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Every word of God proves true;
He is a shield to those who take
refuge in Him. Proverbs 30:5

June 2021



Happy 100th Birthday!

Happy 100th Birthday to Jeri Bidner on June 18th! The family is having a small celebration for Jeri on her special day. They would like to invite the members of her church which she holds dear to her heart to drive by her house and up her lane to wave and greet her between the hours of 6-8PM. She resides at 2668 CR 1000 E Champaign, IL. The members are also welcomed to enjoy some ice cream and cake in an outdoor setting. Please bring a lawn chair if you stay to visit while you are eating. She requests no gifts, just cards. She would love to have photos included in the cards so she can see what everyone looks like these days. God has richly blessed Jeri with a large family and many friends! Let us help her celebrate!

Church Council

The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, June 16th at 6:30pm.

A Prayer for Dad's, Stepdads, Godfathers, and Foster Dads

Dear God I gratefully Thank You
For giving me my Dad.
You must really love me,
Cause You gave the best you had.
Watch over him and Bless Him Lord
And keep Him in your care.
And may he feel my love for him
Is my humble heartfelt prayer!

By Ron Tranmer

Update on Sem Student

Mark Peters is now the seminary student sponsored by the LA/LWML of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. Mark and his wife, Martha, have been married for 14 years. They have four children - all boys. Paul is 13, Frederick is 11, Russell is 10, and Benjamin is 6. They all attend a local Lutheran School in Ft. Wayne, Ascension Lutheran. This is also the school where Martha teaches second grade full time.

Mark's first career was construction/service electrician in Wisconsin. He enjoyed electrical work but could not ignore the desire to serve God's people as a pastor. He was a member of his home church's Board of Elders, and very active in other activities at church as well. Mark is in his third academic year at seminary. Usually he would be out on vicarage but he applied for a delayed vicarage so his wife and children would have one less interruption in their teaching and school life. Mark is now in his Spring Quarter, and his last quarter on campus. He looks forward to "getting out there" and into a parish where he can be a faithful proclaimer of God's love!

2020 Confirmands

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman would like to recognize the class of 2020 at the 125th anniversary celebration on August 29th, 2021 during the 9:30am church service. Please mark your calendar for this special service!

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for your cards, phone calls, visits and prayers while I was recovering from my recent surgery!

Steve Martin

125th Anniversary History Book

The 125th Anniversary History Book Committee is compiling a history book to be printed in December 2021. The book will cover the time from mid 1995 through our celebration in August 2021. We will need to know the approximate number of copies before the order is completed. The approximate price of the book is \$20. There is a signup sheet on the back bulletin board. Please also indicate the number of books that you would like on the sheet. If you have any questions, please see Brenda Hendricks or Connie Warsaw.

125th Anniversary

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman will celebrate their 125th anniversary with two special services on August 29th at 9am and 11am. Our special guest pastor will be Pastor Schmidt, who helped Pastor McPike here at Osman in 2013. Hope everyone informs their family and friends about this special event. More details to come later.



Storage Shed Cleaning Project

In the last two months the storage shed behind the fellowship hall has received some much needed attention. The items that members donated during the years that our congregation housed vicars were stored in the shed. This included some furniture and many household items. Most of the items were cleaned up and transported to a garage sale which was held on May 7 – 8 at the residence of Dwight and Terri Hooker in Mahomet. However, there are a few items that hold historical value to our congregation but are no longer needed for our congregation. One is a coat hanger – chair holder that was made by Fritz Warsaw. It measures six feet long and four feet wide. The ends of the piece were designed from window frames from the old church. This can be viewed in the fellowship hall. The second one is a group of 4 grey tables. They measure eleven feet long and 31 inches wide. They are made of heavy wood. They were made in the earlier days and were used at farm sales that the ladies served. If anyone is interested in these items, please give your best offer to Dwight Hooker. If no one in the congregation is interested, they will be sold at a garage sale at the residence of Brenda Hendricks in Farmer City on June 5th.

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

Call ahead!

Please continue to call Rick (309-830-8531) or Jill (217-841-3487) to indicate your desire to attend church the upcoming Sunday. This includes parking lot services as well as inside. This helps us plan for Communion attendance each week. Services can be heard on “Radio Osman”, FM 88.1MHz. Thank you for doing your part to keep us all safe!

Vaccinations!

Your vaccination status is protected health information. If you would like to volunteer to tell us that you are fully vaccinated, it will help us plan for the future. According to the CDC, those who have been vaccinated do not figure in the number of people possible in the church. For example, if we are told that most of our regular Sunday worshipers are fully vaccinated, we can begin looking seriously at our policy on mask-wearing and holding the full worship service. The church council is committed to consideration of these matters each month until we are convinced that we can return to “normal”, whatever that will look like in the future. To register your vaccination status, please contact Rick or Jill Hardesty or Pastor McPike.

Ladies Aid/ LWML Meeting



11 Ladies Aid/LWML members met on Thursday, May 13, at 7PM in the fellowship hall. Opening devotion was given by Deb Martin. The topic, "Life is Like Swiss Cheese" was given by Brenda Hendricks.

Marsha Warsaw, secretary, read the minutes and they were approved as read.

Sue VanWakeman, treasurer, gave the balance as of April 30 as \$265.48.

Correspondence from the adopted Seminary student, Mark Peters, was read by Deb Lammler.

Terri Hooker reported that the ladies have finished 82 quilts since October. She was not able to get on the Lutheran World Relief website due to a password problem, so she could not report if the quilts we made last year were distributed. The next quilting dates were announced as June 7 and 9. Diana Zimmerman reported that 48 pillowcase dresses were mailed for Dresses for Africa. With these 48, the ladies have made 392 dresses since March 2019.

After a discussion at the last two business meetings about the number of meetings per year, a proposed amendment to the by-laws was adopted changing the number of meetings from 8 to 6.

The adopted family, Abby and Amelia Kirkpatrick, were treated by Brenda Hendricks and Connie Warsaw during the last two months. Even though we have helped this family for two years, the group decided to continue with our help through this year since Amelia may be facing surgery in June. A short report about the Central Illinois District Convention which was held virtually on May 1st was given by Brenda Hendricks.

The garage sale profit was reported as \$378.50. A big thank you was given to Dwight and Terri Hooker for hosting that sale at their residence in Mahomet. The unsold items will appear at a garage sale at the residence of Brenda Hendricks in Farmer City on June 5th.

Our group offered to help trim stamps for mite missions for the Central Illinois District. Bags of stamps were offered to the ladies to take home and trim.

The next meeting will be July 8th at 7 PM. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Wilma Grussing and Diana Zimmerman served delicious refreshments before the meeting.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cheyenne Zimmerman for graduating Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Health and Medical Humanities. Cheyenne completed the psychology Departmental Honors program and conducted a thesis study on factors that influence the formation of impressions. Her future plans are to get a job and attend clinical psychology Masters Program. God's blessing to Cheyenne!



Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
4/25	40	1	0
5/02	39	1	0
5/09	36	1	0
5/16	38	1	0
5/23			
5/30			



Anniversaries

6-03-2011 Jenna and Nathan Mangold
 6-10-2017 Jamie and Aaron Krueger
 6-11-1994 Jill and Rick Hardesty
 6-15-1985 Terri and Dwight Hooker
 6-23-2001 Beth and Neil Bidner
 6-25-1977 Debbie and John Lammler
 6-30-1979 Janet and Myron Zimmerman



Birthdays

6/03 Susan Martin
 6/08 Brant Hendricks
 6/08 Jamie Poppe
 6/09 Donald Warsaw
 6/12 Jim VanWakeman
 6/13 Amanda Amdor
 6/15 Rong Warsaw
 6/15 Michael Brooks
 6/16 Brenda Edwards
 6/18 Jeri Bidner
 6/19 Dick Johnson
 6/21 Natalie Hooker
 6/22 Beth Bidner
 6/24 Kim Clemmons
 6/26 Laura Zimmerman
 6/27 Ashley Martin
 6/30 Jack Gallier