

# IMMANUELITE

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In 1Corinthians 11:23-25 Saint Paul gives to the Corinthian congregation and also to us the words by which our Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Altar: "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 covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Of both the bread and the cup our Lord says that we are eat and drink in remembrance of Him. What does He mean by "in remembrance of Me"?

The answer to that may be found in the Passover celebration of which the Sacrament of the Altar is the fulfillment.

In Exodus 12:1-13 the Lord gives to Israel instructions regarding the celebration of Passover. We considered these instructions in last month's newsletter. I will not recount them now. Then in Exodus 12:14 the Lord states, "This day [that is the day of the Passover] shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

While in English translation the wording is not identical, even in English translation you can see that God commands the Passover to be a memorial in the same way that He commands His Sacrament of the Altar to be a memorial. Then in Exodus 12:24-27 are these somewhat surprising instructions: "You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. And when you come into the land that the Lord will give you, as He has promised, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the Lord's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'"

In these instructions subsequent generations of Israel who will live in the Promised Land will tell their children when they ask about the service, "It is the Lord's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians but spared *our* houses."

Even though subsequent generations of Israel were not in Egypt and did not leave Egypt with the generation that Moses led out of Egypt, they still call the homes of Israel in Egypt, "our homes." They do this at God's command. In this way God is instructing subsequent generations of Israel that the homes of their ancestors in Egypt were in reality their homes also and thus God not only redeemed their forefathers out of Egypt, but also the subsequent generations of Israel who celebrate the Passover.

In this way a memorial service (Exodus 12:14) is not simply remembering something important that happened a long time ago. It is

rather a reliving of a past event for which you were not present.

The Passover is not a man made memorial but rather it is God's memorial. Since God transcends time, the Passover memorial is God's way of making present to subsequent generations of Israel the redemption that He performed for their ancestors when He brought them out of Egypt.

The Sacrament of the Altar is a memorial of our Lord's crucifixion. It was instituted on the night in which He was betrayed. The participants eat the body that He gave and the blood that He shed. In this way God makes present to subsequent generations of Christians the crucifixion of their Lord by which they are redeemed and saved. This is what the Lord means by "In remembrance of Me."

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor



G.R.O.W, a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, March 3rd 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, March 18 at 1:30 pm. Please join us and help make blankets.



On February 18, 2019, Mark Bushman entered the Church Triumphant. Pray for the comfort of his family.

### Friendly Reminders

Time change is March 9, don't forget to move your clocks forward.

Blood pressure checks this month will be March 10 and 31.

March 17, don't forget to wear your green!  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Immanuelite deadline for March will be, Wednesday, March 20.





- 1 Mary Sue Rothermel
- 3 Louise Fellmann  
Caroline Wiese
- 4 Kathryn Luth
- 5 Alan Moudy  
Pastor John Sharp  
Becky Moudy  
Tammy Wienke
- 6 Geofory Luth
- 8 Allen Hockett
- 11 Brian Taylor
- 13 Courtney Luth  
Raena Stierwalt
- 16 George Gerdes
- 17 Jim Rohl  
Jonathan Goetting
- 19 Wanda Siuts  
Kelly Hockett
- 20 Myrna Madigan
- 21 Brent Hockett
- 24 Paul Compton
- 26 Linda March  
Zachary Renfrow
- 27 Jack Armstrong
- 28 Jacob Orwick
- 29 Dustin Howell  
James Wienke  
Samuel Smith

Psalm 139 Acknowledges that God knows all about your heart.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart O God. Fitness walking is easy, safe, and inexpensive. It's aerobic, it burns calories and it's ideal fat burning activity. Walking is good for all ages, and can easily be used as a family time activity that promotes a healthy body, mind, and spirit. More than forty scientific studies have now shown that moderate physical activity, like brisk walking develops cardiovascular health and protects against heart disease. Exercising moderately can reduce your chance of having a heart attack by 50%.

Maybe you've gotten the message about exercising and are taking it seriously. You're doing your exercises, not going to let your heart get weak, you've trimmed the fat from your diet, you get regular cholesterol checks, but you've let your spiritual heart turn to mush. Preoccupied with the temporary, you've neglected the eternal. You seldom read the Bible anymore, your prayers are lists of requests for God, and by the time you've reached the church door you've forgotten what the pastor said. If this describes you it's time to get into a spiritual heart care program.

Taking care of your body makes sense. Make sure you have a balance of caring for the heart both temporary and eternal. To keep physically fit take a walk. To keep spiritually fit, keep walking with the Lord.

Blood pressure checks this month will be 3/10 and 3/31.

In Christ, your Parish Nurses,  
Jody Farmer and Tiffany Paul



## **Minutes of 2/21/19 Council Meeting**

John called the meeting to order at 7pm

Pastor opened the meeting with devotion

Minutes from the 1/24/19 council meeting were read. Steve moved to approve the minutes. Kent seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

### **Board reports-**

**Evangelism:** Jim Roberts gave report.

May 26, Ken Shurb will be our Mission Fest Speaker. There will be a Youth Group Dinner following.

June 9 is Homer Lake Service and Picnic at Homer Lake Shelter at 10 am. It has been reserved. Mark Maxey will play the guitar.

We are reducing the number of donuts being ordered. There have been about 2 dozen leftover which will bring the cost down to \$243 from \$296.

**Stewardship:** No Report

**Lay Ministry:** Keith Rohl gave report.

March 17, Titus Herriott will be Baptized.

March 6, Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm with Ashes and Communion.

April 23-29, Pastor's vacation.

**Trustees:** Absent

A toilet seal was replaced at the parsonage.

**Worship:** Kent gave report.

Josh is working on the video camera because the audio isn't working.

**Education:** No Report.

### **Treasurer:**

Bob is getting Quickbooks set up and working with Crystal. Sales Tax exemption was renewed and we received a new certificate.

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

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

He did a circuit visit to Pastor Braatan and his family at Immanuel in Tuscola. Pastor also attended a meeting in Springfield with the District President.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Steve would like to go through voters list and see who hasn't attended meetings in the last year and see if they are still interested in being a voting member of the church. Duties listed in our Constitution of Voting Members Include:

Sec III 2.C Faithfully attend all meetings of the Voters Assembly.

Council would like to encourage all voting members to attend the quarterly voters meetings as there are instances where we need to have a majority of the Voters Assembly present to conduct business.

Bob made motion to adjourn, Kent seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sarah Andresen-Secretary