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"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble".

Psalm 46:1

Notes from our Parish Nurse...

What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetuated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical, sexual, and psychological violence and emotional abuse.

One constant component of domestic violence is one partner's consistent efforts to maintain power and control over the other.

Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. 10 million people per year are physically abused by an intimate partner. 20,000 calls are placed a day to a domestic violence hotline.

The devastating physical, emotional, and psychological consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

What Does Abuse Include?

Abuse may begin with behaviors that may easily be dismissed or downplayed such as name calling, threats, possessiveness, or distrust. Abusers may apologize profusely for their actions or try to convince the person that they do these things out of love or care. However violence and control always intensifies over time with the abuser. Some examples of abusive tendencies include:

- Telling the victim that they can never do anything right.
- Showing jealousy of the victim's family and friends and time spent away.
- Accusing the victim of cheating.
- Embarrassing or shaming the person.

- Controlling money in the household or taking money from the victim.
- Looking at or acting in a way that scares the person.
- Dictating how the person dresses or wears their hair.
- Stalking or monitoring their every move (in person or via internet and/or devices such as GPS tracking or the person's phone).
- Threatening to hurt, kill, or take the children away.

Is Domestic Violence Always Physical Abuse?

Domestic violence does not always manifest with physical abuse. Emotional and psychological abuse can often be just as extreme as physical violence. Lack of physical abuse does not mean the abuser is any less dangerous, nor the victim is any less trapped.

What Happens When The Abusive Relationship Ends?

Domestic violence does not always end when the victim leaves, tries to terminate the relationship, or seeks help. The abuser frequently continues to try to control the victim. The victim is often in the most danger directly following the escape or when they seek help.

Unfair blame is frequently put upon the victim of abuse because of the assumptions that victims choose to stay in the abusive relationships. The truth is, bringing an end to abuse is not a matter of the victim choosing to leave; it is a matter of the victim being able to safely escape the abuser, the abuser choosing to stop the abuse, or others (law enforcement, courts) holding the abuser accountable for the abuse they inflict.

For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) now.

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

parishnurse@osmanlutheran.org

Church Council

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman Church Council Meeting - August 15, 2018

The monthly council meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on August 15, 2018. The following members were present: Rick Hardesty, Dave Kunde, Don Warsaw, Deb Lammle, John Lammle, Steve Martin, and Sandy Whitehouse. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Sandy Whitehouse read the minutes from the July council meeting. Debbie Lammle made a motion to accept the minutes; Dave Kunde seconded; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The July 31, 2018 balance was \$61,295.29. The Council reviewed income and expenses for July as well as balances in the Mission Giving funds and Memorial Fund accounts. John informed the Council there was an overpayment of \$1800 to Illini FS in June, and they have refunded us that money. He will deposit the money into the account. This explains the large amount of expense from last month's meeting which was questioned. Steve Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Don Warsaw seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor provided his planned absence schedule. Pastor will be out of town on 9/8, 9/22 through 9/25, and October 5 through 8. Pastor Ehlers is already scheduled to cover for Pastor McPike. Pastor provided Pastor Ehler's schedule for the remainder of the year. Most of those Sunday's, Pastor McPike will be there as well, as mentioned.
- Confirmation class will start on September 9. Pastor will meet with students and parents after church on this Sunday, Aug. 19. There will be 6 children enrolled, and they will meet from 8:00am-9:20am prior to church each Sunday. Pastor will meet with the class once a month. The teachers will meet every 1-2 months to coordinate duties since we have several sharing in the instruction.
- Pastor mentioned that Sarah McPike would like to start a Facebook page for our church. We were informed there has been a Facebook page in the past but would like to see this started up again and have more activity. Our Facebook page can be used for marketing our church activities and events. The Council would like to see Sarah go forward with getting this active again. Pastor said he would also like to see our website updated and

shared.

- Pastor informed the Council that Ken Clause has been invited to speak at our 125th celebration. No response yet.
- Pastor Schmidt's final Sunday in Delevan will be this Sunday before he moves to the Pittsburgh area.
- Church picnic – there were 39 people in attendance at last Sunday's church picnic in Fisher. Pastor would like to reconsider having the church services at the church prior to the picnic next year, in hope there will be a larger attendance for the service. We will plan to discuss this further next year when planning the date for the picnic.

Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Elders Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report:

Rick Hardesty read the Sunday School Superintendent's report. A recap of Vacation Bible School was provided. In addition, new Sunday School materials have been ordered.

Trustee Report:

Steve has done some work in the men's restroom. Don Warsaw and Mark Barrick added the new light on the hall which will now light up the parking lot, and also the new light on the marquee. Mark has 4 Exit lights which he will install in the upcoming days. We will need 2 additional lights as well.

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:

- We are still trying to address the issue of people not being able to locate our church, and the confusion of the address being listed as Fisher. Susan VanWakeman has put together an example of a flyer we could use for the church, showing our location and times of service. It was decided to have Jill Hardesty spearhead the project. Jill will work with others to design the flyer and find out estimated costs for a bulk mailing to promote our church. Another idea is to contact IDOT to see if they can put a standard green road sign on Rt 136 in Fisher, indicating Osman and mileage ahead.
- Debbie Lammle will burn the CDs of the church services and do the mailings.

New Business:

Brenda Hendricks provided the Council a memo of how

she would like the memorial money from Michael Hendricks to go towards replacing the wooden frames around the 2 stained glass windows in the entry way, and also replacing the plexiglass in front of the glass. The glass will need to be removed, reframed, and then re-installed. If the memorial funds do not cover the entire expense, the Hendricks family will cover the remaining expense.

- Steve would like to add a card at each thermostat indicating what the temperature should be left on, based on the season.
- We still need to have new fans installed in the church. Dave Kunde has 3 commercial sized fans at his house which he will donate. We'll need to make arrangements to have them installed.

Upcoming Church Activities:

- September Council Meeting Sept. 19
- Wiener Roast/Hayrack Ride Sept. 30
- Pastor Appreciation Day/Reformation Day festivities October 28

Closing:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Whitehouse

New Address

Hello Immanuel family from the Gulf Coast! Steve and I made it here safely, thank the Lord, and are getting settled. Our new address is: 8 Deborah Ct. Long Beach, Ms. 39560.

Phone #'s are the same, but our new email address is: svgaines@cablone.net. Would love to hear from you and if anyone is down this way, come see us. Thank you for all your prayers and well wishes! Steve and Barb Gaines

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class started on Sunday, September 9th. We are very blessed to have seven members in the class which consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The members are Megan Bidner, Jenna Clemmons, Ashley Genzel, Jack Gallier, Reese Gallier, Addi Warsaw, and Melia Warsaw. Presently, they have memorized most of the Old Testament Books of the Bible and the First and Second Commandments and their meanings. They meet every Sunday morning at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. Pastor McPike met with them on Sunday, September 16, from 11 AM to noon, and will meet with them the third Sunday in October, November, and December. They will be taking sermon notes two Sundays a month and will be seated in the front of the church. Please keep them in your prayers while they work toward their Confirmation in 2020 as the Bible says in Proverbs, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Confirmation Schedule

October 7	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
October 14	Class at 8 AM	
October 21	Class at 8 AM	Sermon Notes
October 28	Class at 8 AM	

(Pastor McPike will meet with students on Sunday, October 21, after church.)

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

To Pastor McPike and Pastor Ehlers:
God bless the two of you for all you do and for the
many ways you are such a blessing at Immanuel
Osman!

God's Instrument

**I see the hand that hold God's word
And fold in prayer to seek His will.
I see the feet that walk the path
And offers of praise as from lofty hill.**

**I see the hands that serve Him well,
The ears that seek to hear His call,
The mouth that speaks truth and wisdom,
The busy feet that carry the message to all.**

**I see the heart that was pricked and entered
When God's man answered the gospel call
And yielded His life as a humble servant,
A man who is willing, as was Apostle Paul.**

**I see all of this as he stands in the pulpit,
An instrument through which God speaks
The words of wisdom, of love and peace
To lead and guide all those whom God seeks.**

By Judy Crowe

Important Upcoming October Events:

October - Pastor Appreciation Month
October 2 - 8am - Quilting
October 3 - 1:30pm - Ladies Aid
October 3 - 7:00pm - Choir Practice
October 4 - 8am - Quilting
October 10 - 6:30pm - Building Committee Meeting
October 12-13 - LWML CID Retreat at Camp Cilca
October 14 - LWML Sunday
October 17 - 6pm - Confirmation Teacher's Meeting
October 17 - 7pm - Church Council
October 21 - Voter's Meeting after church
October 28 - 5pm - Celebration for Pastor's 30th
Anniversary in the Ministry with catered meal

Communion Sundays in October: October 14th, 21st, and
28th

Pastor McPike's 30th Anniversary in the Ministry Celebration

The congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church of
Osman will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of
ordination of Rev. Jeffrey McPike on October 28th at
5pm in the Fellowship Hall. A catered meal will be
served with a free will offering, followed by a short
program. Please sign-up for this special celebration by
October 14th on the bulletin board in the church.

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, October 3,
2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Connie
Warsaw will present the topic. Roll call will be
answered with a verse on Humbleness/Humility.
Wilma Grussing will have devotions and prayer and
serve as hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to
attend!

LWML News

The Immanuel Lutheran Church LWML held its
quarterly meeting on September 13th with nine
members present. President Debbie Lammle opened
the meeting. The LWML song and pledge were recited.
Devotion was given by Barb Whitehouse Gercken and
topic given by Shirley Sprau. Roll call, minutes, and
treasurer's report were given, and a motion made to
approve both reports. A mite story and prayer were
given by President Lammle while mites were collected.
Correspondence from our sem student, Chris Walters,
was then read. Cards from the LWML were sent to
several sick and grieving members by Debbie Lammle.
Thanks were given to those who took food to the sick,
donated to our adopted family, tied quilts and made
pillow case dresses, baked and worked at the July 4th
Bake Sale, wrote cards of appreciation to Pastor, and
made refreshments for quilting. Additional thanks were
given to Barb Gaines for leading the Bible Stick project,
Connie Warsaw and Debbie Martin for hemming the
quilts, Diana Zimmerman and Debbie Lammle for taking
gifts to our adopted family, and to Brenda Hendricks for
another great Clarion.

Quilting Report was given by Terri Hooker: 36 personal
kits sent to Serbia, 64 pillowcase dresses and 20 quilts
taken to the last CID-LWML Convention, and 20 fabric
kits completed by Terri Hooker.

The group was informed that LWML Sunday would be

celebrated on October 14th. It was voted to send \$150 to LWR for shipping the quilts.

The LWML Retreat will be held at Camp Cilca on October 12-13th. The guest speaker will be Rev. Mitchel Schuessler, National Pastoral Counselor. The group was asked to be thinking of another needy family to adopt for next year.

The group then discussed and planned the church Wiener Roast and Hayride, at the request of Chairman Rick Hardesty. A sign-up was sent around the table for members to volunteer for certain responsibilities for the event. The group was informed that a sign-up is also posted in the church to determine who will be attending the event, so appropriate amounts of meat can be purchased.

Next year the CID-LWML Convention will be held at the Danville Lutheran churches on April 26-27th. Marlene Schultz and Debbie Lammle are co-chairmans for this event. Immanuel Osman is in charge of contacting a caterer for the luncheon on the Saturday of the convention.

President Lammle read a request from Laura Straltman, CID Human Care Chairman, to make knitted or crocheted afghans to place in gift bags as a Friday Servant Event at the next CID LWML Convention. You may purchase the requested afghans at garage sales if they are in good condition. LWR Quilts (84x90) may also be donated for this project.

The National LWML convention will be held in Mobile, Alabama on June 20-23, 2019. It is suggested that buses be used to get to the event, since very few flights come into Mobile.

President Lammle thanked Debbie Martin and Sue VanWakeman for serving as hostesses. The next meeting will be December 13th, with Annette Warsaw giving the topic, and Connie Warsaw and Marsha Warsaw serving as hostesses. If you wish to join in the grab bag gift exchange, the group was reminded to bring a \$10-15 gift to the December meeting. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally was held on September 18th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Woodworth in rural Milford, IL. The day was based on Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." We were blessed to have Carmen Gronewold, a native of Buckley, speak on her work with the Peace Rehabilitation Center. PRC is an organization that helps rescue female Nepalese girls from human trafficking and provides educational skills to help them start a new life. The day began with registration and a coffee hour at 8:00am. The program for the day was held in the sanctuary and concluded in the school's gym with a delicious lunch. For the ingathering 98

bibles were collected along with 11 boxes of Christian materials, 11 bags of groceries, \$150 for the local food pantry, and \$470.10 in offerings. Brenda Hendricks, Debbie Lammle, and Connie Warsaw represented Immanuel Osman at this event.

The LWML Sunday will be celebrated at Immanuel Osman on October 14th. The theme for the day is "Our Rest in a Changing World". Several LWML ladies will be helping with the service that day. The 100 plus quilts that were pieced together and tied by ladies of the church will be displayed on the pews during two church services. A list of 2017-2019 LWML Mission Grants will also be included in the bulletin that day. For 75 years, LWML women have supported worldwide missions through Mite Box offerings. On October 14th we're asking each person/family to take one of the decorated cans on the back table as you leave the church. During the week, consider placing your loose change or even small bills in the can to help support the mission of the LWML women. Please bring back to church on November 11th. Thanks in advance for your generous hearts in sharing our blessings with those grant recipients less fortunate than us!

Benefit Soup Supper

Mark your calendars now for a benefit soup supper which will be held on Saturday, November 10, in the fellowship hall. The recipient will be Kade Nichols from Farmer City who is a sixth grader recovering from brain surgery after a tumor was discovered in April. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

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	Conf	Bible Class
8/19	54	8	-	5
8/26	64	6	-	10
9/2	52	2	-	10
9/9	47	0	6	14
9/16	69	1	6	11
9/23	60	n/a	n/a	n/a
9/30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

October Birthdays

Tyler Duncan.....10-01
 Karen Brown.....10-01
 Bill Amdor.....10-03
 Jodi Burgess.....10-05
 Steve Martin.....10-07
 Eric Zimmerman.....10-08
 Dustin Peyton.....10-09
 John Gercken.....10-12
 Bill McCleary.....10-12
 Addison Warsaw.....10-12
 David Kunde.....10-15
 Greg Johnson.....10-16
 Rebecca Hendricks.....10-17
 Wiley Hasty.....10-17
 Jordan Bidner.....10-19
 Greg Warsaw.....10-22
 Pastor Jeff McPike.....10-24
 Katherine Masko.....10-28
 Julianna Gercken.....10-31

October Anniversaries

Barb and John Gercken.....10-09-1982
 Deborah and Dennis Martin.....10-10-1981
 Barb and Steve Gaines.....10-14-1978
 Moneta and Bill McCleary.....10-19-1946
 Theresa and Rick Wilson.....10-31-2005

