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From Pastor McPike's desk...

Church's Work of Mercy

Rev. John Fale, Associate Executive Director of Mercy Operations for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in St. Louis, will be at Osman on Sunday, May 5 for the 8:30 AM Bible class hour to present information about the church's work of mercy in many places throughout the world. Immanuel has given mission money in the past for this effort, especially when there were immediate needs such as natural disasters in far away places like Japan or close as the Joplin, Missouri tornado. Pastor Fale is a 1985 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; he is a Board Certified Chaplain, a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and has served parishes in Nebraska as well as served for several years as the director of spiritual care at Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk, Nebraska. Pastor and his wife Marcia are God-parents to Sara and Ryan, and long-time friends of Pastor McPike.

Teaching Tour of Israel and Jordan

Greetings,

I am Pastor Darold Reiner, retired after having served in the LCMS for 52 years, both as a teacher and pastor. I was pastor at Trinity Lutheran here in Kalispell for 25 years and am presently serving a mission congregation in Creston – just 15 miles east of Kalispell, Montana, and I lead tours both to Israel and Turkey/Greece.

My next tour is a "Teaching Tour of Israel & Jordan." Is it possible for you to copy and paste the announcement below in your newsletter or bulletin? Thanks for taking the time to consider this request. I have no other way to get the information out. I send these emails to individual congregations as I do not

have mass email addresses or distribution lists available to me and I cannot pay for advertising in the Lutheran Witness or Reporter. I do appreciate this so much! Hopefully somehow I can someday return the favor.

If you or your church is planning a trip to Israel, please disregard this note, but on the other hand if not – I encourage you to publicize this trip as these tours have had lasting spiritual benefits on God's people as they have walked and experienced the land God promised to His people. I have seen this time and time again as I have taken groups there. In fact that is the only reason I am doing this annually as I see God's Spirit doing His work in such touching ways through this ministry. You will be doing your people a huge favor by making this opportunity available to them. Christ's blessings on your ministry during this very blessed Easter season!

He is Risen!

Darold Reiner

A Biblical Tour of Israel & Jordan : (October 14-24, 2013) An Experience of a Lifetime! A deluxe tour of 'Israel & Jordan' plus many extras such as a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, meditating in the Garden of Gethsemane, seeing the Jesus boat, driving to Petra, Jordan through the desert that the Israelites wandered in and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Rev Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor (Former LWML International Counselor), is leading this tour. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or reiner@centurytel.net for a brochure.



Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all you have done for Marv and me since I have been ill. There are no words to thank you for the personal visits, visits by our church choir, the cookies, candy, fruit and flowers we have received. Also, a special thanks to Larry and Esther Lutz for the personal notes, for forwarding church bulletins and the CD's of the church sermons which we receive weekly. The Ladies Aid sends gifts and they are truly appreciated for their beauty and thoughtfulness.

Pastor McPike, your visits with prayer and communion are such a comfort and blessing to us. We both really miss attending church services and your visits are the next best thing. There are no words to express how much we love and appreciate you and your visits.

God bless you all for your Christian and personal concern. You are each truly a blessing and comfort to us.

Christian love and blessings,
Carolyn Heinze

Thank You!

My sincere thanks to Pastor and the choir for coming to my home and singing. You are the greatest! Also, thanks for the fruit, candy and flower. I appreciate all the cards, visits, phone calls, etc. since being confined at home. So thankful for the Lutz's sending weekly CD's and bulletins. Love and miss you all. God Bless! Marge Morrissey

Graduation!

Congratulations to the three high school graduates from our congregation. Jordan Bidner and Gina Masko will graduate from Fisher High School and Sarah Schuh will graduate from Mahomet High School later this month. We will keep these three graduates in our prayers and ask God to guide them in their next phase of life. We congratulate Hannah Duncan and Cheyenne Zimmerman for graduating from 8th grade.

Church Directory

The church directory was finished and mailed this past week. Thank you to the committee of Annette Warsaw, Connie Warsaw, and Brenda Hendricks for organizing this publication. A special thanks to Annette Warsaw for taking all of the group pictures and some individual pictures. She also used her creative skills in designing each of the activity pages. Thank you to Connie Warsaw for collecting the data, typing the roster, and helping to schedule the times for photography sessions. Thank you to Deb Lammle who donated pictures from several events to be used in the directory. The directories will be printed in two to three months and will be distributed at the back table under the balcony. All members who are pictured in the directory will receive a directory. For those members, who ordered portraits, you should be notified soon that your orders have been shipped.

Installation of Pastor Schmidt

Twenty-three members of Immanuel Osman traveled to San Jose Lutheran Church for the Installation of Pastor Justin Schmidt on April 7th. Pastor McPike gave the sermon for the service. A delicious meal was served afterwards, followed by a time to meet several of the members at the San Jose church. May God bless Pastor Schmidt as he begins his new ministry at St. Jose and Delavan!

Confirmation

After two years of catechism study, the following students were confirmed on April 28th: Left to right: Cheyenne Zimmerman, Chase Zimmerman, Mackenzie Delaney and Hannah Duncan. Congratulations and God's blessings to these special young people as they continue to grow in their faith!



Thanks to Annette Warsaw for contributing the picture of our confirmands.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes
April 2, 2013
Abridged Version

7 members attended the monthly council meeting held on April 2 in the church hall. Secretary minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Bob Zimmerman. The balance was \$92,364.34 as of the end of March. This report was approved. The mission project for April is the Fisher School District. The mission project for May will be decided at the next meeting.

Pastor McPike reported by an e-mail that Pastor Fienen will be preaching for us on April 14 and May 28. Pastor once again reminded us about the Communion change for the month of April because of confirmation. On May 5th there will be a special presentation during Bible class by Reverend John Fale, Associate Executive director of Mercy Operations for LCMS in St. Louis. All members of the congregation are invited.

The trustees report included a quote for shampooing the carpets and cleaning the pews in the church. The council approved Clean Care of Mansfield to do this project for \$293. A date will be scheduled with them for later this spring. Dick Johnson is repairing some of the back pews during the week. Mark Barrack repaired the fan problems on the furnace for the church. He is investigating the problem with the furnace in the annex.

New business consisted of a report submitted by the social committee on upcoming events. Chairman Hardesty is going to ask for a change in the by law to the constitution that states how much money the trustees can spend without member voter approval. It presently is \$100 and the change will be \$500. He is also going to ask to change the present amount of \$500 that the council can spend on necessary expenses and repairs to \$1000. This will be a discussion item at this quarterly voters meeting and will be voted on at the July quarterly voters meeting.

The next council meeting will be May 7. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting
April 7, 2013
(abridged version)

The April quarterly voters' meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty with Pastor leading the voters in prayer. 36 members were present and Harry Henriksen signed the constitution.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. Bob Zimmerman gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$92,367.34. Bob thanked all the members for their generosity for the first quarter. Report approved.

Pastor McPike thanked Deb Lammle for assisting with Confirmands. Pastor has spoken to Jonathan Scheck, our summer vicar. He will start on June 8th. Pastor Fienen from Danville will be helping Pastor McPike. He will be preaching at Osman on April 14th. The salary arrangement will be formalized by the council.

Old business consisted of reporting that 13 members completed the AED training. The defibrillator is located in the annex and there will be a sign posted above the door going to the annex from the church to indicate its location. If 10 or more members want to go through the training, it will be offered again for a \$70 per person fee. The handicap parking signs for the parking lot are ready to be installed. If you have ideas of where to locate them, please tell a trustee.

New business consisted of a report of the finalization of the remodeling of pastor's study. It cost \$736.65. Since this is above the amount that the council can spend without voter approval, a motion was asked for from the floor. Motion carried. A discussion on the church directory followed. Annette Warsaw offered to take any group's picture for the church directory. Chairman Hardesty distributed the present by-law to the constitution that states that the trustees can spend \$100 for necessary repairs without voter approval and that the council can spend \$500 for necessary expenses without voter approval. He is suggesting that we raise those amounts to \$500 and \$1000, respectively. Discussion followed and it will be voted on at the next quarterly voters meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Thrivent News

National Volunteer Week was in April, but it is not too late to thank you for all that you do! Thank you to all the members of our congregation for their time, energy, and talents that you give to strengthen our congregation. It says in I Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Our congregation survives because of the countless hours that are donated. Thank you once again.

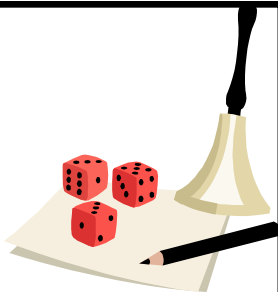
Discounted Six Flags tickets! It's already May, and summer is just around the corner. The St. Louis Heartland Region of Thrivent is offering discounted tickets to Six Flags St. Louis Theme Park for only \$27.99 plus tax and a one-time handling fee. Thrivent members, their family and friends can take advantage of this special offer by purchasing tickets July 10 – July 14 online at www.sixflags.com/stlouis using the promotional code – Thrive. Please note that the tickets can be used from June 15 – July 14.

Thrivent Choice Dollars did not exist this month. There were no contributions to our congregation.

The Confirmation Reception that was held on Sunday, April 21st, was sponsored by Thrivent. Each of the four confirmands received a cross that was purchased by McLean County Chapter of Thrivent. The cake and punch reception to welcome these young adults into our congregation was attended by 60 members.

Girls Night Out!

All ladies of the church and their guests are invited to a "Girls Night Out" on Friday, May 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for a fun-filled evening of Bunco, refreshments, and prizes! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church by May 5th.



Church Council Meeting

The May Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Quilting

The ladies will be quilting on Wednesday, May 1st and Saturday, May 3rd starting at 8 a.m. each day. If you are staying for the Ladies Aid meeting on Wednesday, please bring a sack lunch. We are in need of flat sheets to use as backs. If anyone has some, please leave them in the hall. We have made 29 quilts so far, and have more ready to finish. Thanks to all who have been making the beautiful tops.



LWML Mission Project

The LWML has chosen a mission project to help "Living Alternatives a Pregnancy Resource Center" in Champaign. Their mission statement says "We are committed to saving the lives of unborn children by promoting life-affirming options and providing practical assistance, while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to minister restoration to those who have been wounded by the trauma of abortion." On Mother's Day, May 12th, we will be handing out baby bottles for members of our congregation to take home and put donations in. You could put the loose change in your pocket or maybe a dollar or two in each week. We will do this for one month and collect the bottles on June 9th. Please consider being part of this mission project.



Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, May 1st at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joanne Nelson will have the devotion and be our hostess, and Shirley Sprau will have the topic. Roll call will be answered with a verse on praise. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Classs</u>
03/28	48	Maundy Thursday	0
03/29	55	Good Friday	0
03/31	121	Easter	0
04/07	66	8	18
04/14	80	12	17
04/21	106	13	15
04/28	n/a	n/a	n/a

May Altar Guild

Susan Martin

May Reading Schedule

May 5.....Debbie Lammle
 May 12.....Shirley Sprau
 May 19.....Aaron Warsaw
 May 26.....Annette Warsaw



May Acolyte Schedule

May 5.....Chase Zimmerman
 May 12.....Cheyenne Zimmerman
 May 19.....Hannah Duncan
 May 26.....Mackenzie Delaney



May Birthdays

Doug Majercin.....05-01
 Cheyenne Zimmerman.....05-04
 Martha Warsaw.....05-08
 Elizabeth Barrack.....05-10
 Wade Warsaw.....05-12
 Alvin Hinrichs.....05-15
 Moneta McCleary.....05-19
 Mike Warsaw.....05-19
 Steve Brandt.....05-20
 Barb Whitehouse-Gercken.....05-21
 Jesse Johnson.....05-21
 Darwin Warsaw.....05-22
 Benjamin Brandt.....05-28
 Jeff Bryan.....05-29
 Brooke Clemmons.....05-29
 Kris Zimmerman.....05-29



May Anniversaries

Susan and Steve Martin.....05-09-1975
 Karen and David Brown.....05-22-1976
 Ashley and Bryce Martin.....05-19-2012
 Becki and Brant Hendricks.....05-26-2007
 Amanda and Chuck Amdor.....05-30-2009

Elder Schedule

Marvin	Feb	June	Oct
Roy	March	July	Nov
Bill	April	August	Dec
Jim	May	Sept	Jan