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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

From Pastor McPike

October 31 is the date observed by Lutherans as “Reformation Day” - the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the door of the *Schlosskirche* or ‘Castle Church.’ The Church was named because it started as the private chapel of the Elector of Saxony (attached to his “castle”). Luther nailed his theses there because *Schlosskirche* also served as the University Chapel, and it was customary for academics to post theses for discussion and debate on the University Chapel door.

Of course, there are so many other events in Lutheranism to remember as well. For American Lutherans, this year of 2011 has special significance in two ways. One of those we observed with the sermon series used by Vicar Fenker this past Lent -- 2011 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of C. F. W. Walther. Walther was among the Saxon immigration from Dresden to St. Louis/Perry County Missouri who was instrumental in organizing Lutherans into the *German Evangelical Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states (LCMS)*, and served as first president; he also began *Concordia Seminary*, St. Louis and served for many years as its president, and was pastor first of Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis, and then Trinity together with the other three congregations begun by Trinity as Lutherans in St. Louis grew. Walther made great contributions to the LCMS and to American Lutheranism through his writing, teaching, preaching, and leadership. The structure of our Synod, including our individual congregations, goes directly back to Walther and to experiences that he had in his early days in America.

Walther was born in 1811, 200 years ago. Interestingly, another major American Lutheran figure was born 100 years before. September 6, 1711, was the birth date of Heinrich (Henry) Melchior Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg was an early leader whose roots are more commonly known in today's

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1742, and took charge of the Lutheran congregation in Providence, PA (now Trappe, PA). He also worked to provide leadership and secure pastors for congregations in Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland. In 1748, he called together Lutheran pastors to form “The Ministerium of Pennsylvania,” the first permanent Lutheran synod in America. He helped with other things, such as a uniform Liturgy and the publication of a hymnal, published by the Pennsylvania Ministerium in 1786. Muhlenberg's dream was to unite all Lutherans in America with a single hymnbook. This was almost realized in 1977 with the publication of *The Lutheran Book of Worship*, the so-called “Green hymnal” that was used heavily in the development of *Lutheran Worship*, the so-called “blue hymnal” which was replaced five years ago by our current “maroon hymnal,” *Lutheran Service Book*. If you look in the front of *Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW)* (there are a few copies in the balcony), you will find the name of the “The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod” in the front as a synod cooperating in its publication. However, the book quickly became part of a major theological war in the LCMS that had started with the walkout at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1974. Synod in Convention in 1977 refused to accept *LBW*, and because many churches in Synod were calling for a replacement to *The Lutheran Hymnal* of 1941, a committee hastily produced a rework of *LBW* and called it simply *Lutheran Worship (LW)*, published in 1982.

C. F. W. Walther was born 200 years ago this year. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was born 300 years ago this same year. And coming in just six years, in 2017, will be the 500th anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses, which happened in 1517.

Pastor Appreciation Month

We Appreciate You Pastor McPike! "Thank you" for all you do for Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman!

You work vigorously, often neglecting personal needs to give us comfort and direction. You work endless hours at spreading the Word of God, not only at Immanuel Osman but as Chaplain at Carle Foundation Hospital.

We want to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of your guidance and leadership. We honor you as you handle the day-to-day challenges of leading your flock. May God bless you as you continue to guide us into a deeper relationship with Him. As God says in Hebrews 13:7, "Appreciate your leaders who give you the Word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

LWML Quarterly Meeting

The last meeting of the LWML was held on September 8, 2011, with eleven members present. The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Lammler. The LWML pledge was recited followed by the LWML song accompanied by Shirley Sprau. Devotions were given by Agnes Martinie and topic, entitled, "Heaven: A Five-Star Review" given by Connie Warsaw. Roll call and minutes were given by Barb Gaines. Diana Zimmerman gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$813.45. Mites were collected, followed by prayer.

Correspondence was read from our seminary student, Luke Wolters, as well as correspondence from our zone president, Ruth Jones. Cards were sent to several members of the congregation from the LWML.

Thanks was given for cleaning the church, working at the July 4th Bake Sale, visiting the shut-ins, collecting used *Portals of Prayer*, and thanks to those helping and attending the National Convention in Peoria.

New business began with a reminder about quilting on Saturday, September 10, 2011. A copy of the new LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry Guide was handed out to everyone present. Brenda Hendricks was asked to request Thrivent for monetary assistance for LWR projects. The group voted to ask the congregation to assist in collecting calendars for the Lincoln Correctional Center, and Fabric Kits for LWR. They also voted to contribute \$75.00 for assisting in the transporting of the LWR materials. (It costs \$2.25 to deliver one quilt)

A Food Committee handout was passed out to the group. The LWML voted to take food to those members who have been sick or hospitalized.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 16, 2011. Several members volunteered to assist in the service. A large mite box will be located at the back of the church for member's of the congregation to donate to the LWML Mission.

Church Council Meeting

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with prayer from Matthew, Chapter 20.

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

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the August meeting with one correction noted. Pastor Justin Schmidt will be given a stipend to fill in for Pastor McPike's absence for \$800.00 per month plus mileage. Motion was made by Darwin Warsaw to approve the amended minutes. Second by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$56,070.97 as of August 31, 2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Aaron Warsaw. 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 \$20,000.00 that was transferred in August.
- Also, Osman received a donation from a member of Thrivent Choice for \$83.00. The church receives this money when a member's insurance policy is paid.
- After discussion of what organization to donate to for missions giving for September of \$150.00, Darwin Warsaw made a motion to give to Lutheran World Relief and Human Care for Hurricane Relief. Second by Shane Zimmerman. Motion carried.

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.
- October 16, 2011, will be *LWML Sunday*.
- The holiday schedule was announced that we will have a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 24, 2011. On

the first day of Advent, a midweek service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Date will be published at a later time. Christmas Eve service with a Children's Service will be held on December 24, 2011, with the Christmas morning service held on Sunday, December 25, 2011, during regular church times.

- Pastor McPike announced that he's in the beginning stages of organizing a "Lutherland tour," sometime in July 2012. More will be announced when times, dates, and prices have been finalized. Please let Pastor know if you're interested in going.
- Pastor McPike received a note in the mail that Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman has a "sister church" in Gowanda, NY, also with the same name. They said a prayer for our church during the September 4, 2011, services and included a bulletin with the letter he received. Pastor is going to do some research on their church and report back to the Council.
- Pastor stated that an Adult Confirmation Class will be starting in November on Tuesday evenings. There are a couple of people interested in the classes at this time.
- A New Member Reception will be held for all new members, once all of the transfer paperwork/memberships have been received.
- Pastor attended the installation of Pastor Curtis Buelman in Monticello at the new Mission church on Sunday, September 11, 2011.
- Pastor Mazzaferro was installed in Marianna, FL at Ascension Lutheran Church in May. He was a previous Vicar at Osman.

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

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Annette Warsaw stated that *Christian Education Sunday* was held on Sunday, September 11, 2011, with lower than expected attendance but the Adult Bible Study also attended, so that was appreciated.

Trustee's Report:

- Trustee Darwin Warsaw is meeting with Dick Johnson and Don Warsaw on September 14, 2011, to gather the information for materials needed for the eaves on the Annex. A list of materials will be gathered, bought, and Darwin will make calls for assistance in the project when Dick Johnson can come.

Old Business:

- The church hayrack ride and wiener roast will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. We'll plan on eating at 5:00 p.m. Annette Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks will help with the games for the evening. Lee will get hay

and wood and start the fire; Aaron is checking on hayrack and truck/tractor to pull it with; and Jill will get hot dogs, condiments, buns, and roasting sticks. Mike will bring drinks. It will be a family potluck with everyone bringing their own table service.

- Annette Warsaw has looked at books/brochures for new double doors project for the Fellowship Hall and set a meeting for September 19, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex for all involved with the project. They will be taking a look at choices of doors and discuss any other details.

New Business:

- Jill Hardesty mentioned Youth Group events over the 2011-2012 season. The beginning meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. A family cookout will be held, monthly events discussed, and a community service project will be completed making First Aid Kits for area elevators for farmers. The Harvest Breakfast date will be October 16, 2011, after church for the entire church congregation. More events will be announced as the year goes on.
- Also, Jill Hardesty discussed the need for an AED for the church. Hopefully, we'll never need to use it, but if we ever have to, it will save a life. Jill explained that Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro has had to use theirs three times since January 2011, and it's saved all three lives. We have a doctor and several nurses that attend regularly along with several teachers that are all training in an AED's use. Mike Hendricks and Jill Hardesty has offered to look into the cost and different models available and bring back to a later meeting. In AED discussions, the Council also looked at the availability of a first aid kit for the church. There is a first aid kit in the Annex, by the sink on the wall. Elders Shane Zimmerman and Aaron Warsaw will investigate the cost of a new first aid kit for the Fellowship Hall as well.

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Darwin Warsaw. Second by Mike Hendricks. Motion carried with adjournment at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Hardesty.

Thrivent News

Choice Dollars. The Thrivent Choice Dollars donated to our congregation this month totaled \$83.00. The Thrivent financial members directing

these funds were John Gercken, Wilma Grussing, Deb Lammle, Greg McCleary, and Connie Warsaw. These dollars will be used for furthering the work of the ministry of our congregation.

“Care in Congregations.” The McLean County Thrivent Chapter is in the process of funding approximately 43 projects in the Lutheran churches in McLean County through the “Care in Congregations Program.” The initial funding of \$26,700.00 is almost totally allocated for projects that will be completed by the end of the year. Because of this, our congregation will not be sponsoring a benefit this fall.

Acolyting in October

The following Confirmands will be acolyting during October:

October 02	Cheyenne Zimmerman
October 09	Hannah Duncan
October 16	Mackenzie Delaney
October 23	Chase Zimmerman
October 30	Cheyenne Zimmerman

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Connie Warsaw will have the devotion, prayer, and be our hostess. Dorothy Miller will have the topic. All ladies are welcome to attend!

Quarterly Voters Meeting

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

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Hayride and Wiener Roast

Come one, come all to the hayride and wiener roast on Sunday, October 23, 2011. The Church Council will be providing the meat, buns, drinks, and table service. Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

The hayride will begin from the church at 4:00 p.m. When it returns, the children will have activities and crafts to do.

The meal will begin at 5:30. After the meal the youth and the adults will compete in some highly skilled ridiculous games from the “Minute to Win It” series on television! Be a part of the fun and fellowship!

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
08-28	81	8	9
09-04	81	12	13
09-11	82	8	14
09-18	72	10	8
09-25	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

OctoberSusan Martin and Shirley Sprau

Lay Readers

Marvin Clemmons10-02
 Barb Gaines10-09
 Marsha Warsaw10-16
 John Gercken10-23
 Mike Hendricks10-30

October Birthdays

Tyler Duncan10-01
 Karen Brown10-01
 Bill Amdor10-03
 Jodi Stockle10-05
 Steve Martin10-07
 Eric Zimmerman10-08
 Dustin Peyton10-09
 John Gercken10-12
 Bill McCleary10-12
 Addison Warsaw10-12
 Rebecca Hendricks10-17
 Wiley Hasty10-17
 Julian Barrack10-19
 Jordan Bidner10-19
 Greg Johnson10-19
 Greg Warsaw10-22
 Jeff McPike10-24
 Katherine Masko10-28
 Erika Barrack10-29
 Julianna Gercken10-31

October Anniversaries

Cindy and David Masko10-05
 Barb and John Gercken10-09
 Deborah and Dennis Martin10-10
 Barb and Steve Gaines10-14
 Moneta and Bill McCleary10-19

October Mowing List

October 1Bill McCleary and Mark Barrack
 October 8Butch and Steven Sprau
 October 15Steve Martin
 October 22Mike Hendricks and Rick Hardesty
 October 29Darwin Warsaw



PUMPKIN TIME

Pumpkin time is here again,
 Time to play Trick or Treat.
 Pumpkin time is here again,
 Our spooky friends we'll meet.
 See the costumes we have on,
 Monsters, ghosts, goblins too.
 See the costumes we have on,
 Hear us all shout "Boo!"

