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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

The Wider Door and Funeral Visitations: Two Separate Issues By Pastor McPike

Recently, two issues have been proposed for Osman voting members to consider. One, a wider door on the Fellowship Hall. The other, funeral visitations in light of the recent loss of a funeral home in Bellflower.

It's important to look at these as separate issues. The only real relationship they have is the possibility of funeral visitations that called for a wider door in order to facilitate easier passage of a casket in and out of the Hall. However, the issues are being considered separately, and rightfully so.

Making the front door of the Hall wider (by making it a double door) has been considered off and on for a while now. When events drawing larger crowds are held in the Hall, the current system of doors has been observed to be inadequate. Various events in the Hall, such as the benefits for which the congregation has become known in the area, have been a wonderful way the congregation has found to serve members of the surrounding community. A most recent benefit drew such a crowd that it was obvious that something needed to be done with the door.

Whether the congregation decides on funeral visitations in the Hall, and to what extent those visitations are offered (Can anyone in surrounding communities use the Hall regardless of church membership?) will be a subject of ongoing consideration by both Council and voters. In fact, the Council will hold face-to-face discussions with representatives of the funeral home at its August meeting to further consider this matter.

A wider door on the Hall would seem to be a good idea to allow the greatest flexible use of the building for the future. To what extent the building is used for funeral visitations remains to be seen, based on upcoming conversations. The Council feels that it is

important to look at these two issues more or less separately based on the merit of each.

If you have feelings about this, please contact a member of the Church Council and let your voice be heard.

Church Council Minutes

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with a Romans 8 reading and prayer.

Members in attendance: Lee Whitehouse, Larry Lutz, Aaron Warsaw, Darwin Warsaw, Mike Hendricks, Butch Sprau, Shane Zimmerman, Annette Warsaw, and Pastor Jeff McPike.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Darwin Warsaw. Second by Aaron Warsaw. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$63,991.40 as of June 30, 2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Butch Sprau. Second by Larry Lutz. Motion passed.

- A motion by Darwin Warsaw to give the July \$150.00 missions to Christ Lutheran High and \$150.00 to Christ the King Mission (Spanish) in the Quad cities for August was seconded by Aaron Warsaw. Motion passed.
- A discussion of our professional staff pay continued. We budgeted \$4,000.00 per month for this year.
- Darwin Warsaw moved that we give Pastor McPike a stipend of \$3,200.00 per month, use \$800.00 a month for sub-pastors, with the unused portion (of the \$4,000.00) going to the seminary at Ft. Wayne to help with Vicar Fenker's expenses at the end of the year.

Seconded by Shane Zimmerman. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor will need help in making the recordings each Sunday.

Pastor suggested that we set up visiting teams for potential new members.

Annette Warsaw will look at revising our information folders and Mike Hendricks said he would help on the visiting teams.

Pastor Bell has not responded to our offer at this time to help Pastor McPike.

Pastor Justin Schmidt will help on Sunday, July 31, 2011 and Sunday, October 16, 2011.

Pastor Ehlers will help on Sunday, August 7, 2011 and Sunday, August 28, 2011.

Pastor McPike discussed an opinion survey to help use in our January 2012 decisions on the ministry at Immanuel. He will check CID resources.

Pastor McPike mentioned that our elders would have a more active role in the service without the vicar.

Elder's Report: None.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent Annette Warsaw reported on the Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program. Twenty-two attended during the week. Kudos from the Council and Pastor were given to the staff and the students of this year's VBS for the week's activities and the program presented on July 10, 2011.

Trustee's Report: None.

Old Business:

A committee was formed to find suggestions for the North door of the Fellowship Hall. Annette Warsaw, Don Warsaw, Aaron Warsaw, and Kim Shue have been named to the committee. One more will be placed on the committee from volunteers.

A discussion of other options for using the Fellowship Hall continued. Chairman Whitehouse said that Elvin Balangee will be invited to the next Council Meeting to help with questions.

New Business:

The Church Picnic will be held in Bellflower on August 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Annette Warsaw will help with youth activities. Larry Lutz will help with supplies. Butch Sprau will reserve the park. Lee Whitehouse will help with drinks. Mike Hendricks will help with altar supplies.

General Information:

Donated materials that vicar used (toasters, etc.) will be on the counter in the Fellowship Hall the next two Sundays for members to get back.

Security of the key for the church and Fellowship Hall was discussed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Darwin Warsaw at 8:17 p.m. Second by Butch Sprau.

Motion passed. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Hardesty.

**"Thank You" from Jeri Bidner,
Recipient of the CID Volunteer Teacher
of the Year Award**

Thank you for the many birthday cards, happy birthday wishes, and hugs. It was really a wonderful weekend.

Thanks to Brenda and Mike, I had the best Sunday School birthday party ever, and there have been several! The cake was beautiful and delicious; I had one almost like it the day before.

I probably would have said "no" if I had been asked about the nomination. Lucky for me, I didn't know about it. My winning of the Central Illinois District Volunteer Teacher of the Year Award was possible because of the many very nice comments from Pastor, Chairman, Sunday School Superintendent, kindergarten teacher, and several former students. I just recently read them and my heart skipped a beat.

Thank you so much for the beautiful picture! It is the first thing I look at when I step into the Sunday School room.

Last, thank you for the precious memories I have had with so many of you. God bless you and keep you! Jeri Bidner

2011 LWML National Convention

Yes, LWML does play in Peoria ...

Eight energetic members of Immanuel Osman attended the 34th Biennial Convention of the LWML in Peoria, Illinois from June 23-26, 2011. Wilma Grussing, Connie Warsaw, Marsha Warsaw, Debbie Lammle, Brenda Hendricks, Barb Gaines, Terri Hooker, and Julia Camp all stayed at the Staybridge Suites, located across the street from the Peoria Civic Center where the entire convention was held. More than 4,600 Lutheran Women in Mission from across the nation gathered to pray together, renew friendships, sing praises to our Lord, and conduct business.

The theme of the convention was "Being with Jesus-Living on the Edge" based on Acts 4:13b and 20. The organization adopted a mission goal of \$1.825 million for the 2011-2013 biennium. The funds raised over the next two years by the organization's 250,000 members nationwide will be used to support the following grants: Support for Lutheran Orphanages (Haiti)-\$70,000; Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device-\$100,000; Lutheran Bible Translators Spread God's Word Through Print and

Audio-\$97,344; Outreach to At-Risk Children (Detroit, Michigan)-\$55,000; Cancer Care Package Ministry-\$100,000; Crow Indian Ministry (Montana)-\$69,999.64; Exodus 2:6 Project: Spiritual Care in Disasters (Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma)-\$50,000; Children's Nutrition and Care (Vietnam)-\$72,255; Grace Place for LCMS International Missionaries-\$75,000; Pregnancy Center: Newborn Protection (Malaysia and Southeast Asia)-\$54,500; The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (Kenya, East Africa)-\$100,000; two Graduate Scholarships for International/Minority Students (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO)-\$50,000; Project JOEL-Outreach to Youth (Central and South America)-\$75,000; Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home and Rehabilitation Center (Dominican Republic)-\$100,000; Missionary Family Care and Education-\$100,000; Gospel Outreach Through Open Arms Child Care-\$65,000; Haskell Indian Nations University Lutheran Campus Ministry Expansion (Lawrence, Kansas)-\$100,000; Financial Support for LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference-\$27,500; and the Physical and Spiritual Nourishment for the Impoverished (U.S and Mexico Border)-partially funded at \$28,470.36.

On Thursday over 1,350 LWML women signed up for Servant Activities ranging from marking bibles to making gospel necklaces to tying fleece blankets, just to name a few. In the evening, Donnie Warsaw, Mike Hendricks, and Vicar Fenker joined thousands of men and women for the opening communion service. President Wendorf led the procession of the 34th Biennial Convention. Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus proclaimed God's word, followed by the serving of the Lord's Supper, and the entire group lifting their voices in song.

In her keynote address, Deb Burma, acclaimed speaker and author, inspired and motivated convention attendees to live out the convention theme. She reminded us that God has called each of us to answer the question, "Am I giving only as I have time to spare or will I give whatever it will take?" She urged us all to "leap to the edge" and be willing to feed, provide, aid, educate, assist, and share God's word of salvation to all people.

LWML President Wendorf reflected on her four years as president. The 585 voting delegates then elected Kay Kreklau of Drayton, North Dakota as the seventeenth President of LWML. Other elected officers included Pat Reichert of Hartford, South Dakota, Carolyn Blum of Hartford, Wisconsin, Lois Anderson of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Rev. John Heckmann, Gatesville, Texas.

The convention also featured processions with banners from all forty LWML districts and flags from countries where the LCMS has missionaries. There were activities for children and youth, singing led by

Lana Gibbons, a "Mission Pledge Walk" and zumba class, presentations by Lutheran missionaries and luncheon speakers, and a performance by District President Bultman's children, whose group is called Sibling Harmony. Katie Stam, Miss America 2009, moved everyone to tears as she witnessed her faith to the crowd and sang four beautiful songs, one entitled "Via Dolorosa." The closing service featured Dr. Joe Meyer, Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria, as proclaimer.

Our Osman ladies were involved each day of the convention with spreading their talents as ushers, food service assistants, supervisor of pages, and hospitality workers. They directed people when exiting the buses, gave assistance to those needing wheelchairs, took offerings, assisted with communion, and passed out programs. It was a spirit-filled four days of sharing, growing, learning, and lifting each other up. They truly did affirm their relationship with Christ and encouraged each other to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries. All those who attended pledged to "Live with Jesus on the Edge" as they walk through life with their heavenly father beside them! Let's **all** be "on the edge for Him!"

Vacation Bible School Wrap-Up

Vacation Bible School was held from June 26-30, 2011 with the twenty-two children and eleven helpers enjoying Bible stories, songs, skits, games, and crafts with the theme, "Son Rock Kids Camp." The children sang during the worship service on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

The camper's daily offering totaled \$221.31. This money was used to buy supplies for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. The boxes that were assembled by the children will be taken to a collection center in October and shipped to children that do not receive other Christmas gifts because of poverty.

Thrivent News

The Thrivent Work Project Is Completed! The construction of the ramp and the meal provided on Saturday involved eighteen members volunteering 97 hours of labor.

We especially thank Dick Johnson who designed the ramp and organized the laborers and also Donnie Warsaw who helped prepare the building site for the construction. We also appreciate the efforts of the women who prepared the meal after the construction was completed.

Part of the ramp was paid for by Care in Community Funds from McLean County Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Cleaning Rental Property. Thank you to the seven members who helped clean up the rental property that the church used for Vicar Fenker on Wednesday night. We used this as a Join Hands Project for Thrivent.

Also, a big thank you for the members who helped mow the lawn while Vicar lived there. All of your efforts are very much appreciated.

Baseball! Baseball! Baseball! Come join the fun at the Corn Belters baseball game on Sunday, August 14, 2011. The ticket price is \$11.00 which includes a \$3.00 donation to Habitat for Humanity. This donation for Habitat stays in the community to help build a home in Bloomington. The gates open at 5:00 p.m. with the first pitch to begin the game at 6:00 p.m. The ticket also includes a chance at a raffle. If interested, see Brenda Hendricks by Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Brat Fest. The annual Thrivent Brat Fest will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at the Tri Lakes property in Bloomington. The meal of brats, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, and drinks will be served from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It is a good time to meet other Thrivent members from the Lutheran churches in McLean County.

Ladies Aid Luncheon

The Ladies Aid Annual Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Bistro-Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola. Please let Moneta McCleary or Connie Warsaw know if you want to attend by Sunday, July 31, 2011. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Guests are also welcome.

Fellowship Club

Fellowship Club will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Those who have birthdays in July, August, and September will be recognized.

Sara McPike will give a short presentation about her trip to New York with the youth group from St. John's Lutheran Church in Champaign. Games will follow including a creative trivia-type game which will challenge your knowledge about our congregation. Refreshments will conclude the evening.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Church Picnic

The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the park in Bellflower. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled for the meal after the service and the drinks will be provided. Members

are asked to bring their own table service and a dish to share. Games will follow the meal.

Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally

The LWML Fall Rally will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 302 South Fourth Street, Cissna Park, IL. More information will be provided in upcoming church bulletins.

Church Website

You can view the Church Website at <http://OsmanLutheran.org>. Weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters are listed as well as other information about our church.

Email Address for Pastor

The email address for Pastor McPike is pastor@osmanlutheran.org.

Bulletin/Recording of Worship Service for Shut-ins

If anyone is aware of shut-ins or other people who are unable to physically make it to church every week, let Esther and/or Larry Lutz know so they are included in the "Prayer List," they will receive a copy of the bulletin, and they will be given a recording of the service if they would like.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Pastor McPike 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 was 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
06-26	63	4	8
07-03	73	7	14
07-10	101	VBS Program	
07-17	44	4	10
07-24	70	7	15
07-31	Statistics Unavailable		

Elder-on-Duty

Rob Gallier	Mar	Aug	Dec
Butch Sprau	Apr	July	Oct
Aaron Warsaw	May	Sept	Jan 2012
Shane Zimmerman	Feb	June	Nov

Altar Guild

AugustJill Hardesty and Debbie Lammle

Lay Readers

08-07Sara McPike
 08-14Shirley Sprau
 08-21Aaron Warsaw
 08-28Annette Warsaw

August Birthdays

08-05Jerry Reifsteck
 08-06Dorothy Welborn
 08-07Jamie Hendricks
 08-08Phyllis Hasty
 08-08Linnea Warsaw
 08-09Annette Warsaw
 08-09Carole Warsaw
 08-24Pam Christians
 08-25Butch Sprau
 08-26Ross Warsaw
 08-28Sarah (Martin) Kearns
 08-29Jill Hardesty
 08-29John Lammle
 08-29Kari Reifsteck
 08-30William Delaney

August Anniversaries

08-02Kathy and Phil Brendel
 08-08Julia and Larry Camp
 08-08Carolyn and Doug Majercin
 08-08Cindy and Shane Zimmerman
 08-17Agnes and Carol Martinie
 08-25Tiffani and Brad Lutz
 08-26Diana and Bob Zimmerman

August Mowing List

08-06Larry Lutz and Gene Welborn
 08-13Leonard Delaney and Mike Miller
 08-20John Grussing and Aaron Warsaw
 08-27John Lammle and Rob Gallier

*I ask the Lord to bless you,
 as I pray for you today,
 to guide you and protect you,
 as you go along your way.
 God's love is always with you,
 God's promises are true.
 And when you give God all your cares,
 you know God will see you through.*

