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## Mark Your Calendar

Please plan to join us as Pastor Nikoli Falenschek is installed at LCM on Sunday, July 12. Bishop John Roth will be presiding. We hope everyone can come and make Pastor Nikoli and his family welcome on this joyous day.

## Welcome Pastor Nikoli Falenschek



Pastor Nikoli's Ordination June 10, 2015, at Faith Lutheran Church Becker MN. Pictured with Bishop Roth and Nikoli's wife Maggie

**Thank You Pastor Vic and Pastor Emil:** Please plan to join us at LCM as we give praise and thanks to our two dedicated, loyal hardworking interim Pastors, Pastor Vic Baderschneider and Pastor Emil Blobaum for their service to us on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have time at the end of the service for members to express their gratitude and share thoughts. A potluck will follow the service with presentations of appreciation in recognition of these two wonderful men who willingly gave their hearts and time for us.

# thank you

We Will Miss You Both.  
Enjoy a Blessed and  
Happy Well-Earned Retirement



Pastor Victor Baderschneider



Pastor Emil Blobaum



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June 18, 2015

It has been a long season of disquiet in our country. From Ferguson to Baltimore, simmering racial tensions have boiled over into violence. But this ... the fatal shooting of nine African Americans in a church is a stark, raw manifestation of the sin that is racism. The church was desecrated. The people of that congregation were desecrated. The aspiration voiced in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are "one nation under God" was desecrated.

Mother Emanuel AME's pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, as was the Rev. Daniel Simmons, associate pastor at Mother Emanuel. The suspected shooter is a member of an ELCA congregation. All of a sudden and for all of us, this is an intensely personal tragedy. One of our own is alleged to have shot and killed two who adopted us as their own.

We might say that this was an isolated act by a deeply disturbed man. But we know that is not the whole truth. It is not an isolated event. And even if the shooter was unstable, the framework upon which he built his vision of race is not. Racism is a fact in American culture. Denial and avoidance of this fact are deadly. The Rev. Mr. Pinckney leaves a wife and children. The other eight victims leave grieving families. The family of the suspected killer and two congregations are broken. When will this end?

The nine dead in Charleston are not the first innocent victims killed by violence. Our only hope rests in the innocent One, who was violently executed on Good Friday. Emmanuel, God with us, carried our grief and sorrow – the grief and sorrow of Mother Emanuel AME church – and he was wounded for our transgressions – the deadly sin of racism.

I urge all of us to spend a day in repentance and mourning. And then we need to get to work. Each of us and all of us need to examine ourselves, our church and our communities. We need to be honest about the reality of racism within us and around us. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act. No stereotype or racial slur is justified. Speak out against inequity. Look with newly opened eyes at the many subtle and overt ways that we and our communities see people of color as being of less worth. Above all pray – for insight, for forgiveness, for courage.

Kyrie Eleison.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
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## JUNE COUNCIL NOTES

Submitted by Andrew Scheele, Church Council Secretary

One of the priorities of the present council is to keep the members of The Lutheran Church of Mahomet more easily and better informed of actions taken and matters discussed at council meetings in a timely manner. For more detailed information as to the council meetings, you are welcome to take a copy of the minutes from the quad board after they are approved and posted. Minutes from the May, 2015 meeting have been approved and posted.

At the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, meeting, the following motions was made and passed:

Approval of new Building and Grounds Use Policy. This affects both LCM and non-LCM users. When planning to use the facility, please consult the new Policy.

Matters discussed or decided at the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting were as follows:

1. We are still looking at moving some of the Church's savings into Money Market Accounts to increase the interest earned.
2. Discussed the parking lot repairs and the new pad for the dumpster. Both were completed in May. Next item will be to review the roof.
3. Discussed the lighted sign out by the interstate. Bids are being collected to repair the sign, and we are looking for a volunteer to update the message on a regular basis. We are also looking at the wooden sign on Andover.
4. Discussed costs for both a wheelchair lift and / or ramp for the Fellowship Hall. We are not ready to make a decision, however we are reviewing both options.
5. Discussed our parade float for the Sangamon River Festival in August. Looking for volunteers to help build, along with design ideas.
6. We are investigating working with other local Lutheran Churches to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Build in Gifford. This is in the early stages of planning; as it will take several churches coming together to make it happen.
7. Noted Vacation Bible School planning is underway. Dates are August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.
8. Discussed having a joint service on July 5<sup>th</sup> to say goodbye to our interim pastors, and welcoming Pastor Nikoli on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend any council meeting. If a member wishes to present an issue to the council for consideration at a meeting, a request should be made to the president, the church council secretary, or the church office by the Tuesday prior to the meeting so that the item can be placed on the agenda. The next council meeting is Monday, July 13, 2015, at 7:00pm.





## PARISH NURSE PAGE JULY 2015

### Changes to the Parish Nurse Program at LCM

Last month in the Parish Nurse Page I wrote an article entitled "Change." It happens to all of us and now to the Parish Nurse Program here at LCM as well. We are forming a Nursing Team and dividing up the responsibilities. In future articles, you will learn more about what each of us will be doing.

**Barb DeReus** started working as a Parish Nurse here with Mary Kay Flanagan (now Cravens) in 2007. Barb also worked with Lisa Malanowski, Laurie Peterson and Cheryl Heinold here, then by herself for years. In 2012, Barb "retired" for a year, but came back only to work with people on the prayer list. During the year when there was no parish nurse, **Barb Buchanan** took the Parish Nurse course from Carle and was commissioned at LCM. She also left for awhile, but is now returning with the help of **Sharon Taylor**, who will be taking the Carle Parish Nurse Course in the fall, and **Ashley Rosenbery**, who has taken over the Prayer List, the Prayer Chain, and coordinates blood pressures. As Ashley said, "This could be a full time job." With four people on board, it will be more manageable. There is so much we want to do, but we always encourage everyone to maintain realistic goals for healthy living.

Did you know that the Rev. Granger Westberg, a Lutheran pastor, was the founder of parish nursing, which began in 1984? A parish nurse ministry helps the church to realize a connection of faith, spirituality and health.

Parish Nurses can:

Help you find answers to general health questions.

Help you make arrangements with a health agency, should the need arise.

Give support to members and family during an illness or crisis.

Coordinate health education and awareness programs within the church.

Parish Nurses are not to provide healthcare and they or their programs are not a substitute for long-term family care.

Our goal is to reflect God's love through professional and personal caring. Our ministry focuses on the body, mind and spirit. We want you to live your God-given life abundantly!

Blood Pressures:

Ashley Rosenbery, along with the assistance of senior nursing student Kendyl Cummins, will be offering blood pressure screening on July 26 after the church service. Just come to the Parish Nurse office next to the Pastors' office on that date for your free blood pressure check.

Congregational Care Team:

**Between April 16 and June 18**, the LCM Congregational Care Team has been active providing help to our members. If you know someone in need, please alert a Parish Nurse or a Pastor. If you would like to join one of our teams to provide meals, rides, visits or other help, please let Sharon Taylor or Barb DeReus know. A special thank you to the following people on the team who have provided as listed below:

**9 meals** have been delivered or prepared by the following people, some who have done this more than once:

Jennifer Scheele Donna Lea

Georgia Isaacs

Theresa Edmonds Robin Purgett

Gene and Margaret Rinkel

**21 visits** have been made, some who have done this more than once:

Karen Ickstadt

Sharon Taylor and her mother Lucille Ferguson

LuAnn Robberstad

Gene and Margaret Rinkel

**1 ride** has been provided:

Sharon Taylor

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." 1 Thessalonians 3:12

In His Service,

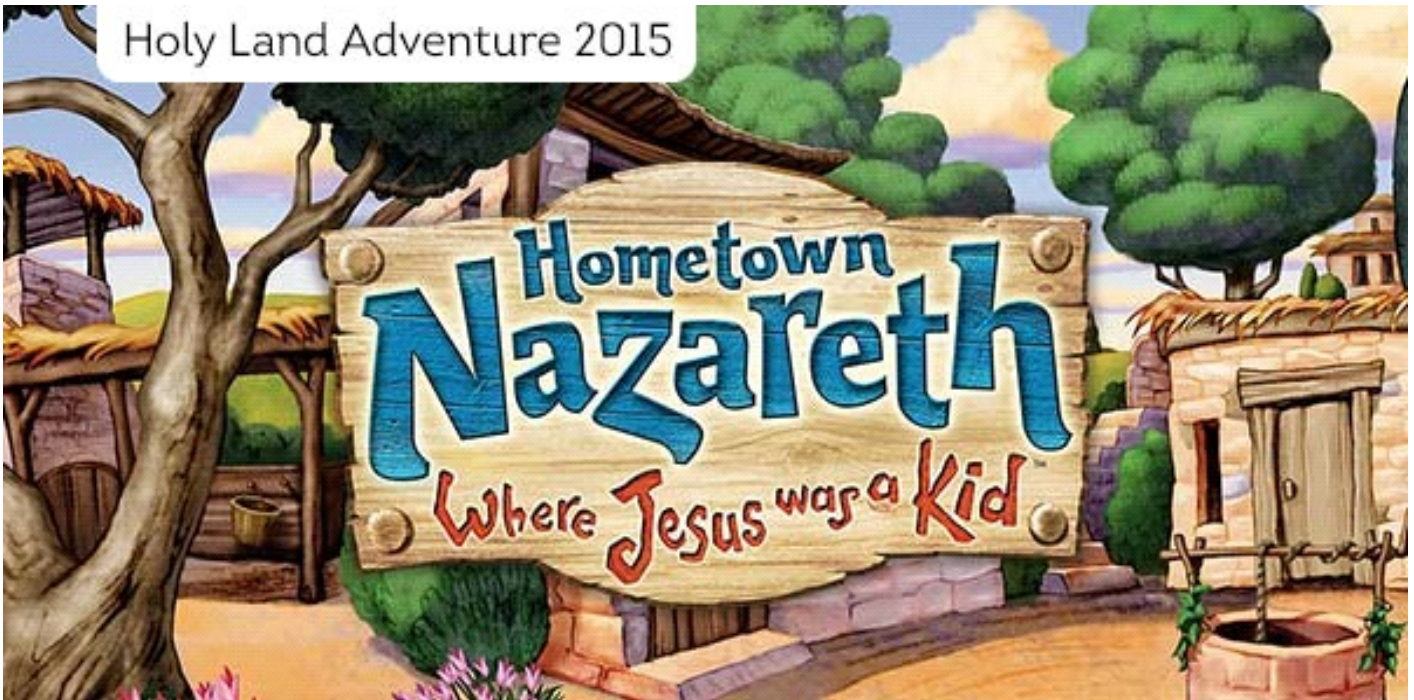
Barb DeReus, Faith Community Nurse, and your Nursing Team



**HELP NEEDED—“ADOPT A BED”:** We need the help of our entire church family to help clean up the landscaping beds around our building—in other words, we need some help in the family garden. We cannot do it with just a couple of folks. Our goal is to get the grounds spruced up in advance of Pr. Nikoli’s installation service on July 12. So, here’s what we’re asking of everyone. Between now and July 7, could you donate 3 hours of time to pull the weeds and grass from just one bed? If 3 hours is too much, then please do what you can. You can do it anytime that fits your schedule and the weather, but early morning is a cool, quiet time. Just pick a bed and make it beautiful (please focus on the beds on south, east and north sides of the building). All you need are your gloves, a hand shovel, and a plastic bag. Once you’re done, just leave the bag in the bed—someone will pick it up later. Once the beds are cleaned up, they will be mulched. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping God’s property beautiful. Bill Moehring.



Holy Land Adventure 2015



The Lutheran Church of Mahomet's vacation Bible school is just around the corner! This years program will be Hometown Nazareth. Come hear stories about Jesus' childhood from the best source of all... his mom, Mary! This years VBS will be held August 2,3,4,5 from 6pm to 8pm at LCM. More info & registration coming soon!

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?