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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. Psalm 100:4

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The Quarterly Voters Meeting was called to order on October 9, 2011, in the church by Chairman Lee Whitehouse with Pastor Schmidt opening the meeting with prayer. There were 37 voting members present.

Karen Bryan read the minutes from the July Voters Meeting. John Gercken made a motion to approve the July minutes. Second by Butch Sprau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave an overview of the quarterly Treasurer's Report to the congregation with a balance, as of September 30, 2011, of \$57,529.07. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Darwin Warsaw. Second by John Gercken. Motion carried.

Mike Hendricks read a written "Pastor's Report" by Pastor McPike.

- Last week Pastor McPike began leading an adult Catechism class on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Contact Pastor McPike regarding attending the class.
- Concerns have been raised about the Nominating Committee having only one name for each church office. There is no limit on acquiring names for an office. Any names on the ballot can be placed on the ballot for the fall. Nominations can also be placed from the floor at the time of the election.
- Pastor Schmidt has made himself at home. He will preach two Sundays a month and is helping temporarily. Pastor Schmidt works in Thomasboro, and he works a full day, 7:00-4:00. Pastor Ehler can make himself available. John Gercken stated that Pastor Schmidt has done an excellent job in the middle of the six month period of deciding what we are going to do.
- Larry and Esther Lutz are mailing the Sunday bulletin each week, as well as the monthly

newsletter, to the shut-ins. We thank them for taking the time to do this.

- The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. The Advent Service will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, with supper. A Christmas Eve service will be held as well as a service on Christmas Day. The New Year's Day service will be held on January 1, 2012.
- Pastor is putting together a tour of Germany and Austria in June 2012. Watch for further details.
- Consider the question of where do we go from here? Should be getting a feel of what is getting done and what is not getting done. It is highly unlikely that we will get a vicar. Should we get a pastor or keep things as is? In November, we hope to have a 'congregational self-evaluation tool' that will help us make this determination."

October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." Two or three have served us well in the past few months.

In **Old Business**, Chairman Whitehouse asked about repairs being done to the church.

Darwin Warsaw stated that work could not be done last week. The roof should be done Monday or Tuesday except the eaves. \$1,194.64 has been spent thus far without the eave spouts and gutters.

Elvin Belangee. He did not seem to think that using the Fellowship Hall was the direction he wanted to go with. The Council is no longer considering that option. The church will be using the church and hall for our congregation only.

Door Project. Annette Warsaw and the rest of the Committee met with Dick Johnson. Annette met with Dale from Pella who gave her his suggestions. We don't want too much glass but want to be able to see outside.

We have three choices. The top two examples (see attachment) are the same except for the number of

windows. They look like wood even though they are fiberglass. The door with the single, center window is steel which will ding. All have brass hardware. Tan Trim. Both are insulated. Steel has a higher fire setting. Guaranteed twenty years. The most expensive door is \$2,500; fiberglass is higher.

Kathy Brendel stated that the first picture with six window panes ("A") would be hard to keep clean.

You can get the glass in "C" put in the two other doors. Have a certain color for the third door. Can get it in wood grain and fiberglass.

Kim Schuh stated "how many panes of glass and what size and shape do we want? Steel or fiberglass? What door shape and design. Will fiberglass take paint?"

Money has been donated to pay for the new door. Motion made to go forward and come back with the style, material, finish, color, glass, and trim.

Starting October 1st or 2nd, Pastor McPike's salary will be \$3,200 a month. \$800.00 for a second pastor. Another pastor did not like the financial arrangement we offered him. Pastor McPike will try to handle everything outside the church. Pastor Schmidt will back up. Pastor Ehler will also back up if needed. Two full time pastors for the same money as a pastor and a vicar.

Joy McCleary stated that Pastor McPike wants feedback on how things are working for our congregation. He has to feel comfortable in his role. Does Pastor McPike feel overwhelmed? (He said he does not feel overwhelmed. The congregation has stepped up when needed.) How would Robert Ehlers be used? During the day both are busy. Brenda Hendricks said we are in a very good situation!

New Business

When we have benefits, the front door is not accessible. Mike Hendricks stated that at the last benefit, there were problems with canes, walkers, etc. Darwin Warsaw made the motion to move forward with the door project. Second by Brenda Hendricks. Motion carried. Annette Warsaw stated that the Committee will reconvene and get answers to the questions about the paint and the prices for the doors.

The need for an "Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED)" was discussed. An AED is used for cardiac arrest when CPR is not going to be the answer. It is a smart thing to have. Is simple to use. John Gercken has one at work. There are "prompts" to tell you what to do. It is flexible no matter what the age. Cost would be approximately \$1,900.00. Mike Hendricks has been looking for grants. Sometimes they are not available. Barb Whitehouse-Gercken made a motion to purchase an AED. Second by Esther Lutz. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barb Whitehouse-Gercken. Second by Darwin Warsaw. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Bryan

Church Council Meeting

The following items were discussed at the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with prayer from Matthew, Chapter 22.

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

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the September meeting with no additions or corrections to the minutes. Motion was made by Mike Hendricks to approve the minutes. Second by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$57,529.07 as of September 30, 2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Aaron Warsaw. Second by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hendricks also discussed the following:

- After discussion of what organization to donate to for missions giving for October/November of \$150.00 each month, Mike Hendricks made a motion to contribute to the University System Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis for scholarships. Second by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.
- Mike also noted that the credit card that Pastor McPike holds has come in very handy for his purchases and easy for Mike to decipher the charges into the correct accounts.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor has held two Confirmation classes now and has about ten participating on Tuesday nights in the church Annex.
- Pastor McPike has completed a few home visits when his time permits.
- Pastor McPike has asked Pastor Buelman for an evaluation form from the Synod for the congregation to fill out and send in. Results will be compiled and reported back to the congregation. This evaluation form will be a guide, as to what the congregation feels are important priorities at Osman. Additional information will be coming out at a later time.

Elder's Report:

- Pastor discussed with the two Elders present the distribution of communion. He likes to

give the bread and the Elders hand out the wine. Then Pastor finishes with the Common Cup distribution.

- On Sundays when Pastor McPike is not at church, no one records the Sunday sermons. He's going to be looking for someone to fill in for him. All recordings are then uploaded on the church website.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

- Annette Warsaw noted that they are starting to look at Christmas program information for the Christmas Eve Program in December.

Trustee's Report:

- The Annex eave's project is almost completed. The final cost was \$1,194.64.

Old Business:

- There was a door presentation on Sunday, October 10, 2011, at the Quarterly Voters Meeting. The Committee showed three options that they felt suited the hall with new double doors. The committee listened to all suggestions and comments and will be taking the vote back to the congregation with two choices at a later date.
- It was voted on at the Quarterly Voters Meeting on October 10, to purchase an AED for the church. The approximate cost will be about \$1,125.00 with an additional \$98.00 for a child size unit with it. The name of the company that the AED will be purchased from is Philips HeartStart. Treasurer Hendricks will check with Country Companies Insurance to see if our Liability Insurance will be going up or down and report back to the Council. There is no sales tax and it offers free shipping.
- The Youth Harvest Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 16 immediately after church.
- LWML Sunday will be held on October 16.
- The church hayrack ride and wiener roast will be held on Sunday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. We'll plan on eating at 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

- The Council thanked Pastor McPike for his work with Pastor Schmidt.
- At the November meeting, the Council will work on the 2012 budget to present to the congregation.
- The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the church Annex.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Annette Warsaw. Second by Aaron Warsaw. Motion carried with adjournment at 8:15 p.m. with Evening Vespers Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Hardesty.

Annex Work Project

Several men spent many hours building eaves and soffits in the last two months onto the Annex roof line to prevent the rain from running down the brick walls and deteriorating the inside floor and walls. This project was very labor-intense as shingles had to be torn off and new shingles applied. Our deepest gratitude goes to Dick Johnson who was the mastermind of the project and also the men of our congregation for their time and their physical labor. One of those volunteers, Bill McCleary, 80+ years old, handled that scaffolding like a young man!

Thank you also to the ladies who provided a meal on the Saturday work day. All the volunteer hours that completed the project were very much appreciated! The guttering will be added to complete the outside portion of this project in the near future.

Quilts and Fabric Kits

Thank you to Debbie Martin and Debbie Lammle for boxing up the quilts and fabric kits for Lutheran World Relief. The boxes were dropped off on Friday, October 28, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Champaign. The Osman LWML also donated \$75.00 to help with the cost of shipping, postage, and other expenses incurred for transporting the gifts to Minneapolis. Thanks to everyone who helped in making the quilts and donated the fabric and thread for the fabric kits.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joanne Nelson will give the devotion, prayer, and be our hostess. Moneta McCleary will have the topic. All ladies are welcome to attend!

Acolyting in November

The following Confirmands will be acolyting during November:

November 06	Hannah Duncan
November 13	Mackenzie Delaney
November 20	Chase Zimmerman
November 27	Cheyenne Zimmerman

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

CID Junior High Lock-In

MacKenzie Delaney, Hannah Duncan, and Chase Zimmerman will accompany Debbie Lammle to a CID Junior High Lock-In on November 11-12, 2011 at the Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The theme for the event is "Totally, Obnoxiously, Completely," and is taken from Ephesians 3:16-21. The kids will be inspired by the CID DCE Band as well as by a national speaker, Travis Hartjen. Fun activities such as dodge ball, swimming, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and racquetball will be available at the Shirk Center during the evening and early morning hours. A movie will also be shown from 3:00 a.m.-5:30 a.m. and a sleeping room will be available away from the activities for those who want to rest a few hours.

The students will be packing Thanksgiving meals for a local food pantry as their service project. Each student is asked to bring some of the following items: boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, canned green beans or corn, canned cranberries, store-bought cookies, or Little Debbie Snacks.

We pray that this time together with other Christian youth will be a blessing and enrich the lives of the confirmation class here at Osman.

Thrivent News

Thrivent Choice Dollars donated to our congregation this month totaled \$217.00. These donations were from John Lammle, Greg McCleary, Marge Morrissey, and Shirley Sprau. We thank these Thrivent members for their generosity.

Annual Thrivent Meeting. McLean County Thrivent will host their Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2011. The meeting will include the business meeting and election, dinner, and entertainment. The meeting will be held at Shannon's Restaurant in Bloomington and will start at 4:00 p.m. Shannon's is located at 1305 South Mercer Avenue in Bloomington. Since the location can only house 200, reservations are very important. To RSVP, please contact Deb Folks-Huber at 309 830-0138 or 309 962-2709.

Connie Warsaw will be running on the ballot for Records Secretary, and Brenda Hendricks will be on the ballot running for Financial Director. Please attend and be informed about your county chapter's efforts and successes.

Fried Chicken Lunch

Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro is having their community "All you Care to Eat" Fried Chicken Lunch on Sunday, November 20, 2011, from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the TIA building, downtown

Thomasboro, IL. The best fried chicken you have ever tasted, potatoes, vegetable, roll, and homemade desserts all made by the fabulous cooks at Peace. By the way. Did we mention ALL the fried chicken you'd care to eat? Hope to see you there!

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group's monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. It's GAMES NIGHT! Bring your favorite games to play and teach others how to play! Homemade pizza, chips, dessert, and pop will be on the menu.

Parents, the group will be done at 7:30 p.m. for pick up or let Jill or Rick know and we can provide a ride home.

Fellowship Club

Everyone is invited to the next Fellowship Club on November 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A light dinner will be served with sandwiches, chips, dessert, and drinks. Birthdays in October, November, and December will be recognized. Games for all ages will be played, such as cards, Dominoes, and even "Guess Who." Bring a friend and come join in on the fun!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Please come worship our Lord and give thanks for all of your blessings!

Sunday School Christmas Eve Program

Christmas will be here before we know it! To prepare for the program which will be a part of the Christmas Eve Service, we ask that the children attend four practices. The practices will be held from 8:30-11:00 on Saturday, November 26, December 3, December 10, and December 17. Please plan to attend the practice sessions.

Advent Eve Service and Soup Supper

We will celebrate the beginning of Advent this year with a worship service on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The Ladies Aid will serve a soup supper before that worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The soup supper will begin at 5:30. There will be a freewill offering collected that will help with the seminary student program and other donations to Lutheran organizations.

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
10-02	78	13	10
10-09	69	9	7
10-16	84	10	No Class
10-23	65	10	12
10-30	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

NovemberBarb Gaines

Lay Readers

Joy Johnson11-06
Debbie Lammler11-13
Sara McPike11-20
Shirley Sprau11-27

November Birthdays

Deb Peyton11-02
Emily Grussing11-05
Joni Reifsteck11-05
Lee Whitehouse11-06
Malachi Johnson11-10
Esther Lutz11-10
Karen Bryan11-11
Brent Lutz11-11
Randy Zimmerman11-13
Steve Warsaw11-14
Dwight Hooker11-15
Rick Hardesty11-16
Mary Beth Duncan11-19
Agnes Martinie11-22
Nick Forrest11-24
Jenna Clemmons11-25
Bill Forrest11-25
Julia Camp11-30

November Anniversaries

Annette and Jeff Warsaw	11-03
Stefani and Greg Warsaw	11-16
Connie and John Grussing	11-19
Kim and Marvin Clemmons	11-21
Connie and Donnie Warsaw	11-22
Jean and Bill Amdor	11-26



Veterans Day Prayer

"You gave for peace with courage
That families may be free
So children could grow strong
And safe they'd ever be.

In giving for the sake of peace
You may have suffered loss
Your body may still show its wounds
From taking up the cause.

May remembrance of your time away
Your sacrifice for peace
Spur us on to strive more strongly
For freedom, that there'll be release.
From causes that sent some away
To fight that we may freely live
With gratefulness we thank you, veterans
For all you gave and give!"

Prayer by Susan Helene Kramer



How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.