

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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



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The LORD will keep your going out  
and your coming in from this time  
forth and forevermore.

Psalm 121:8

From the desk of Pastor McPike...

### "Junior" Catechism

"Junior" catechism resumes this fall. The class met last year for the first year of study, and will complete their study this fall. As has been the case in the past, the class will be taught in two types of sessions. Debbie Lammle is the primary classroom teacher, teaching in the pastor's office during the Sunday School hour. Pastor will meet with the students one Sunday each month after church for approximately an hour or more. Confirmation is expected in the spring of 2016. This arrangement allows class to be held at 8:30 AM on Sunday morning, Pastor McPike to continue teaching the Adult Bible Class at that hour, and pastor to continue to have contact with students on a regular basis. Thanks to Debbie for her service to the Lord in this way. Only two are in the class this year: Will Delaney and Mitchell Gallier. Catechism instruction is not just about the pastor, teacher and students. It takes a family - the support of the students families and the support of the congregational family. Please keep Debbie, these students, and pastor and the Delaney and Gallier families in your prayers as these students work on this important step in their faith life in the church.

### 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.

### Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 8, 2015

The July Council Meeting of Immanuel Lutheran Church was held on July 8<sup>th</sup> with ten members present. Those attending were Rick Hardesty, Bob Zimmerman, Debbie Lammle, Lee Whitehouse, Aaron Warsaw, Diana Zimmerman, Steve Martin, Susan Martin, Connie Warsaw, and Pastor McPike. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardesty. Pastor's message was from Psalm 123: 1-4. The secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman, gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$79,637.44. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the report; Lee Whitehouse seconded; motion carried. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman, reported that only 37 more kilowatt hours of electricity were used this year compared to last year, with an increase of only \$1.39 to the utility bill.

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor McPike suggested purchasing laminated cards to explain the divine service of communion which will be placed in the pew racks in the church. Diana Zimmerman made a motion to order 75 of the 8 ½ tri-fold cards and Aaron Warsaw seconded the motion; motion carried. Pastor is working on an article for the August newsletter explaining the change which will emphasize the importance of the sacred meal for our Christian lives by saying "we regularly have communion except on two Sundays each month". The change of philosophy comes due to the synod encouraging churches to offer "The Lord's Supper" more often.

Adult catechism was completed with 3 adults ready to join the church: Annette Whitehouse, wife of Roy Whitehouse, Sandy Whitehouse, wife of Lee Whitehouse, and Susan Miller, wife of Austin Miller. Pastor McPike will confirm the confirmands during an upcoming Sunday service.

Pastor McPike has agreed to be the resident agent

for the Orphan Grain Train. Pastor feels we should have more visibility of Immanuel Osman in the Fisher area. Chairman Hardesty suggested possibly advertising in the Fisher Fair book next year. Pastor sent a very nice graphic of the church to Linda Warsaw for the front of the bulletin, which could also be placed on a larger sign in Fisher encouraging Fisher residents to attend Immanuel Osman. Pastor reported that secretary Linda Warsaw asked to have newsletter articles earlier in the month. Discussion was held concerning this subject, as well as discussing the number of pictures included in the newsletter from each church sponsored event. Discussion also included the possible purchase of a newer computer program for Linda to use for the bulletin and newsletter, making it easier to submit different size pictures electronically. Pastor informed the council that the computer in the office crashed but after purchasing a new hard drive he was able to restore all programs. (Larry Lutz also has all the services saved at his home). Pastor suggested placing a camera hooked to the internet, be mounted in front of the church. This could be useful for recording the service and making DVD's for the shut-ins. (This could provide video in addition to the audio we already have.)

Chairman Hardesty asked Bob Zimmerman to call Eastern Illini concerning a surge protector that would protect both the church and fellowship hall.

**Sunday School Superintendent's Report:**

Connie Warsaw reported in the absence of Annette Warsaw. She stated that VBS will begin Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Jesus at Work through Us".

**Trustee's Report:**

Lee Whitehouse is still pursuing another bid for ceiling fans. Discussion was held concerning keeping fans running continually, as a preventative measure to eliminate mold. Lee is also reviewing other businesses that remove mold. Discussion was held concerning when and how to complete this project. Chairman Hardesty will call Rainbow International for an estimate to determine if enough mold is present to present a problem, and then obtain the price of cleaning. Pastor suggested relocating the wireless microphone receiver to the front of the church in the Altar Guild sacristy.

It was reported that water was standing under the front door of the church and that the threshold has cracked, due to a possible leak in the bell tower. Elders will look into this matter.

President Hardesty asked for names of other contractors in the area who could complete work on doors and windows in the annex and the two east

outside doors to the church. Lee Whitehouse will determine if continual use of the fans make a difference in the temperatures in the church.

Bob Zimmerman was asked to inquire when the Sprau's would like the dedication of the new sinks in the kitchen.

Diana Zimmerman suggested hosting another "Ladies Night Out" in September. The council approved the suggestion.

It was suggested that one or more of our monthly mission donations be designated for the recipient of our next Benefit Supper. Connie Warsaw stated that Thrivent Choice Dollars could be used for this reason as well.

Discussion on a possible 125<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebration will be discussed at the Voter's Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Aaron Warsaw made a motion to adjourn; Lee Whitehouse seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Debbie Lammle



**Thank You!**

Thank you to Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw for visiting the shut-ins during the month of August.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to Dick Johnson and Donnie Warsaw for finishing the soffit and fascia boards on the church. It was the final step of the tuck-pointing project. It really brightens the outside of the church and highlights the new guttering and sets off the clean bricks. Thank you also to Donnie Warsaw for donating the lift that made the job a little easier to do.

**Church Council**

The Church Council will meet on  
Wednesday, September 2nd  
at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ladies Aid!**

The Ladies Aid will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2 in the Fellowship Hall. Connie Warsaw will have the devotion and prayer and serve as hostess. Wilma Grussing will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on Covenant. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!



L-R: Bill McCleary, Arnita Zimmerman, Wilma Grussing, Susan Martin, Barb Whitehouse-Gercken, and Moneta McCleary

**Ladies Aid Annual Luncheon**

The Osman Ladies Aid and guests met on Wednesday, August 5th for their annual luncheon at Sweepers Restaurant and Bar in Arcola. Following lunch, they attended the play "Half-Stitched The Musical" at the Green Mill Village Theater in Arcola.



L-R: Steve Warsaw, Annette Warsaw, Jeff Warsaw, Don Warsaw, Connie Warsaw, Brenda Hendricks, Ady Warsaw, and Marsha Warsaw



L-R: Agnes Martinie, Shirley Sprau, Diana Zimmerman, Bob Zimmerman, Butch Sprau, and Cindy Masko

**Pew Cards**

New cards that explain the worship services were recently purchased and have been placed in each pew. Please feel free to look at these cards, but we hope to keep them in the pew rack from week to week. The cards were produced locally in Champaign and feature photographs taken at St. John Lutheran Church.

### Thrivent News

The total received from Thrivent choice to our church for August was \$182. We thank the following members who directed Choice Dollars to our church: Kim Clemmons, Allen Grussing, John Grussing, Wilma Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Carolyn and Doug Majercin, Butch and Shirley Sprau.

We will probably be holding a meeting in September to decide if we want to do another benefit this fall. If anyone has a suggestion for a recipient, please let Brenda Hendricks, Terri Hooker or Connie Warsaw know.



### Church Cleaning

The annual church cleaning has been scheduled for Friday, September 11th starting at 8 AM. Men and women are encouraged to help brighten up our house of worship! Many hands make light work!

### LWML

The next LWML meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. The topic will be a power point presentation on the national LWML convention given by Barb Gaines, Brenda Hendricks, Terri Hooker, and Deb Lammle. The hostesses will be Barb Whitehouse-Gercken and Marsha Warsaw. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

### Fall Rally

The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held on Thursday, September 17, here at Immanuel. Registration, coffee, and refreshments will be from 9 – 9:30 AM. The program will follow. The cost for registration, rally materials, and lunch will be \$10 which is payable at the door. Please sign up on the back bulletin board if you will be attending. The theme is “Go Ye – Means Me” based on Mark 16:15. The speaker will be Karen Ruhlig who will be speaking on her mission work in Poland. The ingathering will benefit Salt and Light. They are in need of new toys for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. If you wish to donate but cannot attend the rally, please put items on the back pew.

### Quilting

The ladies will meet again on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM to quilt. Over 100 quilts have been made so far this year to be given to Lutheran World Relief. They will be delivered to Gibson City at the end of October to be picked up to be taken to a warehouse. They will be distributed as the need arrives from these warehouses. They will be displayed on the back of the pews on LWML Sunday in October.



Quilters L - R: Arnita Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, Diana Zimmerman, Wilma Grussing, and Barb Gaines

### New Door Locks

New door locks have been placed on the church and hall. These locks require a code for entry. If you come to church needing access and cannot get in, please call a council member for the code.

**Statistics**

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
7/26	72	3	14
8/2	65	1	10
8/9	40	0	0
8/16	67	2	8
8/23	64	n/a	n/a
8/30	n/a	n/a	n/a

**September Birthdays**

Darryl Redding.....	09-05
Jim Poppe.....	09-06
Mark Barrack.....	09-07
Ken Whitehouse.....	09-12
Gene Welborn.....	09-14
Nicholas Homann.....	09-16
Stephanie Gaines.....	09-17
Marge Morrissey.....	09-20
Ryan Peyton.....	09-21
Mitchell Gallier.....	09-23
Rob Gallier.....	09-24
Sara McPike.....	09-24
Arnita Zimmerman.....	09-25
Pastor Keffie Deen.....	09-26
Scott Gercken.....	09-26
Nicholas Haggin.....	09-29



**Osman Alert Text Messages**

A list has been compiled of the cell phone numbers for those of you wishing to receive text message alerts. The first test message was sent out on Tuesday, August 18 at approximately 10 AM. If you did not receive a message and wish to be on that list, or you did not receive a message and think you signed up, please contact Pastor McPike ([pastor@osmanlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@osmanlutheran.org)). You need to provide both your cell phone number and your cell phone carrier, as these messages go out as a short-EMAIL message. In the future, we expect to test out the list by sending a test alert once each month on the first Tuesday at 10:00AM.

**Osman EMAIL News**

If you would like to receive information through the Osman EMAIL news list, please send pastor a note at [pastor@osmanlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@osmanlutheran.org).

**September Anniversaries**

Kris and Shaun Zimmerman.....	09-02-2011
Sue and Jim VanWakeman.....	09-13-1969
Phyllis and David Hasty.....	09-14-1985
Esther and Larry Lutz.....	09-18-1965
Brenda and David Peyton.....	09-26-1996

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Elder Schedule**

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