

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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



*Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC*  
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The grass withers, the flower  
fades, but the word of our God  
will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

*November 2015*

### Osman Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 2, 2015

The Osman Lutheran Church Council met for its monthly meeting on September 2, 2015. Those present were Rick Hardesty, Bob Zimmerman, Susie Martin, Diana Zimmerman, Steve Martin, Shane Zimmerman, Jeff Warsaw, Aaron Warsaw, Lee Whitehouse and Pastor McPike. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardesty. Pastor McPike's devotion was from James 2:1-10, followed by prayer. Diana Zimmerman read the minutes from the August meeting for Debbie Lammler in her absence. Shane Zimmerman made a motion to approve; Jeff Warsaw seconded; motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by Bob Zimmerman, with a balance in the treasury of \$85,993.32. Steve Martin made a motion to approve; Aaron Warsaw seconded; motion carried.

#### Pastor's Report:

Pastor began his report informing us that Linda Warsaw had had surgery and would be out an indefinite amount of time as secretary. Brenda Hendricks is filling in as secretary in her absence. Discussion followed in regard to getting a laptop for the secretary that could be universally used in the future with all the templates, etc. for bulletins and other Church forms. It was then discussed as to paying Brenda for filling in. Shane Zimmerman made a motion to pay Brenda; seconded by Diana Zimmerman; motion carried. It was then decided that Linda Warsaw would also be paid in her absence. Brenda will be paid the same salary as Linda receives. Pastor McPike is working on computer sensors for temperature and camera security in the church.

#### Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Jeff Warsaw reported that Annette Warsaw was working on the Christmas program. It was then discussed that there should be a reminder ahead, and

that morning, to let people know about refreshments for Christian Education Sunday.

#### Old Business:

Dick Johnson is working on ramp ideas for spring of 2016. The windows and doors are measured. Council discussed the door by the ramp and possible electric door opener. Fascia and gutters were done by Don Warsaw and Dick Johnson.

Girl's Night Out is tentatively set for 9/25/15.

Chairman Hardesty brought up the Hayrack and Wiener Roast for September 27, 2015. He stated he would ask LWML or Ladies Aid to be responsible for details.

Pastor McPike suggested doing Reformationfest and Pastor Appreciation at the same time on October 25, 2015. He suggested asking Fellowship Club to plan the affair.

The 125<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebration was touched up on by Chairman Hardesty with the suggestion that he and Bob Zimmerman meet and go over details from the 100<sup>th</sup> year.

#### New Business:

Chairman Hardesty brought up a microphone was needed for Chapel Talk and any other persons who will speak up front. The lapel and headset microphones will be available to use.

Jeff Warsaw requested a leaf blower for snow removal. Discussion followed.

Larry and Esther Lutz donated four large, round tables to the church.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Zimmerman

#### Thank You!

Thanks to Terri Hooker and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins this month.

### **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.

### **Important Dates:**

Harvest Breakfast - November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Church Council Meeting - November 4<sup>th</sup>; 7pm  
Thanksgiving Meal and Service - November 22<sup>nd</sup>; 5pm  
Advent Begins - November 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Harvest Breakfast**

Come help the Youth group on Sunday, November 1st and at the same time partake in a wonderful breakfast! Casseroles, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee cakes, and drinks will be the menu. A free will offering will be taken which will help the youth attend the Youth gathering, July 16-20, 2016, in New Orleans, LA. The theme for the gathering is "In Christ Alone We Stand." Let's all support their efforts and encourage them to witness for Christ with their presence!

### **Thanksgiving Meal and Service**

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Let us give thanks for all God's goodness, and come together on November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the second annual Thanksgiving Meal and evening service at Immanuel Osman. Everyone is invited to join in this special meal, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in the church. No need to feel obligated to attend the meal, if only the service fits into your schedule. If you do wish to attend the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the church. If you desire to help with the food, salads and desserts are welcome. Just place your contribution next to your name on the sign-up sheet. The meal begins at 5pm and the service at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

### **With Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Williams, husband of Mary Lou Grussing Williams, in his recent passing. (Mary Lou and family are residing in Dallas, TX.) May God provide them with the strength they need to find peace in this difficult time.

### **Advent**

Advent this year begins November 29<sup>th</sup> and ends December 24<sup>th</sup>. The word "Advent" is from the Latin word for "coming" and describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh.

Advent begins the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began-in the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation. After Advent comes Christmas, which is about Christ's birth. Advent specifically focuses on Christ's "coming", but Christ's coming manifests itself among us in three ways - past, present, and future. The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the past focus on the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation at Bethlehem. The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the future focus on his "second coming" on the Last Day at the end of time. And the readings which highlight Christ's coming in the present focus on his ministry among us through Word and Sacrament today.

The traditional use of Advent candles on a wreath originated in eastern Germany even prior to Reformation. As this tradition came down to us by the beginning of this century, it involved three purple candles and one pink. The purple candles matched the paraments on the altar. Later, blue candles replaced the purple ones. The pink candle was the third candle to be lit on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. "Gaudete" means "Rejoice" in Latin. ("Rejoice!...The Lord is near") Hence a "pink" candle was used to signify "rejoicing". A "Christ Candle" in the middle of the wreath is lit during the 12 days of Christmas (December 25-January 5).

**Immanuel Osman will celebrate Advent with a Soup Supper and Advent Service on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars now for this special celebration!**



### **Ladies Aid!**

The Ladies Aid will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Agnes Martinie will have the devotion and prayer and serve as hostess. Connie Warsaw will present the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on Obedience. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

## LWML NEWS

### Central Illinois District LWML Retreat

The CID Retreat was held at Camp Cilca on October 9 and 10. The speaker was Deaconess Pamela J. Nielsen from the Missouri Synod in the office of national missions. Her message was "Go Ye. . . Communicate . . . Means Me!" to go along with the LWML Sunday theme. We also received information from both Sheila Lutz and Shelley Moeller about serving on the national board. Brenda Hendricks attended from our LWML society.

### Quilting

Thanks to Terri Hooker for folding and boxing the quilts for Lutheran World Relief this week. She also attached a tracking label to each box so we can tell what countries our quilts were shipped. Thanks to Terri and Dwight Hooker for delivering them to Gibson City on Saturday, October 31st. 109 quilts were packed in 18 boxes. Thanks to all the ladies who donated their time and talents to help make and assemble the quilts. We donated one quilt to the ingathering at the National LWML Convention in Des Moines. We recorded over 800 volunteer hours for this effort. Great Job!

### Pillowcase Dresses

Thank you to Connie Warsaw and Diana Zimmerman who boxed 42 pillowcase dresses this week. They were mailed to Michigan where they will be sent to 81 different countries. Little Dresses for Africa is the organization that handles the delivery of the dresses to needy girls. Thanks to all the ladies that volunteered their time and talents to make these adorable dresses. This was the first year that we participated in this program and within months we had collected a multitude of dresses that were sewn and designed by our ladies. What an awesome job!



### Update on Jeri Bidner

Jeri Bidner is recovering from a broken hip. She is doing rehabilitation in the Gifford Nursing Home and would love to get cards. Her address is: Country Health Nursing Home, Room #210B, 2304 Country Road, Gifford, IL 61847.

## "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share HIS message and love with people in all walks of life throughout this community and the world. LWML Celebration Sunday was held at Osman on Sunday, October 11 with the theme "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God".



### LWML Members on LWML Sunday

L to R: Brenda Edwards, Shirley Sprau, Karen Bryan, Debbie Lammle, Barb Gaines, Diana Zimmerman, Terri Hooker, Debbie Martin, Connie Warsaw, Agnes Martinie, Brenda Hendricks and Sue Van Wakeman

### Thrivent News

Thrivent members met after church on October 18th to discuss having a benefit in November. Several suggestions were made at our last meeting for a recipient of a benefit. Five individuals were asked and all declined. A suggestion was made to have a benefit to help the Farmer City and Fisher food pantries. Since it was getting late to get posters and advertising done, it was decided to wait and have a benefit next year.

A motion was made to give Pastor Peter Kolb and family \$500 from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Pastor Kolb and family are serving as missionaries in Asia (Hong Kong presently) for at least a year and probably longer. He is a good friend of Scott and Becca Gercken. Pastor Kolb spent a year raising money so that he and his family could go to Asia and appreciate any donations received. Let us keep them in our prayers as they serve our Lord in Asia.

**Statistics**

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
9/27	54	3	14
10/4	62	3	14
10/11	62	5	16
10/18	57	3	14
10/25	66	n/a	n/a

**November Birthdays**

Deb Peyton.....11-02  
 Emily Grussing.....11-05  
 Joni Reifsteck.....11-05  
 Lee Whitehouse.....11-06  
 Malachi Johnson.....11-10  
 Esther Lutz.....11-10  
 Karen Bryan.....11-11  
 Brent Lutz.....11-11  
 Randy Zimmerman.....11-13  
 Steve Warsaw.....11-14  
 Dwight Hooker.....11-15  
 Rick Hardesty.....11-16  
 Mary Beth Duncan.....11-19  
 Agnes Martinie.....11-22  
 Nick Forrest.....11-24  
 Jenna Clemmons.....11-25  
 Bill Forrest.....11-25  
 Julia Camp.....11-30



**November Anniversaries**

Annette and Jeff Warsaw.....11-03-2001  
 Stefani and Greg Warsaw.....11-16-2002  
 Connie and John Grussing.....11-19-1999  
 Kim and Marvin Clemmons.....11-21-1998  
 Connie and Don Warsaw.....11-22-1969  
 Anne and Bill Amdor.....11-26-1983

**Elder Schedule**

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