

# IMMANUELITE

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The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for Me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for Me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. -Exodus 25:1-9

These are the opening words from God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle and its furniture. Exodus 25-31 contains all of the instructions for the tabernacle. Exodus 25:8 makes it clear that the purpose of the tabernacle is so that God "may dwell in their midst." Apparently the fact that God is everywhere (Psalm 139:8-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24) is not a sufficient type of dwelling for God in the midst of His people so He commands them to construct a tabernacle for Him to dwell in their midst.

If you read the instructions for the tabernacle, you will find that God commanded Moses and Israel to construct an elaborate tent with an outer courtyard made of fabric stretched between posts. Most study Bibles have a picture of how artists think it may have appeared. You may also search for it on the internet and find various images of how artists think it may have appeared.

Exodus 37-40 records the construction of the tabernacle. It concludes with these words, "So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." (Exodus 40:33-35)

Thus God accomplished His purpose with Israel by dwelling in their midst via the tabernacle that Moses and Israel constructed at God's command and specifications.

Then in John 1:14 we read these words, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." Two things should be noted. First, when it says, "The Word became flesh," the Word about which it is speaking is the Word of John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Second, when it says, "dwelt among us," the original Greek uses a term for dwelling that means "tented." Therefore one could render the verse this way: "God became flesh and tented among us." This God who tents among us in the flesh is the Son of God,

Jesus Christ. Thus in a manner similar to and yet superior to the way that God tented among His people in the tabernacle God now dwells among us in Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:9 states it very directly, "For in Him [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily."

Therefore wherever the body of Christ is, there God is, because God dwells among us in the flesh in the body of Christ.

Now consider the Words of Our Lord: The Lord Jesus Christ 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 covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (1Corinthians 11:23-25)

Therefore the Sacrament of the Altar, Holy Communion, is God Himself dwelling in your midst.

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor



G.R.O.W, a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, June 2 at Immanuel, Broadlands. 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, June 17 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, June 3 at 9:00 am.

### Special Dates:

- Sunday, June 9: Day of Pentecost
- Friday, June 14: Flag Day
- Sunday, June 16: Father's Day
- Sunday, June 16: Homer Lake Service 10am
- Sunday June 30: Last day of Sunday School



Adele Ayden Long was baptized on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Adele was born on April 5, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL. Her parents are Wayne and Casey Long. Her sponsors were Mindy Brown and Robert Benschneider.



Blood pressure screening this month will be June 23.



Susie Mohr was confirmed on Sunday, May 19, 2019.



### Sunday, June 9: Car Fund II

This offering is to help replenish funds used for the purchase/upkeep of the church car.



When placing orders, please let me know who to contact when the orders arrive at the church. Also, when ordering flowers, send me an e-mail or note with your message for the bulletin. We also need the name of the person to be billed for the flowers.

I am in the process of making a new church directory, if you have any updated information, please let me know.

Thank you, Crystal Ball

### Friendly Reminders

Rally Day will be August 18

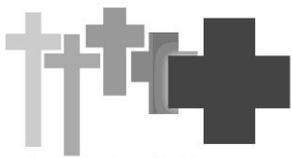
VBS is June 17-21, 9:00 am-11:30 am



Immanuelite deadline for July is, Friday, June 21. If you would like to put something in the newsletter, please let the office secretary know.



- 1 Kyle Struck
- 3 Krista Freebairn  
Kathy Richter  
Brennan Struck
- 5 Orville Rohl  
Tom Wakefield
- 6 Dennis Budde
- 9 Winnie Struck  
Carol Neilson
- 10 Logan McKee  
Kane Luth  
Ethan March
- 11 Ronald Bergmeier
- 13 Brianne Struck
- 14 Case Freeman
- 15 Nicholas Mohr
- 17 Frederick Danner
- 21 Darren Dohme
- 22 Ross Robinson
- 25 Kate Boyer
- 27 Avian Gerdes
- 28 Dylan Kirschner  
Illiana Orwick



## Parish Nurse

Injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 44. The good news? Everyone can get involved to help prevent injuries.

Dear Family and Friends,

June is National Safety Month. We encourage you to learn more about important safety issues like preventing poisonings, transportation safety, and slips, trips, and falls.

**Poisonings:** Nine out of 10 poisonings happen right at home. You can be poisoned by many things, like cleaning products or another person's medicine.

**Transportation safety:** Doing other activities while driving – like texting or eating – distracts you and increases your chance of crashing. Almost 1 in 6 crashes where someone is injured involves distracted driving.

**Slips, trips, and falls:** More than 1 in 4 older adults fall each year. Many falls lead to broken bones or head injuries.

### Learn to see hazards

Once you train yourself to spot hazards, you'll notice them all around you. They may not always be obvious or immediate concerns, but they can still pose a risk to you and your coworkers. The sooner they're fixed, the better.

- Spotting hazards is all about anticipation. Start to ask yourself, 'If I take this action, what might happen?'
- This applies to everything from working with dangerous chemicals and manufacturing machines to simply walking through your worksite.
- Picture yourself walking around a corner with your hands full. When you ask, 'What might happen?' you can anticipate risks like someone else turning the corner at the same time. Then you can take simple steps – like

taking a wider turn – and completely avoid the risk.

- Plenty of hazards will be much more serious, but this same way of thinking can help you spot and avoid them. Just be willing to speak up when you see them to keep your coworkers safe.

### Fight fatigue

As our lives get ever busier, our sleep is often the first thing to go and we can quickly become fatigued. Being fatigued can have serious impacts on our health and safety, but some simple steps can help you get the rest you need.

Many factors can keep you from getting the sleep you need, so focus on the issues you can control. To get your recommended hours – and make them as restful as possible – remember A.C.E.S.:

**A: Alcohol** – While drinking alcohol may make you feel drowsy, it can actually interrupt your circadian rhythm and cause poor-quality sleep. It can also make you more prone to snoring and sleep apnea.

**C: Caffeine** – As a stimulant, consuming caffeine can disrupt your sleep patterns. Avoid it for as long as six hours before bedtime.

**E: Environment** – Keep your bedroom cool and dark. Consider blackout curtains and turning down the thermostat.

**S: Screens** – The blue light from TVs, phones, tablets and other electronic devices can keep your body from producing melatonin, the hormone that helps you relax and get to sleep. Avoid screens for at least 30 minutes before bed.

Your Parish Nurse,  
Jody Farmer and Tiffany Paul