

# ***THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER***

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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



*Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC*

*April 2016*

**Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia!**

### **From the desk of Pastor McPike...**

(Note: As Natalie Hooker has been teaching in South Korea and we have been praying for her, the church council decided last year to direct the \$150 directed mission dollars toward the Wasmund family, serving as missionaries for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Seoul. Below is a letter that we received. This letter is directed to a number of recipients who support them; Immanuel, Osman was added to their list because of our gift.)

Dear friends,

Hello from Seoul, South Korea. My name is Matt Wasmund and you are receiving this email because your name was recently added to our family's e-newsletter mailing list. Your name was added due to a recent financial gift, a change in address, or simply a recent contact we made with you. Whatever the case may be, we would first like to thank you for this chance to greet you. Our family serves as missionaries with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, working in East Asia with various schools and churches. Our constant hope is that through the ministries of which we are a part, the message of the love and grace of Jesus is shared, especially with those who have never heard.

We enjoy communicating with our supporters and friends and therefore you should be receiving some correspondence in the mail as well. In the meantime, we have attached a few recent editions of our monthly newsletter.

We promise to not take it personally if you would like to be removed from this email list. Simply, at any

time, reply with 'unsubscribe, please' in the subject line and that will free up your inbox.

God's blessings to you in this season leading up to Easter.

Matt, for the family

The Wasmunds  
LCMS missionaries in East Asia

### **Important Dates in April**

LWML Spring Gathering in Ash Grove:  
April 2nd; 8:30am

Singing to the shut-ins: April 3rd after church

Ladies Aid: April 6th at 1:30pm

Church Council: April 6th at 7pm  
Quilting: April 7th and April 9th, 8am

Voter's Meeting: April 10th after church

Confirmation: April 17th during 9:30 service

LWML CID convention in Jacksonville:  
April 22,23

# Church Council

## Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 2, 2016

Before the Immanuel Lutheran Council meeting on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Thrivent advocates from Osman, Connie Warsaw, Terri Hooker, and Brenda Hendricks, as well as member Darwin Warsaw, gave a presentation to the council concerning Choice Dollars and Action Team Grant money.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Lammle. Pastor read from Luke 4, followed by prayer. Pastor continued with the Installation of John Gercken as trustee. Chairman John Lammle began by referring to a graph showing a 19% decrease in church attendance in the last four years. He felt the focus of the 2016 council should be addressing the downward trend of attendance and to follow the constitution. He continued the meeting with reviewing the council member's roles and responsibilities as defined in the church constitution and as defined in job descriptions provided by the LCMS. Chairman Lammle asked each council member to set objectives for the upcoming year for their office and provided them each examples that would be reviewed at the next meeting. He asked them to come back in March with a plan to accomplish their objectives. Chairman Lammle also expressed the concern about the lack of programs or activities for new members or absent members.

**Secretary's Report:** Debbie Lammle read the minutes from the last meeting. John Gercken made a motion to approve the minutes; Lee Whitehouse seconded; motion carried. The Voter's Meeting minutes were then reviewed for accuracy.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor McPike informed the council that he has been in contact with John Pless, a professor from Ft. Wayne Seminary, who suggested Bryan Johnston as a possible summer vicar. Bryan is a first year seminary student who is familiar with this area after working as a DCE at Trinity Urbana with Pastor Strom. Because of a military commitment, Bryan would not be available till the second week in June and need once a month off for his military obligation. Expenses for the summer vicar are already included in the 2016 budget.

Pastor informed the council that Jonathan Scheck, our last summer vicar, will be preaching at Osman on Palm Sunday. Pastor stated that lodging for Jonathan was taken care of for that weekend. Important Dates: Confirmation Questioning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. (Each evening will include questions on the chief parts

of Luther's Small Catechism.) Pastor Ehler will be preaching: Feb. 7, Feb. 24, March 13, and April 24. Confirmation: April 17.

Pastor continued by thanking Debbie Lammle for her dedication in teaching the confirmands. Adult Sunday School continues with a study on Revelation. Because of the solemn atmosphere on Maundy Thursday with the Stripping of the Altar, refreshments will be served before the service. Homemade wine and bread will be served during communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter morning. This will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Bob Zimmerman with a balance of \$79,623.82. Shane Zimmerman made a motion to approve; John Gercken seconded; motion carried. Treasurer Zimmerman informed the council that he transferred \$7000 for the drainage project from the general fund to the prime account.

**Finance Report:** Diana Zimmerman reported that the 2017 offering envelopes were ordered and the number was increased by five from last year. Chairman Lammle asked the Finance Committee to consider signing off on the LCMS financial form each Sunday after counting the offering rather than the form currently used.

**Elder's Report:** The elders will be making a schedule for monthly assignments for the year. Discussion was held about the materials needed for funerals (flower stands, easels, tables, and covers). It was decided that it is the responsibility of the funeral director to obtain needed materials. The missing easel will be addressed at the next meeting.

If pastor is not able to preach on a given Sunday, he will send a copy of his sermon to one of the elders. If an ordained pastor isn't present there will be no communion.

### **Sunday School Superintendent Report:**

Superintendent, Connie Warsaw, will attend a VBS workshop at Family Christian this month. At this time she will order the materials for Osman's VBS and get a 20% discount. She is also looking for a song for the children to sing for Palm Sunday. Chairman Lammle suggested that she work closely with the organist and Pastor when selecting music.

**Trustees Report:** Trustee Lee Whitehouse reported that the fire extinguishers in the church and hall were inspected last month. One extinguisher was added to the choir loft. Sensors in the hall were working, but no power was connected to the heat tape. A bid was given by McCumsey Roofing on installing a 45 mil epdm rubber roof to the top of the bell tower according to the manufactures specifications. An aluminum termination bar will be fastened into the

brick to seal off the top edge around the perimeter. There would be a 5 year workmanship warranty and a 20 year manufactures sheet warranty. The total quote is \$1500. Trustees are arranging for a second bid. The blinds for the annex and pastor's office have been ordered and will arrive this week, followed by installation by Lee Whitehouse.

Discussion on the wheelchair ramp was then held. Trustees will review wood, concrete, and metal options for the ramp and bring the information back to the council next month. Concerns were expressed with wood being too slick and requires constant maintenance. We need to insure legal compliance, but at the same time satisfy the needs of our handicap member. Trustee Lee Whitehouse stated he would talk to Austin Miller. At least three bids will be needed for this project.

Batteries and pads for the defibulator were ordered by Shane Zimmerman. Chairman Lammle suggested getting a quote from Robbie Gallier or Brandon Clemmons concerning external lighting on the outside steps to the hall.

The mowing schedule will be adjusted by the trustees. Recommendation was made for buying a ride mower for the church which was tabled until insurance liability can be reviewed.

Discussion on moving the pews were tabled to the next meeting. It was decided that additional trustees were not needed on the ballot. Trustees will post a handy man sign-up sheet and prepare and prioritize a list of work to be done.

#### **New Business:**

Discussion was held concerning the \$1500 the Thrivent advocates requested for their upcoming benefit. Since this was a non-approved request in the 2016 budget, John Gercken made the motion to direct the remaining eleven months of Mission Giving money in support of the Thrivent member sponsored benefit for the children of Alex Clark in the amount of \$1650. Diana Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried. Further discussion on Thrivent Choice dollars will be continued at the next meeting. Shane Zimmerman made the motion that we have a decision on Thrivent Choice Dollars by the next Voter's meeting. John Gercken seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Lammle recommended that we have written guidelines regarding the use of needy and mission funds. He continued going over the new committees and suggested members for the committees. The committees are Educational Committee, Mission "Out Reach" Committee, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and

Constitutional Review Committee. The constitutional Review Committee will ensure accuracy of changes made to the church Constitution are documented and have been approved by the voters. Chairman Lammle briefly explained the activities for the coming year and estimated cost of each.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Lammle

# Thank You!

#### **Thank You!**

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Lee Whitehouse, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Warsaw, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Welborn, Mr. & Mrs. Skinner Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. Butch Sprau, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lutz, Mr. & Mrs. John Lammle, Mr. & Mrs. Bill McCleary, Mr. & Mrs. Jim VanWakeman, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Clemmons, Karen Bryan, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warsaw, and Harry Henriksen for donating a lily to beautify the altar for Easter Sunday.

#### **Thank You!**

Thanks to everyone who added to the wonderful Easter service, especially the beautiful song written by Nick Haggin and sung by the choir, the beautiful voices of Pastor McPike and Nick Haggin, and Sara McPike accompanying the organ on her trumpet. Thanks to Pastor for adding his beautiful singing to the Good Friday Service, and for the choir's selections during Holy Week as well. The direction of our organist, Alicia Haggin, adds to our joy of singing here at Immanuel! God has blessed us with many talented members and friends!

## **LWML News**

The LWML met on March 10 for their first quarterly meeting of the year. We began by singing "Lutheran Women One and All" and reciting the LWML pledge. Agnes Martinie had devotions and Brenda Hendricks presented a very good topic. 9 members were present. The minutes were read by Marsha Warsaw and approved. Deb Martin presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,061.30. Correspondence was read from Vicar Scheck. The committee for the Ash Wednesday Soup supper was thanked along with all members who donated food and helped. We served 35 people.

We have completed 68 quilts so far this year along with 33 pillowcase dresses. New quilting dates were set for April 7 and 9, May 5 and 7 and June 2 and 4.

The group will again be distributing baby bottles in May to collect change for the Pregnancy Resource Center and will pick them up the first part of June.

This year's Spring Gathering will be held on April 2, 2016 at 9am in Ash Grove. Those attending must RSVP by March 29th. The CID District Convention will be held in Jacksonville on April 22-23. Registration is \$25 and the deadline is April 8. Barb Gaines has the registration forms for those interested in going. Our group is responsible for making the banner this year so all members are encouraged to assist in this project.

CID District retreat will be held at Camp Cilca on October 6-7.

The group is looking to plan some other projects in collaboration with Ladies Aid.

Marsha Warsaw and Shirley Sprau served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9 with Connie Warsaw having topic and Brenda Edwards and Agnes Martinie serving as hostesses.

### **LWML Zone President's Meeting:**

Nine presidents were in attendance for the March 19<sup>th</sup> LWML Zone President's meeting at Our Savior Milford, led by Debbie Lammle, Zone President. Opening devotion was led by Zone Counselor, Pastor Gibbs, and secretary's report given by Seiri Schippert of Cissna Park. Many thanks were given, followed by the report by Carol Schuldt of St. Paul's Woodworth on the upcoming Spring Gathering at Ash Grove on April 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:30. Members were encouraged to send pictures to the CID web page and to give pictures to our Historian, Betty Dietrich, for our district

scrapbook. 8 out of our 9 mission grants are funded for this fiscal year, and \$85,000 was set for our next mite goal. The CID LWML convention at Jacksonville was discussed, with a reminder that April 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the registration. Immanuel Osman is responsible for our zone banner, with a theme of "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God". One of the servant events is packing Cancer care kits with the help of Phil's friends. These kits will be distributed to the societies of the CID to give to cancer patients in their congregation. Names and addresses are also requested so that kits may be directly sent to the cancer patients. Tying quilts, making diapers from T-shirts for the Haiti mission in Jacksonville, and trimming stamps will also be completed. Pastor Timothy Hahn from Cissna Park will be on the ballot for District Counselor. Mites and Operating money is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>, as well as articles for the Clarion due on the same day. The meeting ended with reports of activities completed by each society. Important dates were shared and the meeting ended with prayer by Pastor Gibbs.

## **Thrivent News**

In March the congregation held a benefit soup supper for the children of Alex Clark of Mansfield who died at the age of 27. The freewill offering totaled \$2198.93 and the church donated part of the Thrivent Choice dollars equaling \$1650 so the family received a total of \$3848.93. Thank you to all of the members who made food and helped serve this event. A Thrivent Choice Action Team Card was used to buy \$250 of groceries.

Choice Dollars! The end of March was the deadline for donating 2015 Choice Dollars. The total for March that was designated to our church was \$1612. We can not list the names of those who made these donations, but thank you very much.

## **F.Y.I.**

### **"Worship for Shut-ins"**

Know someone who can't get to church? Lutheran Ministries from Concordia Theological Seminary produces "Worship for Shut-ins". It airs locally on WCIX-49 Sunday mornings at 7:30am.

## Palm Sunday

On the March 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service, the Sunday School children, choir, and Alicia Haggin reminded us that we should "Celebrate-the King is Coming!".



It was a wonderful day to renew our relationship with our former Summer Vicar, Jonathan Scheck, who preached in Pastor McPike's absence. Thanks to Brenda Hendricks for hosting Jonathan and his girlfriend, Cari, in her home on Saturday evening. Call day at the Seminary is April 24<sup>th</sup>, so Jonathan is waiting 34 days until the greatly anticipated news of his first assignment as Pastor. God's blessings to Jonathan on this big event!



## Choir News

### Easter Caroling to shut-ins!

The Choir will go Easter caroling to our shut-ins on Sunday, April 3, leaving the church at 11:30 am.

## Ladies Aid News

The Osman Ladies Aid met on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first time this year. The highlights from this meeting include reminding the group about quilting dates, a possible care package to Nathan Hooker now serving in Afghanistan, touring Joyce White's basement where she has a quilting room with an elaborate quilting machine, and a gift for Pastor and Mrs. McPike. These topics were also discussed with the LWML members, so decisions will be made at the next meeting on **April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**. Annette Warsaw will have devotion, prayer, and refreshments for this meeting. Shirley Sprau will have topic. The roll call will be answered on a verse on baptism. Every lady of the church is invited to attend.

*Thank You!*

Dear Church Family,

First, thank you so much for all you letters to Natalie in South Korea. She enjoys staying up on the current events here. She is doing well. She is getting used to her new class for this year. She has more boys than girls this time and is a little more difficult for her.

Nathan finally made it to Afghanistan after several stops in the states and abroad. He trained with the MP's that his group was replacing and now his 233rd company is doing the missions on their own. He sent his address and if you would like to write to him we all would appreciate it.

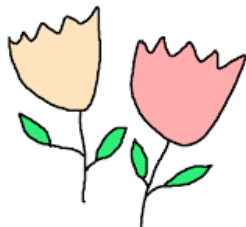
A big thank you for all your prayers as our children pursue their careers. WE are lucky to be a part of a great church family. Any spare hugs would be greatly appreciated at this time.

God's Blessings to all of you  
Dwight and Terri Hooker

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## Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
02/17	39	Lent midweek	-
02/21	80	5	19
02/24	0	Lent midweek	Church cancelled
02/28	71	4	14
03/02	50	Lent midweek	-
03/06	61	3	Did not meet
03/09	44	Lent midweek	-
03/13	62	2	16
03/16	43	Lent midweek	-
03/20	66	5	10
03/24	55	Maundy Thursday	-
03/25	67	Good Friday	-
03/27	103	Easter	-



## April Birthdays

Chase Zimmerman.....04-03  
 Courtney Delaney.....04-03  
 Erik Henriksen.....04-08  
 Timothy Brandt.....04-10  
 Dorothy Miller.....04-12  
 Connie Warsaw.....04-12  
 Benjamin Burgess.....04-13  
 Barb Gaines.....04-16  
 Kathy Brendel.....04-17  
 Leonard Delaney.....04-17  
 Steven Sprau.....04-18  
 Gina Masko.....04-19  
 Hallie Payne.....04-23  
 Bob Zimmerman.....04-23  
 Linda Warsaw.....04-25  
 Kristan Hansen.....04-25  
 Deb Lammle.....04-26  
 Marvin Nelson.....04-28

**Congratulations!**

## April Anniversaries

Alicia and Nicholas Haggin.....04-28-2007

## Elder Schedule

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