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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Reverend Jeffrey McPike, BCC
Vicar Brian Johnston

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Thank You!

Dear Ladies Aid and church members,

I wanted to thank everyone for all the goodies and items from my care package. I will definitely use all the items I received. It really means a lot to me that church members take time out of their busy day to write letters to me and send care packages. It is a great feeling to be a part of a close and caring church family that we have at Osman. Please pass along to the members that I apologize for not replying back to a lot of the letters, but my schedule has been changing a lot these past few months. Hopefully my work schedule gets more stable soon, and I can respond back to everyone.

Just a little update on my deployment life here in Afghanistan. The weather is very similar to Illinois weather. One day it is sunny and nice, the next it is rainy and nasty out. I would say the temperatures are very close as well. It is just not as humid. The city of Kabul that I am in, is bigger than Chicago. Traffic here is horrible, worse than Chicago traffic. There are no rules of the road here and drivers typically do whatever they want, like drive down the wrong way of traffic. My job here is transportation protection team so I drive in the mess every day. Luckily my truck has lights and sirens like a police car so it helps sometimes. I have learned to drive a stick shift very well here and how to be a very aggressive driver.

The base I am stationed on is considered a NATO base. There are 25 different countries stationed here as well.

I have been trying to learn a little of the different languages so I can understand what people are saying. There are a lot of extra events that take place on base. I joined the Cigar Club on base. It is a good way to meet different people and members from the U. S. Embassy side. I go play Bingo every other week. I won my first time going and have not won again. In my spare time, I find myself running a lot. I have run in two races already, a 5K and a 10K. I am trying to work up to a half marathon before I leave. If I am not running in my spare time, I watch a lot of movies. They have a community network drive that we can choose from hundreds of different movies to watch.

Being on a base with a lot of different countries here, there are a lot of important people that visit. I had the honor of meeting with our Secretary of State, John Kerry. He came to visit the troops here on base, and I was one of the six selected from my company to meet him. I was pretty nervous, but he was a very nice and professional person. We have had different presidents and prime ministers from different countries come here to visit. I have also had to transport some of them around the city.

I hope this is a little insight into my life so far on this deployment. I will write again and keep everyone updated. My time here so far is moving pretty fast, and I hope it continues to do so. I cannot wait to be back home and see everyone again. I hope everyone is doing well and is in good health. I look forward each week to getting my bulletin and CD. Thanks again for all of the letters, care packages, and prayers. Also thanks for keeping my parents busy and helping them through this deployment.

Sincerely,
SPC Nathan Hooker

Thank You!

We thank all of you who helped us in every way such as cooking food, sending cards, and calling with greetings. Above all we are thankful for your prayers and Pastor's visit and serving Communion.

Again thank you!

Larry and Esther Lutz

Thank you to Vicar Johnston, Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks for visiting the shut-ins in June.

Thank you to Connie Warsaw who directed our VBS program this past week. You did an awesome job on advertising our Barnyard Roundup, organizing each day, collecting all of the props and costumes for the skits, making some of our special themed treats, writing our Sunday program, and helping decorate. Thank you for providing us a great opportunity to study God's word, to sing His praises, to use our artistic abilities to make crafts, to help the homeless, and to make new friends!

In Christ's name,

VBS students and staff

Vacation Bible School

We had a farm-tastic Barnyard Roundup at VBS from June 20 to 24. The children learned that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, gathers us together! We explored five Bible accounts that taught us how God is with us, provides for all our needs, and protects us now and forever! We learned that Jesus, our Savior, cares, provides, leads, and forgives us! Brenda Hendricks taught the Pre-K through first grade class, and she had seven students. Sara McPike was her helper. Vicar Brian taught the second through fifth grade class, and he had 18 students. Cheyenne Zimmerman was his helper. We thank all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School. It is indeed a group effort!

Besides our teachers and helpers, we thank the following people:

Brenda Hendricks – designing and decorating the hall

Beth Bidner – conducting the opening and closing session each day

Annette Warsaw – designing posters and t-shirts, organizing the games and hand bells, and creating an awesome slide show which was shown on Sunday morning

Kim Clemmons – organizing the crafts

Jill Hardesty – helping in the kitchen and making fleece blankets

Shirley Sprau – helping in the kitchen

Don Warsaw – building the barn wall, grilling hot dogs, and bringing his tractor on Friday

We also thank all those who baked cookies or brought the items we needed for our theme snacks each day.

On Sunday, June 26th, donuts and drinks were served in the hall where everyone could see our decorations and the slide show of our week at Barnyard Roundup. The children sang three of the songs that they had learned. At the beginning of the worship service the children sang and told about the five Bible lessons. Our offering went to Tin Roofs for Africa, and we collected \$223.72. We also made eleven fleece blankets for Canteen Run for the homeless in Champaign – Urbana. Thank you to Barb Whitehouse-Gercken for applying for a Thrivent Action Team to buy the fleece and to Marsha Warsaw for donating fleece. Thanks again to everyone who made this year's VBS a wonderful experience of learning how much God cares and loves us.

Upcoming Events

July 4th: Bake Sale (8am) and Parade(9:30am) at Bellflower

(Line up for the parade at 8:30am)

July 11th: Fisher Fair Parade-7pm

July 23rd: BBQ and Chili Cook-off at Osman-5pm

July 30th: LWML Zone President's meeting at Osman-9am

August 3rd: Ladies Aid Luncheon at Paxton-noon

August 12th: Clean the Church-8am

August 14th: Church Picnic at Fisher Community Building-10am

Church Council

Council Meeting-May 4, 2016

The monthly Church Council meeting of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman was held on May 4, 2016, with eight members present. Those attending were John Lammle, Shane Zimmerman, Don Warsaw, Bob Zimmerman, Diana Zimmerman, John Gercken, Deb Lammle, Connie Warsaw, and Pastor McPike. Before opening the meeting, Kyle Simpson and Trent Swift, two representatives from Country Financial, reviewed our insurance policies for the church. The Commercial Account Summary form was reviewed. They recommended minor changes for cost savings which the council will review later.

The meeting was then opened by Chairman Lammle. Pastor gave devotion from the Gospel for Ascension Sunday and prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion to approve was made by Don Warsaw and seconded by Shane Zimmerman. Motion carried. The last voter's meeting minutes from April 10th were reviewed with one correction on the date of the presentation of the new mower.

Pastor's report: Pastor McPike thanked everyone who helped with the Bryon Christian's funeral and dinner following. He announced that Vicar Johnston will arrive May 23rd, and was very satisfied with a studio apartment. Pastor's circuit meeting will be on May 10th at Immanuel Osman with a 9:30am communion service. Eight pastors are expected. Monthly communion will be changed in July from July 3rd to July 10th. Pastor McPike stated that Annette Warsaw expressed an interest in helping improve the church website. She provided samples from other sites she maintains. These sites use the "WordPress" platform. Pastor McPike investigated and found that WordPress is freely available and can be downloaded and installed on the present Osman website, and will continue communicating with Annette to improve the site. Pastor stated that his daughter Sara has been accepted into the Deaconess Program in Concordia Lutheran School for the coming year. Congratulations Sara!

Treasurer's Report: Bob Zimmerman read the treasurer's report with a balance of \$79,668.76. Connie Warsaw made the motion to accept; John Gercken seconded; motion carried.

A slight increase in attendance for Sunday morning worship was reported by Chairman Lammle.

Sunday School Superintendent's Report: Connie Warsaw requested the amount budgeted for VBS. The treasurer stated that \$650 was budgeted plus an additional check donated in the amount of \$240 could be used for this purpose. Connie then reported that VBS would be held June 20-24th from 8:30-11am. She had been in contact with Vicar Johnston, who will be teaching Grades 2 through 5. She had advertised in local papers and distributed posters in local communities. A coffee hour at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and closing program will be held on June 26th.

Trustees Report: It was reported that the air conditioners had been serviced as per annual contracted agreement. Shane Zimmerman stated he would program the air conditioner thermostats for the summer. Bob Zimmerman then reported that Steve Windle Concrete gave a quote of \$7062 for the construction of the new concrete ramp (with rebar) and sidewalks. This quote also includes hauling away of existing ramp and sidewalk. The cost of railing was not included in the estimate. Larry Lutz's name was mentioned as knowing someone who could provide an estimate on railing. It was reported that the handicapped parking signs were relocated to the west side of the church. Chairman Lammle stated that Waggoners, Inc. were unable to find a match for our current fabric on our pews; another source will be contacted.

Chairman Lammle reviewed the upcoming activities for the year. Those included in May and June are the Pastor's Circuit Meeting on May 10th, Girls Night Out-June 10th, Vicar Welcome-June 19th, and Vacation Bible School-June 20-24th. Chairman Lammle then read the list of sub forty adults to be invited to the Chili cook-off for the ladies and BBQ cook-off for the men. This activity would also be advertised as a "bring a friend" event. Diana Zimmerman made a motion to send invitations to the suggested list; John Gercken seconded; motion carried. July 23rd was set as the date for this event. (This activity will be funded from the Events Committee budget.) In the invitation the ladies participating in the cook-off will be asked to bring their recipe for chili; the meat and grills will be provided for the men participating in the contest. Chairman Lammle then stated that the Fisher Community building was available for the annual church picnic at a cost of \$150 plus a \$200 deposit which will be returned if the building is left how it was found. Pastor McPike thought it was a favorable idea to include all surrounding communities when planning the annual

picnic. John Gercken made a motion to hold the 2016 church picnic at Fisher Community building. Shane Zimmerman seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Lammle recommended the purchase of 2 directional signs-one on RT 136 at 400E/2900N and one on RT 150 (Champaign & Piatt County Line) and the removal of the old sign at the corner of RT 136&47. The cost per sign through Concordia Publishing House is \$152 each for double sided. LCMS approved logo is either in blue or black shades. The council suggested the purchase of the blue logo. Chairman Lammle requested a second council member to confirm mileage on signs prior to placing the order, and will obtain ILDOT approval to install prior to ordering.

From one of the new member surveys, it was suggested that we have greeters before Sunday morning worship. The Ladies Aid offered to serve in this capacity during the months of June through August. It was reported that the 125th Anniversary committee met and submitted a list of suggestions to Chairman Lammle for review. This list will be sent to council members before the next Council meeting. Chairman Lammle stated that the Confirmation Reception went well and was greatly appreciated by all. It was recommended that our church continue with 50th anniversary confirmation class recognition as we lead up to our 125th Anniversary Celebration. Further suggestion included recognizing senior members in our congregation.

Chairman Lammle presented a request from Brenda Hendricks to purchase six additional bells from the Norma Homann memorial funds. Chairman Lammle reviewed the request with Music Director, Alicia Haggin, who agreed with the request. Shane Zimmerman made a motion to purchase the bells from the Norma Homann memorial; Connie Warsaw seconded; motion carried. The second request from Thrivent advocates was for \$1000 for a second benefit soup supper. After much discussion, it was agreed that this type of request should be submitted by the Stewardship Committee under the guidelines of the Thrivent Policy and Procedure of Thrivent Choice dollars as approved by the voters. Chairman Lammle will contact the Stewardship Committee for further clarification of their job description and invite them to the next meeting. Don Warsaw made a motion to deny the Thrivent advocate request of \$1000 for a benefit; Bob Zimmerman seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lammle

F.Y.I.

New Addresses

Wilma Forrest
Gibson City Hospital Annex
430 E. 19th St.
Gibson City, IL 60936

Moneta McCleary
Farmer City Rehab and Health Care Center
Room #27
404 N. Brookview Drive
Farmer City, IL 61842

Ladies Night Out

The 3rd annual Ladies Night Out was a great success on June 10th with 23 members and friends of Immanuel Osman present. We had two "high" winners, Debbie Peyton and Linda Trimble. Both received gift certificates to Hobby Lobby. The evening was full of the exciting game of bunco, delicious food and drink, and fellowship with church family and friends. Thanks to everyone that brought food and prizes for this annual event.



Congratulations to Ashley and Bryce Martin on the birth of their son, Blaine Russell Martin on May 30th. Grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Martin. May God bless Blaine and his parents with His care!

Quarterly Voters Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to attend the quarterly Voters Meeting **next Sunday, July 10th**, after church service. Any members 18 years or older may sign the membership roster if they have not done so previously.

LWML News

The LWML met on June 9 in the hall. We sang the LWML song and recited the pledge. Agnes Martinie had devotions and Connie Waraw had the topic which was entitled "Our Changeless God". Thirteen members were present. The minutes were read by Marsha Warsaw and approved. Deb Martin reported a balance of \$981.11 in the treasury. Annual dues of \$10 was due and collected. Correspondence was read from our former vicar, Jonathan Scheck. It was decided that LWML in coordination with Ladies Aid will sponsor our new vicar Johnston for the coming year. Thank you's were offered to the members who worked on the zone banner as well as those who helped and donated for the Pastor's conference.

We have completed 99 quilts so far as well as 59 pillowcase dresses. Most of the dresses have been sent out already. Terri Hooker is continuing to track the quilts that we have sent. Upcoming quilting dates will be July 7 and 9, August 4 and 6, and September 8 and 10.

We have received 60 baby bottles to fill for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Those are to be returned by June 19th. Thanks to Deb Martin for coordinating this project. Deb Lammle, Agnes Martinie, Connie Warsaw, and Barb Gaines attended the Spring Gathering on April 2 in Ash Grove and gave a report. Brenda Hendricks and Barb Gaines reported on the CID Convention on April 22-23 in Jacksonville. Missions grants were approved by the delegates with a goal of \$85,000 for the coming year. The group will be having a joint bake sale with the Ladies Aid in Bellflower on the 4th of July. Members are to bring donated baked goods either to the church on July 3rd, to Connie Warsaw, Shirley Sprau, or Wilma Grussing on Sunday evening, or to the firehouse by 7:30 AM on July 4th.

Upcoming dates to remember are as follows: church cleaning on August 12 at 8 AM, Fall Rally at Peace Lutheran in Thomasboro on September 20, and CID retreat at Camp Cilca on October 6-7.

Brenda Edwards and Agnes Martinie served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting will be on September 8 with Deb Lammle having the topic and Sue VanWakeman and Deb Martin serving as hostesses.

Ladies Aid News

The Ladies Aid held its monthly meeting on June 8th in the Fellowship Hall. President Debbie Lammle opened the meeting. The business meeting included discussion on continuing quilting and making pillow case dresses on the first Thursday and Saturday of each month. The quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief and the dresses are sent to "Little Dresses for Africa". Other projects were care packages to Nathan Hooker, food shower for Vicar Johnston, greeters before Sunday morning worship, 4th of July Bake Sale at Bellflower, and requesting Vicar Johnston as our Seminarian Student in the fall. The Ladies Aid set **August 12th at 8am** as the day for cleaning the church. It was decided to hold our August luncheon at the Country Thyme Tea Room in Paxton on August 3rd at noon. The next meeting will be held July 6th with Connie Warsaw giving devotion, prayer, and refreshments and Debbie Lammle giving the topic. Roll call will be given on faith. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and common table prayer.

Ladies Aid Luncheon

Ladies Aid members and their guests are invited to a luncheon at the Country Thyme Tea Room, 595 S. Elm, Paxton, IL. on Wednesday, August 3rd. We will meet at noon at the restaurant, followed by shopping if you wish at eight different shops in the area. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church by July 31st if you plan to attend.

July 4th Bake Sale

LWML and Ladies Aid members may take their baked goods for the 4th of July Bake Sale to Wilma Grussing, Shirley Sprau, or Connie Warsaw on July 3rd, or bring to the Fire Station by 7:30am July 4th. Thanks to everyone who donates to this fund raiser for both organizations!



Float Building

Thanks to everyone who helped put the Immanuel Lutheran Church float together this past week. A special thanks to Marvin and Kim Clemmons for the use of their shed, Steve and Marsha Warsaw for the hay-rack, and John Lammle for getting all the materials for the float. Anyone (especially former students of Jeri Bidner) who would like to walk beside or ride on the float is more than welcome to meet at 8:30am at the Bellflower pavilion on July 4th. The youth are encouraged to wear their VBS T-shirts and adults are urged to wear red, white, and blue. On July 11th, the same float will be used for the Fisher Fair 75th Anniversary Parade. Please meet at **6pm on the 11th** at Marvin Clemmon's shed to participate in this special event that promotes our church! The parade begins at 7pm. (Thanks to Vicar Johnston for making the informational cards about our church to be passed out during each parade!)

Upcoming Events

The LWML Zone President's meeting will be held on July 30th at 9am at the Immanuel Osman Fellowship Hall. President Debbie Lammle will meet with the other eleven presidents from the LWML societies in the zone. The September 20th Fall Rally at Peace Thomasboro is the next zone activity.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osman is sponsoring a "Sub-40" Cook-off contest for young adults on July 23, beginning at 5pm. Men will be showing their hamburger cooking skills with hamburgers and grills provided by the church and ladies will be showing their chili cooking skills by bringing a crock pot of their special chili and recipe to share. Prizes will be awarded. This will also be a "Bring a Friend" event, so please invite others to come join in the fun! Everyone in the congregation and their guests are invited to come and sample the food!

Church History

Thanks to Larry Lutz, Debbie Lammle, and Ryan Lammle for making it possible to show the last 50 plus confirmation classes on a slide presentation at church. Larry took the photos, Debbie recorded the names and dates of the more recent classes, and Ryan formatted the scanned pictures to make them able to show as a slide presentation. It was shown at Vicar Johnston's Welcome time on June 19th. Thanks to these members for keeping this history of our church.



Osman Youth including Will Delaney and Mitchell Gallier, as well as chaperones Annie Downey and Nikki Gallier, will travel to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-21. This year's theme is "In Christ Alone We Stand." Please keep this group in your prayers as they drive to and from New Orleans as well as for a spiritually rewarding experience where their relationship with Jesus Christ is strengthened.

Vicar Brian Johnston

Please acquaint yourself with our summer vicar, Brian Johnston! Some facts about his life are on the back bulletin board. He helped with Vacation Bible School, visited the shut-ins, and has done the liturgy and preached in a short two-week time. He will be conducting a mid-week Bible class, starting on July 13th at 7 PM. He will cover the Prophet Christology of Luke. It will run for five weeks and conclude on August 10th. Come join in the Bible Study!

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Girls Night Out



Vacation Bible School



Float Building



CONGRATULATIONS!

July Birthdays

Ryan Lammle.....	07-02
Jessica Poppe.....	07-03
Joshua Poppe.....	07-03
Jerry Edwards.....	07-05
Mackenzie Delaney.....	07-06
Weston Hasty.....	07-06
Larry Lutz.....	07-12
Wilma Grussing.....	07-13
Daniel Schuh.....	07-13
William Schroeder.....	07-14
Ryan McPike.....	07-15
Aaron Warsaw.....	07-15
Bryan Warsaw.....	07-15
Marvin Clemmons.....	07-20
Carolyn Majercin.....	07-20
Shane Zimmerman.....	07-21
Steve Gaines.....	07-24
Jane Poppe.....	07-27
Stefani Warsaw.....	07-28
John Haggin.....	07-29
Roy Whitehouse.....	07-30

July Anniversaries

C. J. and Ross Warsaw.....	07-04-1988
Marti and Steve Brandt.....	07-06-1984
Deb and Dick Johnson.....	07-10-1971
Hallie and Greg Payne.....	07-12-2011
Marsha and Steve Warsaw.....	07-16-1977
Rebecca and Scott Gercken.....	07-21-2007
Nikki and Rob Gallier.....	07-24-1999
Nicole and Jesse Johnson.....	07-28-2007



Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
6/5	55	1	11
6/12	64	2	20
6/19	58	no class	no class
6/26	94	no class	no class

Elder Schedule

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

Mowing List

July 10 – Bob Zimmerman and Brenda Hendricks
 July 17 – Lee and Sandy Whitehouse
 July 24 – Darwin and Wade Warsaw
 July 31 – Jim Poppe and Lee Whitehouse

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