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The Lord bless you
and keep you.

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From the desk of Pastor Deen...

"Stench"

No! You are not smelling things. No! You are not the only one who smells that. And No! You are not the only one ignoring that. You are not the only one that can smell that disgusting rotting smell emanating from the back of your fridge. It's not just you. Everyone who opens that door, can't help but smell it, but no one, including you wants to deal with it. But you have to, because at this point you are gagging from the stench that is your fridge. So, you check the crisper, hoping that it's in there, when you know in your heart of hearts it's not. You find nothing but the apples, carrots and celery. The fridge still reeks, so finally you bite the bullet, you reach down the bottom shelf, move the milk, set aside the dressing, slide the leftovers to the side, remove the box of Arm & Hammer and there it sits. The source of the stench, in one of your favorite Tupperware containers there it sits, and there it stinks, there it reeks, there it awaits your daring recovery of itself. You reach in to grab it with both hands, and hold on tight, because the last thing you want is for this thing to spill on the floor. You grab it, and very slowly you back up, careful not to spill it, set it down, step away and gather yourself. And with nerves of steel, and with steady hands that would make a bomb squad expert proud, you remove the top of the container. And what stares you back in the face is a mass of slightly fuzzy, multi-colored, coagulating substance that is not fit for human or warthog consumption, and once upon a time ago was food but now cannot be considered that by anyone.

And as you by default have been charged with the task of throwing this away, you wonder, how did we get here...Think back six weeks ago. Week one, this meal was made, and while it was no gourmet

meal, it wasn't the worst thing you've ever tasted. The meal was consumed and the leftovers were placed in that Tupperware container with the lid on tight, to ensure it's ability to be eaten. Day one came and day one went...and the leftovers sat. Day two, three, and four came, and day two, three, and four went and you found something better to eat while the leftovers sat. Day five came, and so did that new gallon of milk that pushed that meal to the back. And it came to be forgotten...it was then and there where that meal stopped becoming a meal and started a metamorphoses to becoming the stench that haunts you and your refrigerator.

The second week the food inside turned into more of a gelatinous mass...and while it was inedible the stench was not present. The third week that gelatinous mass changed colors, the fourth week more food was placed in front of it as it started to grow fur and that stench started to escape, and while the new box of Arm & Hammer kept the stench at bay for a few extra days, the stench has escaped and it's contaminating your fridge right now.

And so here you are looking at this mess that you have on your hands and in your nose and you manage to dispose of these toxic leftovers and you manage to sterilize that dish that it was in. And now it's clean, the stench is gone and all is right with the world... and you feel free, and like you are no longer being held captive by that stench that stunk up your fridge. Why do we allow our past sins and mistakes to hold us captive, when forgiveness of sins is easier to achieve than a clean fridge. 1 John 1:9 reminds us that confession from a pure heart is all that is required for forgiveness. This confession does not have to be a pastor, or another Christian. It can simply be a confession to Christ. He is faithful and he will do it. So why let the stench build up in your hearts...confess your sins daily...clean out your hearts daily.

Osman Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 6, 2015

The Osman Lutheran Church Council met on May 6th with 8 members present. Those attending were Rick Hardesty, Bob Zimmerman, Debbie Lammle, Shane Zimmerman, Jeff Warsaw, Connie Warsaw, Susie Martin, and Diana Zimmerman.

Don Warsaw addressed the council concerning possible need for a drainage tile north of the church and a catch basin in the parking lot west of the church. Discussion on mold at the top of the church was also held. It was suggested that the area be cleaned and that the temperature setting on the AC be decreased when high humidity exists in the church.

The meeting was then called to order by Chairman Hardesty. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as amended. Motion made by Jeff Warsaw and seconded by Shane Zimmerman.

Bob Zimmerman read the treasurer's report with a balance of \$75,731.45. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. A change to the Herman Meyer CD will be made, since a portion of the account will be sent to the St. Louis Seminary. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, was given authority by the council to adjust the purchase of propane purchased for the year by the amount we were short last year. Bob Zimmerman will also ask the LP dealer about a manual shut off on all three gas lines and if the regulator is anchored correctly.

In Pastor McPike's absence, Chairman Hardesty stated that since there are a shortage of vicars, we will probably not have one this summer. Information will be placed in the bulletin to alert the congregation.

SS Superintendent's Report:

Jeff Warsaw reported in the absence of the Sunday School Superintendent that VBS will be held July 12-16. Supplies and T-shirts have been ordered.

Trustee's Report:

Jeff Warsaw reported that Chief Bauer will be checking the air conditioning units on May 15th. Annex windows, doors, and fascia are on the list to be completed by the end of the year. Jeff continued to present the estimate from Brandon Clemmons from Amplified Electric for two 68 inch fans, ladder rental, one 56 inch fan, and labor at a total of \$1,000. The fans have reverse capability, remotes, and lights.

Elder's Report:

Secretary, Linda Warsaw, was given the elder's schedule for the rest of the year.

Twenty five thank you cards were donated to the

church and were placed in the Pastor's office.

Shirley Sprau reserved the pavilion for the annual church picnic for August 9th.

After discussion on the temperature to set the AC during the week in the summer, it was suggested by the council to set at 78 degrees and adjust accordingly as humidity changes.

Jeff Warsaw was asked to get two estimates for checking the area at the top of the church for mold.

It was suggested that we check on printing less bulletins for Sunday morning services because of the large number of bulletins left after each service.

Discussion was then held on using paid staff for Immanuel Osman events.

After discussion on borrowing tables and chairs from the Fellowship Hall, Diana Zimmerman made a motion that the old tables and folding chairs may be used by church members if approved by a trustee, returned in the same condition as they were taken, and replaced if damaged during the use of the individuals. Jeff Warsaw seconded. Motion carried. Jeff Warsaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diana Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Osman Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 17, 2015

A special church council meeting was held after church on May 17, 2015. Jeff Warsaw informed the members of the Chief Bauer inspection of the AC units in the church and hall last Friday. Questions arose concerning which units were covered under a maintenance agreement. Jeff will get more information and check before bills are due.

The members were informed that the lighting project under the balcony was completed by Dick Johnson.

Bob Zimmerman stated that he pre-ordered 3500 gallons of propane gas for 2015 at a cost of \$444. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle



Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School

Our Camp Discovery VBS will be held Sunday, July 12 - Thursday, July 16. All children, ages Preschool through 5th, are invited to attend! This means grand kids, nieces and nephews, neighbors, and yes, even perfect strangers! Just mention it, you never know how God can use us to bring little ones to Him! And join us for our VBS Kick-Off Cookout Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 pm followed by our first VBS lesson, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm! Monday - Thursday, we will continue our journey each day 9:00 - 11:30 am. We appreciate your prayers as we ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior!

Thank You!

Church Family,
We would like to thank all those church members who wrote to Natalie in Korea and are still writing her. She appreciates all of your letters and it helps make her day. She has finished one semester and started a new one. She has visited several parts of South Korea including the Yellow Sea, demilitarized zone, and the east side of South Korea. She battled a bad cold and had some hearing loss but finally recovered from that. Her next battle is MERS which means Middle East Respiratory Syndrome. It has spread in different parts of Korea mostly in Soule and her school closed for a few days. We are keeping an eye on it now through Yahoo news. Please keep her in your prayers and hopefully she escapes this disease. Thank you again for supporting her in her next chapter of her life. God's blessings to all of you.

Dwight, Terri, and Natalie

Osman Wi-Fi

The Osman Wi-Fi code for "OsmanChurch(public)" is "romans1017".

"Worship for Shut-ins"

Know someone who can't get to church? Lutheran Ministries from Concordia Theological Seminary produces "Worship for Shut-ins". It airs locally on WCIX-49 Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM.

Ladies Aid and LWML Bake Sale!

Don't miss the goodies at the Bellflower July 4th Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to the start of the parade. It will be in the Bellflower Fire House. There is always a wide variety of treats to choose from! If you are interested in donating goods, please have them to the Fire House by 7:30 or deliver them to Shirley Sprau or Connie Warsaw the day before.

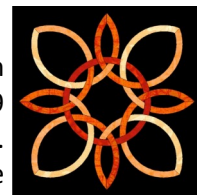
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Michael Brooks and Hannah Sammer who will be getting married on Saturday, July 25th. Congratulations to Eric Zimmerman and Joy Marx who got married on Friday, June 26th. May God bless these couples!



Next Quilting Dates!

The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, July 2 and Thursday, July 9 to work on quilts in the fellowship hall. No sewing or quilting skills are needed, so please join us at 8 AM to make quilts that change people's lives in distant places in the world.



LWML News

Twelve ladies meet on June 11th for their regular meeting. Barb Whitehouse-Gercken gave the topic on "Out of the Mouths of Babies". Deb Lammler gave a report on the Danville Zone Spring Gathering which was held in Danville in March. Barb Gaines gave a report on the CID Convention which was held in Champaign in April.

The ladies have completed approximately 100 quilts. Connie Warsaw was thanked for doing a Thrivent Action Team project for the quilting days in June and received \$250. This was used to buy cotton material for the middles of the quilts. The quilting dates were chosen for the next three months. They are as follows: July 2 and 9, August 6 and 8, and September 3 and 5. All ladies of the congregation are invited to work on these quilts. There is a great demand from Lutheran World Relief for quilts this year.

Supporting a seminary student was part of the business meeting. The Ladies Aid and LWML combine efforts to support a student. It usually is the summer vicar but since we do not have a summer vicar, it was decided to support the Ladies Aid suggestion to support Johnathan Scheck who will be back at the seminary in the fall.

The Danville Zone fall rally will be hosted at Osman on September 17th so committees were assigned and beginning plans were outlined. There are five ladies who will be attending the national convention in Des Moines – Deb Lammler, Barb Gaines, Terri Hooker, Connie Warsaw, and Brenda Hendricks. They will be sharing their experiences at the next meeting in September.

A fall church cleaning date was set for Friday, September 11th, at 8 AM.

Wilma Grussing and Barb Gaines served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be September 10th when the topic will be given by the attendees of the national convention and the hostesses will be Marsha Warsaw and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken.

Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

The Quarterly Voter's meeting will be held after services on Sunday, July 12th.



LWML Recycling

The LWML organization recycles the following items and the money collected added to our mite offerings:

ink jet cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones & smart phones, lap top computers, tablets (Kindles), digital cameras, MP3 players (I-Pods), and GPS devices. These offerings are then used to support the LWML mission grants, voted on this year at

the National LWML convention at Des Moines, Iowa. See Debbie Lammle if you have any of these items to donate.



Ladies Night Out

The 3rd annual "Ladies Night Out" was hosted by Diana Zimmerman, Connie Warsaw, Shirley Sprau, and Debbie Lammle. Thirty six members of Osman and their friends gathered for a great evening of laughter and fellowship on Friday, June 19th in the Fellowship Hall. Young and old alike enjoyed an evening of Bunco, great refreshments, and prizes! Theresa Cox (guest of Cindy Masko) won the gift card to Hobby Lobby, and Wilma Grussing won the gift card to Dairy Queen. A fun night was had by all! Watch the bulletin for another "Ladies Night Out" before the end of the year!

Annual Church Picnic



The annual Osman Church Picnic will be held at the Bellflower Pavilion on August 9th beginning at 10:00am. Singing favorite hymns, sharing delicious recipes, and games for young and old are just a few reasons not to miss this special event! Meat, buns, and drinks will be furnished by the council. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Mark your calendars for a day of fellowship and fun!



Statistics

| Date | Worship | Sunday School | Adult Class |
|------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| 5-24 | 62 | 1 | 10 |
| 5-31 | 69 | 5 | 14 |
| 6-07 | 52 | 2 | 8 |
| 6-14 | 73 | 3 | 9 |
| 6-21 | 61 | n/a | n/a |
| 6-28 | n/a | n/a | n/a |

July Birthdays

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|------------------------|-------|
| Ryan Lammle..... | 07-02 |
| Jessica Poppe..... | 07-03 |
| Joshua Poppe..... | 07-03 |
| Jerry Edwards..... | 07-05 |
| MacKenzie Delaney..... | 07-06 |
| Weston Hasty..... | 07-06 |
| Larry Lutz..... | 07-12 |
| Wilma Grussing..... | 07-13 |
| Daniel Schuh..... | 07-13 |
| William Schroeder..... | 07-14 |
| Ryan McPike..... | 07-15 |
| Aaron Warsaw..... | 07-15 |
| Bryan Warsaw..... | 07-15 |
| Marvin Clemmons..... | 07-20 |
| Carolyn Majercin..... | 07-20 |
| Shane Zimmerman..... | 07-21 |
| Steve Gaines..... | 07-24 |
| Carol Martinie..... | 07-26 |
| Jane Poppe..... | 07-27 |
| Stefani Warsaw..... | 07-28 |
| John Haggin..... | 07-29 |
| Roy Whitehouse..... | 07-30 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy 4th of July!

July Anniversaries

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| C. J. and Ross Warsaw..... | 07-04-1988 |
| Marti and Steve Brandt..... | 07-06-1984 |
| Deb and Dick Johnson..... | 07-10-1971 |
| Hallie and Greg Payne..... | 07-12-2011 |
| Marsha and Steve Warsaw..... | 07-16-1977 |
| Rebecca and Scott Gercken..... | 07-21-2007 |
| Nikki and Rob Gallier..... | 07-24-1999 |
| Nicole and Jesse Johnson..... | 07-28-2007 |

Elder Schedule

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