

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Vacancy Pastor
Vicar Steven Mazzaferro

May 2010

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.
John F. Kennedy

Fellowship Club

Twenty-four members attended Fellowship Club on Sunday, March 28, 2010. To get in the festive mood, the Hall was decorated with a sport's theme. Pizza, salad, cake, ice cream, and drinks were enjoyed by all. Dave Hearn spoke on organ donors, followed by recognizing the members who had birthdays in January, February, and March. Julia Camp reminded us that we are all on God's team. A special bingo game connected to a religious theme was then played, with several prizes passed out to the winners.

Be sure to watch your bulletin for the date of the next Fellowship Club at the end of June.



Frances Zimmerman (seated), Brenda Hendricks, Rebecca Gercken, and Cindy Masko whose birthdays were recognized at the Fellowship Club on March 28, 2010.

Church Council Minutes

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.:

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Welcome Council Members

Members attending: Lee Whitehouse, Rick Hardesty, Mike Hendricks, John Gercken, Shane

Zimmerman, Larry Lutz, Pastor McPike, and Vicar Mazzaferro

Chairman Whitehouse welcomed all members to the meeting.

Secretary Report:

Reading of minutes from March 2, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion to accept by Mike Hendricks. Second by John Gercken. Motion passed.

Treasure Report:

January 31, 2010 balance = \$25,541.04,
February 28, 2010 balance = \$29,360.76,
March 31, 2010 balance.

Motion to accept by Rick Hardesty. Second by Shane Zimmerman. Motion passed.

Mike noted we had \$150.00 in Discretionary Funds and asked what the Council wanted to do with it.

Motion by Shane Zimmerman to donate \$150.00 to Orphan Grain Train for Chile in April 2010. Motion passed.

Treasure Hendricks also mentioned he added money to the Organ Fund and the Emergency Fund.

The Youth breakfast on Easter raised \$490.00.

Pastor/Vicar Report:

Services:

April 11, 2010 - Pastor out of town at Chaplain Conference.

May 2, 2010 - Pastor needs to be at his daughter's confirmation.

May 9, 2010 - Pastor gone.

May 23, 2010 - Pastor and Vicar gone. Looking for a substitute.

June 13, 2010 - Pastor at Buckley.

July 11, July 18, and July 25, 2010 - Pastor needs to be gone.

Constitution Review. Pastor to wait until the July meeting to discuss changes.

Recording system for the church is up and running. Recorded Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship services.

Sermons, newsletters, and bulletins are available online at our church web site: www.n9cqs.com/osman.

Elder Report: None.

Sunday School Superintendent Report: None.

Pastor reported that Revelations restarts April 18, 2010.

June 20, 2010 is tentative date for Confirmation.

Easter Egg Hunt cost was \$16.00 this year with twelve children participating.

Trustee Report:

(1) The air conditioners have been checked for electrical damage. The two ton unit is okay. The other unit needs work; repairs are pending.

(2) We have Italian bees in the church; they are not aggressive. Still trying to get rid of them.

(3) Beetles are being sprayed to get rid of them.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Discussion of items to mention at the First Quarterly Voters Meeting on April 11, 2010.

General Information:

Hall Reservation:

April 11, 2010 - Wedding shower, Kristan Lammle from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thank you was extended to Pastor and Vicar for their work during Holy Week.

Larry Lutz has been distributing recordings of the services to our shut-in members.

Next Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Second Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 11, 2010.

Motion to adjourn by Shane Zimmerman. Second by Richard Hardesty.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Hardesty, Council Secretary

First Quarterly Voters Meeting

The following items were discussed at the First Quarterly Voters Meeting held on Sunday, April 11, 2010:

Call meeting to order.

Elder Rob Gallier filling in for Chairman Lee Whitehouse. Called meeting to order. Total number of members present: 36.

Opening prayer was given by Vicar Steve.

New Members:

Elder Rob Gallier offered the opportunity to any new communicant members present to sign the constitution at this time.

Secretary Report:

A reading of minutes from the Fourth Quarterly Voters Meeting. With no additions and/or corrections to these minutes, motion to accept by Scott Gercken.

Second by Jill Hardesty. Motion passed.

Treasure Report:

First Quarterly Report was given by Mike Hendricks. March 31, 2010 balance = \$28,444.15.

With no discussion or questions, motion to accept by Connie Warsaw. Second by Gene Welborn. Motion passed.

Pastor Report:

Home visits were down, but will pick as things calm down from Easter.

We may find out about a new vicar around April 20, 2010.

Sunday School Superintendent Report: None.

Trustee Report:

One of the air conditioners needs repair after an electrical surge damaged it. The unit for the Hall has been repaired.

Old Business:

Recording of services has begun with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Larry and Esther Lutz are sending recordings of the services to our homebound members.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the church web site. Pastor has it up and running although very basic. No pictures or art. Pastor asked for anyone who has graphic art talent to help with the church web site.

Next Quarterly Voters Meeting:

First Sunday after the first Monday of the calendar month = July 11, 2010.

Motion to adjourn by Barb Whitehouse-Gercken. Second by Karen Bryan.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer – Vicar.

Submitted by: Rick Hardesty, Council Secretary

LWML News

Quilting. On Saturday, April 10, 2010, eight members of LWML met in the Fellowship Hall to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The women worked diligently to finish twelve quilts but took a break during lunch which was prepared by Vicar Steve. Vicar made his famous sauce into lasagna and added garlic bread to make a delicious meal (although we couldn't persuade him into divulging his family recipe). Thanks again, Vicar, for the great meal and to the ladies for giving of their time to help others!

The LWML Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Woodworth Lutheran School beginning at 8:30 a.m. Maps with directions to the event and information on the "ingathering" items are on the back bulletin board in the church. Reservations had to be made by April 24, 2010 (contact: Ruth Cluver at (217) 394-2040 or at racluver@illicom.net).

The Young Women's Conference for women age 13-35 will be held at Camp Cilca on May 1, 2010. More information about this event is posted on the bulletin board in the church.

LWML Central Illinois District Convention. The 66th Annual LWML Central Illinois District Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 4-5, 2010 at St. James Lutheran Church. Jan Wendorf, LWML National President, and Nicholas Salifu, from Ghana, Africa, will be the guest speakers.

On June 5th, the convention will begin at 9:00 a.m., with parking around St. James Lutheran Church and shuttle parking available from the Lutheran Church of St. John, 3340 State Street. Friday afternoon includes servant events at the Illinois Veteran's Home beginning at 1:30 p.m. Friday evening, fellowship will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner in St. James Lutheran School cafeteria (adjacent to the church).

"Gifts from the Heart" will be gathered for developmentally disabled adults through "Transitions of Western Illinois" and a flyer with the items needed will be posted on the back bulletin board. The cost of the event is \$20.00 (this includes lunch and registration). A special thank you to Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw for agreeing to be convention delegates and Wilma Grussing as alternate. Please let Debbie Lammle know if you are interested in attending this event by May 9, 2010.

God Bless Nathan!

Our blessings go with Nathan Hooker who left on Sunday, April 25, 2010 for basic training in the Army National Guard. He will receive training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He will go directly into training for the Military Police after he graduates from basic training. May our Lord always be Nathan's support for guidance and comfort as he pursues this new career.

Confirmation-Sara McPike

Our congregation will keep Sara McPike in our prayers as she prepares for her Confirmation on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Champaign. May her faith be strengthened as she continues to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus. Pastor McPike will preach the sermon for the service held at 2:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Connie Warsaw is the hostess and will give the devotion. The topic will be given by Moneta McCleary. We welcome all ladies in the congregation to attend!

Thrivent News

Help Make a Difference! If you are a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, age 16 or older, you can help choose where to direct \$1 million in Thrivent Financial charitable outreach funds through their new "Thrivent Choice Program." Please vote for one of the ten Lutheran and non-Lutheran national charities or choose the "Thrivent Financial Should Select" option. Each organization will receive a portion of the one million, based on the percentage of votes it receives. The voting deadline is May 21, 2010. You can vote online at Thrivent.com/choicevote or you can complete the reply card found in the spring issue of Thrivent Magazine. If more than 350,000 members vote, Thrivent will distribute a bonus one million to these national charities.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Tyler and Julian Barrack will be graduating from junior high in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Andrea Edwards will be graduating from Illinois State University with a degree in education.

Vacation Bible School

Please contact Cindy Masko (Sunday School Superintendent) or one of the Sunday School teachers if you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School. Cindy's telephone number is (217) 897-1671.

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!

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 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 before the last Sunday of the month.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
03-28	87	9	16
04-04	103	Easter Sunday	
04-11	67	3	9
04-18	78	12	15
04-25	Statistics Unavailable		

Elder-on-Duty

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

Altar Guild

MayJill Hardesty

Lay Readers

05-02Shane Zimmerman
 05-09Larry Camp
 05-16Kim Clemmons
 05-23Marvin Clemmons
 05-30Barb Gaines

May Birthdays

Doug Majercin05-01
 Cheyenne Zimmerman05-04

Martha Warsaw	05-08
Elizabeth Barrack	05-10
Wade Warsaw	05-12
Alvin Hinrichs	05-15
Moneta McCleary	05-19
Mike Warsaw	05-19
Steve Brandt	05-20
Barb Gercken	05-21
Jesse Johnson	05-21
Darwin Warsaw	05-22
Benjamin Brandt	05-28
Jeff Bryan	05-29
Brooke Clemmons	05-29
Loretta Brandt	05-30
Lois Christie	05-31

May Anniversaries

Susan and Steve Martin	05-09
Karen and David Brown	05-22
Becki and Brant Hendricks	05-26
Amanda and Chuck Amdor	05-30

What is a Mother ...

It takes a Mother's *Love* to make a house a home,
 A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam.
 It takes a Mother's *Patience*, to bring a child up right,
 And her *Courage* and her *Cheerfulness* to make a dark
 day bright.

It takes a Mother's *Kindness* to forgive us when we err,
 To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer.
 It takes a Mother's *Wisdom* to recognize our needs,
 And to give us reassurance by her loving words and
 deeds.

And that is why in all this world there could not be
 another
 Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a
MOTHER!



Sunday, May 9, 2010



Monday, May 31, 2010

In memory of those we loved and cherished.
 In memory of the brave men and women who are
 fighting for, or gave their lives for, our freedom!