FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR TABORA CLERGY

Over the summer, Bishop Martins invited the diocese to come together in support of our companion diocese by contributing to an initiative by Bishop Elias of Tabora to further ensure the future health—quite literally—and flourishing of the diocese.

In a campaign to raise funds in order to provide health insurance at the diocesan level to the fifty clergy and their families, our diocese was able to raise a total of $9,145.

Not only does this cover the start up cost of the program, it ensures its ability to operate for at least seven months. Thank you to the following Eucharistic Communities and individuals for their generosity: Emmanuel, Champaign; St Thomas, Glen Carbon; Trinity, Lincoln; and Kevin and Michelle Babb.

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+Rt Rev Daniel H Martins, Bishop
Many decades ago, it was somehow impressed on me that, if there’s a silver bullet for preserving health through the course of one’s life, it’s exercise. I already knew I wasn’t a runner, and fairly quickly figured out that I’m not the sort to make a gym membership worthwhile. So I became a walker. I have walked intentionally and avidly since the early 1990s. In 2016, I took the longest walk of my life—500 miles across northern Spain on the ancient pilgrimage route of Santiago de Compostela.

Walking, of course, is a robust scriptural metaphor for the life of discipleship, for our journey back to the creator God from whom we come. Jesus’ disciples during his incarnate time among us literally walked with him all over Galilee, and eventually to Jerusalem, where they witnessed his passion and resurrection. St Paul invites us to “walk in love, as Christ loved us” (Ephesians 5:2). When we celebrate the Eucharist according to Rite One, we conclude the liturgy by asking for the grace to “do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in.”

As I walk, more or less daily, through the neighborhoods around which I live or work, I try to cultivate the habit of walking attentively. This would be the opposite, I suppose, of walking around with ear buds in, trying to be distracted from my surroundings. Rather, I try to be mindful of my surroundings, to notice them—the way people care for their yards and decorate their homes, the businesses that seem to be thriving and the ones that seem to be in peril, others who are walking or running, or cycling by me, and the vehicles on the streets. Where I live now, I’m only three blocks away from a major hospital, so it’s an infrequent walk when I don’t encounter at least one ambulance siren, signifying, at the very least, that somebody is having a day that is not proceeding as they had planned when they went to bed last night.

In our metaphorical walking as Christian disciples, might we do well to also “walk” mindfully, with an awareness of our surroundings? I’m fond of the collect, appointed (implicitly) for use at Morning Prayer on Thursdays, asking that amid “all the cares and occupations of our life,” we may not forget that we are always “walking in [God’s] sight.” We could do worse than to start with this simple awareness of being constantly in the presence of God, no matter what else we may be doing. This thought is both comforting and potentially intimidating. I realize, but before it’s either comforting or intimidating, it just is; it’s true. How might such an awareness then affect our everyday interactions with family and colleagues and neighbors and strangers?

A keen awareness of “walking” in God’s presence, then, leads organically to an awareness of the humanity and dignity of those among whom we live. And such an awareness invites us to extend ourselves, to get outside of ourselves, to become curious about others, not in a nosy or creepy way, but out of genuine concern. I have a couple of “friends” on Facebook who regularly post something like, “How can I pray for you today?”, sincerely offering to give their time and energy in prayer on behalf of people whom they may as I discipline myself to be generous with those who hit me up for alms on the street (when I am able; I don’t often carry cash anymore), I feel myself invited in my “walk” to also discipline myself to connect with those whom I am helping at more than a perfunctory level, to see them as whole persons who are created in the image of God and deeply loved by God. This is not easy for an introvert (!) and will be an ongoing challenge.

Will you walk with me?

+Daniel
NEW FLOORING AT ST MARK’S, WEST FRANKFORT
By Mtr Sherry Black

Removing the carpet in St Mark’s nave was a priority for our Mission Strategy Team; in 2018 we did a lot of exterior work with new siding and other improvements, so early this year we decided we would tackle this project. At our February Committee meeting we agreed to go forward and solicit a contractor; this was accomplished quickly by our very able Mission Warden, Rachel Stewart. After finding that the original wood floor was not able to be refinished and repaired for a reasonable price, we elected to go with a cork based floor and picked the color/style.

Our hope was to have the new flooring in for Easter. The project was underway when we discovered we had to break in order to accommodate a funeral service – which complicated matters. The contractor stayed late into the evening to get to a good stopping point, and several members stayed even later to sweep, clean and dust! But late in Holy Week the project was completed, and the church looked beautiful! The acoustics are much better, and we are delighted with the new look!

TRINITY, LINCOLN CELEBRATES FEAST OF TITLE
By Fr Mark Evans

This past Trinity Sunday we celebrated our Feast Day by sharing a fried chicken lunch together and awarding donations to several local and international non-profits. Representative from Moms Who Care, the Lincoln Pregnancy Resource Center, and Lincoln Pastoral Counseling Services were present to accept checks from Trinity and partake in fellowship. Trinity also donated funds through the Diocese of Springfield to its Companion Dioceses in Peru and Tabora for their missionary efforts. Trinity Sunday is the day within the Church Calendar that Christians celebrate the beauty and love of God as revealed in the three persons of the Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rev. Tim and Mrs. Debbie Leighton, were recently able to make a special delivery in person while on their travels in Spain. St. Matt’s, Bloomington sent several quilts and toiletries to The Franciscan Hospice at Palma de Gandia, which provides a home and nursing care for around 55 homeless men, many of whom suffer from mental or physical illness.

Although it’s called a Hospice, it’s a hospice in the Mediterranean sense. Not all the residents are terminally ill, although some are. It’s a nursing home and a refuge for the homeless. Some of the residents are long term, others come and go. Not all vagrants want to stay. Some come for a shower, change of clothes, square meal and bed for the night, then move on.

The brothers are chronically short of funds to keep the doors open. They need around five thousand euros a month for their bills; but they are always cheerful and resilient. Unpaid bills are put under the statue of St Francis, in hope of divine assistance!

ST MATTHEW’S, BLOOMINGTON DELIVERS QUILTS

The quilters at St Matthew’s, Bloomington received a warm thanks from the Franciscan Brothers at Gandia Anglican Chapel in Spain, along with this photo of Br Hermano and Stephen holding some of the quilts.

MISSION TRIP TO NEPAL

By Dcn Thomas Langford

A brief conversation of my wife, Elisabeth, with a visiting missionary clergy in a church in Chatham in October, led to a meeting and interview with Canon Jan Baederstadt in Ann Arbor, Michigan in December 2018. That meeting yielded an invitation to teach two short courses on the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion and Anglican Practices at the seminary of the Church of the Himalayas in Nepal and to participate in the consecration of Canon Baederstadt as a missionary bishop on the Church of the Himalayas on February 17, 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal. Although I enjoyed the development and implementation of the Springfield School for Ministry of the Diocese of Springfield, I was quite unprepared for the challenges of teaching halfway around the world. Elisabeth was asked to prepare materials and teach how to teach children.

Like many individuals, our knowledge of Nepal was limited to the fact that the nation located between India and Tibet, had eight of the ten tallest mountain peaks in the world. Although the topography of the nation is an outstanding feature, it has a complex history going back many centuries. By the 18th Century the Gorka Kingdom had unified the many jurisdiction in the area. The succeeding Shah dynasty established an alliance with the British Empire in India, although it was never part of the British Empire. After a decade long civil war, a republic was proclaimed in 2008, ending the world’s last Hindu monarchy. The unified
February 13. We were met by Canon Baederstadt and Archdeacon Mahinda Gauru and taken to the seminary where we stayed during our time in Kathmandu. Kathmandu is a city of 2.6 million inhabitants (5+ million in the metropolitan area) and is still recovering from the effects of the earthquakes. The streets are heavily congested with traffic, consisting of large trucks, busses, private vehicles of a variety of makes and models, a proliferation of motorcycles, and numerous motorized rickshaws and bicycles. Only the largest of the main thoroughfares are paved and show an on-going effort to improve the water and sewer systems. The dust and air pollution have been said to be the equivalent of smoking two packs of cigarettes each day and result in many of the inhabitants using gauze masks.

We were welcomed to our lodgings in the building housing the local church, the seminary, and the apartment of the archdeacon and his family. It was a three-story concrete building with no central heat or hot water. The public (tap) water was described as a guaranteed way to acquire dysentery or other unwanted disease. Our room was quite comfortable having the only heater in the house, and an excellent wi-fi connection.

Our introduction to the church was at the consecration of Canon Jan Baederstadt as the missionary bishop for the Church of the Himalayas. Archbishop Barnabas, Bishop Jackson, of Uganda, a bishop from Pakistan, and two other Nepalese bishops the consecrators. (See photograph.) The “cathedral” was, as we subsequently learned, merely a slightly larger facility than most of the Christian churches in Nepal. A large concrete block, common room without adornment or pews, with a simple table as an altar. Approximately 85 people were in attendance, as it is quite difficult for the clergy and people from elsewhere in Nepal to travel. Following a formal dinner at a restaurant in Kathmandu with some of the participating clergy, we returned to our quarters to begin our scheduled teachings.

The classes met Monday through Thursday in the evenings. Saturday is the day which the Christians in Nepal meet for worship, as the majority Hindu population observe that day as their sabbath. Sunday is a normal workday. The students are able to read, write, and understand English relatively well. It became readily apparent that they were well prepared in Scripture and the evangelical aspects of the Christian faith; however, they had little or no

We left Springfield 3:35 pm February 11 with a full complement of luggage, including an extra suitcase full of books donated by us and the Diocese of Quincy, ACNA. We flew from Chicago to Istanbul, Turkey and then on to Kathmandu, Nepal, arriving 11 am Wednesday morning.

Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) won the election on 2008 and has continued in power to this day. A series of earthquakes in April and May 2015 (7.8 and 7.5) killed more than 8,500 people and ending the world’s last Hindu monarchy. This devastated much of Kathmandu and the surrounding area. The current population of Nepal is approximately 28.9 million people. A significant majority of the people are Hindu (81%), with Buddhist (9%), Muslim (4%), Christian (less than 2%), and others (approximately 4%). The literacy rate is approximately 75%, with a substantial proportion of the younger people understanding some English.

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knowledge of church history, the Anglican church, its organization, or liturgy. The initial four week sessions were filled with lively discussions and many questions.

We had the opportunity to travel with Bishop Jan to Pokora, the second largest city in Nepal approximately 200 km West of Kathmandu. We were treated to an early morning view of Annapurna (the second highest peak of the Himalayas), visited historic sites, and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at a nearby lake. At the break between teaching sessions, we traveled to the southern province of Chitwan on the border with India. It has a sub-tropical climate replete with jungle animals, (elephants, rhinoceros, jungle bears, crocodiles, pythons) and other of God’s creatures we had previously seen only in zoos. Trips in a dugout canoe and a safari vehicle provided the opportunity to add many different bird species to my life list. It was an unexpected education, as we had anticipated great snow-capped mountains in Nepal, not tropical jungle.

A subsequent trip to the Chitwan region of Southern Nepal toward the end of our stay provided the opportunity to visit and meet with some of the rural pastors of the Church of the Himalayas. Many of whom were the victims of imprisonment and torture in prior years when practicing Christianity was a criminal offense. Although being a Christian is no longer against the law, it remains illegal in Nepal to openly recruit or proselytize individuals to the Christian faith.

We were greatly impressed with the personal stories of the pastors as they told of their commitment to their faith. Some of them had walked more than six hours from their churches in the hills to attend the meeting with the archdeacon and us. We subsequently learned that “hills” refer to any mountain that is not snow-capped year-round.

Many of the members of their churches are from the lower castes or untouchables who were baptized and confirmed following healing services in the remote areas. We returned to Springfield after more than seven weeks half way around the world, thankful for the opportunity to share the Anglican faith and practices with the developing church in Nepal. We continue to pray for the ministries and people we were privileged to know.

We would ask that those who are able, to consider providing much needed monetary support for the clergy of the Church of the Himalayas, through a fund established through the Diocese of Quincy, ACNA:

Treasurer, Diocese of Quincy, 4911 North Knoxville Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61614-4913.

Please note “Church of the Himalayas” in the memo line.

PRAYER WALK

As part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative, St George’s, Belleville held a prayer walk before Pentecost.
If you heard an eruption of laughter and praise the week of July 4th in the Bloomington-Normal area, it is a safe bet that our church camp family was to blame. The Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois (ECC) met for its annual camping retreat June 30-July 6 at East Bay Camp in Hudson, Illinois. Over 80 individuals gathered together for a week of (not so quiet) retreat as they learned about who they are and whose they are. The week of joy-filled connection with Christ and with His body was full of faith, excitement and an over-abundance of s’mores.

For over 60 years, ECC has partnered with students entering grades 2-12 to experience a week of strengthening faith journeys. At the launch of camp, Camp Coordinator Tate Chambers shared a shocking statistic: Nearly 90% of children who remain in the church after high school attribute their commitment to their faith to a “mountain top moment” -- that is, a moment when God’s presence and glory was almost tangible to them. He prayed to God that each student would experience a mountain top moment during their week at camp.

Our Juniors (students entering 2nd-5th grade), Middlers (students entering 6th-8th grade) and Seniors (students entering 9th-12th grade) dived deep into their year’s theme: “Saved: Amazing Grace. Abounding Mercy”. They explored what it meant to be a recipient of God’s grace and mercy, and how to live in God’s gift of salvation throughout their lives.

Among the many mountain top moments of the week was a visit from Bishop Martins midway through the camp. Bishop Martins was able to enjoy lakefront activities and games with campers before the annual “Bish-B-Q” dinner (hosted by parishioners from St Paul’s, Pekin) and celebration of the Eucharist. The Great Hall in Pilchard Lodge erupted with worship and laughter, as we celebrated a meal together and enjoyed the Bishop’s presence at the camp.

Moreso, our annual Worship Night in Baumgart Chapel is always a mountain top moment for campers and counselors alike. The entire camp community gathers in a beautiful white chapel in the woods at sunset, enjoying the glow of the falling sun through the tall windows as they engage in an evening of prayer and music with one another. Songs with phrases such as, “What a beautiful name it is: the name of Jesus” and, “Peace, be still. You are here, so it is well even if my eyes can’t see. I will trust the voice that speaks peace” rang out as a glorious anthem over not only our week at camp, but our entire lives. Following the annual worship night, four of our Middlers campers alone accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior for the first time-- a glorious moment to proceed their upcoming baptisms and confirmations into the Body of Christ.

Sometimes, mountain top moments are in the unexpected and unscheduled times at camp. Our Juniors experienced this as they gathered around the edges of the pool the first evening of camp and cheered on a student as they passed their swim test for the very first time. Our Seniors experienced a mountain top moment when they heard the testimony of a counselor experiencing radical healing from God through the prayers of fellow believers. Mountain top moments abounded!
Whether campers were competing in the “Raft Regatta”, playing “Human Hungry Hungry Hippos”, running through the field in the “human hamster balls”, trying new tie-dye designs, testing their luck in the annual Dutch Auction, spending an evening in worship at Baumgart Chapel, eating s’mores at the nightly camp fire or participating in a daily Bible study, God was always on display. He showed up mightily in our campers and counselors this summer, and wove our camp family tightly.

ECC hosted campers from within the diocese, from Chicagoland, and some campers hailed from as far away as Texas.

We are grateful for the Diocese of Springfield, as well as our Bishop, Priests, volunteer counselors, and staff who make camp possible.

This year’s spiritual directors were: for the juniors, Fr Ben Hankinson (Trinity, Mt Vernon), for the middlers, Fr Matthew C. Dallman (St Paul’s, Pekin and All Saints, Morton), and for the seniors, Fr James Muriuki (Church of the Redeemer, Cairo).

We are grateful as well for Tate Chambers, director of the camp for many years, juniors coordinator Carol McCravy (St John’s, Centralia), middlers coordinator Lauren Acton, Katrina Honnold, coordinator for the seniors who travels all the way from Georgia to be at camp, and Joe Burklow, our Activities Director.

Our counselors this year were:

**Juniors:** Jerry Phillips-Zee, Pete Matthews, Dante Anglin (St Michael’s, O’Fallon), Michael Machens, Emily Cole (St. John’s, Decatur), Maggie Dexter, Kayla Braden, Lauren Waight, and Kathy Scott.

**Middlers:** Barb Sherman (St Luke’s, Springfield), Lindsay Tomera (Christ the King, Normal), Michaela Hillen, Makena Brillhart, Sam Jefferey, Tertius Shelton, and Joey Vargas.

**Seniors:** Blair Hill, Janet Nicholas, and Don Bragdon.

For more information on our camping ministry, or to join us summer 2020, please visit eccillinois.org or facebook.com/eccillinois to learn more.
We have met via email and consented to the elections of: The Rev. Cn. Lucinda Ashby, for the Diocese of El Camino Real, and The Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts, for the Diocese of South Dakota.

We did not consent to the elections of The Rev Dr. Bonnie Perry for the Diocese of Michigan or the Rev. Dr. Shannon McVean-Brown for the Diocese of Vermont.

On July 26th we met to adopt a plan for the annual ministry review of the Episcopate, something that Bp. Martins requested in 2018 and has taken this long to formulate. We pray that it will be a good tool for the Diocese into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Richard A. Swan, President

Spring Ingathering
Thanks to all Churches that participated in the Spring 2019 Ingathering. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. The total amount for Spring Ingathering $3,866.46.

Fall Ingathering
UTO Fall Ingathering has taken place in Churches throughout the Anglican Communities the next few months. Letters have been mailed to all UTO Congregational Coordinators. You may designate someone from your parish to submit your fall ingathering gift at the Synod Meeting in Alton Illinois October 18th-19th.

UTO 2020 Grant
Churches that are interested in applying for a UTO 2020 Grant should contact Joyce Wright, UTO Diocesan Coordinator at jcwright117@gmail.com, or Gail Donovan, UTO Province V Representative at gadow@aol.com. The 2020 UTO Grant session focus will be the following: “BLESS: Share faith, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of God in Christ with hope and humility.”

Blessings,
Joyce C. Wright
UTO Diocesan Coordinator

SNAPSHOTS OF CURSILLO WEEKEND
Toddhall Retreat Center, Columbia, Illinois
August 2019
HALE DEANERY

The Church of the Redeemer

Cairo

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. I wish to briefly highlight the ministry we have been doing at Redeemer, Cairo from the month of May through July.

It has been a tough time for the people in Southern Illinois due to the floods. Therefore the travel into and out of the Alexander county and the neighboring areas has been a very difficult time in regard to travel even for the basic needs since they had to travel a long way to get to the hospital, the doctor's appointments, or even grocery shopping. But thank God all is behind us.

The month of May began with the Martial Arts program getting ready for the Silver Sun Showdown Karate Tournament in St. Louis, MO, which was a qualifying tournament for the National tryouts. Which means winners received invitation to try out for the National Team. One participant won 1st place in Point Sparring beginner/intermediate. He also won 2nd place in forms Point Sparring advanced division.

Another little girl won 2nd place in Point Sparring and 8th place in forms. Both these participants are currently in first place in their divisions within the ProMac circuit.

We continue serving the senior citizens during Lunch hour. Fr. James meets them on Wednesdays for a time of fellowship and sharing the Gospel.

Rice & Beans, Panera Bread and Rolls Giveaway continues to gain momentum each week. The month of June and July became a very special time since we shared the Panera Bread with the groups from out of town who came down to do mission work with the Roman Catholic Churches.

We were blessed to have three (3) kids to attend the Episcopal Church Camp in Hudson, IL in June and July. Father James also attended the Camp as one of the Spiritual Directors.

We continue to pray for God’s blessings at the church of the Redeemer. The space we have at the church continues to be less and less favorable for the Martial Arts program that meets for practice every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We are still appealing to friends and well-wishers to come to our aid so that we can be able to renovate a very spacious building we acquired last year next to the church for the sole purpose of the Martial Arts program and its offices.

We Continue to Pray that God may continue to bless and keep all the people in this Diocese of Springfield under His mighty wings.

The Rev. James K. Muriuki

St Andrews Episcopal Church

Carbondale

Our normal summer slowdown when vacations loom, the students leave town, and the choir takes a break has altered somewhat this year in the absence of a priest in residence. Volunteers have stepped up and the MLT has put in a few more hours so our pace has largely maintained. Much gratitude is owed to Sabra Borger for keeping our office ticking on as it should.

Don Monty reports that once again our new solar project is not only covering our needs but we are able to return energy to the Grid. Ryan Horn our junior Warden has not only looking after the battle with nature to maintain our brushy margins in good order but overseen the installation of a new security system, which should greatly enhance the safety of our facility and those who do the work of the Parish. The renovations to what will become the Crelling Chapel are nearing completion and will be ready for blessing and dedication in September.

Our spiritual needs have been well looked after by our two very able supply Priests. Fr. Bob Harmon from Mt. Vernon is always a welcome and inspirational presence in our midst. We have also been very pleased to have Fr. Bob Towner from Cape Girardeau who faced long detours around the floods to reach us. We have made a new friend. Roger Petrich has continued to provide inspiring leadership with our worship music.

Much of the dialogue within the MLT has been engaged with seeking an interim Rector. Maria Hafford as chair of the search committee has done an excellent job of keeping our conversation moving forward. Our resolution has been to accept the application of Fr. Dale Coleman to assume the role of interim Rector to begin in September. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Coleman to our community and anticipate with prayerful confidence that the coming months will see St. Andrews continue to move its mission in a positive direction.

Michael Onken
Senior Warden

St Mark’s Episcopal Church

West Frankfort

May brought the end of the school year, which meant the end (for now) of our weekly bags of snacks for the children most in need at our local K-2 elementary school. The last week we compiled 77 bags for the children, including (as always) a drink and five or six snacks. In addition, we were able to purchase 77...
McDonalds $5.00 gift certificates, and our local McDonalds coupons for 77 Happy Meals. We estimate that we put together between 2500 and 2600 food bags — and were blessed to be able to do so. It’s been a nice summer break but we will be back at it soon!

Overall, our summer has been uneventful; we continue to stock our Blessing Box with food, and have made a point to notice a number of different people utilizing it; on occasion, whoever is stocking actually gets to have a conversation with those who are so appreciative of what we do. We have, however, learned not to stock dried beans. The only way they disappear is to find them open and strewn over our parking lot. Apparently, people don’t cook beans these days. We have also had community members donate food to use for our Blessing Box, for which we are most appreciative.

Our study group finally finished with Max Lucado’s 10 Women of the Bible, and over the summer, we have been reading The Ministry of Ordinary Places: Waking Up to God’s Goodness Around You by Shannon Martin. The consensus is that we really did not get much out of this one. Therefore, after three books in a row by evangelical authors, we are going to change direction for our next book. We just haven’t narrowed it down yet.

My prayer is that all who read this report had a fabulous summer.

Blessings in the Name of Christ!
The Very Rev. Sherry Black

St Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Harrisburg

As the saying goes, “into everyone’s life a little rain must fall.” I guess this holds true for churches as well as people. During this last quarter, Saint Stephen’s Church was hit by lighting, which knocked out our AC and damaged our wiring, with the financial cost for these repairs somewhat south of $6000.00. Due to the generosity of our people and the love of God we were able to cover these costs. We hope to receive money for the lighting strike from our insurance company.

On the positive side of this report, our church has chosen to take on two new outreach projects in our community. Our first project is something we are calling Undie Sunday. We are collecting underwear for our needy children in the Harrisburg school system. We are joining with other churches in and around Harrisburg in this project. The teachers will give out the clothes on a private one on one arrangement. The next outreach project will be something we call Sock It To Me Sunday; you guessed right if you guessed children’s socks. Again, we will be working with the local school system by way of one of our members, a retired teacher Mrs. Cheri King.

I forgot to mention, with the AC out for several weeks, we moved our services to the basement, as it was cooler there.

Blessings.
The Rev. Tim Goodman

EASTERN DEANERY

St John’s
Alton

Following the May meeting of the Diocesan Council, the people of St. John’s have continued with full services each Sunday. Our Mission Leadership Team meets monthly on the third Sunday. The people of St. John’s are very faithful in attendance and participation in the Eucharist, in fellowship, and in discussion of topics raised in Sunday School and in “Ask the Priest”.

Despite bad weather on most Sundays during the rainy season, which seemed to go on forever, the yard is well cared for and the interior and exterior of the church and parish hall are well maintained.

It is clear that St. John’s will be in the black financially by the time of Synod having paid in full our diocesan pledge and our insurance premiums.

Father Bill continues to attend the Edwards County Ministerial Alliance meetings as he has availability.

Judith Puckett is working diligently on the Historiographer project.

I am blessed to serve as the Vicar of this historic church.

The Rev. Bill Howard

St John’s
Centralia

St. John’s, Centralia, has completed its first full year as a joined congregation with the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Both congregations are filled with dedication to Christ and to working together in all aspects of church life. Worship is regularly well attended with a variety of Episcopal and Lutheran liturgical and musical resources; our musicians are well trained, skilled, and work together beautifully. Our annual Strawberry Festival gets a good turnout, and our annual Vacation Bible School with local churches partnering together is an event we always look forward to.

Women of our congregations participate in the ecumenical Church Women United which features the occasional guest speaker, service events, and outreach to local nursing homes. After the tragic shooting death of a teenager next door to the church, we are participating in neighborhood concern about gun violence in our town. We are excited about
developing a special service designed to appeal to unchurched inquirers, with a time of fellowship, Bible reading and an interactive sermon, and prayer. Once the service has been tried by our own members and refined to our liking, we will invite neighbors, co-workers, family members, and others in our circle of contacts to give it a try.

The Rev. Canon David Baumann and The Rev. Dcn. Sylvia Howard

St John the Baptist
Mt Carmel
Over the past few months the people of St. John the Baptist have had to deal with the loss of one of our elderly members who was a wonderful server at the altar. Walter Courtney died at the age of 85 and served at the altar faithfully up until the time of his death. He will be greatly missed. We have also had to say good bye to another faithful servant due to relocation. Chris DeWitt has moved to Arizona to resettle out there. Chris served on vestry, was altar guild director, ECW president and a constant faithful server at the altar also. She will be missed indeed.

In these past few months we have also had to deal with problems with our organ. Parts to the old Allen we had were no longer available so every time something went wrong replacement parts had to be created from what was available to get it back up and running. After the last breakdown it was decided to investigation a possible replacement. A brand new Chancel - CF- 10 28 stops/Two-Manual was purchased and installed about a week and a half before Easter. The sound is wonderful.

Weather has been a problem over the past winter but we were still able to hold our pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday which was open to the public. We had about 45 people from the Church and community participate. Holy Week and Easter services were well attended and crowned with an Easter Egg hunt for about 9 kids who scrambled about the lawn on Easter Sunday searching for the provided treats.

As summer came we prepared for the Bishop’s visit which happened on June 30th. We had one adult baptism/confirmation at that celebration which we celebrated well and followed with a rather good lunch.

One of our main missions in ministry is centered on the Homeless Shelter for our area. We have people volunteering time at the center to aid the recipients learn how to gain control of the problems in their lives that may have been part of the cause of their situation right now. We also provide financial aid to keep the center operating month to month. About 70 families have been help over the past year.

Finally over the past month, Fr. Hazlett has informed the Leadership Team along with the rest of the parish that he intends to retire, probably at the beginning of 2020. More information is pending as planning this transition for everyone involved is still being gathered by Fr. Hazlett. We are still going strong and trying to be a faithful community here in Mt. Carmel.

The Rev. Brant Hazlett

St Mary’s
Robinson
St. Mary’s continues to worship faithfully following the departure of Mtr Ann Tofani. They meet twice a month for Mass on Saturday evenings at 5:30 followed by a potluck dinner. The rest of the month, Morning Prayer is led by one of the members on Sunday with a sermon supplied for their use.

St Thomas’
Salem
St. Thomas’, Salem, though diminished in size from a year ago, is peaceful, solid, and dedicated. Its members are caring of one another and the wider community as shown through participation in regular news articles, an annual book sale, and the preparation of dignity boxes with donations for those in rest homes.

Attendance is regular and fellowship is nourishing. An adult Sunday school class was enjoyed from the new year up to a summer break. We are particularly pleased that one of our members has begun the process of seeking ordination as a deacon.

The Rev. Canon David Baumann

Trinity
Mt Vernon
On August 18, Trinity will keep our annual Blessing of the Backpacks as we pray over the students, teachers, and staff as they begin a new school year. After the service on that day, we will travel to the Bonnie Café for our Trinity on the Move fellowship.

Midweek studies will tentatively resume on Wednesday, August 21, as we take a look at the Book of Revelation before tackling Surprised by Hope by Bp. N.T. Wright.

In September we will be moving back into a busier schedule. September 15 we will head to Harmony, IN for lunch and a tour of the Roofless Church. Then on September 22, we will have our annual Parish Picnic with an early Mass followed by Morning Prayer and Cookout at the Whippoorwill Club on Jaycee Lake.

Sunday School will resume for children and adults on the 29th as well as a return to Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. from the
summitime schedules of 9:30 a.m. The adult class is slated to take a look at the 39 Articles this fall.

We continue to meet for the Holy Days with a number of upcoming feasts. Twice a month we pay a visit to Countryside Manor Assisted Living Facility where we celebrate Mass with members from Trinity and other community members.

The Very Rev. Ben Hankinson

NORTHERN DEANERY

Christ the King
Normal
Christ the King Church (CtK) continues to move forward thanks to the multitude of blessings God is providing. Since our last update, CtK, Bishop Martins, and the Rev. John Richmond have joined into an agreement for Fr. Richmond be appointed as the Priest-in-Charge of CtK effective January 1, 2020. Fr. Richmond was with CtK when the church was first created and is now returning to CtK after many years for his “en-core performance” as Bishop Martins called it. We considered a number of candidates for the position, but Fr. Richmond has been one of our Supply Priests over the last several years and has tremendous support from the family and friends of CtK. We look forward to his continued service as a Supply Priest several times a month for the remainder of 2019, and then beginning his new duties on January 1, 2020.

For the first time in what seems like an eternity, we have completed all the repairs and remodeling to the physical structure of CtK. After a number of weather events that caused damage to the roofs and interior of the building, including our pipe organ, we were forced to make a number of repairs.

Thanks to good insurance and the generosity of the congregation, we have replaced almost all the roofs over the building and have improved and upgraded the area under what we call the “flat roof”. Repairs and upgrades inside included new ceilings, lighting, heating and air conditioning work, and paint. We also removed the old playground on the southside of the building and replaced it with a new Prayer Garden. We are still moving some furniture around and settling back in, but we eagerly anticipate being back into the Sunday School room, Chapel, and Sacristy in the near future.

Thanks to our wonderful Supply Priests, we have had a Holy Eucharist service every Sunday, and had our traditional Pentecost barbecue and pot luck. This year due to predicted bad weather we did not have an outdoor service, but the barbecue and pot luck luncheon was well received. With the summer activities including family vacations, we have otherwise been quiet at CtK. We have already begun working towards the end of summer and the restart of the school year and restarting the different activities at CtK.

As “the neighborhood church”, we continue to participate in the Advocate-BroMenn Partners in Prayer program and the Hospice and Home Health unit that is around the corner from us. We also hope to continue, if not expand in our work with the Regional Alternative School and supporting the students in their goal of getting an education.

We remain thankful of the multitude of God’s blessings upon CtK and its family and friends. We do not know what the future holds, but we eagerly look forward to the tasks God lays before us.

Keith A. Gehrand, Senior Warden

St Matthew’s
Bloomington

After many years of hearing “Where is St. Matthew’s” we are being blessed with many requests to use our building. It is good to be noticed but does cause new challenges in terms of coordinating use and calendars. This does not include the numerous Twelve-Step Groups that meet in the Old Rectory. In the future we will be hosting a small Home School Co-Op, a Mom’s at Prayer group for Oakland School (our targeted outreach partner), a Zumba group, and a private music lesson studio. We believe we have been blessed with a building and the more traffic through, and the more the community sees us as a partner, the better it is for our ministries.

We are excited to be opening a Level II Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We did this due to both an increase in number of children in our congregation, age-level changes, and because several families who have come through the building for various activities have expressed interest in this type of program for their own children. We hope that being a CGS center in Bloomington-Normal will be a blessing for our Parish.

Finally, Fr. and Mrs. Halt participated in the Antiochian House of Studies Symposium and Pilgrimage to Greece this summer. Fr. Halt delivered a paper at the Symposium and his currently researching for his dissertation.

The Rev. David Halt

St Barnabas
Havana

The first half of 2019 has shown significant growth at St. Barnabas in multiple ways. We have had a continuous increase of children since January due to the addition of a new family and the regular presence of grandchildren of...
DEANERY REPORTS

The Mission Leadership Team continues to focus on mission and incarnational ministry and seeks small but practical and life-giving ways to reach out to the community. Our plan for 2019 begins with mid-week centers around a local housing unit and providing assistance with laundry and childcare as there is a lack of laundry facilities that is easily accessible and practical with respite for single parents and the elderly. We are excited to execute incarnational ministry locally where we feel led to serve and make disciples.

We are in the planning stages for our second annual Blue Mass for all members of law enforcement, emergency medical services and technicians, and fire fighters. Last year we had the privilege of lifting our local and rural fire fighters. Last year we had the attendance of several Roman Catholics who join us regularly. We have a simple dinner following to build community and it is accessible and practical with respite for single parents and the elderly. We are excited to execute incarnational ministry locally where we feel led to serve and make disciples.

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Pastoral Counseling, our two Companion Diocesan and Moms Who Care each received outreach funds from Trinity. We all enjoyed a catered meal too.

With sadness, we bid good-bye to Christine Gregory who moved to South Carolina to help care for her father-in-law. Also, we had funerals for two members and a baptism. Summer was full for Trinity.

The Very Rev. Mark Evans

Trinity
Lincoln

At the end of May, Fr. Mark traveled to Nashotah House to witness the graduation of the Reverend Jonathan Totty. Fr. Mark has been invited to preach at Jonathan’s ordination on September 30. The following week, Trinity kicked off the first iteration of the Alpha Program. Deacon Christine Gregory led the effort with help from Bekah Maddack, Parker Aspin and Dalton Byers. We did not publicize this outreach as it was a trial run, but we reached one member of the community who is now a regular attendee of Trinity and may consent to baptism in the near future. Parker also interned with Trinity for the summer and led the weekend away portion of the Alpha course, taught two adult education classes, compiled a demographic study and officiated at Morning Prayer at many of our Tuesday services.

Four churches in Lincoln, First Presbyterian, St. John’s United Church of Christ, Holy Family Catholic Church and Trinity participated in the What Makes Who We Are series. Each church hosted an evening of fellowship and discussion. Each session had 40-50 attendees and they were well received.

The Rev. Michael Newago

Parish of Tazewell County
Pekin and Morton

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PASTORAL CARE: During Lent our two Vestries collaborated to approve the purchase of a new copier to replace some parishioners. We now see five children on a regular basis and have started a weekly Children’s Sermon to help them in their faith formation. Concurrently, we will be celebrating five baptisms in the fall/early winter as a result. Through the working of the Holy Spirit our membership continues to climb steadily. What was once a weekly ASA of seven has grown into an average of 24-28, with mid-forties on solemn feasts. Thanks be to God!

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our old one; furthermore a Task Force for Discernment of Canonical Parish Status was formed (four wardens plus Priest-in-charge) to explore the question of what such an arrangement would look like. Also, the Vestry of All Saints’ approved the purchase of a new furnace and air conditioning units for the church.

OUTREACH and EVANGELIZATION: We continue to nurture our “outreach identity” of serving the lonely; and are asking for God’s guidance for the next step of its growth and implementation.

The Rev. Matthew C. Dallman

NORTHEASTERN DEANERY

Chapel of St John the Divine
Champaign

We have had another great summer at Chapel of St John the Divine.

Sabbatical
Our rector, the Reverend Sean Ferrell, began his sabbatical on May 6th. He spent 40 days walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela beginning in Saint Jean Pied de Port, France, making the 550 mile trek on foot to Santiago de Compostela. It was quite a refreshing experience and an extensive opportunity to talk with many about their lives, faith, experiences of God, etc. The Reverend Geoffrey Scanlon served as supply clergy on Sundays for Fr Sean during his sabbatical, and the Reverend Eugene Hall serves on Wednesday evenings. Fr Sean returned at the end of June.

Canterbury Student Program
We have continued to gather over the course of the summer. Seven to nine people are gathering weekly for Eucharist.

Matthew Cross and Ben Norton will be serving as peer ministers this semester, and continue to help build our outreach to the university community.

Quad Day, a student activity fair that includes hundreds of organizations and thousands of students will be held on Sunday, August 25. The parish supports our efforts to connect with students as we will give away over 500 home baked cookies and invite students to be part of the life of the Chapel and our Canterbury program. College students, children of the parish, and other parishioners help us in this venture. Our student services and meal program begin Aug. 28.

The Chapel
Life at the Chapel has not been boring this summer. Attendance has been solid in spite of the fact that a summer long project to completely reconstruct and modify Wright and Armory Streets has taken place. Frankly, it looked like a war zone for a time. We are thankful that the project will be wrapping up shortly.

A sad note: Steve Brown, our rector’s warden, died on July 11 of a heart attack. It came as quite a shock to the parish. We had a remarkable service celebrating Steve’s life.

Our vestry elected Mr Steve Vaughan to fulfill Steve Brown’s term. They also added Emily Knox as clerk.

During the summer, six persons participated in the Royal School of Church Music chorister program held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our choral programs resume on Sunday, August 25.

The Chaplet of Saint John the Divine is alive and well and we invite all from the diocese to stop by any time you find yourself in the area.

The Very Rev. Sean Ferrell

Emmanuel Memorial
Champaign

Easter season and the first months of Sundays after Pentecost have been quiet this year at Emmanuel. Our rector was on sabbatical throughout May and June, first taking a course at St. George’s College Jerusalem and then doing independent research on the vibrant ministry of the Diocese of Paris in a thoroughly post-Christian society. The church staff did a magnificent job of keeping ministry going on all fronts, and we were also able to welcome three guest preachers, two of them parishioners (Brent Reese and Todd Daly) and one a former parishioner who has gone on to ordination (The Rev. Mary Ann Hill) during this time.

With Easter falling so late and our community largely tied to the academic calendar, most of our programmatic life — Sunday School, lectio divina, youth group, Common Table, men’s breakfast, women’s Bible study — wound down before Pentecost. Our summer has also been like living in a construction zone, since our rectory space is being remodeled to serve both the parish and the wider community as part of our mission strategy, and the building next door, with whom we share our parking lot, is also being remodeled by new owners.

As has become our tradition, a group of Emmanuelites served in mission in West Side Park handing out jellybeans to runners in the Illinois Marathon just after Easter. Another regular mission effort, staffing two weeks of Meals on Wheels, also took place and involved a number of laity in July.

We were happy for him and sorry for us that upon completing his doctorate this year our Choirmaster, Geoffrey Williams, accepted a faculty position as Assistant Professor of Church Music.
and Director of Chapel Music at Nasho-tah House. We know that he will have a great deal to share with seminarians there. Filling the position in the fall as Interim Choirmaster will be Christopher Mason, who has already been serving as a Choral Scholar at Emmanuel and is himself in the doctoral program in choral conducting at the UIUC. We also are bidding farewell to a number of laity who are relocating, at the same time as we see the usual academic year “church-shoppers” of late summer checking us out.

Anytime you are in the Champaign-Urbana area we invite you, weekdays at 8am and 5:15pm or Sundays at 8 and 10:15am, to come praise God with us. Or just ring the bell during office hours and come in to light a candle or enjoy the lending library!

The Rev. Beth Maynard

The Church of the Holy Trinity
Danville

The following information reflects activities at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville:

• Procession and distribution of blessed garden crosses on Rogation Sunday
• Mass celebrated on Ascension Day
• Observed Pentecost with Mass, one Baptism, and three First Holy Communions
• Celebrated Feast of Title on Trinity Sunday with special Mass followed by community dinner
• Corpus Christi Mass celebrated and included Procession with Blessing of the City
• Repairs from storm damage completed
• Exterior painting projects planned for later in summer
• Food distribution and other outreach projects continue

The Rev. Richard Lewis

NORTHWESTERN DEANERY

St Paul's
Carlinville

We must be doing something right! It's been a fruitful summer for ministry at St. Paul's Church in Carlinville.

In 2018 our average Sunday attendance was 25 but this summer we have had only two Sundays where the attendance was below 30. We have welcomed a new family and a new individual from non-Episcopal backgrounds and received another Episcopal couple who have moved to the area and formerly attended in Alton. Attendance has more than doubled at our Wednesday evening service! Half our growth at this service has also come from other church backgrounds.

Our mission plan is alive and at work. We have served two days at the local Food Pantry distributing food to the needy. We have increased our presence on the campus of Blackburn College. Due to extensive renovation on the campus there has been no food service this summer for students remaining on campus. We have taken the opportunity to feed them twice---the first meal was tacos and the second spaghetti.

We sent three to church camp at East Bay. Unfortunately, one became ill and was sent home but is eager to try again next summer.

We recently dedicated new candlesticks in memory of Nancy Barr at St. Peter’s and new candlesticks and an elements tray in memory of Sandy Henry and Ethan Kitchens at St. Paul's. We are looking forward to beginning confirmation class in preparation for the next visit by our Bishop.

The Rev. John Henry

St John’s
Decatur

On the 19th of May, Bp. Martins visited with us, celebrating and preaching both Masses, and Confirming John O’Rourke. That morning at coffee fellowship we honored our High School and College graduates. On the 25th, we held our annual memorial prayers at our Merris Memorial Garden and at “God’s Acre” in Greenwood Cemetery. The next day each mother received a long stem white carnation for Mother’s Day. On the 30th, Ascension Day, St. John’s had a table at the annual Community Prayer Breakfast at the Conference Center.

On the 2nd of June we had our annual Outdoor Eucharist and Parish Picnic at Forsyth Pavilion. On Monday the 3rd we celebrated the life of Vince Cooling, long-time member of St. John’s. On the 6th we met with members of the Church of the Brethren, who are looking for a new home for their worship. We discussed possibilities of sharing our space with them.

We had five youth attend The Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois the first week of July, two returned inspired to become acolytes. On the 20th we hosted our bi-monthly Cursillo Ultreya.

September brought the return of Sunday School and our Choir.

The Very Rev. Richard Swan

St Luke’s
Springfield

We have had a good but quiet summer at St. Luke’s. Fr. Denney and his family were away in Italy and Germany in the months of May and June, and returned refreshed for our ministry here. We have continued with a full round of services and our educational programs.

The Rev. John Henry
The following is an excerpt from Fr. Denney’s report on his time in Sicily. It presents things that excite us in ministry wherever we are placed and whatever challenges are presented to us.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lam. 3:22-23

Thinking of our time at St. George’s this year, my mind jumped to these verses. They not only describe God’s relationship with us, but inform our lives in the church. They remind us that God is faithful, and that in our quest for faithfulness to God, new opportunities are always presenting themselves. Those new opportunities arise among our own group, in the community at large and among those whose lives, even for a few moments, intersect with ours.

It is said that ministry occurs in the interruptions and we see this clearly in the ministry of Jesus. Whatever was going on, Jesus was available to those who would interrupt him, and, at those moments, miracles occurred.

In a very positive sense, our time in Taormina is an interruption. It is an interruption in our daily life, our ways of doing things and the identity of those with whom we interact. It is an interruption that makes possible ministry in a number of forms.

In the community of our chaplaincy, we gather, support one another, spend times in study, worship and fellowship. Every gathering is an opportunity to receive the newness of God’s presence in our midst, challenging us to see things from a different perspective and to be open to what God might be wanting to do in our lives. From this core, other ministry springs.

We interact with those in our community, people of other cultures and traditions. God makes himself known to others through us, and also gives us opportunities to see beyond our differences into the unity of all humanity. Our interactions on an ecumenical basis afford us the opportunity to be together and focus on our commonalities and perceive that above all we are not that different from one another.

The welcoming of visitors is perhaps the most important thing we do in the interruptions. Holidaymakers bring with them a variety of needs and concerns. Disconnected and in an interruption of their own, they seek something comforting, familiar or exciting. Sometimes that is as simple as word of welcome, an expression of concern or simply a human presence. Sometimes the interactions are within church walls and sometimes elsewhere.

The church itself represents presence, but that also comes effectively from individuals of the church at large. A joy of wearing a clerical collar is that visible sign of presence that often brings surprising or unexpected encounters.

One such encounter was with a young man who hailed me down on the via Pirandello, as we were returning from an ecumenical event. His request was, “Father, would you give me a blessing.” That led to a conversation, his revelation of what was going on in life and the identification of a more specific prayer need. The encounter was life-changing on more than one level. There were many other encounters with those seeking a quiet place, a bit of coolness out of the hot sun, or even a few moments of counsel or conversation.

Taormina and the world are enriched by the presence of St. George’s Church, and we are very grateful to be a part of this Christian community.”

Our prayer is that Springfield, our home, and our Diocese, Springfield, will continue to be that kind of enriching presence to those around us, in our own towns, communities and fields, which, as always are ripe for the harvest.

The Ven. Shawn Denney

DARROW DEANERY

The Rev. Joel Morsch resigned as rector of St Andrew’s, Edwardsville, effective 14 July 2019, citing his wife’s slow recovery from shingles and their failure to sell their home in Florida. He has since retired to Florida.

The Rev. Dale Coleman has tendered his resignation as rector of St George’s, effective 31 August 2019, in order to take up duties as priest in charge / interim at St Andrew’s, Carbondale, effective 1 September 2019.

The Rev’d Ian Wetmore has tendered his resignation as vicar of St Michael’s, O’Fallon, effective 31 October 2019, in order to take up duties as rector of St James Church, St James NY, in the Diocese of Long Island, effective 1 November 2019. It is highly unlikely that St Michael’s will be in a financial position to call a new vicar for at least two years.

All of these resignations, plus the Rev’d Cindy Sever’s extended sick leave from the Parish of Alton, and the severe shortage of supply clergy nearby, will leave most of Darrow Deanery in a very difficult situation with regard to congregational vitality, and may well lead to a period of serious decline in attendance.

I would therefore categorize this as a crisis situation demanding the utmost care and attention of the Bishop and the Standing Committee.

The Very Rev. Ian Wetmore
**OCTOBER 2019**

6: Bp @ St John’s, Centralia and St Thomas’, Salem

13: Bp @ St Christopher’s, Rantoul

18-19: 142nd Synod, Episcopal Parish of Alton

20: Bp @ St Paul’s, Carlinville

27: Bp @ St Mark’s, W. Frankfort

**NOVEMBER 2019**

1: ALL SAINTS DAY

3: Bp @ All Saints’, Morton

4-6: Clergy Conf., Toddhall

10: Bp @ St Matthew’s, Bloomington

15: Trustees Meeting, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)

17: Bp @ Trinity, Mattoon

22: Diocesan Council, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)

24: Bp @ St Andrew’s, Carbondale

**DECEMBER 2019**

1: ADVENT begins

8: Bp @ St Barnabas’, Havana

15: Bp @ St Luke’s, Springfield

25: CHRISTMAS DAY

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