

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



**Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC,  
Vacancy Pastor  
Vicar Steven Mazzaferro**

*April 2010*



*The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.*

### Welcoming the Heimbucks

A potluck for the Heimback family, who traveled from St. Louis, was held on February 28th after the worship service in which Josh preached. He was very appreciative to the LWML and Ladies Aid for the generous monetary and prayful support given him while in seminary school. Immanuel Osman doesn't always have the expertise of a Pastor, Vicar, and soon to be installed pastor all in one service. Thanks to all who welcomed this special family!



Above. Josh Heimback, his wife, Rebecca, and son, John David at our potluck dinner on February 28, 2010. LWML and the Ladies Aid sponsored Josh while he was a seminary student.

Below. Pastor Josh Heimback, Vicar Steve Mazzaferro, and Pastor Jeff McPike on February 28, 2010.



### Church Council Meeting

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. (Pastor Jeff McPike, Vicar Steve Mazzaferro, and seven (7) Church Council members attended):

Pastor McPike opened with a prayer.

Welcome Council Members:

Chairman Whitehouse welcomed all members to the meeting.

Members attending: Lee Whitehouse, Rick Hardesty, Mike Hendricks, Dwight Hooker, Darwin Warsaw, Shane Zimmerman, Larry Lutz, Pastor McPike, and Vicar Steve Mazzaferro

Secretary Report:

Reading of minutes from February 2, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion to accept by Dwight Hooker. Second by Darwin Warsaw. All in favor: 7. Motion passed.

Treasure Report:

January 31, 2010 balance = \$25,541.04

February 28, 2010 balance = \$29,360.76

Motion to accept by Darwin Warsaw. Second by Larry Lutz. All in favor: 7. Motion passed.

Mike noted we had \$150.00 in discretionary funds and asked what the council wanted to do with it. (1) Motion by Don Warsaw to donate \$150.00 to LCMS World Relief and Human Care for Chili in March 2010. All in favor: 7. Motion passed.

Treasurer Hendricks also mentioned costs for the Easter egg hunt (\$60.00) and Confirmation (\$55.00 per person) may have to be covered from different funds than in previous years.

He also mentioned the Lutheran Church Extension Fund may be a consideration for deposits in the future.

Also, we had donations made to the organ fund and the building fund.

Pastor/Vicar Report:

Services:

March 21, 2010 (communion moved to March 28).

March 24, 2010 (Pastor McPike unavailable).

April 11, 2010 (Pastor out of town, Chaplin Conference)

Constitution Review. Pastor wants to wait until the July meeting for the changes.

Recording system for the church needs some romex ran to finish the project. We hope to have it for the Easter service.

Confirmation will be in June.

Pastor reminded us to start preparing for the upcoming transition from Vicar Steve to his incoming replacement.

Pastor suggested trying to hand the cups of wine out during communion.

#### Elders Report:

Dwight mentioned if the Adult Bible Study could start on time and finish by 9:15 a.m., people arriving won't disturb the class.

It was also mentioned there is a need for the Elders to assist with acolyte duties since the numbers have been reduced.

#### Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Pastor reported that Catechism is progressing nicely.

#### Trustee Report:

Darwin Warsaw mentioned he had the furnace in the Fellowship Hall repaired. The total cost was \$1,108.00. The same repairman will come back and look at the motor on the church furnace.

Dick Johnson and other church volunteers finished the new ceiling in the Annex.

#### Old Business:

Discussion was held about refurbishing of the Eternal Flame Candle holder. The Altar Guild wants to wait until summer to take it down and send for repairs.

Larry Lutz is still looking for CD players.

#### New Business:

Draft Guidelines for disbursement of the Needy Fund. The guidelines were discussed; more work needs to be done.

#### General Information:

Hall Reservations: Terri Hooker reserved the Hall all day June 26, 2010.

Next Church Council Meeting: Tuesday April 6, 2010.

First Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 11, 2010.

Motion to adjourn by Dwight Hooker. Second by Shane Zimmerman.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Hardesty, Secretary

### Thrivent News

Benefit Soup Supper. Thank you to everyone who donated food and time to help provide a delicious

benefit soup supper on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Since our crowd was slim, we served lunch on Sunday noon to our members. Our efforts netted a profit of \$1,270.00 with the Saturday and Sunday donations combined. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match about one-third of the profit.

April 18-24, 2010 is National Volunteer Week! We would like to recognize all of our members who have volunteered so generously for the Thrivent events. With all of the baking, cooking, and serving for the benefit last weekend, we accumulated over 100 hours. Volunteer hours are very vital for any type of organization to be successful.

Choose Favorite Charity. Watch for your April edition of your Thrivent magazine for details about how you can vote to help distribute \$1 million among a short list of national charities. Take the time to let your choice be known!

### Easter Worship Services

The Maundy Thursday worship service (April 1, 2010) and the Good Friday worship service (April 2, 2010) will begin at 7:00 p.m. A social hour will follow the Maundy Thursday service.

The Easter worship service will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 4, 2010 followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, and drinks will be served by the Youth. The freewill offering will be used for expenses of the Youth Group activities.

### Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the Easter worship service. After the children have enjoyed a great breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, they will gather in the Annex. The hunt will be held outside if the weather cooperates. All Sunday School children and guests under sixth grade are welcome to participate. Since Thrivent no longer issues money for congregational events, it will be sponsored by our Church Council.

### Mite Boxes

Any Sunday School student who still has a filled mite box, please give to Debbie Lammler by April 4, 2010.

### Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

### Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joanne

Nelson is the hostess and will give the devotion. The topic will be given by Connie Warsaw. We welcome all ladies in the congregation to attend!

### **Quilting**

All women of the church are invited to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief on April 10, 2010 in the Fellowship Hall. (Quilts are a much needed item for victims of the Haiti and Chile earthquakes so this "hands-on" project is especially important!) Bring a sack lunch and stay for the afternoon.

### **Quarterly Voters Meeting**

The First Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2010 immediately following the worship service.

### **LWML News**

Hygiene Kits. Reverend Glenn Merritt, LCMS Disaster Relief Director, has sent an urgent request to the LWML for hygiene kits for the Haiti and Chile earthquake victims. The kit includes toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene personal items, hairbrushes, combs, wash cloths, hand towels, deodorant, hand-sanitizing gel, Band-aids, triple antibiotic, disinfectant wipes, needles, thread, and buttons. A women's kit costs approximately \$17.40 and a men's kit costs \$14.80. Our local LWML chapter is asking you, the members of Immanuel Osman, to please join us in this most worthwhile cause. Please give your donation of \$14.80, \$17.40, or more to Debbie Martin, LWML Mission Growth Coordinator, and make your checks to "Immanuel Osman LWML." A box will also be placed in the back of the church until April 11, 2010.

As we prepare for Holy Week, let us remember the sacrifice Christ made for us and, in turn, open our hearts for those in need of our most urgent support!

All Women Ages 13-35! A retreat in your honor is being planned at Camp Cilca on May 1, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be Bible study, music, crafts, and sharing. The cost is \$25.00. Please consider attending for a full day of fun and surprises. You will certainly be blessed! Deadline for registration is April 25, 2010. See Debbie Lammler for more details.

### **Church Cleaning**

All men and women of the church are encouraged to help with cleaning the church on June 12, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Remember many hands help make the job easier!

### **Visiting Shut-ins**

All members of LWML, Ladies Aid, and those interested in visiting the shut-ins, please sign up on the bulletin board. (This is in addition to the visits by Pastor and Vicar.) You don't have to visit all four 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 the nursing homes in Colfax and Gibson City. A short visit from a church member would make all the difference!

### **Church Mowing List**

The 2010 Church Mowing List is attached. The list will also be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Due to fewer members who are able to do the mowing, you may see your name listed more than once. If your name is not listed and you would like to mow or you would be willing to mow more than once, please tell Don Warsaw and Darwin Warsaw. Thanks so much for helping with the mowing.

### **Prayer Requests**

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Pastor McPike, Vicar Mazzaferro, or call and leave a message at the church. We will try to keep up with prayer requests, and don't want to leave anyone out, but we won't know about them unless you tell us! Also, hospitalizations will not automatically be included by pastor unless you give him specific permission (to satisfy federal privacy rules).

### **Electronic News List**

An electronic news list has been created to get information to Immanuel members and friends. Please send a note to [OsmanNews@n9cqs.com](mailto:OsmanNews@n9cqs.com) and you will be signed up for the list. Please note, your email address will not be used for any other purpose than for this news list. If you have questions, please ask Pastor McPike.

### **Bulletin/Newsletter Deadlines**

Bulletin Deadline. To have submissions included in Sunday's bulletin, please forward them to Karen Bryan by 12:00 noon on Thursday.

Newsletter Deadline. To have submissions included in the monthly newsletter, please forward them to Karen Bryan by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday previous to the last Sunday of the month.

**Statistics**

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
02-28	70	14	21
03-07	70	11	15
03-14	80	12	19
03-21	74	10	8
03-28	Statistics Unavailable		

Mike Hendricks .....	04-23
Hallie Johnson .....	04-23
Bob Zimmerman .....	04-23
Chris Barrack .....	04-24
Linda Warsaw .....	04-25
Kristan Lammle .....	04-25
Matthew Poppe .....	04-25
Deb Lammle .....	04-26
Marvin Nelson .....	04-28

**Lent Worship Services**

02-17	68	Ash Wednesday
02-24	44	
03-03	50	
03-10	47	
03-17	48	
03-24	39	
04-01		Maundy Thursday
04-02		Good Friday



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

**Elder-on-Duty**

Rob Gallier	<b>Apr</b>	June	Nov
John Gercken	May	July	Oct
Dwight Hooker	Mar	Sept	Jan 2011
Shane Zimmerman	Feb	Aug	Dec



**Altar Guild**

April .....Kathy Brendel and Debbie Martin

**Lay Readers**

04-04 .....Vicar Steve Mazzaferro  
 04-11 .....Leonard Delaney  
 04-18 .....Marsha Warsaw  
 04-25 .....Barb Whitehouse-Gercken

**April Birthdays**

Chase Zimmerman .....04-03  
 Courtney Delaney .....04-03  
 Timothy Brandt .....04-10  
 Dorothy Miller .....04-12  
 Connie Warsaw .....04-12  
 Benjamin Burgess .....04-13  
 Barb Gaines .....04-16  
 Kathy Brendel .....04-17  
 Leonard Delaney .....04-17  
 Steven Sprau .....04-18  
 Gina Masko .....04-19