

# IMMANUELITE

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The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering. In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the Lord; it is most holy. The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting. Whatever touches its flesh shall be holy, and when any of its blood is splashed on a garment, you shall wash that on which it was splashed in a holy place. And the earthen ware vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. But if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, that shall be scoured and rinsed in water. Every male among the priests may eat of it; it is most holy. -Leviticus 6:24-30

Here in Leviticus, chapter six, are simple commands from the Lord to the priests of the Old Testament. They are to eat of the sin offering. The sin offering was an animal that took away the sin of the person for whom the offering was made. Consider Leviticus 4:27-31: If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally doing any one of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin

which he has committed. And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering. And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. And all its fat he shall remove, as the fat is removed from the peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the Lord. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

The sacrifice takes away the sin of the one for whom the animal is sacrificed. God commands the priest to eat the meat of the sin offering. It is obvious to say that if the priest eats of the sin offering he has to touch the meat of the sin offering. Touching the meat of the sin offering makes the priest holy. Therefore not only is the person for whom the offering is made forgiven, but so is the priest who makes the offering and eats its meat.

In the New Testament Jesus is the sin offering that takes away the world's sin. Consider the following passages of Holy Scripture:

The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" -John 1:29

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. -Romans 3:22-25

note: propitiation here means sin offering or offering of atonement.

He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. –Ephesians 1:5-7

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. –Ephesians 5:2

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. –Hebrews 10:11-14

And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. –1Peter 1:17-19

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

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. –Revelation 5:6

Also in the New Testament the entire body of believers in Jesus, all the baptized, are God's priests. Consider the following passages of Holy Scripture:

As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. –1Peter 2:4-10

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. –Revelation 1:4-6

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." –Revelation 5:9-10

If it is the case that Jesus is the sin offering of the New Testament and that the believers in Him are His priests, then it stands to reason that the priests of the New Testament like the

priests of the Old Testament eat the sin offering and by doing so become holy. Such is what the Scriptures teach in the following passages:

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the New Testament in My blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." -1Corinthians 11:23-25

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." -Matthew 26:26-28

Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise Him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in Him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, He also will live because of Me. -John 6:54-57

I look forward to our congregation's next celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar where together we will perform our priestly duty because we believe in Him and thus receive His holiness which fits us to stand in His presence for life everlasting.

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor

### Special Dates:

Sunday, August 18: Rally Day!



G.R.O.W, a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, August 4 in Newman. All interested Christian men in the area are invited to attend the meeting, which begins with breakfast at 7:00 am, 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.



The Knitting Group will meet Monday, August 12 at 1:30 pm. Please join us and help make blankets.



The Sewing Ladies meet the first Monday of each month. They enjoy sewing and sharing a wonderful lunch together. This month, they will meet Monday, August 5 at 9:00 am.



Dear Friends in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran, thank you for pledging your support of our family as we serve in Puerto Rico! We are blessed to be here and are grateful for our supporters who pray for us and make it financially possible to serve here. Thank you again! In Christ, The DiLibertos.



Immanuelite deadline for May is, Friday, August 23.



**Sunday, August 25:** Building Fund III  
 This is our third of four Building Fund offerings. This money is used towards repairs and maintenance for the church building. Please use the "Building Fund" envelopes, and be sure to write your number in the memo.

**Sunday, August 18:** ILC Scholarship Fund



You're invited! Friday, August 23 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Broadlands.  
 4:30-5:30pm- Social Hour  
 5:30-6:15pm- Program in the Sanctuary  
 6:30pm- Potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall.  
 If you have a picture of Pastor at past events, please get them to Sam Smith for a slide show.

Thank you from the Board of Lay Ministry,  
 Ron Bergmeier  
 Paul Freebairn  
 Chris Kirschner  
 Keith Rohl



**Operation Christmas Child**

Now is the time to stock up on school supplies for the OCC shoeboxes! School supplies are on sale for the new school year right now. If you would like to help us stock up for our packing party in the fall, please make sure to look for things like pens, pencils, erasers, zipper binder pouches, small and medium sized notepads, scissors, crayons, markers, colored pencils and pencil sharpeners. No glue please! If you want to help but do not want to shop, please make a check out to Immanuel and put "OCC shoeboxes" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate...or hand your check to Bob or Sally Goetting. More info soon about shoebox packing. Thanks for your help!



Creighton Duaine Kresin was baptized on Sunday, June 8, 2019. Creighton was born on March 1, 2019 in Covington, Louisiana. His parents are Eric and Kelsi Kresin. His sponsors were Andy Hicks and Becky Hicks.

Sutton Marie Place was baptized on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Sutton was born on August 12, 2018 Champaign, IL. Her parents are Andy and Kirsten Place. Her sponsors were Emma Taylor and John Taylor.



- 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 Bradley Luth
- 20 Monica Taylor
- 21 Sharon Rothermel
- 23 Nathan Sharp
- 24 Christy Sharp
- 26 Dorothy Rothermel
- 27 Harold Boyer  
Mary Boyer  
Elizabeth Boyer  
Lillian Boyer
- 29 Connor Wienke
- 31 Timothy Cress



## **Minutes of 6/27/19 Council Meeting**

Steve called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotion.

Minutes from the 5/23/19 council meeting were reviewed and corrected. Keith moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Robert seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

### **Board reports**

**Evangelism:** absent

**Stewardship:** none

### **Lay Ministry:**

- Looking into getting lap top for Crystal to take home that is networked to computer here. No decision has been made at this point.

### **Trustees:**

- Rob Boyer has agreed to take over church well system. He is water treatment specialist at IL American Water. He's chlorinated the well and it passed testing.
- Repair on air conditioning unit in the fellowship hall.
- Coat Room-air conditioning unit on north side of choir loft became plugged up and drained into coat room and damaged ceiling tile. Submitted claim to insurance, checking back to see if we had coverage for mechanical before they pay on claim. Total damage/repair estimate is \$2971. We can file insurance claim which has \$1000 deductible or just pay out of pocket the \$3000. Ceiling tile was a special order so once it comes in they can replace it.
- Rich Henson has been hired to replace the main door on the parsonage.

### **Worship:**

- Worship met with Pastor and Nancy Reed. Discussed specifics on Music Director and she agreed. She will be working with choir and church members that have musical talents to incorporate into the service. She will also do scheduling and listing in bulleting when they perform. Worship discussed paying \$75/choir session about 32 sessions for the year, still discussing payment for musical consulting because interest is not known yet. Kent made a motion to contract with Nancy Reed to

serve as our Musical Director. Keith seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion Passed.

- Worship decided to forgo the greeter list. Blake is going to write a letter to the congregation to be aware of people coming in to be welcoming to visitors.
- New Usher list is out and the organist schedule is complete through November.

### **Education:**

- Two Sunday School teachers are retiring. Looking for a teacher for 5th/6th grade and possibly someone to help in the Pre K/Kindergarten class.
- August 25 will be first day of Sunday School.
- VBS- 59 kids attended this year. This our record for number of kids to come. Raised \$235 for the Broadlands Food Pantry along with other carious food items.
- July 11 is National Youth Gathering. It is in Minneapolis, MN. 11 HS students and 3 adults are attending. (Jed Gerdes, Katie Rutledge, and Pastor)

### **Treasurer:**

- The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Robert moved to approve the board reports. Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Pastor gave his report:**

- Pastor's vacation will be on July 5-8 and July 29-August 3. Pastor Bijjiga will serve as guest pastor on July 7 during that time. Pastor will be in attendance at the National Youth Gathering, Pastor Ehlers will serve as guest Pastor on July 14.
- September 10, District Sponsored Steward Workshop with dinner served.
- June 30, Circuit Forum will take place at Immanuel Tuscola at 2:30.
- President Harrison has been re-elected to Synod president for another 3 year term.

### **Old Business:** none

### **New Business:**

- 2020 Budget Worksheet will go out and will be due back 9/15.
- Pastor's 20th celebration will take place on August 23 at the church. More details were discussed but nothing finalized.

Keith made motion to adjourn, Jed seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah  
Andresen-Secretary



## **Minutes of 7/25/19 Council Meeting**

John called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotion.

Minutes from the 6/27/19 council meeting were reviewed and corrected. Bob moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Robert seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

## **Board reports**

### **Evangelism:**

- Dakota boys and girls ranch will have someone come speak to congregation. Have we ever done it in the past? Take troubled kids and witness to them. Work with animals. Pastor can arrange for a mission fest speaker.
- Rally Day is August 18.
- Talking about possibly setting up a booth for Homer Days and possible pamphlet to hand out.

**Stewardship:** none

### **Lay Ministry:**

- Crystal has been having some issues with Shepherd's Staff and found out its outdated. In process of looking into other programs.
- Creighton Kresin was baptized here. Would like approval to transfer to a church in Louisiana. Keith made the motion. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Trustees:**

- Cloak room project is complete and insurance claim went through fine. We do have a \$1000 deductible.
- Caleb Bundy recommended 2 trees on NW corner of lot next to parsonage are dead and would like to see them removed. Also, 3 trees in bad shape between 2 driveways on east side of lot.

### **Worship:**

- Video camera isn't recording again, but Josh is looking into it.
- Nancy is lining up music for choir.

### **Education:**

- Rally Day is August 18 with inflatable.

### **Treasurer:**

- The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Kent moved to approve the board reports. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Pastor gave his report:**

- September 10, District Sponsored Steward Workshop with dinner served at 5:30 at Immanuel Tuscola. Workshop will begin at 6:30 pm, and will end at 8:30 pm.

### **Old Business:**

- 2020 Budget Worksheet went out today and will be due back 9/15.

### **New Business:**

- Pile of dirt by children's playground was supposed to be seeded and a play area for children, but it's weeded. We need to decide what we are going to do with it.

Robert made motion to adjourn, Jim seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah  
Andresen-Secretary



## **Minutes of 07/28/19 Voters Meeting**

John called the meeting to order at 10:12 am

Pastor gave opening devotions [Matthew 5]

Roll call was completed

46 Members present

Minutes from the 4/28/19 meeting were reviewed. Kevin Block moved to approve the minutes. Jeanne Glasgow seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

### **Board reports**

**Evangelism:** Jim Roberts

- August 18 is Rally Day, Education will be handling rally day this year.
- August 25 will be first day of Sunday School with donuts.

**Stewardship:** None

**Lay Ministry:** Keith Rohl

- Creighton Kresin was baptized on June 8, asked for transfer to a church in Alabama.
- Sutton Place was baptized in private baptism last week.
- Looking into updating church program, Shepherd's Staff and possibly a laptop.
- Planning Pastor's celebration.
- August 25 Pastor Mark Rockenbach will be doing church service and Pastor will have day off.

**Trustees:** Robert Benschneider

- Cloak room project had water damage and is complete. Repair damage was around \$3000. Claim was submitted to insurance. We have a \$1000 deductible to meet first.
- Caleb Bundy has identified about 4 trees that need to be removed on church property.

**Worship:** Kent Luth

- Nancy Reed will be our new musical director that will work with choir and church member with musical talents.
- Having some issues uploading sermons onto YouTube but Josh is working on it.

**Education:** None

**Treasurer:** Bob Goetting

- The treasurer's report was given.

Paul Freebairn moved to approve the board report. Jeanne Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Pastor gave his report:**

- Convention of Missouri Synod concluded on Thursday. It was video recorded and is viewable.
- Complements to parents of youth that attended Youth Convention. All youth were well behaved.
- Sept 10, Stewardship Workshop at Immanuel Tuscola. Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Workshop will be from 6:30-8:30pm.

**Old Business:**

- 2 of 3 trees need replanted located NW corner of property by the parsonage. If you are aware of family that had put these there and has a request for replacement, please let Trustees know.
- Budget request for 2020 are out and are due back September 15.
- Audit Committee was formed in 2018. Jay Hageman was part of this committee and Sarah Andresen will now be a part of the committee along with Paul Freebairn and Bob Goetting to finish up 2018.
- Capital improvements committee is still working. They are planning on doing blacktop hopefully by the end of summer around \$10-12k. They are also getting estimate to put in heat in Sunday School rooms that haven't had heat, approximately \$3300. Looking at replacing sign that was put up but didn't turn out how they had hoped.

**New Business:** None

**Admit new voting members:**None

Robert Benschneider made motion to adjourn, Paul Freebairn seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sarah Andresen-Secretary