

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalm 103:13

Church Council Minutes

May 6, 2014

(Abridged Edition)

7 members, plus Pastor McPike, attended the monthly council meeting held on April 1, in the fellowship hall.

Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Bob Zimmerman reported the cash balance being \$72,295.57. The monthly mission giving project for May was previously approved for St. Johns Lutheran School in Champaign.

Pastor reported that he had talked to our summer vicar, Kurt Cockran. He will be moving here the end of May. He has also talked to Pastor Keffie Deen who will be filling in two times before the summer as Pastor McPike has family commitments. Pastor suggested that we pay him as a substitute pastor at \$200 a Sunday for these Sundays. Pastor Deen is not available from June – mid-August because he has pastoral duties at Thomasboro. Our summer vicar will fit into our summer schedule and then in late August we will discuss our financial arrangement for Pastor Deen.

Pastor McPike wanted feedback on how the new microphones are working. There still seems to be a buzz in the front of the church, but the recordings for the shut-ins are much better. He also supported the need for routine advertising of our congregation since sometimes we are forgotten because of our location. We now are included in the church directory in the Fisher paper and the Farmer City – LeRoy paper starting in June. Pastor is also working on improving the church's website.

Beth Bidner reported the progress of Vacation Bible School planning. It is scheduled for July 13 – 17. She has advertised for volunteers in the church bulletin. She asked the council for suggestions to

where the VBS offerings should go. The council discussed possible ways to get internet service for Vacation Bible School use.

Chairman Hardesty started the new business with the quest for housing arrangements for the summer vicar. Since this is only a 2 month stay the task may be a little more difficult. Larry Lutz volunteered to look for any Fisher rental possibilities and check out the expenses at an Extended Stay Hotel in Champaign.

Chairman Hardesty reported that we have made two payments to Kross Tuckpointing for our project. The third payment will be made when the project is complete to our satisfaction. The contractor did agree to install the lentil and the seal for the window in the annex. Dick Johnson will install the plate glass window which has thermal panes.

The council gave Bob Zimmerman permission to work on the new LP contract. Our old one with Illini FS expires the end of May.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Church Council

The Church council will meet on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6th, immediately after the worship service.

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Special Meeting

May 25, 2014

11 members, plus Pastor McPike, attended the special council meeting which was held after church on May 25 in the church.

Chairman Hardesty outlined the three options available for the housing for our summer vicar. The options were a 2-bedroom apartment in Fisher for \$425 a month, a 1-bedroom apartment in Bellflower for \$375 a month, or an extended stay hotel in Champaign for approximately \$250 a week which includes all amenities. After some discussion, Jeff Warsaw made the motion to house the vicar at the Fisher apartment. Larry Lutz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardesty then turned the meeting over to Bob Zimmerman for a discussion on the LP gas contract. Illini FS offered us a price of \$1.89 per gallon for 2200 gallons. After some discussion, the council suggested that we raise the amount of gallons to 3000 gallons for this contract since we went over our contract amount last year. Beth Bidner made the motion to raise the amount of gallons to 3000 at \$1.89 per gallon and stay with the same supplier which is Illini FS. John Gercken seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Warsaw mentioned that Chief Bauer had been out to check the air conditioning units. However, they will be called back this week since the units kept shutting off during the church service this morning.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hendricks

Vicar Housing

The congregation will be renting a two bedroom apartment for Vicar Cockran on Fifth Street in Fisher. The lease starts June 1st and ends on July 31st. Volunteers have moved in furniture and supplies this week. Sometimes it is very hard to find housing for just a few months so thanks to Larry Lutz for doing the communications needed to make this arrangement. There might be a need for a few housing items yet but that will be communicated through the weekly bulletins.

Tuck Pointing Progress

The contractors are now working on sanding the bricks on the front part of the church. The mortaring is finished on the back side. Please excuse the inconvenience of the equipment scattered around the church grounds.

Renewal of Vows

Our church will be used by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Osman to renew their wedding vows on Saturday, June 21st. There will be a short ceremony in the church in the late afternoon and then a reception in the church hall.

In Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trotter and their family of Bellflower on the loss of their dearly beloved daughter and sibling. Anna Trotter, age 16, passed on to her heavenly home on May 8, after battling a rare form of leukemia for 13 years. Anna was the recipient of our Thrivent benefit supper in March 2013. May the Lord comfort Anna's family and friends.

Food Shower!

Thank you to all the LWML members and the members of our congregation who donated food and gift certificates for the food shower for our summer vicar, Kurt Cochran. It will be very much appreciated as he begins his summer stay here in our community.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

We would like to thank the following people for directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to our church: Bill Amdor, Kim Clemmons, Allen Grussing, John Grussing, Wilma Grussing, Brenda and Mike Hendricks, Greg McCleary, Butch and Shirley Sprau and Connie Warsaw. This month we received \$200.

VBS

"Amazing Grace"

The VBS "Amazing Grace" program

will be held

the week of July 13 - July 17th.

Please invite friends and family

to join in on all the VBS fun!

Anyone interested in volunteering,

please contact Beth Bidner.

Second Annual "Girls Night Out"

The Events Committee planned the second annual "Girls Night Out" on May 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Seven tables of Immanuel Osman members and their family and friends joined in the fun of a dice game called Bunco. Prizes were given and refreshments served. The grand prize of a gift certificate to Hobby Lobby was awarded to Debbie Peyton.





LWML NEWS

Quilting!

We will be quilting again on Thursday, June 5th, and Saturday, June 7th, starting at 8 AM each day.

We have a need for fitted and flat sheets which we make into backs and middles for quilts. We have made 60 quilts so far this year. All ladies of the congregation are invited so please consider joining us for good fellowship while helping those in need.

Baby Bottles!

On May 11, Mother's Day, we handed out baby bottles to fill with donations for the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Champaign. We had an excellent response with 32 bottles taken. Please bring the bottles back on Sunday, June 15. Thanks to everyone for participating in this mission project.

Bake Sale!

Are you hungry for some goodies? The Ladies and the LWML will be holding a bake sale at Bellflower on July 4th. Please bring your baked goods to the Bellflower Fire Station by 7:30 AM on July 4th or to Shirley Sprau's or Connie Warsaw's home the night before. The bake sale will be held before and during the parade.

LWML Meeting!

LWML will meet on Thursday, June 12th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Barb Gaines will have the topic and Marsha Warsaw and Karen Bryan will be our hostesses. We will have a report on CID annual convention that was held in Effingham and also on the Danville Zone Spring Gathering that we helped to host. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
04/27	68	3	17
05/04	72	7	23
05/11	68	2	18
05/18	56	2	20
05/25	76	n/a	n/a

June Birthdays

Susan Martin.....	06-03
Brant Hendricks.....	06-08
Jamie Poppe.....	06-08
Donald Warsaw.....	06-09
Jim VanWakeman.....	06-12
Amanda Amdor.....	06-13
Michael Brooks.....	06-15
Brenda Edwards.....	06-16
Jeri Bidner.....	06-18
Dick Johnson.....	06-19
Natalie Hooker.....	06-21
Beth Bidner.....	06-22
Kim Clemmons.....	06-24
Laura Zimmerman.....	06-26
Ashley Martin.....	06-27
Jack Gallier.....	06-30

June Anniversaries

Jenna and Nathan Mangold.....	06-03-2011
Jill and Rick Hardesty.....	06-11-1994
Terri and Dwight Hooker.....	06-15-1985
Kim and Bill Schuh.....	06-20-1987
Brenda and Mike Hendricks.....	06-21-1980
Beth and Neil Bidner.....	06-23-2001
Debbie and John Lammle.....	06-25-1977
Janet and Myron Zimmerman.....	06-30-1979

Elder Schedule

Bill	April	July	Oct
Jim	May	Sept	Jan
Steve	Feb	August	Nov
Neil	March	June	Dec

June Altar Guild

Susan Martin