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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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We love Him, because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (KJV)

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - June 20, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on June 20, 2018. The following members were present: Rick Hardesty, John Lammle, Dave Kunde, Steve Martin, Don Warsaw, Deb Lammle, Butch Sprau, Steve Warsaw and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the May council meeting. Minor corrections were noted. Deb Lammle made a motion to accept the minutes; Butch Sprau seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The May 31, 2018 balance was \$56,694.68. John Lammle reviewed income and expenses for May as well as balances in the Mission Giving and Stewardship funds. There have been no changes to the Memorial Fund account since last month. John presented current CD rates to consider if we want to open a CD instead of holding it in some of the accounts. No further action to be taken at this time. Steve Warsaw made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried.
- John presented copies of the Country Financial Safety Survey Report, and also the request for wages for the audit report from Country Financial.

Pastor Report:

- We have received another letter from President Harrison on the request regarding our 125th celebration. This letter indicated he probably cannot commit to the dates, but we could try again 15 months prior to the event. This would not allow enough time to find another speaker, so it was decided to try and find someone else now. Mark Miller is the Central Illinois District President, but he is also up for re-election in July. Another option is Pastor Klaus, who is a very good speaker. John Lammle made a motion to invite Pastor Klaus and Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

- Vacation Bible School will be held from July 15 – 19, from 6:00-8:00pm.
- Pastor let the Council know that the first "Hymn Sing" will start this Sunday, June 23 prior to services.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

Nothing to report this month. Still need to have further discussion on the sharing of duties.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Rick Hardesty had a letter from Kim Clemmons with a Sunday School Report. VBS will be July 15-19, and will begin with a cookout for the attendees, parents, and volunteers on Sunday, July 15 at 5:00pm. There will be a light supper served each evening after that starting at 5:30, with VBS starting at 6:00. The theme this year is "Splash Canyon – God's promise for life's wild ride". All lessons, crafts and games will relate to water. Registration forms are printed and on the back pew. VBS will be advertised in the bulletin, July newsletter, and social media. The children will be participating in a service project to help children worldwide who do not have access to school supplies. The school kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief who are in desperate need for them. A Thrivent Action Team card for \$250 has been applied for to help purchase supplies that the children will assemble. The offering collected during VBS will be used for the cost to ship the kits. The children will share their VBS experience during the worship service on Sunday, July 22.

Trustee Report:

- Steve Warsaw asked about the Exit lights needing to be installed. There needs to be an Exit light at each door leading to the outside. Reflective signs are fine if there is no power supply for the sign. We need to have 2 in the hall and 5 in the church/annex. If we have illuminated signs, they must have a battery backup. Steve Martin has an estimate lined up for installing these signs and also the parking lot lights.
- Rick will look into getting a fire extinguisher for the kitchen. He will also look into replacing the battery and pads for the AED. We still need to discuss how to let people know where the AED is placed at.

- Rick noticed the gutter is leaking on the North side of the church.
- Weeds have been sprayed and filters have been changed.

Stewardship Committee Report

Nothing to report this month.

Parish Nurse Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Memorabilia Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

- Brenda Hendricks will be our voting representative at the District Convention on July 9-10 in Springfield. She has paid the \$125 registration fee and John Lammle has reimbursed her. There will not be travel expenses, as Brenda intends to stay with family while in Springfield.

New Business:

- Chairman Hardesty discussed the plans for the Building Refurbishment committee. The committee will consist of Debbie Lammle, Steve Gaines, Brenda Hendricks and Dwight Hooker along with Trustees Steve Martin and Steve Warsaw. The committee duties will include:
 - Identify projects needing to be done
 - Gather quotes for the cost of the projects
 - Gather material samples, color samples, other design samples or pictures as the committee deems necessary to support their recommendations to council/voters
 - Find prospective contractors or find people to do the work in plenty of time to be completed before the celebration (preferably 6 months prior)
 - Suggest modification of projects if needed for budget constraints
 - Be sure to weigh the Wants vs Needs
 - Keep in contact with questions and concerns with the chairman.
 - Church picnic will be Aug 12 at 10:00am in Fisher.
 - Weiner Roast/Hayride will be planned by the LWML and they are planning for it to be on September 30 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.
 - Pastor Appreciation Day and Reformation Day festivities will be held on October 28 from 5:00-9:00pm.
 - We are looking for someone to burn the Sunday services onto CD's and send the CD's and bulletins to the shut ins. We will need to request a volunteer in the bulletin and will also mention it during the Quarterly Voter's Meeting.
 - Stewardship Committee policy was discussed. The policy from the Synod indicates the benefits and elderly assistance should be for congregation members. In the past, we have held these Benefits for those in need, who may be outside of our church. We would like to change the verbiage to "any worthy candidate". John Lammle made a motion to approve the new verbiage and Dave Kunde seconded. Motion carried. We will add this to the agenda for the next Voter's Meeting.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- July Council Meeting July 18
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting July 22
- Church Picnic Aug. 12
- Weiner Roast/Hayrack Ride Sept. 30
- Pastor Appreciation Day/Reformation Day festivities October 28

Closing: A motion to adjourn the June Council meeting was made. Pastor closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse



A generous and willing person is needed to help edit and send CD's of the weekly sermons, along with bulletins to the shut-ins each week. Please contact Rick Hardesty if interested.

Upcoming Events

Quilting: August 7th, 8am

Ladies Aid Luncheon at the Flesor's Candy Kitchen- August 8th at noon

Quilting: August 9th, 8am

Church Picnic at Fisher Community Building-August 12th at 10am

Church Council-August 15th at 7pm

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Harry Henriksen, who died Sunday, July 1, 2018 in Chicago.

Vacation Bible School

We had an adventurous ride at Splash Canyon at Vacation Bible School from July 15 – 19. The children learned about “God’s Promise on Life’s Wild Ride.” We explored five Bible accounts that taught us that God is with us, that God gives up life, that God is faithful, that God gives us hope, and that Jesus is our Savior. Sara McPike taught the younger class, and she had 13 – 14 students per evening. Megan Bidner was her helper. Connie Warsaw taught the older class, and she had 9 students per evening. We thank all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School. It was indeed a group effort! Besides our teachers and helpers, we thank the following people: Annette Warsaw for being “Bubbles the Rafting Guide” in the Bible Storytelling, organizing the games, and making the awesome power point to capture our five evening adventures; Kim Clemmons for being the computer tech and organizing the crafts; Brenda Hendricks for leading the music and the bells and organizing the mission projects; Connie Warsaw, Don Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for decorating; Don Warsaw for grilling; Payton Darling for being a general helper with many things; and Jordan Bidner for designing and printing the t-shirts. The kitchen help was very essential as we served over 30 hungry attendees every evening. The helpers were Amanda Amdor, Beth Bidner, Cheryl Johnson, Deb Martin, Susan Martin, and the entire staff. We also thank all of those who baked cookies for our hungry rafting crew!

On Sunday, July 22nd, donuts and drinks were served in the fellowship hall where parents, grandparents, and church members got a glimpse of Osman’s Splash Canyon and enjoyed the slide show of the week’s events. The children participated in the worship service where they sang songs and told about the five Bible lessons while being interviewed by two reporters from WVBS. Our offerings that were collected each evening will be used to pay the mailing expense of the 46 school kits that were assembled by the students. They will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. The older students and some helpers tied 6 fleece blankets which will be donated to Canteen Run in Champaign which helps the homeless in Champaign County. Brenda Hendricks applied for a Thrivent Action Team Card to buy the supplies for these projects. Thanks to Barb Gaines, Brenda Hendricks, Terri Hooker, and Diana Zimmerman for sewing the backpacks for the school supplies.

Thanks again to everyone who made this year’s VBS a wonderful experience for our youth to be excited about sharing the promises of God with their family, friends, and neighbors. Pictures of the VBS adventures are posted on the bulletin board in the annex.

Quilting

Quilting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on August 7th and 9th, beginning at 8am for anyone available at that time.

Operation Christmas Child

Our Sunday School children will once again be packing shoe boxes in November for children in poor countries across the world. Since school supplies are on sale NOW, this would be a good time to purchase items. Items needed are 24 pack crayons, colored pencils, pencils, pens, markers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, tooth brushes (NO toothpaste), and combs. We usually fill around 20 boxes. All members of the congregation may contribute to this mission project. There will be a collection box on the back elder pew. Through a Thrivent Action Team, we will also be receiving \$250 for this project. If any member would like to pack a shoe box, please see Terri Hooker or Connie Warsaw for a complete list of items that can and cannot be sent.

Thank You

Thanks to all LWML and Ladies Aid members who helped with the 4th of July Bake Sale in Bellflower by baking, setting up, and manning the table of goodies during the celebration. \$639.50 was made on the fundraiser which is divided between the two organizations.

Thank You

Thank you to Terri Hooker and Brenda Hendricks for visiting out shut-ins this month.

Thank You

Thank you to Shane Zimmerman and Don Warsaw for trimming the bushes at the church.

Annual Church Picnic

Everyone is invited to the annual Church Picnic on August 12th, beginning at 10am, at the Fisher Community Building (100 E. School St., Fisher). Meat, buns, table service, and drinks will be provided. Please bring dishes to share for the potluck meal. You won’t want to miss our special guests for the event, Mahlah the Comfort Dog, and two of her handlers, Diane Goldenstein and Sheila Selk. They will present a short program about the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministries. This ministry embraces the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. A free will donation will be taken for this ministry. An activity for kids and adults alike will follow the presentation, ending with ice cream from the Sidney Dairy Bar. Don’t miss out on the fun!!!

Gastroparesis Awareness Month

Gastroparesis is also called delayed gastric (stomach) emptying. Normally the stomach empties its contents in a controlled manner into the small intestines. In gastroparesis, the muscle contractions (motility) that moves food along the digestive tract do not work properly and the stomach empties too slowly. Gastroparesis is characterized by the presence of long-term symptoms together with delayed stomach emptying in the absence of any observable obstruction or blockage. The delayed stomach emptying is confirmed by a test.

There are a number of things that may contribute to or cause gastroparesis. In the majority of cases, the cause is unknown. Some people with unknown cause report symptoms following a viral infection. Other possible causes include:

- Diabetes
- Surgeries
- Medications
- Other illnesses
- Cellular changes in the stomach

Chronic symptoms that are characteristic of gastroparesis include:

- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Retching (dry heaves)
- Stomach fullness after a normal sized meal.
- Early fullness (satiety) - the inability to finish a meal.

Bloating, stomach discomfort or pain, and weight loss may also occur.

The diagnostic test of choice for gastroparesis is a gastric emptying study (scintigraphy). Other studies include wireless motility capsule, and breath test.

Treatment for gastroparesis depends on the severity of the symptoms. Treatment may involve one or a combination of:

- dietary and lifestyle measures
- medication
- procedures that may include surgery, such as
- enteral nutrition (tube feeding)
- parenteral nutrition (intravenous)
- gastric electrical stimulation (Enterra)
- or other surgical procedures
- complementary and alternative medicine

Seek appropriate care and take an active role in your health. Working along with your doctor and health care team will help control, reduce, or prevent symptoms and complications.

From International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders.

Susan Miller



Ina Marie (Warsaw) Thomason, former member of Immanuel Osman will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 25, 2018. Ina, was the daughter of Albert and Caroline "Lena" (Beetzel) Warsaw, and sister of Fritz Warsaw. She was baptized here at Osman on October 14, 1918, and was confirmed here on Palm Sunday, April 9, 1933. Ina is now a resident of Sunny Hill Nursing Home in Joliet, and would appreciate cards and letters from family and friends. Her address is: Ina Thomason, Sunny Hill Nursing Home, 421 Doris Ave., Joliet, IL 60433.

2018 Elder Schedule

Jan Butch	Feb Marvin	Mar Don
Apr Roy	May Marvin	Jun Butch
Jul Don	Aug Roy	Sep Butch
Oct Marvin	Nov Roy	Dec Don

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
6/24	71	3	14
7/1	76	5	14
7/8	57	4	15
7/15	70	2	14
7/22	n/a	n/a	n/a
7/29	n/a	n/a	n/a

August Birthdays

Jerry Reifsteck.....08-05
 Dorothy Welborn.....08-06
 Jamie Krueger.....08-07
 Sue VanWakeman.....08-07
 Phyllis Hasty.....08-08
 Linnea Warsaw.....08-08
 Annette Warsaw.....08-09
 Ashley Genzel.....08-18
 Pam Christians.....08-24
 Butch Sprau.....08-25
 Ross Warsaw.....08-26
 Sarah Kerns.....08-28
 Jill Hardesty.....08-29
 John Lammle.....08-29
 Kari Genzel.....08-29
 William Delaney.....08-30

August Anniversaries

Kathy and Phil Brendel.....08-02-1985
 Carolyn and Doug Majercin.....08-08-1981
 Cindy and Shane Zimmerman.....08-08-1998
 Tiffani and Brad Lutz.....08-25-2001
 Diana and Bob Zimmerman.....08-26-1967

