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Pastor John Sharp

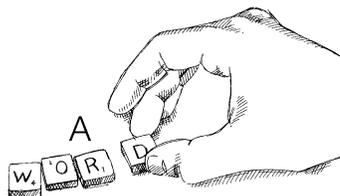
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from the
Pastor

Consider the following passages of the Bible:

But as for you continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. -1Timothy 3:14-16

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. -2Peter 1:21

These passages along with others teach the inspiration of Holy Scripture or as we commonly call it: the Bible. Many of you have exhorted me when you thought that I was questioning whether or not the Bible was God's Word that it is God's Word. I have no doubt that in the congregation's public confession we confess without hesitation that the Bible is God's Word.

But then there is the problem of what the Bible says. Take for example the following passage of the Bible:

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or

pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self-control. -1Timothy 2:8-15

Or take for example this passage of the Bible:

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the Church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. Now as the Church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. -Ephesians 5:22-24

Or take a passage that does not directly have to do with the status of women:

And [Jesus] said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." -Mark 10:11

After reading these passages do you still believe that the Bible is God's Word? If you do then these passage must be honored. If they are not, then you are only giving lip service to the fact that the Bible is God's Word and you don't actually believe that it is God's Word (Matthew 15:8-9).

If you believe that some passages of the Bible are out of date and no longer apply to our contemporary situation, then I ask you: how do you determine which passages no longer apply and which do? Some of you may say that the above passages about women and divorce no longer apply because we have better understandings of the equality of men and women nowadays than

they did in ancient times.

But if you say that then you should understand that there are entire books dedicated to dismissing passages such as the following: "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." -1John 2:1-2 This passage teaches that Jesus lays aside God's wrath against our sins by His sacrificial death upon the cross. It is therefore the death of Jesus which saves us from everlasting damnation and gives us everlasting salvation. The books that dismiss this passage do so because their authors point out that propitiating the wrath of God or of any god is an ancient idea based upon the fear of God's judgment. They will then proceed to say that we have more enlightened notions about God nowadays and that such enlightened notions do not include His wrath but only His love therefore such passages as 1John 2:1-2 do not apply.

If you can dismiss one passage of Scripture on the basis that it is out of date, then you can dismiss the whole thing on the basis that it is out of date. And while it is possible in theory to dismiss parts of the Bible and keep only the rest of it Church history has amply demonstrated that once human beings start dismissing one passage of the Bible the rest will soon go. Check out the history of Lutheranism and Lutheranism's biblical studies in universities in Germany, Scandanavia, and the United States to say nothing of the history of other Protestant groups. All of those institutions serve as repeated proof that dismissing one passage of the Bible for whatever reason leads to dismissing all of it. The only parts that such people keep are the parts that they like in which case they have made themselves God who determines what is right and what is wrong.

The confession of our congregation is still that the Bible is the Word of God. Let us stand on it and let us stand on all of it.

Because of Jesus,
Pastor



G.R.O.W., a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, August 5th at Immanuel. All interested Christian men in the area are invited to attend the meeting, which begins with breakfast at 7:00am and includes a devotion and a spiritually uplifting topic or speaker each month. There is no charge for the meeting, although opportunity is given for a free-will offering, which is used in various ways to serve others in the community and beyond.



Those celebrating the anniversary of their Baptism into God's Holy Family during the month of August include:

- 1- Marsha Mohr
- 4- Ryan Luedke
Caleb Bundy
- 8- Julie Slater
James Roberts
- 9- Aubrey Luth
- 12- Margo Hockett
- 14- Kelsey Luth
Carter Cromwell
- 16- Shawn McGarigle
- 18- William Taylor
- 19- Brad Luth
- 20- Monica Taylor
- 21- Sharon Rothermel
- 23- Nathan Sharp
- 24- Christy Shatp
- 26- Dorothy Rothermel
- 27- Harold Boyer
Mary Boyer
Elizabeth Boyer
Lillian Boyer
- 29- Connor Wienke
- 31- Tim Cress



Remember to save those printer cartridges. Turn them in at the office. We will recycle them and use the money to offset office expenses. The recycle company is now accepting old cell phones also. If you want to discard them, you may drop them at the office also. Thanks and happy recycling. Go Green!



The following address changes are for the regular directory or the picture directory, so please make changes as needed:

Lance Kingston
1207 Placita Loma
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1612

Jordan Mohr
2881 NE 32nd St Apt. 111
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306

Nick Mohr
6501 Red Hook Rd #201
St. Thomas, USVI 00892



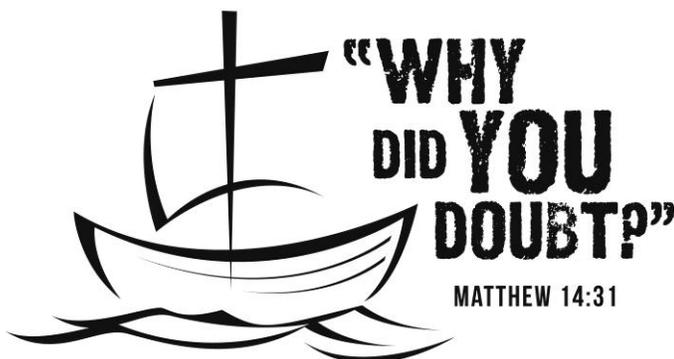
The Knitting Group will meet Monday, August 20th 1:30pm. Please join us and help make blankets.



The Ladies Sewing Group usually meets the first Monday of the month and enjoy sewing and sharing a wonderful meal together at noon. They will meet on Monday, August 6th. Come join us for a great day of fellowship.

We need the address for the following. If you know how to reach them, please let the office know.

- Kent Beck- phone number
- JoAnn Stahl- phone number
- Roy Wakefield- phone number
- Kerry Wienke- phone number
- Ann Wright
- Steve Stone- phone number
- Hillary Wienke- phone number
- Lauren Rardin- phone number
- Tracy Cokley- phone number
- Joselyn Howell
- Todd & Jennifer Buchanon
- Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Budde
- Mr. & Mrs. Dave Kelly
- Steve Messman- phone number
- Mr. & Mrs. Brian O'Donnell
- Austin Payne- phone number
- Mary Payne- phone number
- Beth Peregrine- phone number
- Rebecca Rahe
- Ryan Rahe
- Kathy Richter





Immanuelite articles will be due in the office on, Wednesday, August 22nd. If you would like something in the newsletter, drop off or email your articles. It would be much appreciated if the boards would update the office on calendar events and meeting dates for each month. Thanks!!



We have a collection box to help the schools by collecting Betty Crocker Boxtops and Campbell Soup labels. We will take our collection at the end of the school year and divide them among the schools that our students attend. This helps the schools purchase items that help the students. The collection box is on the red board in the hallway.



...Sunday, August 19th, we will hold special offering the "ILC Scholarship Fund" This money is used to assist members. Use the "Love" envelope and put "ILC Scholarship Fund" in memo line with your number.

...Sunday, August 26th, we will hold our 3rd of 4 special offering for the "Building Fund". This money is used for repairs and maintenance. Put "Building Fund" in the memo line with your number.

"I DO!"

Mike Bergmeier and Stacey Woodworth were married on June 16th. The new address will be 863 CR 900 E Tolono, IL 61880



Sunday, July 1, 2018, Ezra Benjamin Orwick was baptized. He was born November 13, 2017 to Jacob and Kaylie Coleman Orwick. Sponsors were Christan Coleman and Anna & Edward Maher.

On Sunday, July 22, 2018, Ian Tanner Orwick was baptized. He was born June 12, 2018 to Lucas and Maria Cilea Orwick. Sponsors were Abigail Orwick and Amanda Orwick.





Dear Family and Friends,

First aid is a first line of defense against injury. Even a minor cut can become a serious long-term problem, if it is not properly treated soon after it is acquired. If a cut gets infected, it can require extensive medical treatment and in extreme cases can even end in amputation or death. Even so, minor injuries when properly treated can be quickly forgotten. Even major injuries benefit from swift first aid treatment. This is where the name "first" aid comes from. It is the first, basic treatment that an injury receives in an effort to minimize damage and later deleterious effects. First aid knowledge is important knowledge and a vital acquisition in many skills and trades where injuries are likely to occur, from construction and factory workers, to coaches and teachers. Perhaps it is most important in the military where people put their bodies in harm's way on a constant basis. This knowledge is handy for parents, and just about anyone. Remember, first aid isn't just for applying to someone else. You can use first aid on yourself. During an emergency, it's easy to become disoriented and upset, so you need to have all important phone numbers readily available ahead of time. Write each phone number clearly in large print so it will be easy for kids to read. Use a pen with dark-colored ink or type it on the computer because pencil or light-colored ink can be harder to read when you're in a hurry or if lights are dim. Because accidents can happen in any part of the home, make copies of the completed list and post one near every telephone in the house and on the refrigerator. Be sure to carry one with you when you are out of the house, and keep one in the car as well. Also, consider programming emergency numbers into your cell phone. And make sure that people who come to the house to watch your kids (babysitters or relatives, for example) familiarize themselves with the list. If a babysitter is taking the kids out, make sure he or she also carries the list of numbers.

Make sure the list includes these numbers:

- emergency medical services: In most places this is 911, but your community may have its own number.
- poison control center: 1-800-222-1222. This toll-free number will put you in touch with the poison control center in your area.



- hospital emergency room
- fire department
- police department
- your child's doctor
- parents' work
- parents' cell phones and/or pagers
- neighbors and/or relatives
- pharmacy

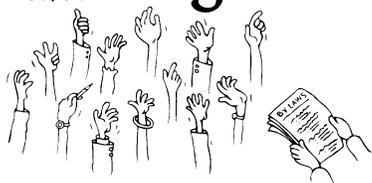
Please come by the Parish Nursing table at Rally Day. We will have opportunity for kids (and adults if interested) to make basic first aid kits. Also Vial for Life will be available as well as an Emergency Contact Sheet that can be filled out for your own use.

Your Parish Nurse,
Jody Farmer
Tiffany Paul

Please bring any unused, expired medications to the Parish nurse office anytime for safe recycling!

Blood pressure opportunities will resume in September!

Congregational Meeting



Minutes of April 29,

2018 Voters Meeting

John Naese called the meeting to order at 10:22a.

Pastor gave opening devotions [Romans 7 & 8]

Roll call was completed by Sarah Andresen

64 Voters were in attendance

The minutes from the 1/28/18 voters meeting were read and corrected. Jeanne Glasgow moved to approve the minutes, Chris Kirschner seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

Board Reports

Evangelism- Kerrylynn reported June 3rd will be Mission Fest and June 10th will be the Homer Lake Service. Donuts will come from Casey's in Homer. They will be prepaid for four weeks at a time. Pick Up will be at 8am for 9 dozen donuts. There is a sign-up sheet for pickup.

Stewardship- None

Lay Ministry- None

Education- Jackie Teague reported VBS will be June 11-15 from 9-11:30am. The following Sunday will be VBS performance. This falls on a communion Sunday so communion will be moved. The last day for Sunday School is June 24th. Rally Day will be on Aug 19th. Sunday School will resume the following Sunday.

Trustees- Robert reported the red lighting on the cross has failed and is not repairable. They are waiting on bids to have it replaced. The column holding the cross is crumbling. Bids have been received to have the column repaired. The same mason that will be doing the masonry on the church column will also do some repair masonry work on the parsonage. Trustees are working on a option to replace the steps and landing for the parsonage. Thank you to Ron Bergmeier for the lighting upgrade in the sanctuary.

Worship- None

Treasurer- Gary gave treasurers report.

John Rothermel made motion to approve board reports and Chris Kirschner seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor gave his report.

Old Business- None

New Business- Discussed more in detail the repair work of the LED lighted cross and the column that is holding the cross.

Volunteers were asked to form an audit committee:

Paul Freebairn

Bob Goetting

Jay Hageman

Chris Kirschner moved to adjourn, Paul Freebairn seconded.

Adjourned the meeting with the Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sarah
Andresen-Secretary





Minutes of 5/24/18 Council Meeting

John called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
Pastor gave opening devotions. Psalm 143
Minutes from the 4/26 council meeting were read and approved. Steve moved to approve the minutes, Robert seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

Board Reports

Evangelism- Pastor reported June 10th at 10am will be the Homer Lake Service. Evangelism is in need of assistance for set up. There will not be a fishing tournament.

Stewardship none

Lay Ministry- Chris reported Lay Ministry received a transfer out request from Sarah E Smith to Good Shepherd in Tulsa, OK. Jay made motion to approve request, Steve seconded, motion carried.

Trustees- Robert reported the repairman to look at the cross was not available till July, so additional bids were sought out. The second bid from Cross Masonry came in at \$7400 to remove the cross and remove capstones with two days to inspect the column and hopefully three days to build the column back up. Trustees are seeking a 3rd bid, however they can't commit until after Memorial Day.

Trustees have arranged for American Dowel Siding to remove the cross for now for a safety precaution.

American Dowel has given 2 bids to replace the LED lighting for the cross in the amount of \$3200 for both a Sloan Co product as well as a GE product. The GE product is a better

product and will be the same cost. The Air Conditioning in the fellowship hall has been checked and repaired. It was low on refrigerant. Trustees have also arranged for Darby's Plumbing to address a few various items in the restrooms.

Worship- Jay Hageman reported Gary is in contact with Josh concerning the replacement of screens in the sanctuary

Education- VBS has been cancelled for June 10. Education is planning a bigger Rally Day in place of VBS. Education will provide the food on Rally Day rather than the normal potluck lunch.

Treasurer- Gary gave treasurers report. Sarah moved to approve board reports and Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor gave his report.

Old Business- None

New Business- Steve discussed Pastor's microphone cutting out during the service and this issue has been addressed.

Chris made the motion to adjourn, Steve seconded.

The meeting was adjourned with Pastor giving a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Andresen-Secretary

