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From Pastor McPike...

Summer Vicar? What's a Summer Vicar?

At the April Voter's Meeting, the congregation approved hosting a vicar just for the summer. I'd like to use a bit of space here to explain what a summer vicar is.

Vicarage, as we have experienced it already at Immanuel, is a year long program where a student comes and spends basically his third year of schooling in a ministry setting. It is a course, one the student has to pay for. The student is graded, in the form of an evaluation. Like all other seminary courses, the seminary is responsible for the instructor (the pastor who serves as Vicarage supervisor), as well as for basically overseeing the experience. Vicarage is typically done at the end of a man's second year in the seminary, though sometimes at the end of the third seminary year.

A *Summer Vicarage* is different. It is an informal arrangement between the congregation and the student. The only part the seminary plays in summer vicarages are giving advice to students and congregations as to what combination of student and congregation might work best. There is no grade. There is no report required to go back to the seminary (though in my previous experience with Summer vicars, I have sent such a report, which has helped students). Unlike vicarage, which is more or less a classroom experience, *Summer Vicarage* is simply a summer job for a student having completed his first year of seminary. A job, yes, but a job that gains the student some ministry experience.

Seminary students are required to take three basic classes in their first year of seminary – the first section of “Sermon Theory”, a class on “Sermon Delivery” and “Lutheran Worship”, where students actually learn about leading worship in a Lutheran congregation. Once they have finished these courses, they can preach, under the supervision of a pastor.

Immanuel council decided to recommend to the Voter's that we seek to have a seminary student come serve a summer vicarage among us. There are some good reasons for

this. One, the Vacation Bible School program, held during the work day, is not something that either Pastor Schmidt nor Pastor McPike could be involved in. Second, it allows Immanuel to participate in the support of a seminary student, while giving that student the chance at some practical ministry experience. Also, in our current arrangement of the two pastors, where the congregation is not paying housing expenses, health or retirement, a summer vicar is very well in reach of the congregation's budget.

Certainly a church the size of Immanuel having two pastors (albeit both of us serving part-time) can do without additional help like a summer vicar. In fact, even with my two week absence in July to host the Luther Tour, preaching had all been worked out, with possibly one exception that someone else could possibly have filled. Yet we have an opportunity and God has provided us with the means to do this.

Like any vicar, it is important to remember that while the vicar provides the congregation with some help by his work, the vicar is a student. His learning and experience should be at the forefront of our consideration. Vicars are not “cheap help” - but students needing to learn. And so while not a formal 12 months vicarage as we have done in the past, Immanuel has the opportunity to connect with a future pastor in helping his spiritual growth, his growth in experience, and his financial needs during seminary.

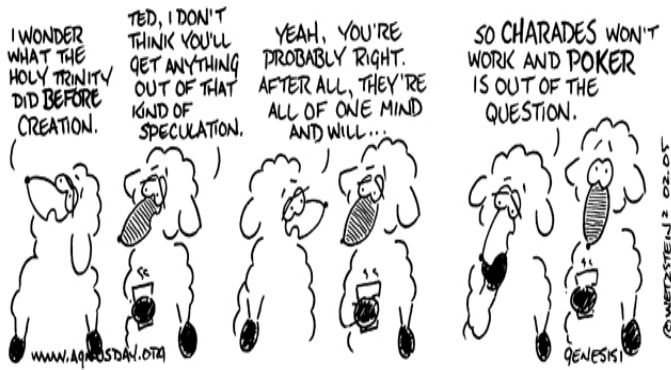
Next month, provided that all the arrangements fall into place, I will invite our new summer vicar to provide us a letter of introduction for the Newsletter.

“Agnus Day” - a Lutheran comic strip

In the bulletin in the last couple of weeks in April, and hopefully as a regular feature, a “comic strip” has appeared. Pastor James Wetzstein, Lutheran pastor at Valparaiso, Indiana, has been producing “Agnus Day” since 1998. You can see his work at www.agnusday.org. Here is the explanation from Pastor Wetzstein:

"Agnus Day is the only lectionary-based comic strip on the planet. You are now a part of something very cool. Each week, Rick (the one with the dark nose holding the cup of coffee) and Ted discuss one of the assigned readings from the Lectionary. Their conversation drives at a point and sometimes sparks a laugh."

For example, the following comic was done in 2005 for the creation story in Genesis 1-2.



Best of all, "Agnus Day" is free! How can you beat that?

Church Council Minutes

The April 3, 2012 Osman church council meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty in the church annex with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with a message from John. 8 Members in attendance: Mike Hendricks, Jill Hardesty, Annette Warsaw, Rick Hardesty, Roy Whitehouse, Aaron Warsaw, Steve Warsaw and Pastor McPike.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jill Hardesty read the minutes from the March meeting with a notation that the change in the collection plates from church and Sunday school classes will be added to the LWML Mite box donation starting in July. A motion was made by Mike Hendricks to approve the minutes as read. 2nd by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried. The special council meeting that was held on March 25th, was held to accept the position of church Secretary. Linda Warsaw applied for the position and was voted on by the council to approve. Aaron Warsaw made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. 2nd by Steve Warsaw. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$79,795.38 as of March 31, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Annette Warsaw. 2nd by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hendricks also discussed the monthly mission contribution and available organizations. After discussion a contribution of \$150 will be made to Empty Tomb, Urbana with Mike Hendricks making the motion and Roy Whitehouse 2nd. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor McPike decided to have communion on Easter Sunday, April 22nd for the month of April. There

There will be no communion on April 15th or April 29th then we'll begin the 1st and 3rd Sunday in May again, due to the Easter holiday.

- Pastor McPike discussed the possibility of the Summer Vicar program. St. Louis would be a more formal program where Ft. Wayne is a non-formal program with much less paperwork for Pastor. We'll be waiting to hear back from the young man for the May meeting.

Elders Report – The 2012 Elders schedule has been given to all elders and to the Church Secretary.

Sunday School Superintendents Report

The Sunday school classes will be singing on Easter Sunday.

Trustee's Report - Steve Warsaw reported that wiring still is in need for the prep for the office computer. Tiling of the hall issue has yet to be resolved. Fans should be ran during the services to keep the air flowing better in the church. The storm windows need to be removed from the windows in the church.

Old Business

- The door Committee will have their final presentation to the congregation at the April 15th Voters meeting. The congregation will decide to either go ahead with the double door project in the hall or not. A board will be placed at the back of the church with the choice on it and also put on the church's website to anyone to see before the meeting.

New Business

- A congregational questionnaire will be ready for fall 2012. The council needs to go thru the questions before they go out to the congregation.
- Linda Warsaw has accepted the church Secretary job. She has purchased a chair for the Secretary's desk in the Annex. Jill Hardesty made a motion to reimburse Linda for the cost of the chair. 2nd by Annette Warsaw. Motion carried.
- The Altar Guild would like to fix with some new upholstering of the 2 chairs on the altar area and the loveseat in the Annex. Bids to bring them up to date were from Keller's Upholstering, Mahomet. The bid for fixing them was \$685. That did not include the cost of the material. The Council will take the request to the voters meeting in April.
- Church Directory pictures option will be also taken to the Voters meeting on April 15th. Motion to move forward to the congregation was made by Annette Warsaw. 2nd by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.
- The newly formed Social Events Committee has been changed to Events Committee by Chairman Hardesty.
- A retirement gift was approved for former church Secretary Karen Bryan.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1th, 2012. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Hendricks. 2nd by Steve Warsaw. Motion carried with adjournment with the Lord's Prayer at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hardesty, Council Secretary

Quarterly Voters Meeting Minutes

The April 15, 2012 Quarterly Voters meeting of 37 voting members was called to order by Chairman Rick Hardesty with Pastor McPike opening the meeting with prayer. Three new members came forward to sign the Constitution. They were: Susan Van Wakeman, James Van Wakeman and Theresa Van Wakeman Wilson.

Secretary's Report:

Church Secretary Linda Warsaw read the minutes from the January 8, 2012 Annual voters meeting. James Van Wakeman asked for clarification on the training of the church's AED. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by John Gercken. 2nd by Gene Welborn. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mike Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report with a quarterly balance of \$79,795.38 as of March 31, 2012. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Darwin Warsaw. 2nd by Roy Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor McPike stated he was pleased with the Catechism review during Lent. He felt attendance was pretty strong throughout Lent, noting that attendance on Maundy Thursday was about the same as Sunday mornings.

- Pastor has found a congregational self evaluation that he would like to tackle this summer and have it ready by fall.
- He has been in touch with Dan Grimmer, the summer Vicar candidate, who is 24 years old and has just completed his first year of seminary. He is willing to spend the whole summer from the first of June through the end of August. This is an informal arrangement between the seminary student and the congregation. It is not required and there is no academic credit given for this program. The summer Vicar's duties would include preaching, shut-in and member visits and VBS. The summer Vicar would need a place to live for the 3 months.
- The entry into the online database of church membership, as well as the Official Acts continues. Everyone is eligible to have their own secure sign-on and individual members can update their own information.
- The Walther movie will shown on Sunday evening, April 22 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor expressed thanks to everyone for all their good wishes.

Old Business

- Chairman Rick Hardesty presented information from the "door Committee" regarding installation of double door in the Fellowship Hall. Their

recommendation was a Craftsman style two panel door, made of fiberglass, woodgrain finish, woodstain color, with six panel clear glass and trim to match the existing trim. Darwin Warsaw questioned the cost involved. Rick stated the cost is the same dollars within the previously established cost range and the funds are available. Larry Lutz made a motion to purchase the doors. 2nd by Brenda Hendricks. Motion carried.

- No other old business.

New Business

Deb Lammle presented a proposal from the Altar Guild to have the loveseat and chairs in the Annex reupholstered. The fabric chosen at Hancock Fabrics is currently on sale for \$12.50/yard. A total of 8 yards is needed to reupholster a total of 4 furniture pieces. Total for the fabric would be \$100 and labor would be \$970. It would take approximately a couple of days to complete the reupholstering. Deb presented a fabric sample in a darker gold with a red dot diamond pattern. Mike Hendricks stated funding can be taken care of through Memorial funds. Darwin Warsaw made a motion to reupholster the furniture. 2nd by Julia Camp. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardesty stated the last Pictorial Church Directory was done in 2008. He presented information that Olan Mills has been purchased by Lifetouch Photography of Indianapolis. Each Directory would cost \$15 and each family or person photographed would receive a free 8x10 photo. A 20% discount for senior citizens, EMT's, firemen and paramedics is available, as well as discounts given for bringing canned food for food pantry donations. Signing up online would be a \$5 discount. Rick stated that the Lifetouch directories show fewer activity pictures than previous directories. There were only two dates available for the year, August 31, 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and September 1, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next available time slot would be in May 2013. Even though it's Labor Day weekend, there are other sites in the area where one could go to be photographed, if you couldn't make it to Osman. James Wakeman asked whether financial assistance from the church might be available to someone who couldn't afford it. Rick stated that should be presented to the church Council. Larry Lutz commented that we need a church directory, but didn't want to leave out the church's organizations. Julia Camp asked whether we could save money by having a church committee lay out the organization's pictures. Larry Lutz made a motion that we do a church directory. 2nd by Brenda Hendricks. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardesty has formed a Church Events Committee to coordinate special events outside of the regular organizations events, such as potlucks, etc.

Serving on the new Church Events Committee is Julia Camp, Diana Zimmerman, Debbie Lammle and Shirley Sprau.

Chairman Hardesty stated that Karen Bryan has retired and welcomed Linda Warsaw as the new church Secretary.

Mike Hendricks stated that the extra expenses with the summer Vicar will be closer to \$7500 or \$2500 per month for about 12 weeks. He also stated that we are ahead of our giving. Julia Camp made a motion to extend the time the summer Vicar is here and pay the extra. 2nd by James Wakeman. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardesty called for adjournment. A motion was made by Barb Whitehouse-Gercken to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned with Pastor leading closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Warsaw, Church Secretary

Thrivent News

Thrivent Choice Dollars! With our members directing their designated Choice Dollars to our congregation, we received \$406 this month. Our congregation is one of among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations that can receive these charitable dollars. The Thrivent members who directed Choice Dollars this month are as follows: John Gercken, John Grussing, Douglas Majercin, Marge Morrissey, Butch Sprau, Shirley Sprau, Connie Warsaw and Don Warsaw. We thank these members for their contributions. So far this year we have used these funds to pay for the supplies for the Easter Egg hunt and also the drinks at the Lenten services fellowship hours.

Soup Supper Benefit check was presented to Mr. Charles Poland on Sunday, April 15 after the worship service. Mr. Poland received a check for \$3076, plus \$20 from a late contribution. He will use this money to pursue experimental treatment for cancer that was originally diagnosed as thyroid cancer. We keep Mr. Poland in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you to all the members who donated their time, food and talents to help one of our Christian brothers.

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to Michael Brooks who will graduate from the Army Reserves Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood on May 31st. He will be serving our country as a reserve for 8 years. He will also be pursuing a college degree in law enforcement. Michael is the son of Shane and Cindy Zimmerman, the grandson of Bob and Diana Zimmerman and the great

grandson of Frances Zimmerman.

Congratulations to Chase Zimmerman who will graduate from Blue Ridge Junior High. Chase is the son of Shaun and Kris Zimmerman, the grandson of Bob and Diana Zimmerman, and the great grandson of Frances Zimmerman.

LWML News

The spring Clarion has arrived. You should have received it as an email attachment or a paper copy for those of you who do not have an email address. Please let Connie Warsaw know if you did not receive a copy. This issue has lots of great information so be sure and read every page.

Thanks to the nine ladies who came on March 30th to quilt and to Debbie Martin for bringing her sewing machine. At our June meeting we will be picking another date to quilt. If anyone is interested in making tops, we could use more. They need to be 60" x 80" and we are not particular on how you make the top.

Thanks to Brenda Hendricks and Terri Hooker for putting the college student treat boxes together and seeing that they reach our members. Also thanks to all who donated food items.

Mite Boxes

The Sunday School children were given mite boxes in October and on Easter we only collected one box. We will continue collecting them until our June meeting. Please give them to your teacher by June 10th. Thanks for helping support our mission grants and missionaries like Paul and Barnabas that we learned about last Sunday.

2012 LWML CID Convention

The 2012 LWML CID Convention will be June 1 and June 2 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island. The theme is "Come to the Water" John 4:14. We will need two delegates and two alternates. Four members have shown an interest in going, but only on June 2nd. The registration fee is \$20 (includes lunch) and the deadline is May 10th. The fee after the 10th is \$30. Please see Connie Warsaw for the form. The list for Gifts from the Heart Ingathering will be posted on the back bulletin board and is also listed in the Clarion. If you would like to contribute, there will be a box on the elder's pew. The speakers will be Julie Wehrenberg, a GEO missionary serving in South Africa (also a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL) and Linda Arnold, National LWML Vice President of Communications. It's a long drive over and the last time our ladies went, they took the scenic route. Ask Wilma Grussing about that trip. Please consider joining us for a day of fellowship and inspiration.

Fellowship Club Movie Night

The Fellowship Club hosted Movie Night on April 22nd in the Fellowship Hall with 18 members of the congregation and 2 guests present. Everyone brought a dish to share. Pastor McPike presented the movie about C.F.W. Walther, the first President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Half way through the movie, a break was taken to enjoy a homemade ice cream bar.

Courtney Delaney, Mike Hendricks, Debbie Lammle, Moneta McCleary, and guest Don Wood were recognized with birthdays in April, May, or June. The group enjoyed a great meal, learned information about a prominent person in our synod, and enjoyed an evening full of fellowship with each other.



Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid enjoyed their April meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. A special guest, Loretta Overholt, joined the group and helped them create Easter cards for the Gibson City Annex, where two of our members are residing. Connie Warsaw gave devotion and prayer, followed by Debbie Lammle giving the topic on "The Last Supper". Each meeting of the Ladies Aid this year is concentrating on a different fruit of the spirit. Therefore, the roll call was answered with a verse on "joy". The business meeting continued, followed by time to decorate cards. President Lammle took the thirty cards to the Nursing Home after the meeting. The table prayer was sung to the tune of "Amazing Grace", and the Lord's Prayer recited. Delicious refreshments were served by Connie Warsaw. The next meeting will be May 2nd with Shirley Sprau giving the devotion, prayer, and serving refreshments. Joanne Nelson will present the topic.



L-R: Jill Hardesty, Mackenzie Delaney, Courtney Delaney, Hannah Duncan, Cheyenne Zimmerman, Chase Zimmerman, Deb Lammle, Rick Hardesty and John Lammle

Confirmants Attend Passion Play

Chase Zimmerman, Cheyenne Zimmerman, Hannah Duncan, Mackenzie Delaney, and Courtney Delaney accompanied the Hardesty's and Lammle's to Bloomington to view the original American passion play on March 25th. The presentation brought the experiences of Holy Week alive through voices, music, and live animals! The audience took a spiritual journey back to Christ's time to meet His Apostles and follow His ministry.

After the play the group went for pizza and pop. This was a great experience for the confirmants as they observed a first hand account of the journey Christ had to endure to give us victory over sin.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Church Council and members of the congregation for the money and glass frame with a beautiful verse, small cross on a chain at the top, and a 2" x 2" space for a picture. I appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness! I enjoyed serving our church and interacting with the members.

May the Lord continue to bless Pastor McPike, Pastor Schmidt, and the members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman, many of whom I have known most of my life!

Sincerely,
Karen Bryan

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
03-25	87	3	13
04-01	100	7	14
04-08	131	—	—
04-15	81	6	9
04-22	84	6	9
04-29	Stats Unavailable		

Mowing Schedule for May

May 05John Gercken and Ken Whitehouse
 May 12Steve Martin
 May 19Jerry and Bryan Edwards
 May 26Myron and Eric Zimmerman

May Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.



Bulletin/Newsletter Deadlines

Bulletin Deadline. To have submissions included in Sunday's bulletin, please forward them to the Church Secretary **by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.**

Newsletter Deadline. To have submissions included in the monthly newsletter, please forward them to the Church Secretary **by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.**

Elder-on-Duty

Marvin Clemmons	Mar	July	Nov
Butch Sprau	Feb	June	Oct
Aaron Warsaw	May	Sept	Jan 2013
Roy Whitehouse	Apr	Aug	Dec

May Birthdays

Doug Majercin05-01
 Cheyenne Zimmerman05-04
 Martha Warsaw05-08
 Elizabeth Barrack05-10
 Wade Warsaw05-12
 Alvin Hinrichs05-15
 Moneta McCleary05-19
 Mike Warsaw05-19
 Steve Brandt05-20
 Barb Whitehouse-Gercken05-21
 Jesse Johnson05-21
 Darwin Warsaw05-22
 Benjamin Brandt05-28
 Jeff Bryan05-29
 Brooke Clemmons05-29
 Loretta Brandt05-30

May Anniversaries

Susan and Steve Martin05-09-75
 Karen and David Brown05-22-76

Altar Guild

MayKathy Brendel and Deb Lammle

May Flowers

May 20Bryce and Ashley Martin wedding
 May 27Lammle's and Darryl Redding

Lay Readers

John Gercken05-06
 Mike Hendricks05-13
 Joy Johnson05-20
 Pastor McPike05-27

Accolyting in May

May 06.....Mackenzie Delaney
 May 13Chase Zimmerman
 May 20Ryan McPike
 May 27Cheyenne Zimmerman