

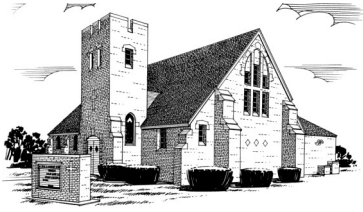
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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OSMAN **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC



February 2020

Your word is a lamp to guide
my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

December 26, 2019

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ at Osman,

It's hard to believe that we're up to four months now that I've been here at St. Paul. In some respects, it does seem like the time has gone quickly, as there's been a lot for me to do here. I've already taught confirmation class five times, and I think I'm starting to get the hang of it (it helps that the kids are good too...for the most part). I've also been working with the Sunday School, as well as the preschool of our day school, and with this time of year, of course, I helped with the Christmas programs for both.

Within my time here in Manawa, there's been several of our members who have passed away; because of this, I started a grief support group this month, particularly for those who were grieving and facing this usually joyous season with heartbreak and loss. We had two meetings this month. I also will be starting a women's Bible study in the new year, and I am looking forward to that.

It's been difficult being away from family, especially when I was unable to come home for Thanksgiving. However, the members here at St. Paul go out of their way to make sure that I feel like I am home, and that I am taken care of. Their generosity is more than I could ask for.

Almost two weeks ago at the time I'm writing this, the town of Manawa hosted its 3rd annual Miracle on Bridge Street event. St. Paul takes part in this by putting on a Live Nativity, which was made easy because they put several heaters outside, so we didn't have to worry about freezing too much.

I hope you had a very merry Christmas time with friends and family, and know that I miss you all very much.

God's blessings,
Sara McPike

P.S. The attached picture is my supervisor, Pastor Reichle, and myself.



Getting to know our Confirmands...

Hello! I am Reese Gallier. I am 13 years old. I am in seventh grade at Mahomet Junior High School.

If you could ask any Biblical character a question, who would it be and what would you ask?

I would ask David how he came up with so much courage to beat Goliath, and if he was scared.

What is your Baptism date?

March 25, 2007

What career do you hope to pursue with your God given talents?

I hope to be a surgical nurse or a professional runner.

What is one of your most favorite Bible verses?

"His unfailing love continues forever." Psalm 100:5

What is your most favorite Bible story?

My most favorite story is the birth of Jesus.

Would you describe yourself as being a follower or a leader?

I would describe myself as always being a leader.

If you had 30 minutes of free time, what would you enjoy doing?

I would go outside with my two dogs or watch Disney movies.

If you could dedicate your life to solving one problem, what problem would you solve?

I would like to work on underwater pollution to help aquatic life.

In 20 years from now, what will you want to be remembered for?

I want to be remembered for being a good student, a funny person, a great friend, and a good team mate on and off the court.

What song do you remember singing when you were in Sunday School?

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

What is your best memory about Vacation Bible School?

My best memory is when Megan and I tripped and fell into the baby pool at the same time.

What will you remember the most about Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman as you grow older?

I think I am going to remember all the amazing people and teachers that I had. I also will remember the fun things I got to do while getting close with Christ along the way.

Hello! I am Jenna Clemmons. I am 14 years old. I am in eighth grade at Fisher Junior High School.

If you could ask any Biblical character a question, who would it be and what would you ask?

I would ask Daniel how he felt when he was put in the lion's den.

What is your Baptism date?

January 29, 2006

What career do you hope to pursue with your God given talents?

I hope to be a forensic scientist or a reporter.

What is one of your most favorite Bible verses?

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

What is your most favorite Bible story?

Daniel and the Lion's Den

Would you describe yourself as being a follower or a leader?

I think I am a leader, because I like to be in charge.

If you had 30 minutes of free time, what would you enjoy doing?

I would enjoy reading or watching a show on Netflix.

If you could dedicate your life to solving one problem, what problem would you solve?

I would like to work on a solution to Global Warming.

In 20 years from now, what will you want to be remembered for?

I want to be remembered for playing basketball and working to have good grades.

What song do you remember singing when you were in Sunday School?

"I'm Inright, Outright, Upright, Downright Happy All the Time"

What is your best memory about Vacation Bible School?

My best memory is when we would do dances to all the songs.

What will you remember the most about Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman as you grow older?

I think I am going to remember all the suppers and breakfasts that we worked at the most.

Malachi Johnson

Malachi Johnson and his Effingham Bravo Company National Guard Unit will leave on Wednesday, January 21 for extra training before deployment in approximately a month for a 9-month tour of duty. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ash Wednesday Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman will observe Ash Wednesday with a service on February 26th at 7pm. A social hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall following with the following committee serving refreshments: Don and Connie Warsaw, Steve and Marsha Warsaw, John and Barb Gercken, Wilma Grussing, and Butch and Shirley Sprau.

Quilting

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief on February 3rd and 5th beginning at 8am. Take note that the dates have been changed to the first Monday and Wednesday of each month.

Thank You!

Thanks to Pastor McPike and Sharon for opening their home to the members of Immanuel Osman for an Epiphany Open House. Twenty members from the church visited and shared in the delicious refreshments and drinks. But, the best part of the afternoon was the warmth and hospitality shown by Pastor and Sharon as they opened their beautiful home to their church family. Thanks again!

Thank You!

Thanks to Sue VanWakeman and Debbie Lammle for visiting the shut-ins last month.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone in the church who collected mites for the LWML Mission Grants.

Update on Declan Luis Lammle



Thanks to everyone who prayed, called, and inquired about Declan's progress as this miracle baby continues to grow from 1lb.14 oz. to 9lbs. 11 oz. We continue to feel blessed as Declan got to come home on January 1st. A monitor is attached to his foot that tells his oxygen level and heartrate, with an alarm that sounds every time Declan's levels are inappropriate. Declan continues to have many doctor's appointments, since he has four different doctors that determine the best course of action concerning his health. As soon as his white blood count comes up, he will be having a hernia surgery, which could be up to 2 or 3 months away. Because of his low resistance fighting off infections, Declan will not be able to be around children for six months, and definitely not be around those with colds, coughs, or the flu. He continues to be on oxygen at home, and will continue that for 6-8 weeks. Please continue to pray for the family, not just for the continued health of little Declan, but also for lightening the stress placed on the family with this extreme financial burden. Thanks again for all your support!

The Lammle families

2020 Lenten Service Refreshment Schedule

Ash Wednesday - February 26th

Mr. & Mrs. Don Warsaw
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Warsaw
Mr. & Mrs. John Gercken
Wilma Grussing
Mr. & Mrs. Butch Sprau

March 18th

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zimmerman
Mr. & Mrs. Jim VanWakeman
Theresa VanWakeman Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hooker
Mr. & Mrs. Myron Zimmerman
Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Zimmerman

March 4th

Mr. & Mrs. John Lammle
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ringer
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Poppe
Darryl Redding
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Delaney

March 25th

Brenda Hendricks
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Whitehouse
Deb Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Edwards

March 11th

Kim Clemmons
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Warsaw
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Warsaw
Mr. & Mrs. Rob Gallier
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Bidner

April 1st

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hardesty
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Kunde
Mr. & Mrs. Austin Miller
Debbie Peyton
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Warsaw

April 9th - Before Service

LA / LWML Ladies

2020



February Anniversaries

Sara and Dave Kunde.....02-14-2012
 Susan and Austin Miller.....02-12-1977
 Sandy and Lee Whitehouse.....02-28-2015

Statistics

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Conf	Adult Class
12/22	60	0	-	0
12/24	104	-	-	-
12/29	46	0	-	0
1/5	66	1	6	12
1/12	56	1	6	10
1/19	49	n/a	n/a	n/a
1/26	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Osman's Upcoming Events

February Upcoming Events

February 3 - Quilting, 8am
 February 5 - Quilting, 8am
 February 19 - Church Council meeting, 6:30pm
 February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
 (Social Hour following)

February Birthdays

Bryan Edwards.....02-03
 David Peyton.....02-03
 Theresa VanWakeman Wilson...02-07
 Austin Miller.....02-09
 Christie Delaney.....02-10
 Jenna Mangold.....02-14
 Lora Nelson.....02-16
 Neil Bidner.....02-17
 Lisa Miller.....02-17
 Jeff Warsaw.....02-19
 Amanda Burgess.....02-24
 Reese Gallier.....02-26
 Marti Brandt.....02-27