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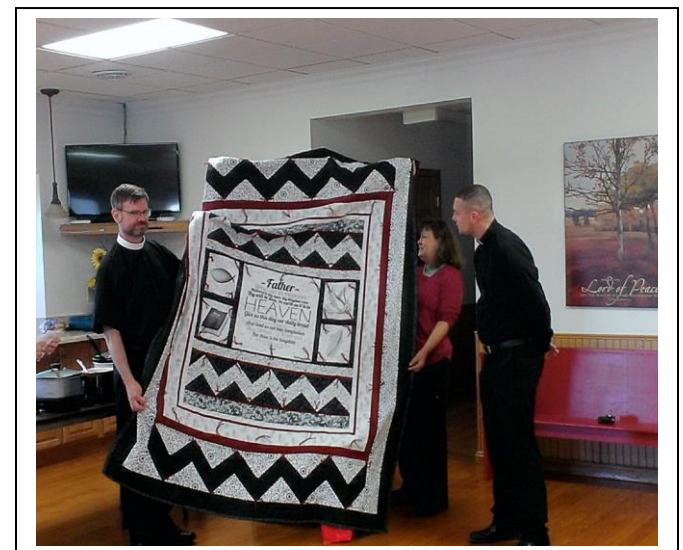
Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC



September 2016

Vicar Johnston

Immanuel Osman has been blessed with the presence of Vicar Brian Johnston who has served as our summer vicar during the last three months. He started by assisting with Vacation Bible School where he taught, led skits, and interacted with the children. He worked with the members to build a church float for both the Bellflower 4th of July Parade and the Fisher Fair Parade. Vicar designed cards telling the times for our church services and welcoming people to attend. He attended both parades where he witnessed and passed out cards to those along the parade route. Vicar visited the shut-ins every day and welcomed the chance to visit with other members whenever he could. He attended church council meetings and learned the formalities of how the church carries out its ministry. The Vicar led an informative Bible study on Prophet Christology of Luke on five Wednesday evenings during the summer. He also wrote articles for the church newsletter. He planned and led the games for the children at the church picnic. Vicar Johnston preached several Sundays throughout the summer. At his farewell potluck, the Ladies Aid and LWML presented Vicar with a quilt with the Lord's Prayer on it. The church also gave him a black cassock. Although his last Sunday in the pulpit was August 28th, we hope that Vicar Johnston will think of Immanuel Osman as part of his Christian family and come to visit! God's Blessings!



From the desk of..... Pastor McPike

Parish Nursing

“Parish nursing is the intentional integration of the practice of nursing with the beliefs of a religious community. A parish nurse is a registered nurse (RN) specialist who encourages physical and spiritual health and wholeness by developing and leading programs within faith communities.” (From the Carle website on Parish Nursing).

I've been acquainted with parish nursing for many years. When I lived in Norfolk, Nebraska, there was an interest in Parish Nursing, but at that time and in that region, parish nurses were seen as full-time professionals that were hired by the congregation. This is a luxury that many congregations obviously cannot afford.

Here in Illinois, we have a unique gift through the Community Parish Nurse program. The program provides training, insurance and coordination and oversight of parish nurses so that congregations do not have to pay out a single dime of salary in order to enjoy the service. Please also note that while the program is housed at Carle and supported by Carle, it is deliberately called the **Community** Parish Nurse program, to attempt to provide this service despite a person's hospital affiliation.

Actually, I see parish nursing as similar to a hospital chaplain from a different perspective. What is a chaplain? A chaplain is a person trained mostly in theology working in a health care setting. Chaplains bring comfort from a spiritual orientation to people who are struggling in a health care setting.

Parish nurses, on the other hand, are trained in medicine. As a chaplain is a religious person serving people in a medical context, a parish nurse is a medical person who seeks to serve people within a religious context. From the Carle Parish nurse website:

Roles of a faith community nurse include:

- * Integrator of faith and health, using their knowledge in both areas to clarify issues and reinforce the strong tie between faith and health.
- * Health educator, providing educational programs to the congregation such as health screenings and illness prevention.

- * Health counselor, providing individual health counseling services in the home or long-term care facility.
- * Navigator/patient advocate, helping congregants find their way through healthcare systems.
- * Referral agent, finding resources and making referrals to agencies, organizations, and support services to improve the member's quality of life.

I have had past experience with parish nurses who set up a place in the church before or after worship to check people's blood pressure, are available to answer basic questions about medications given them by their doctors, and are generally available to talk about healthcare concerns. Obviously, like any nurse, the parish nurse does not take the place of the doctor. The parish nurse serves as a resource person who can listen to people's concerns about their health and give advice on the best next steps based on a person's identified medical problems.

It is very likely that parish nurses are going to be key players in the success of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). One thing the ACA has identified as a major financial crisis in our current healthcare system is the high cost of frequent re-admissions for patients with chronic health conditions. As these chronic conditions are able to be managed outside the hospital, health care dollars can be saved. One major point of contact that has already been identified in this area is meeting people before they require (re-) hospitalization.

Faith groups have historically played a major role in population health. “Hospices”, early hospitals that cared primarily for those who were dying, were church-run. Many early hospitals in the US were church-based. A major hospital on the northern-end of a large area occupied by Lutherans on South Jefferson Street in St. Louis (near the old Concordia Seminary campus and also Concordia Publishing House) was Lutheran Hospital, and even after the Hospital portion was sold to Alexian Brothers, the Lutheran School of Nursing remains to train nurses to this day. The Advocate Hospital system in Chicago started as Lutheran General Hospital. And of course, in 1923, *Mercy Hospital* which was sponsored by the *Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary* has been a long standing provider of healthcare in our own area.

Here in east central Illinois, we are truly blessed with the *Community Parish Nurse Program*, which provides

for the support, education, and (due to the generosity of the Carle Center for Philanthropy), liability insurance for parish nurses for our whole region stretching as far as northeast Missouri. This basically means that any RN can go through a training course offered right in Urbana at Carle and serve a few hours per month providing parish nursing services to support the pastoral ministry of a congregation from the perspective of healthcare. Many congregations in East Central Illinois currently benefit from this program.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman is about to join them. Susan Miller approached me back in the early part of the summer with her desire to “give back” to our church. Susan is not only a Registered Nurse, but a Nurse Practitioner, who worked for a number of years at McKinley Health Center on the UI campus. She has been retired for the past few years, and as you know she and her husband Austin have faced their own struggles due to Austin's severe injuries suffered a few years ago. Susan approached me with her desire to become Osman's parish nurse based on her desire to serve others and to “give back” to the Osman congregational community, as they have become affiliated with and found a church home at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman. This is due to various Osman people reaching out to them in a very dark and difficult time in life to provide spiritual support. While I do not believe that God singles out any one person, family or group for tragedy, I do firmly believe that He reaches out through such tragedy to call people into a more wonderful closeness to Him. That, by the way, is primarily what informs me theologically in the work I do as a hospital chaplain.

Good health is more than just medical treatment. The human being is body, mind, and spirit. Chaplains minister to the spirit of the person within a medical context. Parish nurses minister to medical needs of a person in a “spiritual” or church context. They do not practice medicine, but are resources, listeners, and caring people that recognize that wholeness of person is far more than simply dealing with medical maladies. Parish Nurses work together with the church pastor to minister to the whole person.

Please join me in thanking Susan Miller for her generous gift of providing this support to our congregation as she becomes Immanuel's Parish Nurse.



Hello again! I hope everyone is doing well back home. I wanted to write another letter letting everyone know how things are going over here. I wanted to start off this letter by again thanking everyone for all the letters and care packages. It really means a lot to me, and it is nice to hear about things at home. Some great news, we just hit our 6-month mark with only 3 more to go! It is crazy to think about how fast this deployment is going for me. Since I wrote last, there has been a lot going on so let me get into it.

To start off, I joined the Color Guard Team on base. The base was looking for volunteers to start the team back in June, and it is something I am used to since I was in the Honor Guard team back home so I joined. I was the only one from my unit that joined. Basically it is a 4-man team that marches the U.S. flag, base flag, and 2 rifles out in the beginning of ceremonies that take place on base. We stand at attention during the ceremony and march off when it is over. It sounds easy, but there are a lot of movements involved with the events. We practice twice a week to get our steps perfect. The team and I have been doing such a good job with our events that a 2-star General gave us a medal for our hard work on the team.

With anything in the military, you train hard for a job and then get tasked to do another one. With that being said, my unit was asked to do another job on base along with our main one of transportation. The new job is base security in a way. One squad is tasked with this job for a two-week rotation. Basically we are scanning vehicles that travel down a road that is next to the base. Our job is to make sure the vehicles do not have anything in them that is prohibited or dangerous. It is a 24-hour job so we take different shifts. I chose the midnight shift during the two weeks. It is a really easy job and can be boring at times. My shift does not get a lot of traffic so I watch a lot of movies with my partner until a vehicle goes through. It is a nice break from transportation. It is a set schedule with this job unlike the other one. I am currently on my 2 weeks of it, and then I am headed back to transportation for a month.

Back to the transportation job, we have been really busy. During the month of July, we had a lot of important people visit the base and need transportation around the city. First off, my squad and I transported the NATO Supreme Allied Commander of Transformation, General Mercier. He is one of two Generals in charge of NATO. He is a 5-star French General. I was also his personal body guard for one of the days he visited. We also transported the Croatian President back in June. That was a busy couple of days. We transported the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, CSM Troxel. I just realized while typing this up, there are long titles that some of these people have. I saved the best for last. In July my whole unit and I had the privilege to transport the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter. He visited for a couple of days, and it was busy. We were his personal security detail during his stay, and we all received his coin at the end for a job well done.

A little about how I am doing..... things are great. I was recently offered my next promotion in rank to Sergeant but with some new Army rules, I have to finish a 3-week course before I can get the rank so my unit promoted me to Corporal until I get the course done when I get home. I am still running a lot every day. I have been in two more races since I wrote last and have two more next month. I still go to Bingo and Cigar Club. A couple of weeks ago I won the grand prize in Bingo which was a Rolex. Well, it was a fake Rolex but it is still pretty cool. The weather here is getting cooler. It has been in the upper 80s during the day and in the 60s at night. Starting to get that fall feeling around here. I am hoping the next 3 months go by fast. I am ready to be home and see everyone. Well that is about all that I have for this letter. I will try to send one more before the journey across the pond back home. I have attached some pictures for everyone to look at.

I hope everyone stays safe and well. Talk Soon!

Sincerely,

CPL Nathan Hooker

Christian Education Sunday

Christian Education Sunday will be observed on Sunday, September 11th. The Sunday School children will participate in the worship service. But Christian Education Sunday is not just for children. The hope is all members will continue their God-inspired learning for the rest of their lives.



Nathan's squad serving as security for General Mercier, NATO Supreme Allied Commander of Transformation



Nathan practicing with his color guard team

Church Council

Church council will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

Church Council Minutes

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman

Church Council Meeting-July 6, 2016

The meeting of the Church Council of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on July 6th with eleven members present. Those in attendance were John Lammle, Don Warsaw, Bob Zimmerman, Lee Whitehouse, John Gercken, Deb Lammle, Connie Warsaw, Diana Zimmerman, Shirley Sprau, Vicar Johnston, and Pastor McPike. Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hooker and Mr. & Mrs. Roy Whitehouse, recommended members of the Stewardship Committee, were also in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. Chairman Lammle and the Church Council responded to questions relating to the job description of the Stewardship Committee and Policy and Procedures for the use of Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to our church for charitable, religious, and educational purposes. The group was informed that \$2801 is the amount of Thrivent Choice Dollars currently available to be used by the end of the year. It was suggested that benefits be held for past or present families of Immanuel Osman first, before extending to community needs. The two families were urged to get all members involved when carrying out the guidelines of the committee. Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hooker and Mr. & Mrs. Roy Whitehouse will let the chairman know if they accept the position of Stewardship Committee in the next few days.

The meeting was then opened by Chairman, John Lammle, followed by prayer by Pastor McPike. Secretary, Debbie Lammle, read the minutes from the last meeting. Diana Zimmerman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Shirley Sprau; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor McPike informed the council that he appreciated the time off in July. He thanked Connie Warsaw, Vicar Johnston, and everyone who helped with VBS this summer. Pastor appreciated the hard work of Vicar Johnston so far. He stated that Linda Warsaw is recuperating after hip surgery, and will be resuming her duties as secretary in a few weeks. Pastor informed the group that Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison was re-elected for a third term as President of the LCMS. Thanks to Pastor McPike for donating a laser printer to

the church. Pastor alerted the council that he would be gone the third Sunday in September for a Pastor's conference. He suggested a Commissioning service for youth and leaders attending the National Youth Gathering. He informed the group that his daughter, Sara, will be attending the National Youth Gathering with a Drama Group from Concordia. Vicar Johnston is starting a weekly Bible Study, beginning Wednesday, July 13th, at 7pm with a topic of "Prophet Christology of Luke". One minor conflict will occur before the August Council Meeting, but starting an hour earlier on the 3rd was suggested. Vicar was asked about any need for financial assistance for automobile repairs; he appreciated the support but did not need the help at this time. Vicar Johnston will hold office hours at the church from 9-noon, Monday through Friday, with Saturday as his day off. Vicar is also making daily shut-in visits, helping with the church float, preaching, and completing chapel talks during Sunday worship service.

Treasurer, Bob Zimmerman, gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$74,847.26. Connie Warsaw made a motion to accept the report; John Gercken seconded; motion carried. Treasurer Zimmerman stated that the balance is somewhat lower this month because of paying the Insurance bill all in one amount.

Elder's Report: Don Warsaw brought up the need for elders to assist with collection and communion ushering. Discussion was held, and it was decided to continue the present procedure, using youth when possible.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report: Connie Warsaw reported on a great VBS. Total expenses were \$942.98, with \$650 allotted in the church budget and \$800 from an additional donation. Pastor stated since the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is being celebrated next year, we should consider carrying on VBS next year. Vicar Johnston suggested continuing communication with the VBS students by sending a thank you letter and CD of activities held during the week to those who attended. Pastor McPike mentioned that because of copyright guidelines this would not be possible. Chairman Lammle suggested sending thank-yous to those who attended.

Trustee's Report: Lee Whitehouse reported he would post a list on the bulletin board in the church, so individuals on the Handyman List may help with the completion of small projects in the church. Don Warsaw confirmed that the bell tower repair had been completed. Chairman Lammle stated he could get a bid on concrete for the wheel chair ramp project. We will

present to the voters when two bids are secured for concrete, wood, and metal.

Chairman Lammle suggested that our largest Sunday attendance occurs when we have special activities in addition to Sunday service. He recommended that the Stewardship committee might have an educational program after church on a given Sunday. Discussion was then held concerning how to increase attendance. Suggestions include maintaining connections with past VBS students, cook-out for those living in Osman, handing out flyers at the Fisher parade, visiting those who haven't been coming, and "Bring A Friend Sunday". Comments also suggested that numbers are not as important as maintaining visibility and exposing people to the love of Christ.

Chairman Lammle stated that the church float received second place in the Bellflower parade, and reminded the group to be at Marvin Clemmon's shed at 6pm on the 11th for the Fisher Fair parade. He informed the group that because of a poor response for the BBQ cook-off, the event might have to be cancelled. Chairman Lammle went over the assignments for the church picnic on August 14th at the Fisher Community Center at 10am. Directions to the Fisher Community Center will be placed in the church bulletin two weeks in advance of the picnic.

Chairman Lammle stated that Nikki Gallier, Kim Clemmons, Beth Bidner, and Annette Warsaw would help with the Youth Harvest Breakfast.

The group was informed that two church directional signs are ready to order pending ILDOT approval. Chairman Lammle is in the process of completing the application for this purchase. It was suggested that LWML be asked to act as Greeters during Sunday morning service beginning in September.

The group was reminded of the Voter's meeting on July 10th and the next council meeting on August 3rd. No major issues will be discussed at the Voter's meeting, but it was suggested that an update on the status of the new ramp be discussed. Lee Whitehouse made a motion to adjourn; Bob Zimmerman seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Lammle

Church Picnic

Seventy-five members and friends of Immanuel Osman met on August 14th at the Fisher Community Center for the annual church picnic. The service began with a presentation by Nikki Gallier, Annie Downey, Will Delaney, and Mitchell Gallier on their experiences at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. A power point presentation was explained by the youth and their leaders, with singing and witnessing by both attendees. The service was then led by Vicar Johnston. After a delicious potluck meal, the children were entertained with water balloons and other relays, while the adults played Bingo, led by Rick and Jill Hardesty. Thanks to all who made this event such a success!



LWML News

Quilting: We will be quilting again in September on September 8th and 10th at 8 AM in the hall. Everyone is welcome to come.

LWML Meeting: The next LWML meeting will be held on September 8th at 7 PM in the hall. Deb Lammle will have the topic and Sue Van Wakeman and Deb Martin will serve as hostesses. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

LWML Fall Rally: The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held on Tuesday, September 20th, at Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro. The theme is "The Time is Now" and the guest speaker is Rev Terry Strom who has a special focus on missions. Registration is from 8:00 to 9:00 AM with the rally beginning at 9:00 AM. Cost of registration which includes lunch is \$8.00 payable at the door. There will be a Bible study so bring your Bibles. Ingathering is a monetary donation for the Northern Champaign County Food Bank. Please let Barb Gaines know if you plan to attend.

LWML Fall Retreat: Mark your calendars for the annual LWML CID Fall Retreat at Camp Cilca on October 7th and 8th. The theme is "The Vine Speaks" and features Cindy Steinbeck author of the Bible study. Deadline for registration is September 30th. Please let Barb Gaines know if you plan to attend. Registration forms are available at the CID website www.lwmlcid.org or on the back page of the Clarion.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will hold its monthly meeting on September 7th at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Devotion and refreshments will be given by Debbie Lammle and topic by Brenda Hendricks. Roll call will be given with a verse on grace. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Hayride and Weiner Roast



On September 25th Immanuel Lutheran of Osman will hold its annual Hayride and Weiner Roast. We will start the Hayride at 4:30 PM, followed by roasting of hot dogs and marshmallows for s'mores. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided for this event. Please bring dishes to share. Activities for all ages will be held after the meal. Consider bringing a friend to share in the fun and fellowship!



Thank you to Debbie Lammle and Vicar Johnston for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Important Dates

Ladies Aid Meeting-September 7, 1:30 PM

Church Council Meeting-September 7, 7 PM

Quilting-September 8th & 10th, 8 AM

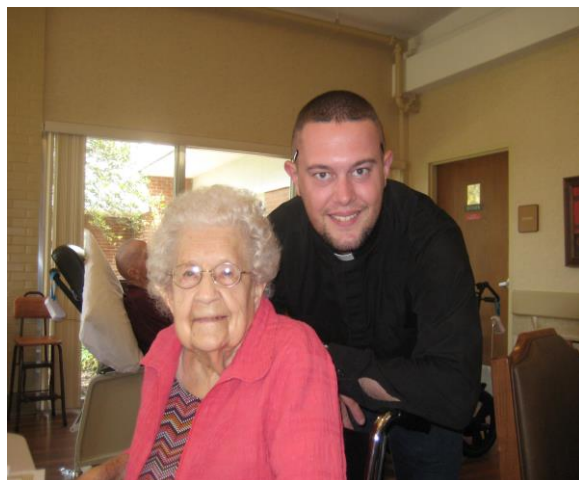
LWML-September 8th, 7 PM

Christian Education Sunday-September 11

LWML Fall Rally at Thomasboro-September 20th
8 – 9 AM - Registration

Hayride/Weiner Roast-September 25th

2016 Summer Vicar – Brian Johnston





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September Birthdays

Darryl Redding.....09-05
 Jim Poppe.....09-06
 Mark Barrack.....09-07
 Ken Whitehouse.....09-12
 Gene Welborn.....09-14
 Nicholas Homann.....09-16
 Stephanie Gaines.....09-17
 Marge Morrissey.....09-20
 Ryan Peyton.....09-21
 Mitchell Gallier.....09-23
 Rob Gallier.....09-24
 Sara McPike.....09-24
 Arnita Zimmerman.....09-25
 Pastor Keffie Deen.....09-26
 Scott Gercken.....09-26
 Nicholas Haggin.....09-29

September Anniversaries

Kris and Shaun Zimmerman.....09-02-2011
 Sue and Jim VanWakeman.....09-13-1969
 Phyllis and David Hasty.....09-14-1985
 Esther and Larry Lutz.....09-18-1965
 Brenda and David Peyton.....09-26-1996

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Adult Class
August 7	70	3	10
August 14	61	Picnic	Picnic
August 21	75	3	9
August 28	57	5	10

Mowers

September 4 – Ken and Kent Whitehouse

September 11 – Butch and Steven Sprau

September 18 – John Lammle and Rob Gallier

September 25 – Steve Gaines and Bill Schroeder

Elder Schedule

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

