

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC



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From the desk of...

Pastor McPike

Faces of the Reformation

In just about one year, October 31, 2017, will mark the 500th Anniversary of the posting of "A Disputation on the Power of Indulgences" - what we have known for many years as the "95 Theses". They were penned by Martin Luther, professor of Theology at the University of Wittenberg, as a proposition for debate on the university level. They were posted on the door of the so-called "Castle Church", which, since 1499 had functioned as a chapel for the newly founded University of Wittenberg. The reason for posting them on October 31 is that it was the "Eve of All Hallows" or All Saints' Day, which is where "Halloween" comes from. November 1 being a high festival day, many would be coming for Mass, and it was common for propositions for debate to be posted, in Latin, for university students and professors to read, consider, and debate. Luther did not intend for these theses to be widely published. Had that been his intention, he'd have posted them in German on the doors of St. Mary's Church, the church in the center of town just off the main town square (*Stadtplatz*). However, sentiment against hierarchy on the church level as well as in the political arena were running high, and soon Luther's 95 Theses were translated into German and published far and wide. The result was a

long struggle that ended in the established church fracturing, and is looked to as the origins of what we know today as the "Lutheran Church."

For the coming year, we will mark this 500th Anniversary in a variety of ways. One of those ways will be to make use of a resource from the LCMS called "Faces of the Reformation."

These will include bulletin inserts as well as single Bible Studies that will be used on Sunday morning. There are not enough of these studies to fill all the Sundays from now through next October. A schedule has been devised to make use of them, however, and the next month will feature the following:



**REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus**

October 31 – Junker Jorg (Knight George, which was Luther's disguise when he lived at Wartburg Castle in 1519-1520).

November 6 – Philipp Melanchthon – Luther's "right hand man" - professor of languages at Wittenberg

November 13 – Martin Luther (early years)

November 20 – Katharina von Bora – the ex-nun who married Luther.

After that, we will pick back up with the Revelation study until after the first of the year.

Additionally, special celebrations will be held. Stay tuned for further details!

Operation Christmas Child



Calling all Sunday School children! The Operation Christmas Child boxes will be packed on Sunday, November 6, during Sunday School time. Not only do these children in over 100 countries receive these boxes as possibly their only gift, but they also are given the opportunity to learn about Jesus. Every box contains a booklet titled The Greatest Gift which shares the message of our Savior. Pastors around the world host shoebox distribution in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. Other churches use the boxes as resources for outreach in orphanages and other at-risk areas. The supplies in boxes that our Sunday School children will be packing were purchased with two Thrivent Action Team Cards. This money also paid the \$7 per box shipping. Thank you to Terri Hooker and Connie Warsaw for organizing this great mission project!

Church Council

The church council will meet on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Baptism

Blaine Russell Martin was baptized on Sunday, October 23, during the regular worship service. Blaine is the son of Bryce and Ashley Martin and the grandson of Dennis and Debbie Martin. He was born on May 30, 2016. Sponsors were Matt and Jessica Birky. May God bless this little one with His grace!

Membership Transfer

Welcome into membership Kari Genzel and her daughter, Ashley, and her son, CJ (Christopher). They have transferred their membership from Peace Lutheran in Thomasboro. To add them to your church directory, their address is PO Box 603, 27 Elmwood Drive, Fisher, IL 61843. Please welcome them into our congregation!

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dorothy Miller will have devotion and prayer. Agnes Martinie will have the topic, and Debbie Lammle will serve the refreshments. Roll call will be given with a verse on justification. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Benefit Soup Supper

Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a benefit soup supper for Jodi Burgess who is undergoing continued treatments for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The soup supper will be held in the hall on Saturday, November 12, from 4:30 to 7. The menu will be chili, oyster soup, potato soup, sandwiches, pie, and drinks. A free will offering will be taken. A Thrivent Action Team card for \$250 was applied for by Dwight Hooker to pay for some of the groceries and supplies. There is still time to sign-up for food donations. The list is on the bulletin board. If you are interested in donating, please make check to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman and give to Roy and Annette Whitehouse or Dwight and Terri Hooker.

Church Council Minutes

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Council Minutes

September 7, 2016

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council held its monthly meeting on September 7, 2016, with eleven members present. Those attending were John Lammle, Shane Zimmerman, Aaron Warsaw, Don Warsaw, Lee Whitehouse, John Gercken, Deb Lammle, Connie Warsaw, Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, and Pastor McPike. Pastor McPike opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary's minutes were read and approved. In Bob Zimmerman's absence, Chairman Lammle gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$67, 348. 93. Shane Zimmerman made a motion to accept the report. John Gercken seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike complimented the Vicar on a job well done and stated that Vicar was happy to serve at Osman as well. Pastor informed the council that he would be attending a Chaplain Gathering in Belleville during the third Sunday in September. He would also be gone one Sunday in October and one Sunday in November. Pastor Ehlers will continue filling in during the Sundays Pastor McPike is gone. Reverend James Bloch and his wife transferred from Trinity Danville to Immanuel Osman. They are living at Bridle Brook in Mahomet, and will be on the shut-in list at Immanuel Osman. Rev. Bloch served at the Mahomet Mission Church and in Ontario, Canada.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be the topic for the Bible Study during adult Sunday School in October. All are encouraged to attend! Pastor informed the council that lightning damaged the internet at the church, and we lost the router and camera on the hall. The router was replaced and discussion was held on replacing the outside camera. John Gercken made the motion to replace the outside video camera. Lee Whitehouse seconded, and the motion carried. A black robe was ordered as a thank you gift for Vicar Johnston from the congregation. The gift arrived in time for Vicar Johnston to take with him to Ft. Wayne.

Sunday School Superintendent Report: Connie Warsaw stated that September 11th would be Christian Education Sunday. Donuts and drinks will be served in the hall at 9 a.m. The children will play the bells and sing a special song during the service. Joy Johnson will

continue teaching the high school class. Pastor McPike informed the council that the Sunday School class would soon begin confirmation memory work.

Trustees Report: Lee Whitehouse stated he removed the mold off the north end of the hall and still had painting projects pending. Discussion continued concerning the quotes on the new ramp project off the east side of the annex. Lee Whitehouse stated he would get a quote for a railing on the ramp by September 18th, when a special council meeting would be held after church. Chairman Lammle also asked that both quotes for the concrete ramp cover the same materials and dimensions.

2016 Church Activities: Chairman Lammle went over the list of items needed for the upcoming hay ride/wiener roast on September 25th beginning at 4:30 p.m. Hay rack and truck will be brought by Aaron Warsaw and John Lammle; council will set up and decorate on September 24th at 9 a.m.; sign-up sheet, meat/buns/condiments by Debbie Lammle; drinks by Diana Zimmerman and Shirley Sprau; ingredients for s'mores by Shirley Sprau; grilling the meat by Aaron Warsaw; sticks for roasting by Aaron Warsaw & Lee Whitehouse; children games and adult activity by Shirley Sprau and Debbie Lammle; and fire wood by Lee Whitehouse. Assignments for the Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest were also discussed. Pastor & Larry Lutz will make German pancakes; Debbie Lammle will post sign-up sheet and bring German potato salad and apple strudel; John Lammle will grill the meat; Darryl Redding will bring sauerkraut; those members attending will be asked to bring dishes to compliment the meal. A free will offering will be taken during the event to assist in the cost of the band. Activities for the event include Reformation skit, polka band, and possible trivia games. The remaining activities for the rest of the year were reviewed. It was decided that on Christmas morning a hymn sing would begin at 9:30 a.m. with the church service beginning at 10 a.m.

Old Business: Chairman Lammle stated that approval was received from the state to place the Immanuel Lutheran church sign on Rt. 47. He is ordering the signs tomorrow, securing the posts, and making the brackets. No response has been received from the Marvin Nelson family. A personal parking sign for senior member, Jeri Bidner, was ordered and received. The sign will be presented at the Weiner Roast/Hay Ride on September 25th. Chairman Lammle then referred to the nominating committee draft and asked for any other nominees for

the ballot for the upcoming election. He tabled the issue concerning "a quorum for meetings". He recommended not making changes till the Constitutional Review Committee has a chance to review changes in the Web version of the constitution and verify documented changes made with voter approval. Discussion continued concerning "quorum" wording in both documents of the constitution. Chairman Lammle presented draft forms to document pay for church employees, and will ask treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, to complete the pay information. The council was informed that the Vicar's salary and Pastor McPike's salary combined equals the synod's current suggested salary for a one year pastor.

The council was informed that the church phone was not working and Frontier was called for repair. Chairman Lammle then read a letter of resignation from Church Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman. Accompanying the letter was a check for \$300 for the prior use of the church tables. In the letter, Bob stated he would help train the new treasurer.

Chairman Lammle stated he would not be available for the next council and voters' meeting. Lee Whitehouse made a motion to move the next council meeting to October 12th and voters' meeting to October 16th to allow Chairman Lammle to be present. Aaron Warsaw seconded the motion, and the motion carried. John Gercken made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Sprau seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lammle

Harvest Breakfast

A special thanks to Nikki Gallier for coordinating the Harvest Breakfast this year. Without the motivation of all our younger generation and their children, we would not see growth in our church. We appreciate the delicious food made by Beth Bidner, Kim Clemmons, Christie Delaney, Annette Warsaw, and Nikki Gallier. Thanks to the youth for helping set up and clean up afterwards. And thanks to those who donated to the free will offering. \$436 was collected for the next youth gathering!

Church Secretary Needed



Linda Warsaw has recently resigned as our church secretary. We would like to extend our appreciation to her for a job well done. Since this is a paid staff position, the council decided to post the opening, along with the job description and pay summary on the bulletin board in the back of the church. This will allow any and all members of Immanuel Osman to apply for the position. If you have any questions, contact John Lammle (217-897-1668).

Vicar Johnston

As of October 4th, Vicar Johnston is in week five of classes back at Concordia Theological Seminary. He is taking 14 credits and classes include Pentateuch I, Pastoral Counseling, Deaf Ministry I, and Reformation Era History, along with the standard Field Work class and Greek Readings class. He has a part time job as a delivery driver at Jimmy John's. Vicar also teaches a Bible Study at Promise Ministries where he is completing his field work. He plans to visit Immanuel next month.



"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free." —Dan Lipinski

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman

Voters' Meeting-July 10, 2016

The Quarter Voters' meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on July 10th with 30 members present. Chairman Lammle asked Pastor McPike to open the meeting with prayer. The secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, read his report with a balance of \$74,847.26. Butch Sprau made a motion to accept the report. Ken Whitehouse seconded, and the motion carried. Treasurer Zimmerman thanked all the members of the congregation for their generous offerings. The first six months were right on budget, although expenses were somewhat higher due to the insurance bill being paid all in one payment.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike thanked the members for his partnership with Immanuel. He read a letter from member, Susan Miller. Susan would like to give back to the church by going through training to become a Parish Nurse. Insurance for this position is carried by Carle. Pastor McPike will be writing a letter of recommendation.

Sunday School Superintendent Report: Connie Warsaw then gave a report on the VBS program held at Osman this past June. A slide show was presented on June 26th during a coffee hour before church. The students sang songs and played the bells during the program. Pastor thanked Connie and those involved for a job well done!

New Business: Chairman Lammle informed the members that a Stewardship Committee has been formed to coordinate and plan the use of Thrivent Choice Funds received each year, under the direction of the council for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. The committee includes Dwight and Terri Hooker and Roy and Annette Whitehouse.

Chairman Lammle then stated that one more bid on the ramp project will be obtained before coming to the voters for approval. The bell tower project was completed, and painting jobs will be listed on the bulletin board. Other church projects in process are advertising in local newspapers, advertising in area village web sites, upgrading the church web site, and adding two directional signs/with a possibility of upgrading or replacing an additional one. An inspection was

completed by Illini FS and one regulator in the annex was replaced.

Chairman Lammle stated that Jeri Bidner was accompanied by a large group on and beside our church float at the 4th of July parade in Bellflower. We were awarded 2nd place. He informed the group that we will honor Jeri a second time and asked everyone to come out for the 75th Anniversary Fisher Fair Parade on Monday, July 11th, at 6 p.m. He thanked everyone who helped construct the float.

Chairman Lammle then explained that the 125th Anniversary Committee led by Darwin Warsaw met and provided a detailed summary of items to be considered for our 125th Anniversary Celebration. If any members have suggestions for this event, please contact Darwin Warsaw, Darryl Redding, or Jill Hardesty.

Chairman Lammle thanked the Ladies Aid members for being church greeters through August. He went over the future church activities for the year. Church Picnic-August 14th in the Fisher Community Center; Hay Ride/Wiener Roast-September 25; Pastor Appreciation/Reformation Fest-October 30th; Youth Harvest Breakfast TBA; Thanksgiving Dinner & Service-November 20th; Christmas Eve Children's Service-December 24th; and Christmas Morning Service-December 25th.

Barb Whitehouse made a motion to adjourn. Teresa VanWakeman-Wilson seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Congratulations!

Kevin and Kristan Hansen of Ft. Collins, Colorado, were blessed with a baby girl, Tatum Madeline Hansen, on October 5th. Tate joins a 2-year-old sister, Talitha Maren. She is the granddaughter of John and Debbie Lammle.

Scott and Rebecca Gercken were blessed with a baby girl, Evangeline Patricia, born on October 13th. She is welcomed home by three sisters. Evangeline is the granddaughter of John and Barb Gercken.

God's blessings to these young children and their families!

LWML News

Quilt Date: Our next date for quilting will be Thursday, November 3rd at 8 a.m. in the hall. We will decide if Saturday is necessary at that time. Everyone is invited to come. We won't be quilting in December but will resume in January.

Military Biblestick Project: LWML will be sponsoring a project for the first three weeks in November called Military Biblestick. This is a small audio player loaded with the New Testament and some Psalms that chaplains give to our service men and women. This was developed by the ministry "Faith Comes by Hearing" which specializes in audio tools and have recordings of the Bible in over 1,000 languages. So far they have sent these to over 700,000 troops and are getting requests for up to 2,000 a month. The cost is only \$25 each or you can donate any amount you want. Please make your checks payable to Immanuel LWML and we will then send one check to Faith Comes by Hearing at the end of the 3 weeks. Thank you for sharing God's Word and love with our troops!

Thanksgiving Meal and Service



"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." Psalm 95:2

Let us give thanks for all God's goodness, and come together on November 20th for the third annual Thanksgiving meal and evening service at Immanuel Osman. Everyone is invited to join in this special meal, followed by a Thanksgiving service in the church. No need to feel obligated to attend the meal, if only the service fits into your schedule. **If you wish to attend the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the church.** If you desire to help with the food, salads and desserts are welcome. Just write next to your name what you are bringing. The meal begins at 5:30 and the service at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!



Christmas Trees

The Ladies Aid voted to decorate miniature Christmas trees for the shut-ins. If any member has items to donate for this project (miniature trees, lights, or decorations), please give to Debbie Lammler. Thanks!

Advent Service

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. This year Advent begins on November 27th. Advent means "coming" and is a time of preparation, anticipation, and expectation of Christmas, where we celebrate that Jesus, God's son, was born into our world. The liturgical color of advent is purple, which symbolizes penitence and preparation. The 1st Sunday of advent is a holy day that marks the beginning of a new church year. Many churches, ours included, have adopted the tradition of using the Advent wreath. The wreath holds three purple candles and one pink. The purple candles match the paraments on the altar. Later, the blue candles replaced the purple ones to match the new blue paraments. The pink candle was the third candle to be lit on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. "Gaudete" means "Rejoice" in Latin. Hence a "pink" candle was used to signify "rejoicing". A "Christ Candle" in the middle of the wreath is lit during the 12 days of Christmas. (December 25-Jan. 5)

Immanuel Osman will celebrate Advent with an Advent Service and Social Hour following on November 30th at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this special celebration!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th so remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night!



LWML Danville Zone

The Danville Zone President's meeting was held at Our Savior, Milford on Saturday, October 22nd, with Debbie Lammle leading the meeting. Pastor Gibbs opened the meeting with devotion. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. A gift was given to Pastor Gibbs in appreciation for serving as our zone counselor. A flower and card signed by all attending the meeting was given to Janet Myers to take to Marilyn Lepere, President of the Immanuel Danville.

The following handouts were distributed: 1) Airfare and bus fare to Albuquerque, NM for the LWML National Convention in 2017, along with a bus survey 2) "Giving Tuesday" a global day of giving on Nov. 29th (each donation matched up to \$10,000 3) Record Sheets listing new officers for 2017 due ASAP after Dec. 1st 4) Mite and operating accounts from district 5) CID Financial Secretary Report 6) "75 Big Ideas"- an initiative to help the LWML refocus on our basic common core values: being in God's Word, missions, service, and fellowship. 7) Zone President Ready Reference Sheet 8) An Advent skit.

Other items discussed:

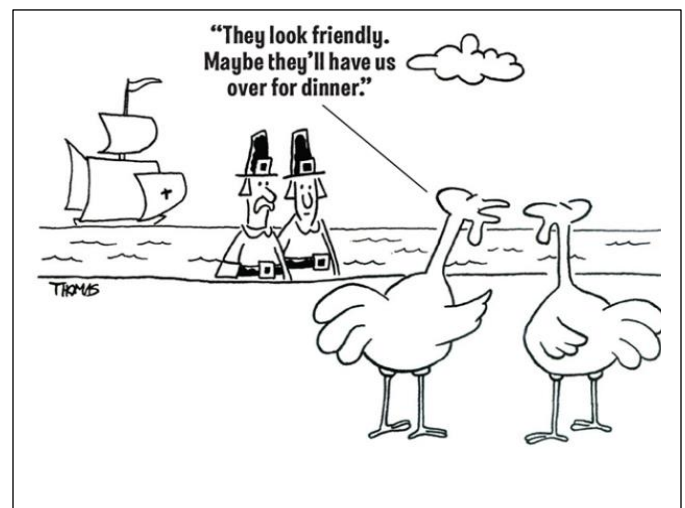
- (1) The members voted to buy a LWML Zone President's pin from the zone treasury for the next president.
- (2) It was suggested from National that each society donate \$75 in honor of the LWML 75th Anniversary. An envelope was provided in the last quarterly if you wish to donate.
- (3) The first grant was given to Student Aid for Church Workers in the amount \$25000.
- (4) Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each are available for LWML women (minority race) attending the 2017 National Convention.
- (5) The theme for the 2017 rallies is "The Word of God is Our Fortress".
- (6) A mission grant is being filled out by Our Savior Milford for support of their Comfort Dog.
- (7) Danville Zone is assigned articles in the Clarion for the Spring Issue (deadline April 25) Articles may be submitted anytime.
- (8) The CID convention will be held at Altamont, with Friday night events at St. Paul's New Pointe. The theme is "Grow and Build Together in Love".
- (9) Registration forms for 2017 National Convention will be in Winter Quarterly. Lois Wood from Thomasboro will be the National delegate from our zone.

- (10) Spring Gathering will be planned by Cissna, Milford, and Watseka. A collection will be taken for our zone treasury at the gathering.
- (11) It was voted that the zone project for this year will be supporting the Seek and Find Ministry in Rantoul with new or gently used Christmas toys. These toys may be given to Debbie Lammle or brought to the Christmas Luncheon on December 9th at the Paxton Tea Room. **Toys are sold at Seek and Find year around, but for the toy drive, the store prefers the items by December 17th at noon.**
- (12) The 2017 zone project was also voted on. It will be a monetary gift that would be divided equally among the Lutheran Schools in the Zone to be used toward tuition expense of one or more children. This project will be turned in at the 2017 October president's meeting.

The meeting ended with the society presidents reporting all activities accomplished since the last meeting. Pastor Gibbs ended the meeting with prayer.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to the family of Roy Whitehouse who passed away on Monday, October 17. He is survived by one brother, Ken Whitehouse, and two sisters, Marjorie Daniel and Barb Whitehouse-Gercken. His memorial service was held in Bolivar, Missouri. A private graveside service was held at the Bellflower Township Cemetery with Pastor McPike officiating. May God provide them with the strength they need to find peace in this difficult time.



Anniversaries

Annette and Jeff Warsaw.....11-03-2001
 Stefani and Greg Warsaw.....11-16-2002
 Connie and John Grussing.....11-19-1999
 Kim and Marvin Clemmons.....11-21-1998
 Connie and Don Warsaw.....11-22-1969
 Anne and Bill Amdor.....11-26-1983

Congratulations

on your

70th
 Wedding
 Anniversary!

Statistics

Date	Sunday School	High School	Adult Class
October 2	4	1	10
October 9	6	2	7
October 16	5	0	10
October 23	6	1	6

Birthdays



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Deb Peyton.....11-02
 CJ Genzel.....11-02
 Emily Grussing.....11-05
 Joni Reifsteck.....11-05
 Lee Whitehouse.....11-06
 Malachi Johnson.....11-10
 Esther Lutz.....11-10
 Karen Bryan.....11-11
 Brent Lutz.....11-11
 Randy Zimmerman.....11-13
 Steve Warsaw.....11-14
 Dwight Hooker.....11-15
 Rick Hardesty.....11-16
 Mary Beth Duncan.....11-19
 Agnes Martinie.....11-22
 Jenna Clemmons.....11-25
 Bill Forrest.....11-25
 Julia Camp.....11-30

Elders Schedule

January Aaron	February Marvin	March Don
April Aaron	May Shane	June Shane
July Don	August Marvin	September Shane
October Aaron	November Marvin	December Don
	January 2017 Marvin	

