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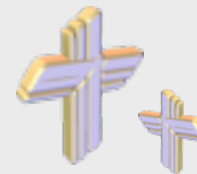
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC

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**“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

By Pastor Jeff McPike

Christian Education is for everyone. Sunday, September 11 will be our Christian Education kickoff at Immanuel. Different churches call it by different names. Some churches use the name “Rally Day” - for that is the day that we rally back together after the summer break to have our educational activities again. In the past at Immanuel, I believe it has also been called “promotion day,” the day that students are moved on to the next grade level.

I like *Christian Education Sunday*, because Christian Education is for every grade, every age, every part of life. As such, we have Christian Educational activities for the smallest children right up through the adults. Catechism for youth starts, thanks to Debbie Lammle agreeing to teach the class. Since the pastor is usually responsible for the teaching of Catechism, I will be working with her in this endeavor. I opted to ask Debbie to do this because I wanted to remain free to teach the Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning, as we are continuing to work through “The Divine Drama.” This class presents a wonderful overview of the whole history of God’s people in the Old Testament leading up to the coming and work of Christ.

With no vicar this year, one thing that Vicar Fenker started this past year was a midweek evening Bible Class. I feel like that is something that should receive some attention, though I am still working out the details of how to accomplish that. I will release more when I know more.

Luther Tour 2012?

Pastor McPike is considering a tour of the Luther sites in Germany in July 2012. This tour is only in the very earliest of thinking stages at this time. In earliest investigations, it would seem that the price will be in the vague ballpark of \$4,000.00 per person based on double occupancy, and the tour will be somewhere in the area of 10 to 12 days long. Sites to be included will be Eisleben (where Luther was born, baptized, and

died); Eisenach (where Luther lived as a schoolboy; near there is the majestic fortress known as Wartburg Castle where Luther was in hiding for nearly a year and translated the New Testament from Greek to German); Erfurt (where Luther became a Monk and attended University); Wittenberg (where Luther taught and lived much of his life); Leipzig (many years the home of Lutheran Kantor J. S. Bach at St. Thomas Church); and Worms (where Luther stated clearly “Here I stand” before the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V).

In addition, we hope to see places like Berlin, Rudesheim (a lovely village on the Rhine River), as well as many sites along the way. There may be other areas such as the Black Forest, Munich, and possibly even Switzerland. There are lots of details to work out, and we are just getting started.

Please contact Pastor McPike if you are at all interested. No commitment necessary at this point in time! We just want to get an idea of the interest as we move forward.

Pastor McPike has been to Germany five times, and has lead three Luther-land tours. You will come back with a new understanding of our Lutheran heritage.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The July Quarterly Voters Meeting was called to order in the church on July 10, 2011, by Chairman Lee Whitehouse with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with prayer. There were 43 voting members present.

Chairman Whitehouse asked if anyone needed to sign the church constitution; no one came forward.

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the January Voters Meeting. One correction to the April minutes were that the proposal to change the church’s constitution did not need two votes. It only needs the proposal at one meeting, with a vote being at the next meeting for any changes to be made. No other additions or corrections were noted.

Darwin Warsaw made a motion to approve the January minutes. Second by Rick Hardesty. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave an overview of the quarterly Treasurer's Report to the congregation with a balance, as of June 30, 2011, of \$63,491.40. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Rick Hardesty. Second by Larry Camp. Motion carried.

The Pastor's Report was given by Pastor McPike. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman has been notified that we will not be receiving a Vicar for the upcoming year. Pastor suggested that we use this time for a six month evaluation period until the January 2012 meeting. At that time, then make a decision if the congregation would like to call a pastor or any other options that would come along.

- Pastor thanked the Bible School Superintendents, Teachers, helpers and students for a great Bible School in June.
- Bible Class will resume on Sunday, July 17, 2011.
- Pastor spoke out about outreaching into the community and especially to the parishioners from the Mahomet Christ Lutheran Mission Church now that they have closed.
- Pastor has asked Debbie Lammler to teach the new confirmand's Catechism for the upcoming year.
- A membership transfer was received from Scott and Rebecca Gercken to St. Paul's Lutheran in Blue Point. Also, a new member request was received from Harry, Jeannine, Alecia, and Eric Henriksen from St. John's Lutheran, Champaign, to Immanuel of Osman. We welcome the Henriksen's into our church family.

In Old Business, Chairman Whitehouse stated that the sanctuary lighting project was completed and the roofline project is in the works for this fall, once schedules are secured.

- Chairman Whitehouse then asked Pastor McPike to speak about the Constitution and By-law's proposed rule changes for a unified ballot to get one candidate for each church office for the slate of officers. After further discussion, he called for a vote. Darwin Warsaw made a motion for the church to amend the Constitution and By-laws, as stated above. Second by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.
- Also, Chairman Whitehouse commented on the possibility of adding new double doors to the North entrance of the Fellowship Hall. Darwin Warsaw suggested metal doors for that entrance. A motion to form a committee was

made by John Gercken. Second by Brenda Hendricks. Motion carried. Preliminary costs would be about \$4,000.00 for a 72" door.

In New Business, discussion was held about the possibility of rental of the Fellowship Hall by a local funeral home for local visitations. Donation verses charging the funeral home was discussed and if Immanuel wanted people to be a member or not of the church. Discussion continued. Chairman Whitehouse will invite Mr. Belangee to the August Council Meeting for clarification on several items before a decision is made. The Council will report back to the congregation at the October Voters Meeting on October 9, 2011.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barb Whitehouse-Gercken. Second by Don Warsaw. Motion carried with adjournment by all with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Jill Hardesty

Church Council Meeting

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with prayer from Matthew 15 beginning at verse 21.

Members in attendance: Mike Hendricks, Darwin Warsaw, Jill Hardesty, Larry Lutz, Annette Warsaw, Lee Whitehouse, Kim Clemmons, and Pastor McPike. One visitor was in attendance, Elvin Belangee.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$67,402.29 as of July 30, 2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Kim Clemmons. Second by Darwin Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hendricks also discussed the following:

- Treasurer Hendricks also told the Council about the Church Extension Fund movement of \$20,000 to be transferred on August 17, 2011. The fund pays 1.125% interest and the money can be withdrawn at any time.
- Also, Osman received a donation from a member of Thrivent Choice for \$398.00. An email was received by the church notifying us of the donation.
- The debit card/credit card option will be available soon from First Mid-Illini Bank in Mansfield, if you bank with them. You can give your donations thru those cards to Immanuel Lutheran of Osman. More information will be coming soon.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor McPike reported that Pastor Schmidt will act as a "fill in" for Pastor McPike in his absence. He will receive \$200.00 per service plus mileage.

- The Altar Guild would like to meet with the Trustees soon about some storage cabinet ideas for the storage of altar equipment/banners.
- *Christian Education Sunday* will be on Sunday, September 11, 2011.
- Debbie Lammle has been asked to teach the confirmation classes this year. Pastor would like to order a book, copies of the Catechism book, and a Concordia Study Bible for them. Darwin Warsaw made a motion to order all of those items and present it to them on *Christian Education Sunday*. Second by Kim Clemmons. Motion carried.
- Pastor is considering being in the church office on Tuesday evenings on a regular basis. Also, possibly midweek Bible Study. He'll check his schedule and report back.
- The worship service for the picnic Sunday will be printed out.
- Pastor is also considering a special bulletin during Reformation. Treasurer Hendricks also told the Council about the Church Extension Fund movement

Elder's Report: There was no Elder's Report.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Christian Education Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

Trustee's Report:

- Visitor Elvin Belangee was at the meeting to answer questions about the possibility of using the Osman Fellowship Hall for funeral visitations. A lot of discussion was held with regard to janitorial service, setting up and taking down of chairs and tables, snow removal, etc. He and Trustee Darwin Warsaw made a visit to the Hall and Elvin decided that it'd be best to offer this to Immanuel church members only. He indicated that most everyone in the Bellflower/Farmer City areas use the churches in the area and the churches were fine with that. This issue is closed with no further action taken.
- Trustee Darwin Warsaw has completed the door closer issues on the front door.
- Also, Warsaw noted that the new eaves on the back side of the Annex is on schedule for this fall. He's just now trying to get times when the work can be completed.

Old Business:

- The August Church Picnic was discussed. Larry will bring the meat/buns/condiments. Lee will bring drinks and additional food tables. We'll ask Don Warsaw, Dwight

Hooker, and Steve Warsaw to cook and for Don to bring his grill.

- Annette Warsaw will provide games for the kids and Bingo will be played for the adults.

New Business:

- Elvin Belangee was a visitor at the Council Meeting. His discussions with the Council included cleaning the building, weather related issues, set up and take down of tables and chairs, janitorial, and manpower issues. The Council wanted to know what to expect from Elvin and what he would provide to us about the possibility of using the Osman Fellowship Hall for funeral visitations. A lot of discussion was held. He and Trustee Darwin Warsaw made a visit to the Hall and Elvin decided that it'd be best to offer this type of service to Immanuel church members only. He indicated that most everyone in Bellflower/Farmer City areas use the churches in the area and the churches were fine with that. They could also use his facilities in Farmer City/Mansfield areas as well. This issue is closed with no further action taken.

- The fall Hayrack Ride will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011.

Other Business:

Mike Hendricks stated that the Henriksen family that has transferred into Osman has donated ten hymnals from Christ Lutheran in Mahomet. The Council thanked them for this donation.

The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the church Annex.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Annette Warsaw. Second by Mike Hendricks. Motion carried with adjournment at 8:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by Jill Hardesty.

Fellowship Club

How old was Moses when he died?" "Who was the last post mistress in Osman?" "What symbols are on the front of our altar?" If you know these answers, you should have joined the nineteen members who enjoyed an evening of fun, food, and fellowship on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

The evening began with a delicious light supper of sandwiches, chips, and salads. The birthdays for July, August, and September were recognized with a birthday sticker. Those present to be honored were Wilma Grussing, Jill Hardesty, John Lammle, Larry Lutz, Sara McPike, and Daryl Redding. After the birthday celebration, Sara McPike shared her pictures of her youth mission trip to New York.

The group was then divided into four teams for a trivia game. The group had six categories to choose

their questions from: Bible Stories, The Next Line, Great Osmanites, The Bible, Church Awareness, and Church History. The teams were highly competitive with their knowledge (or lack of it), but at the end, the winning team consisted of Sara McPike, Donnie Warsaw, Barb Whitehouse-Gercken, and Esther Lutz. Prizes were given to all contestants.

At the half-time of the game, the group enjoyed the playing of the "Lutheran Song" by the Christian musical group "Lost and Found" which portrays famous people who are supposedly Lutheran. The evening ended with scrumptious homemade ice cream and toppings.



Larry Lutz, Wilma Grussing, Darryl Redding, Jill Hardesty, Sara McPike, and John Lammle were recognized at Fellowship Club as having birthdays in July, August, or September.

Thrivent News

Thrivent Brat Fest. A successful McLean County Thrivent Brat Fest was held on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at the TriLakes property in Bloomington. Nine of our members attended the meal and several helped serve the meal. The freewill door offering, which totaled over \$600.00, was donated to Habitat for Humanity to help with expenses of building the Habitat home in Bloomington.

Cornbelters Baseball! A very enjoyable evening was had by some of our Thrivent members when they attended the Cornbelters game at the Corn Crib in Bloomington in August. The cool evening, the great facilities, and the many activities, as well as the game, made for a very delightful evening. One hundred fifty-five (155) tickets were sold by McLean County Thrivent Board Members which made a \$498.00 donation to Habitat for Humanity.

Thrivent Choice Dollars that were donated to our congregation for July totaled \$398.00. The money was donated by Wilma Forrest, John Gercken, Allen Grussing, Wilma Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Carolyn Majercin, Moneta McCleary, Bill McCleary, Greg McCleary, Marge Morrissey, Gerald Sprau, Donald Warsaw, and Gene Welborn. We thank those Thrivent members who graciously donated their benefit dollars

to our congregation to help further the work of our ministry.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Debbie Lammle will have devotion, prayer, and be our hostess. Wilma Grussing will have the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on grace. All women of the church are invited to attend.

LWML Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the LWML will be held on September 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Connie Warsaw is topic leader and Karen Bryan and Wilma Grussing are hostesses. New members are always welcome!

Quilting

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in tying quilts on Saturday, September 10, 2011, in the Fellowship Hall. Quilting begins at 8:00 a.m. and continues until noon. Please bring a sack lunch.

The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief at the end of October. No experience required, if you can tie a knot, you can quilt. Come and enjoy a day of fellowship while working on a worthwhile project.

Christian Education Sunday

Christian Education Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Sunday School children will change classes on the first Sunday in September but since it is Labor Day Weekend, the celebration will be the following Sunday. Doughnuts and drinks will be provided for the children on that Sunday.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Pastor's office for Mackenzie Delaney, Cheyenne Zimmerman, and Hannah Duncan. Classes will be led by Debbie Lammle.

Acolyting in September

The following Confirmands will be acolyting during September:

September 11 Cheyenne Zimmerman
September 18 Hannah Duncan
September 25 Mackenzie Delaney

LWML Fall Rally

The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park (302 South Fourth Street). The theme for the day is taken from Colossians 2:10, "Being in Jesus, Being in Christ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority." Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and refreshments. The \$10.00 fee includes lunch and rally materials.

The ingathering collection will include paper products, soaps, and personal hygiene items to donate to charity organizations in the Cissna Park area, as well as prescription and reading glasses. The glasses will be taken to Haiti next year during a mission trip.

The guest speaker for the rally will be Pastor Terry Strom who will share his experiences in assisting with the construction of homes and sharing the gospel with those devastated by last year's earthquake. Please bring your bibles along with you on the fifteenth for the Bible Study.

Youth Group Meeting

The Osman Youth Group kickoff meeting for the year will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A family potluck will be held to plan events for the year. Bring any and all ideas! Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and table service.

The Youth Group is open to all new confirmation class students, high school, and college students. Please come and join us in the planning of activities for the coming year! Any questions, please see Jill Hardesty or email her at jill.hardesty@frontier.com. Thank you!

Quarterly Voters Meeting

A Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on October 9, 2011, immediately following the worship service.

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
07-31	65	---	---
08-07	69	4	No Class
08-14	76	11	10
08-21	57	Church Picnic	
08-28		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

SeptemberJill Hardesty

Lay Readers

09-04Marsha Warsaw
 09-11Shane Zimmerman
 09-18Larry Camp
 09-25Kim Clemmons

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

09-14Phyllis and David Hasty
 09-18Esther and Larry Lutz
 09-26Brenda and David Peyton

September Mowing List

09-03Mike Hendricks and Rick Hardesty
 09-10Darwin and Wade Warsaw
 09-17Dwight and Nathan Hooker
 09-24Steve Gaines and Bill Schroeder

