

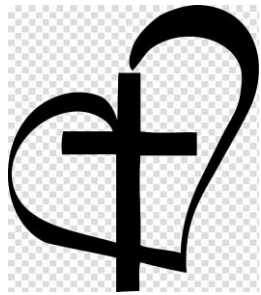


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With Deepest Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Moneta McCleary who was called to her heavenly home on January 6th. Her graveside service was held at Grandview Memorial Gardens in rural Champaign on January 11th. Moneta was very active in the Ladies Aid and in LWML. The relationships that Moneta made with her church family were very special to her. May our loving Lord grant comfort and peace to all those who mourn.

Thanks

The family of Moneta McCleary would like to extend our thanks to everyone who called, sent a message or card, gave a donation, provided food, and attended her burial service. A special thank you to Pastor McPike who provided a wonderful Christian gravesite service. Moneta loved her church and church family with a passion, and all of you were very special to her and her family. May she now rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord. Revelation 21:4 says, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

Lenten Season

The Lenten Season will be upon us soon. We will observe Ash Wednesday on March 2nd with a 7 PM worship service. There will not be a social hour after the service. There will not be mid-week Lenten services, but there will be Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Altar Guild

It shows the strength of a congregation when a member goes through an illness that leaves a void and the others step up and run to the challenge. Thanks to Susan Martin, Terri Hooker, Debbie Martin, Jill Hardesty, Sue VanWakeman, and Diana Zimmerman for signing up to serve on the Altar Guild this year. God will reward you for your efforts!

Quilting

The ladies of the congregation are invited to help tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Monday, February 7th and on Wednesday, February 9th in the fellowship hall. On February 7th the ladies will begin at 8 AM and on February 9th they will begin at 12:30.

Minutes of Voter's Meeting

July 25, 2021

(As approved on January 23, 2022)

(The October Quarterly Voters Meeting was not held.)

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman held its Voter's meeting on July 25, 2021, at 10:20am after the church service. Chairman, Rick Hardesty, called the meeting to order, followed by prayer given by Pastor McPike who thanked God for Immanuel's 125 years. The minutes from the last Voter's meeting and treasurer's report were printed and available for those present. Darwin Warsaw made the motion to accept the secretary's minutes; Jim VanWakeman seconded; motion carried. John Gercken made the motion to accept the treasurer's report; Dave Kunde seconded; motion carried. Chairman Hardesty asked if anyone present needed to sign the constitution book. No one came forward.

The congregation was then informed that the price of LP gas provided by Evergreen FS was increasing 70 cents per gallon for next year. Prices were checked with a competitor, and their cost was even higher. Chairman Hardesty indicated that the trustees have worked out an agreement with Steve Martin to exchange his property with the church's property, north of Steve Martin's home. Steve Martin has agreed to pay all costs associated with the exchange. A motion was made by Larry Lutz and seconded by John Lammler to table the exchange of the properties. Motion failed. Discussion followed. Darwin Warsaw asked if the exchange of property was acceptable to the remaining relative in the congregation. Debbie Lammler was agreeable to the exchange of property. It was discussed that the property to be exchanged should be graveled and made into a parking lot, to avoid paying property tax. Chairman Hardesty said the lot would be made into a parking lot in phases and the church would cover the cost for placing gravel on the lot. The group was assured that the well and the septic tank on the property are filled in and reported to McLean County. The group was informed by Chairman Hardesty that legal descriptions were acquired for the property. Jerry Edwards made the motion to proceed with the property exchange; John Gercken seconded; motion carried. Darwin Warsaw made the motion to hire someone to place gravel on the new lot. Don Warsaw seconded; motion carried.

The drawing for the frames and crosses made from the stained glass from original church windows was completed during the Voter's meeting. Members took their numbers to the fellowship hall to choose their frames and crosses in chronological order after the voter's meeting. Thanks were given to Brenda Hendricks and Don and Connie Warsaw for their work on the stained-glass project, and to Rick and Jill Hardesty for their help with the parking lot attendees on Sunday mornings.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Debbie Lammler
Church Council Secretary

Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

The first 2022 meeting of the Ladies Aid/LWML will be held on Thursday, February 10, at 1:30. Annette Warsaw will have opening devotion and prayer. Brenda Hendricks will have the topic. Marsha Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks will provide the refreshments. The roll call will be answered with a favorite Bible verse. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

New Church Secretary

In January Brenda Hendricks was hired as the new church secretary, replacing Linda Warsaw who resigned in December 2021. All bulletin and newsletter articles can be sent to her at mhendrick@mchsi.com or texted to her at 309-826-9733. There is also a basket on the secretary's desk in the annex that you can drop information into. The bulletins and newsletters will be printed on Fridays so please send the articles by Friday morning.

Dresses for Africa



The ladies of our congregation made sixty-five pillowcase dresses for Dresses for Africa in the last few months. They were sorted by sizes and shipped last week. Little Dresses for Africa (LDFA) is a Christian organization which offers relief to all parts of Africa and many countries beyond, by distributing little dresses, made primarily of pillowcases, to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. These little dresses are made and donated by volunteers from all over the world and are distributed to the

children in need. They are shipped through postal services, containers, with mission teams, and with humanitarian organizations. These dresses serve as little Ambassadors to encourage and honor young girls and to establish relationships with villages so that continued work can be accomplished through clean water, primary education, and community. Over 8.0 million dresses have been sent to 97 countries since the formation of this organization. The dresses that our ladies make are sent to Rockford, Michigan, where there is a collection site. Our ladies have now sent 499 dresses in the last five-plus years. We thank Brenda Hendricks, Susan Martin, Connie Warsaw, and Diana Zimmerman for their time and efforts in sewing the dresses this time. As their website states, "we are not sending dresses, we are sending hope". If there are any ladies in the congregation interested in making dresses, there is a pattern on the back bulletin board.

Upcoming Dates

Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM

Thrivent

(This article was printed in the Champaign News Gazette this last week.)

“Fortune 500 Company Pledges Match Donation to Tornado Relief”

Thrivent, a Fortune 500 financial services company, announced on Wednesday that it will be matching one dollar for every two dollars that is donated to the company’s tornado relief fundraisers. The company said that it will match up to \$150,000, and as of January 24th almost \$430,000 had been donated.

“Our hearts go out to those who have been impacted by the devastating tornadoes and severe storms that ripped through the Midwest and in the South” said Thrivent CEO Terry Rasmussen. “Our members always band together in tough times, and we are honored to come alongside them to help support disaster victims.”

Convoy of Hope, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Samaritan’s Purse are the three charitable organizations selected to receive Thrivent’s donation. This matching opportunity will run through February 15th. Anyone who wants to learn more about how to help can find such information on Thrivent’s website at www.Thrivent.com.

Thrivent members! If you have any Thrivent Choice Dollars which are given upon ownership of certain Thrivent products, don’t forget to donate those to one of the 35,000 churches and nonprofits that Thrivent recognizes. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman is one of those choices. The deadline to donate 2021 choice dollars is March 31st. The amount contributed to our church in the last year has decreased greatly so if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars and do not know how to donate them, please see Brenda Hendricks or Terri Hooker.

Birthdays

Bryan Edwards.....02-03
 David Peyton.....02-03
 Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson.....02-07
 Austin Miller.....02-09
 Christie Delaney.....02-10
 Jenna Mangold..... 02-14
 Neil Bidner.....02-17
 Lisa Miller.....02-17
 Jeff Warsaw.....02-19
 Amanda Burgess.....02-24
 Reese Gallier.....02-26

Anniversaries

02-12-1977 Susan and Austin Miller
 02-14-2012 Sara and David Kunde
 02-28-2015 Sandy and Lee Whitehouse

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
01/02	22	0	8
01/09	15	0	0
01/16	33	1	8
01/23	43	1	9

