

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Romans 8:11

Church Council Minutes

The February Osman Church Council Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty in the church Annex with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with a message from Mark, Chapter 8.

Seven members in attendance: Mike Hendricks, Jill Hardesty, Annette Warsaw, Rick Hardesty, Roy Whitehouse, Butch Sprau, and Pastor McPike. One guest in attendance included Mark Barrack.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the February meeting. A motion was made by Butch Sprau to approve the minutes as read. Second by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$72,298.75 as of February 29, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Annette Warsaw. Second by Butch Sprau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hendricks also discussed the monthly mission contribution and available organizations. A motion was made by Jill Hardesty to make a contribution to World Relief and Human Care. Second by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Other financial discussion continued regarding the coins that are given in the offering from all the church services. This amount totaled \$183.00 in 2011. Treasurer Mike Hendricks made a suggestion to put these monies into the LWML mite boxes that all Sunday School students give, providing no one had any objections. The Council agreed for Treasurer Hendricks to make that change.

Pastor's Report:

- The Summer Vicar Program is on hold, pending paperwork that is due in March from the seminary students. He'll inquire again in April about the program.

- Pastor found a survey that will suffice for this congregation. The Council will modify it and have it ready soon for the entire congregation to respond to.

- On April 22, Pastor will be showing a Walther movie in the Fellowship Hall for all to attend.

Elder's Report: Nothing to report.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report: Annette Warsaw has set the date of summer VBS. Dates will be June 24–June 28 and a July 1st program is being planned at the church. The theme of VBS will be "Amazing Desert Journey." She will be needing teaching volunteers, crafts volunteers, and plenty of cookie bakers to donate their time and talents soon.

Trustee's Report: Mark Barrack was on hand to advise the Council on what is going to be needed done to the Pastor's office area with regard to drywall, flooring replaced, and new electrical outlets ran. All work is planned to be completed in March. He's assisting Trustees Steve Martin and Steve Warsaw in the remodel. Carpet is another issue that will need to be decided on.

- Youth Group Report - Jill Hardesty reported the Youth Group will be taking all confirmands to the Passion Play in Bloomington in March.
- The Maundy Thursday Taco Night that the Youth Group will sponsor will be on Thursday, April 5.
- Easter Breakfast will be served by the Youth Group after the Easter church service on Sunday, April 8.
- The final gathering of the school year will be a camp-out in the church parking lot with the use of the Fellowship Hall for the restroom on the evening of Friday, May 25 and until about noon on Saturday, May 26.

Old Business:

- New Member recognition will be on March 11. We'll be celebrating and welcoming the

new members to Osman. Kristine Zimmerman, Ashley Hadler and new transfer's, Theresa Van Wakeman-Wilson, Jim and Sue Van Wakeman, and the Harry Henriksen family.

- Volunteers for the typing of the official acts have been found. They are Barb Gaines, Brenda Hendricks, Beth Bidner, and Roy Whitehouse. Thank you to those volunteers!
- A Church Secretary is still needed. It is a paid position of the staff of the church. If you know of anyone who would like this position, please see Pastor McPike or Chairman Hardesty.
- New church directories have been brought up and pursued. Jill Hardesty will be meeting with Olan Mills on March 27 for a proposal and then they will be at a Church Council Meeting on April 3 to discuss any questions the Council may have.

New Business:

- Chairman Hardesty announced the creation of a new Social Events Committee was in order to make sure that each group in the church knew who was taking care of activities during the year including picnics, potluck's, receptions, etc. Our envision is a committee of 3-5 people. Please see Chairman Hardesty if you would be interested in this position.
- Chairman Hardesty discussed all organizations to get a list of duties to him soon. This is just a list of events that each group does every year so the Council knows that each event will be taken care of and we can get it on the monthly calendars.
- If you have any need to book the Fellowship Hall/church, please fill out the form located on the desk in the church Annex and give to any Trustee to approve. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- With regard to the January Church Council elections beginning in August 2012 a sign-up sheet will be listed on the bulletin board at the back of the church to sign up if you would be interested in any available position for the January 2013 elections. We're just trying to make it as easy as possible for you to volunteer your time to your church congregation. You may also tell any Council member or email Pastor.
- Chairman Hardesty asked what the budget was for any newspaper, radio costs of advertising for the Easter season. Treasurer Hendricks said there is \$600.00 available in that budget. Jill Hardesty will look into the Farmer City/

Leroy Journal, Mahomet Citizen, and the Fisher View for some Easter worship advertising for the different communities. She'll report back at the April meeting.

- Chairman Hardesty asked about the status of the real estate tax bill. Treasurer Hendricks indicated that it's taken care of and the drainage tax is on budget. About \$60.00 will be due in June 2012.
- The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Hendricks. Second by Butch Sprau. Motion carried with adjournment with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Hardesty, Osman Council Secretary

Mite Boxes for LWML Mission Grant Projects

In October the Sunday School and Confirmation children were given mite boxes to collect change in for the LWML mission grant projects. If you have misplaced your box and need another one, please see Connie Warsaw. We would like for you to bring them to church on Easter morning. Thank you for helping spread the Word of God to other people.

Letter from Michael Brooks

Dear Immanuel, I had a free moment in my schedule, so I thought I would write a few words. First off, I would like to thank all the members who have written me ... it really does help knowing I have people at home and my church who are keeping me in their prayers and words.

My second thought or question I had was this - there are men in my bay who would love to hear the word of God, but don't want to go to the church services here at Fort Leonard Wood. So, I thought I would ask if there was a way I could get a couple copies of the bulletin from each week, or anything else that was small, that would help me share the Word of God with them.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and please keep me in your prayers. I cannot wait until I graduate and am able to start attending church again. Michael Brooks

(Upon Michael's request, Larry and Esther Lutz are sending Michael bulletins and a disk from each of our services. The LWML receives *Portals of Prayers* each month to give to the nursing homes so one copy each month is now being sent to Michael.

Michael is the son of Cindy and Shane Zimmerman, brother of Cheyenne Zimmerman, and the grandson of Frances Zimmerman.)

2012 Osman Mowing Schedule

The 2012 Osman Mowing Schedule is attached for your convenience.

April 22 Cheyenne Zimmerman

April 29 Hannah Duncan

LWML Meeting Minutes

LWML Meeting. The LWML met March 8, 2012 with eleven members present. Wilma Grussing led us in an inspirational Bible study. We collected our mites and read a mission grant devotion for one of our national projects - Outreach to At Risk Children, Detroit, Michigan. During the business meeting everyone was thanked who donated food or helped at the Ash Wednesday soup supper. We made \$398.00.

Also thanks to Annette Warsaw for making the program covers using the theme from last year's national convention in Peoria, IL.

"Goodie Boxes." It was decided to make "goodie boxes" for our college students to be given to them during finals. Brenda Hendricks and Terri Hooker will serve on the committee and will let us know what we need to contribute.

We also discussed guidelines for taking food to members in our congregation. It was suggested to publicize this in the bulletin and April newsletter.

New Business. We decided to quilt on March 30, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m.

It was also voted on to split the seminary student's \$60.00 a month with the Ladies Aid. In the past the Ladies Aid has given \$35.00 and LWML \$25.00.

The Spring Gathering will be April 28, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. at Milford. The CID Convention will be June 1 and 2 in Rock Island. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Karen Bryan and Shirley Sprau served delicious St. Patrick's Day refreshments. Our next meeting will be June 14, 2012, with Brenda Hendricks having the topic and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken and Diana Zimmerman serving refreshments.

Making Palms into Crosses

Anyone interested in making palms into crosses please meet in the Annex of the church on March 31, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The palm crosses will be passed out to the congregation during the Palm Sunday service.

Acolyting in April

The following confirmands will be acolyting during April:

April 01	Cheyenne Zimmerman
April 05	Hannah Duncan (Maundy Thursday)
April 06	MacKenzie Delaney (Good Friday)
April 08	Chase Zimmerman
April 15	Ryan McPike

Holy Week Activities

Holy Week will begin Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012, with the passing out of palm crosses. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, ending with the stripping of the altar. A Tenebrae service will be held on Good Friday.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday beginning at 7:00 a.m. with the Youth serving their annual Easter Breakfast followed by the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Please join us this special week in celebrating our "RISEN LORD"!

Thrivent News

Choice Dollars! The designated "choice dollars" given to our congregation through the Thrivent Choice Program totaled \$408.00 for the month of February. Through this program Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. Those members contributing money this month are as follows: Wilma Forrest, John Gercken, Wilma Grussing, Brenda Hendricks, Deb Lammle, Carolyn Majercin, Moneta McCleary, Bill McCleary, Greg McCleary, Marge Morrissey, Butch Sprau, Shirley Sprau, Connie Warsaw, Donnie Warsaw, and Gene Welborn. As of the printing of this newsletter, we have not received any "choice dollars" for March.

Easter Caroling. All voices are needed to share the joy of the Easter message through song to our members and other residents of nursing homes on Sunday, April 1, 2012. We will meet at the church at 12:30 to get organized and assemble the treat plates. All regular choir members are asked to bring one type of fruit.

Lutheran Witness. All members that would like the Lutheran Witness subscription need to see Mike Hendricks. The cost of the subscription is \$15.00.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Ladies Aid Meeting

All ladies of the congregation are invited to the Ladies Aid Meeting on April 4, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Each member is asked to bring a glue stick and old Easter cards (if they have any) to the meeting for a special activity. Debbie Lammle will give the topic, and Connie Warsaw will have devotion,

prayer, and serve refreshments. Roll call will be a verse on “joy,” one of the fruits of the spirit.

Easter Breakfast

After the worship service on Easter Sunday (April 8, 2012), please join the Youth Group as they prepare a wonderful Easter breakfast for everyone. Larry Lutz will graciously be assisting in the preparation of those awesome pancakes along with ham, scrambled eggs, toast, and drinks. As always, monetary donations will be accepted. Hope to see you there!

Easter Lilies

Thank you to the following members for donating an Easter Lily to beautify our altar on Easter: Karen Bryan, Marv and Carolyn Heinze, Mike and Brenda Hendricks, John and Debbie Lammle, Larry and Esther Lutz, Steve and Susan Martin, Bill and Moneta McCleary, Marge Morrissey, Darryl Redding, Butch and Shirley Sprau, Jim and Sue Van Wakeman, Don and Connie Warsaw, and Gene and Dorothy Welborn. You may take your flower home after the Easter service.

“Movie Night”

Everyone is invited to “Movie Night” sponsored by the Fellowship Club on April 22, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a dish for a potluck supper before viewing the Walther movie. Homemade ice cream will be served with a variety of toppings. Those having birthdays in April, May, and June will be recognized. Plan now to attend this special event!

Mark the Date!

The final Youth Group event of the year will be held Friday, May 25, 2012, into Saturday, May 26, 2012.

A “campout” will be held at the Fellowship Hall with lots of fun, games, and that great camping food for plenty of fun! This will be a “no cell phone or laptop allowed event!” Can you make it? Pitch your tent, bring those hot dog sticks ... we’re going to “rough it” at the Fellowship Hall and parking lot!

More information will be coming later!

LWML Food Committees to Prepare Meals

The LWML has recently formed “food committees” to take a meal to members of our congregation who have been hospitalized, had outpatient surgery, or have been laid up for a while. This is available to all: men, women, married, or single.

When we are aware of the situation, we will try to contact the member to see if he/she would like a meal. However, we do not always know when someone is in

need. Please let Connie Warsaw know at (309) 722-3428 or (217) 202-9860 if you could use some “comfort” food or if you know of someone who might benefit from a meal.

Online Database

The online official acts typing offer has recruited four volunteers! We thank Brenda Hendricks, Beth Bidner, Barb Gaines, and Roy Whitehouse for helping us build this database. They will be working hard over the next several months to add all important church acts to our website. Thank you one and all!

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).

Office Hours for Pastor McPike

Pastor McPike is available on Tuesday evenings after 7:00 p.m., by appointment, in the Annex office. He is also available on Saturdays, depending on his home visit’s schedule. Please contact him if you need to set up an appointment.

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.

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.

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 the Church Secretary by 12:00 noon on Thursday.

Newsletter Deadline. To have submissions included in the monthly newsletter, please forward them to the Church Secretary by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
02-26	78	9	13
02-29	41 (Ash Wednesday)		
03-04	84	9	10
03-07	49 (Lent)		
03-11	86	10	10
03-14	46 (Lent)		
03-18	79	11	14
03-21	49 (Lent)		
03-25	Statistics Unavailable		

Elder-on-Duty

Marvin Clemmons	Mar	July	Nov
Butch Sprau	Feb	June	Oct
Aaron Warsaw	May	Sept	Jan 2013
Roy Whitehouse	Apr	Aug	Dec

Altar Guild

AprilDebbie Martin

Lay Readers

Shane Zimmerman04-01
 (Pastor Schmidt will read on 04-08)
 Kim Clemmons04-15
 Marvin Clemmons04-22
 Barb Gaines04-29

April Birthdays

Chase Zimmerman04-03
 Courtney Delaney04-03
 Timothy Brandt04-10
 Dorothy Miller.....04-12
 Connie Warsaw04-12
 Benjamin Burgess04-16
 Barb Gaines04-19
 Kathy Brendel04-17
 Leonard Delaney04-17
 Steven Sprau04-18
 Gina Masko04-19
 Mike Hendricks04-23
 Hallie Johnson04-23
 Bob Zimmerman04-23
 Chris Barrack04-24
 Linda Warsaw04-25
 Kristan Lammle04-25
 Deb Lammle04-26
 Marvin Nelson04-28

April Anniversaries

None.

*God our Father,
 by raising Christ your Son
 you conquered the power of death
 and opened for us the way to eternal life.
 Let our celebration today raise us up
 and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. Amen*

