hardesty also mentioned setting up newspaper ads for VBS and Christmas services later in the year. Discussion continued concerning advertising on Facebook, but research by Annette Warsaw will be completed on churches using Facebook pages before proceeding with this matter. Pastor mentioned that he could use assistance with adding pictures on the Immanuel Osman web page.

It was recommended that a thank you be sent to Steve Martin for plowing the church lots. Secretary Lammle was asked to take care of this request. Annette Warsaw is working on creating a thank you to be used by Immanuel Osman, incorporating pictures of the church in her design. Ideas will be brought to the next meeting. It was recommended by the Chairman that food should not be served before or after Lenten Services in the future until the hall is back in operation. Chairman Hardesty will contact the chairman of each refreshment committee and ask that they contact the others in their group. The council agreed and Pastor McPike will send an email addressing this matter.

Lengthy discussion was then held concerning the two quotes obtained for the cleaning of the Fellowship Hall. One quote in the amount of \$9672.47 was from Rainbow International of East Central Illinois. The other quote in the amount of \$9,660.69 was from Servpro of Champaign/Urbana. Rainbow International decreased their initial quote because of the lack of heavy vacuuming needed in the hall. Replacement cost for blinds are still needed. Lee Whitehouse will get the

measurements needed and Annette Warsaw will research the cost of replacement blinds.

Chairman Hardesty recommended going with the Rainbow International firm for our cleaning needs of the kitchen, two dining room areas, two bathrooms, Hallway and Storage Closet. Chairman Hardesty hopes that the cleaning crew will begin this Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and complete the project in five days. After much discussion, Jeff Warsaw made the motion to accept the bid from Rainbow International. Aaron Warsaw seconded the motion, motion carried.

Four cabinets and the countertop were damaged in the fire. The damaged items have been removed and the wall inside has been repaired as needed before cleaning takes place. The replacement cabinets were quoted at a cost of \$1464.42 and the countertops were quoted at \$788.80.

After discussion, it was decided to change the plumbing in the damaged area of the hall. Two quotes will be obtained for spray foam insulation. Lee Whitehouse volunteered to make the needed calls concerning the two quotes. It was suggested that we obtain recommendations from a professional plumber before proceeding. It was also suggested to use temperature probes in this area to help prevent this type of incident occurring again. Chairman Hardesty will meet with the plumber and then follow-up with the trustees. It was then suggested that we check the foundation before proceeding with the cleaning of the hall. Replacement siding will also have to be researched.

**EVERYONE IS RECOMMENDED TO STAY OUT OF THE HALL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

Lee Whitehouse made a motion to recess until tomorrow at 1pm in the church annex. Jeff Warsaw seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Lammle

**Osman Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**March 5, 2015**

6 members of the Church Council met at 1:00pm in the Church Annex for the continuation of the March Church Council meeting. The February minutes were read and approved. Bob Zimmerman gave a balance of \$73169.98. Lee Whitehouse made a motion to approve, Connie Warsaw seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Hardesty went over the topics discussed at the previous meeting. He informed the group to keep track of time and material costs when working on the hall and to take pictures of the jobs completed.

JC Heating and Plumbing inspected the furnace and

reported to the council that the furnace was in adequate working order. The company will also give a recommendation on the needed plumbing and give an estimate on the cost involved.

Illini Home Improvement will give an estimate for the needed insulation and Mike Brandt will inspect the foundation.

If the number of sinks in the kitchen is increased, Immanuel Osman will be responsible for the additional cost. Lee Whitehouse volunteered to look into the cost of deeper sinks.

Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, stated that the allotted amount of gas on the contract has been used, and the amount of gallons has been increased. He also stated that the insurance check will be placed in a separate account to better tract replacement cost expenses.

The next council meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup>, when the insurance agent will be present to discuss our policy.

Diana Zimmerman suggested having another "Girls Night Out" event in May. The event was approved by the council.

Chairman Hardesty stated that the trustees will be responsible for buying replacement items for the hall. Lee Whitehouse will have information on replacement blinds at the next meeting. Discussion was then held on painting the kitchen, water heaters, and insulating pipes in the crawl space.

Shane Zimmerman will announce that food will not be served before or after Lenten Services until the hall is back in operation. Debbie Lammle will place the announcement in the bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Lammle

**Thank You!**

Thanks to Shirley Sprau and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins last month.

**Our Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes to Pastor and Mrs. Angie Deen for the loss of Angie's father, Steve Dirksen. May our loving God comfort them and their family and friends. Their home address is 866 St. Andrews Circle, Rantoul, IL 61866-3596.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson for the loss of Dick's mother. She passed away on April 15<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was at Saint Johns Lutheran Church in Buckley on April 17. She crocheted the beautiful wall hanging of the Lord's Supper that is hung in our church. May her family and friends find comfort in our loving Lord and Savior.

## **LWML News**

### **LWML Mission Project**

The LWML has chosen a mission project to help "Living Alternatives", a Pregnancy Resource Center in Champaign. Their mission statement says "we are committed to saving the lives of unborn children by promoting life-affirming options and providing practical assistance, while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to minister restoration to those who have been wounded by the trauma of abortion". On Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be handing out baby bottles for members of our congregation to take home and put donations in. You could put the loose change in your pocket to a good cause. We will do this for one month and collect the bottles on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We collected \$461 last year. Please consider being a part of this mission project.

### **The LWML CID Annual Convention**

The LWML CID Annual Convention was held at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Champaign, Illinois, on April 17 and 18. Barb Gaines, Brenda Hendricks, Deb Lammler, Connie Warsaw, and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken attended. Servant events of trimming stamps, marking Bibles, making quilts, and making diapers were coordinated for Friday afternoon. An evening meal of sandwiches was served before the worship service and fellowship. The theme was "Gathered in His Name". On Saturday, Pamela Nielsen, associate executive Director for the Communication Department of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod was the guest speaker, and she spoke on the Wittenberg Project. Mission grants totaling \$85,000 for 2015 – 2016 were voted on. (75% of that total goes to mission grants and 25% goes to the national mite goal.) At our June meeting a complete report on the convention will be given.

### **Ladies Aid**

The Ladies Aid will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6th in the Fellowship Hall. Roll call will be answered with a verse on Love. Moneta McCleary will present the topic. Wilma Grussing will have the devotion and prayer and serve as hostess. All ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend!

### **Church Council Meeting**

The church council will meet on Wednesday, May 6th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Congratulation Graduates!**

Congratulations to Courtney Delaney, daughter of Leonard and Christie Delaney, who is graduating from Fisher High School this month, and attending U of I in the fall majoring in Agribusiness.



Congratulations to Daniel Schuh, son of Bill and Kim Schuh, who is graduating from the U of I in Bio Engineering with a minor in Chemistry. He will be attending SIU Medical School in Carbondale in the fall.

Congratulations to Jonathon Schuh, son of Bill and Kim Schuh, who is graduating from the U of I with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Fluid Dynamics. He will be continuing on for his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in the fall.

Congratulations to Jordan Bidner, son of Kim Clemmons, who is graduating from Parkland College with an AA in Graphics Design.

Congratulations to Nathan Hooker, son of Dwight and Terri Hooker, who will be graduating from the Police Academy in Charleston, Illinois. We will keep these graduates in our prayers and wish them the best in their next endeavors. God's blessing to all our graduates! May they walk in God's light as they continue in the next chapter of their lives!

### **CID Scholarship Sunday!**

CID Scholarship Sunday is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Twenty-five undergraduates and seven seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need of gifts to continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, or mail your gift to: Scholarship Sunday Gift, Central Illinois District LC-MS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Please make checks payable to "Central Illinois District Educational Scholarship Fund". Please designate if your gift is intended for present needs or to be added to the Endowment Fund where interest is used for scholarships. Thank you for your support of our future pastors and teachers.

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**Easter 2015**

Following the Easter sunrise service, everyone enjoyed Osman's traditional Easter breakfast in the newly repaired Fellowship Hall. The children participated in an Easter egg hunt sponsored by Thrivent.





## *Emily Robinson Soup Supper Benefit*

### **With Special Thanks!**

This extra special thank you note sent to you today holds more appreciation than any words can say, for you're among the nicest people I have ever known, and you'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown. Thank you so much!

Bobby, Emily, Jonathan and Family



### **Thrivent News**

The free will offering for the Emily Robinson Benefit totaled \$3,270 and Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$3 raised, which equals \$1,090, giving us a total of \$4,360. We served 128 people on Saturday, April 11th and served lunch to 29 people after church on Sunday with the leftovers. We had a total of 80 volunteer hours towards this project, and we thank all who donated food or helped at the benefit. We could not put on these benefits without the support from our church members. Thank You!

The total received from Thrivent Choice Dollars to our church last month was \$844. We thank the following members who directed Choice Dollars to our church: Jeri Bidner, Carolyn Majercin, Steve and Susan Martin, Marge Morrissey, Deb Peyton, Connie Warsaw and Darwin Warsaw. Thanks to all of you!





**Are you missing a pie plate?**

Please check the elder's pew at the back of the church for items that have been left in the hall. There are several nice pie plates and some of them have been over there for a long time.





Agnes and Carol Martinie



Barb Whitehouse-Gercken and Carolyn Heinze



The choir enjoyed pizza after singing to the shut-ins on Palm Sunday



Shirley Sprau and Wilma Forrest



Bob and Frances Zimmerman

## 2015 Osman Mowing Schedule

Please mow the church lot, hall lot and the lot directly north of the east parking lot by the date specified by your name. If conflicts arise, please contact Jeff Warsaw, 217-841-8532 or Lee Whitehouse, 309-533-2664. Please note any changes to the schedule on the church bulletin board. Steve Martin has agreed to mow for anyone for a nominal fee.

***Thank you for your continued assistance.***

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 19     | TRUSTEES                          |
| April 26     | Dick Johnson                      |
| May 3        | Neil Bidner and Marvin Clemmons   |
| May 10       | Skinner Johnson and Bill McCleary |
| May 17       | John Gercken and Ken Whitehouse   |
| May 24       | Steve Martin                      |
| May 31       | Jerry and Bryan Edwards           |
| June 7       | Myron and Eric Zimmerman          |
| June 14      | Steve Warsaw                      |
| June 21      | Lee and Roy Whitehouse            |
| June 28      | Don and Jeff Warsaw               |
| July 5       | Bryan and Greg Warsaw             |
| July 12      | Bob and Shaun Zimmerman           |
| July 19      | Marvin Nelson and Darryl Redding  |
| July 26      | Myron and Randy Zimmerman         |
| August 2     | Jim Poppe                         |
| August 9     | Shane Zimmerman                   |
| August 16    | Larry Lutz and Jeff Warsaw        |
| August 23    | Leonard Delaney and Mike Miller   |
| August 30    | John Grussing and Aaron Warsaw    |
| September 6  | John Lammle and Rob Gallier       |
| September 13 | Butch Sprau                       |
| September 20 | Darwin Warsaw                     |
| September 27 | Dwight and Nathan Hooker          |
| October 4    | Lee Whitehouse and Bill Scroeder  |
| October 11   | Mark Barrack                      |
| October 18   | Rick Hardesty                     |
| October 25   | Ross Warsaw and Doug Majercin     |



**Statistics**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Worship</u></b> | <b><u>Sunday School</u></b> | <b><u>Adult Class</u></b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3/25               | 38                    | Lent                        | Midweek                   |
| 3/29               | 72                    | 5                           | 20                        |
| 4/2                | 48                    | Maundy                      | Thursday                  |
| 4/3                | 54                    | Good                        | Friday                    |
| 4/5                | 114                   | Easter                      | Day                       |
| 4/12               | 58                    | 2                           | 15                        |
| 4/19               | 59                    | n/a                         | n/a                       |
| 4/26               | n/a                   | n/a                         | n/a                       |

**May Birthdays**

Doug Majercin.....05-01  
 Cheyenne Zimmerman.....05-04  
 Martha Warsaw.....05-08  
 Wade Warsaw.....05-12  
 Alvin Hinrichs.....05-15  
 Moneta McCleary.....05-19  
 Mike Warsaw.....05-19  
 Steve Brandt.....05-20  
 Angie Deen.....05-21  
 Barb Whitehouse-Gercken.....05-21  
 Jesse Johnson.....05-21  
 Darwin Warsaw.....05-22  
 Benjamin Brandt.....05-28  
 Jeff Bryan.....05-29  
 Brooke Clemmons.....05-29  
 Kris Zimmerman.....05-29



**May Anniversaries**

Susan and Steve Martin.....05-09-1975  
 Karen and David Brown.....05-22-1976  
 Ashley and Bryce Martin.....05-19-2012  
 Becki and Brant Hendricks.....05-26-2007  
 Amanda and Chuck Amdor.....05-30-2009

*Happy Anniversary!*



**Elder Schedule**

|              |     |            |      |
|--------------|-----|------------|------|
| <b>Steve</b> | Jan | <b>May</b> | Sept |
| Neil         | Feb | June       | Oct  |
| Shane        | Mar | July       | Nov  |
| Aaron        | Apr | Aug        | Dec  |