

IMMANUELITE

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Moses came and told the people *all the words of the Lord* and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. *He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins; the other half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up [Mount Sinai], and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And He did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. Exodus 24:3-11*

In this quotation from Exodus 24 I have italicized important aspects of covenant making. 1) There are words on which the covenant is based. 2) Someone gets up early in the morning. 3) There is some kind of monument to the covenant. 4) A sacrifice is offered. 5) The parties agree to it. 6) Blood from the sacrifice is applied to the people in the covenant. 7) There is a covenant meal.

Consider the following between Laban and Jacob, Genesis 31:43 -55: Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day for these my daughters or for their children whom they have borne? Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I. Let it be a witness between you and me." So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. *And Jacob said to his kinsmen, "Gather stones." They took stones and made it a heap, and they ate there by the heap. Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob named it Galeed. Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." Therefore he named it Galeed, and Mizpah, for he said, "The Lord watch between you and me when we are out of one another's sight. If you oppress my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no one is with us, see, God is witness between you and me." Then Laban said to Jacob, "See this heap and the pillar, which I have set between you and me. This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm. The God of Abraham and the God of*

Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us.” So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, and Jacob offered a sacrifice in the hill country and called his kinsmen to eat bread. They ate bread and spent the night in the hill country. Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned home.

With the exception of the application of blood, all of the aspects of covenant making are present. It could be that the reason why the application of blood does not take place in the covenant between Laban and Jacob is that the covenant between Laban and Jacob is between two men whereas the covenant between God and Israel is between *God* and Israel.

The prophet Jeremiah predicts a new covenant to replace the covenant that God made with Israel at Sinai by the hand of Moses. “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my instruction within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31:31-34

The new covenant that the Lord makes appears in 1Corinthians 11:23-25, “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.’”

Here our Lord declares the new covenant is the Sacrament of the Altar. 1Corinthians 11:23-25 contain the words upon which the covenant is based (item number 1 in covenant making above). Luke 22:19-20 also contain the words upon which the covenant is based and Luke also records the Lord declaring that this is the new covenant. In Matthew’s record of the institution of the new covenant he specifically records the Lord’s command to eat His body and drink His blood (Matthew 26:26-28). The new covenant itself is a covenant meal (item number 7 above). By instituting the covenant the Lord has agreed to it and by eating and drinking the individual communicant is agreeing to the covenant (item number 5). Hebrews 13:10 says, “We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.” Here it is recorded that Christians were eating from an altar in distinction from the altar which the priests in the tabernacle (temple) were eating. Thus Christians have always built altar from which to eat the Sacrament of the Altar. The altar serves as the monument that we build to the covenant (item number 3). The sacrifice that is offered in the new covenant is the sacrifice of the Lord Himself. There are numerous passages in the Holy Scriptures that teach that the Lord’s crucifixion was a sacrifice that He made to God. Ephesians 5:2 is typical, “And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God,” (item number 4 above). When the communicants drink the blood of the Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar the blood is applied to them (item number 6).

Finally, someone must get up early in the morning when there is a covenant (item number 2). This is the final detail. Consider the following from Luke 24:1-6, “But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men

stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.'"

Thus the Sacrament of the Altar is the fulfillment and the replacement of the covenant God made with His people at Mount Sinai. The New Covenant resembles the old covenant closely enough that a person can see the correspondence. But the New Covenant is founded upon better promises, namely the promise of forgiveness, and it is founded on a better sacrifice, the sacrifice of Christ Himself (Hebrews 10:12).

Because of Jesus,
Pastor


The Lord
himself
will make
a house
for you
2 SAMUEL 7:11




G.R.O.W, a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, May 5, at 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 Sewing Ladies meet the first Monday of each month. They enjoy sewing and sharing a wonderful lunch together. This month, they will meet Monday, May 6 at 9:00 am.



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



On March 31, 2019, Robert Siuts entered the Church Triumphant. Pray for the comfort of his family.

Special Dates:

Sunday, May 5: Cinco de Mayo
Tuesday, May 7: National Teacher Day
Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day
Saturday, May 18: Armed Forces Day
Monday, May 27: Memorial Day



Sunday, May 5: Armed Forces Day
This money goes to help our troops that are presently serving.



Blood pressure screening this month will be May 12.



The office hours have been changed from 8:30-1:30 to 9:00-2:00 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Friday 9:00-1, and Wednesday the office is closed.

Also, if there are any misspellings or any incorrect information, please let me know so I can make changes in the documents that are saved.



Immanuelite deadline for May is, Wednesday, May 22. If you would like to put something in the newsletter, please let the office secretary know.



In the Steps of Martin Luther, including The Passion Play of Oberammergau
11 day trip to Germany, July 22-August 1, hosted by The Editors of Gottesdienst, The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy. For more information, contact Rev. Benjamin Ball at 618-633-2209 or bball@stpaulhamel.org.

REGISTER FOR Vacation Bible School

VBS is June 17-21, 9:00 am-11:30 am. Register online through Facebook, or by filling out a registration form located on the bulletin board, then turn it in to the office. Please register by May 4.



Meet Our Confirmands

Mary Augusta Boyer

Born: May 27, 2003

Baptized: August 27, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Parents: Kate and Rob Boyer

Address: 5252 County Rd . 2400 E. Broadlands, IL 61816

Brothers/Sisters: Will, Libby, Lilly, and Harold

Sponsors: n/a

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 3:13b
But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

My best time with family is when everyone is hanging out together. I like to spend my free time alone by drawing or with my cats. My best friend is Kayahna. I attend school at home, and my favorite subjects are math and science. I enjoy art, theatre, and chess. My pets are Parsley and Cilantro. My favorite Bible story is Moses. I would like to meet Jesus in person to ask Him if my pets are in heaven.

Elizabeth Jean Boyer (Libby)

Born: August 1, 2005

Baptized: August 27, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Parents: Kate and Rob Boyer

Address: 5252 County Rd . 2400 E. Broadlands, IL 61816

Brothers/Sisters: Will, Mary, Lilly, and Harold

Sponsors: n/a

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 31:10-12
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

My best time with family is when everyone is outside. I like to spend free time alone by reading. My best friend is Iris. I attend school at home, and my favorite subject is science. I enjoy chess, euchre, and theatre. My pets are Doorknob, Pickles, Kevin, Nutmeg, Ozey, Ricky, Buttercup, and Rossie. My favorite Bible story is Esther. I would like to meet Jesus in person to ask Him if I am going to have children.

Kelsey Ann Luth

Born: July 9, 2005

Baptized: August 14, 2005 at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Parents: Brad and Stacy Luth

Address: 24390 N 500 St. Hume, IL 61932

Brothers/Sisters: Colby

Sponsors: Rick and Lori Lovings

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:58
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

My best time with family is when everyone is sitting around the dinner table talking about how their day was. I like to spend my free time alone by playing softball. My best friend is Mollie Pollock. I attend Shiloh High School, and my favorite subject is Algebra. I enjoy softball and volleyball. My 3 dogs are Tessa, Bella, and Cooper. I would like to meet Jesus in person to ask Him how He decides what the passions of our hearts are going to be?

Raena Ann Stierwalt

Born: December 20, 2004

Baptized: March 13, 2005 at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Parents: Doug and Jamie Stierwalt

Address: 738 County Rd. 900 E. Tolono, IL 61880

Brothers/Sisters: Ginna and Tucker

Sponsors: Bradley Mumm and Jed Gerdes

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

My best time with family is when everyone is laughing. I like to spend free time alone by reading. My best friend is Sophia Stierwalt. I attend school at Unity, and my favorite subject is math. I enjoy horseback riding, playing guitar, and flute. My pets are Cookie, the cats, and Bear (the dog). My favorite Bible story is Ruth and Naomi. I would like to meet Jesus in person to ask Him what Heaven is like.

Adena Katherine Lee Paul

Born: October 9, 2004

Baptized: November 23, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Parents: John and Tiffany Paul

Address: 1072 County Rd. 2375 E. Homer, IL 61849

Brothers/Sisters: Christian

Sponsors: David Paul and Kerrylynne Humphrey

Confirmation Verse: Romans 8:39

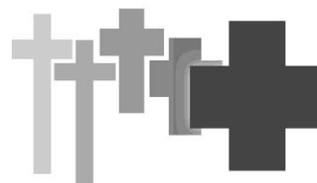
Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I like to spend free time alone by reading books. My best friends are Katelyn Bensyl and Lexie Saathoff. I attend school at Heritage, and my favorite subject is social studies. I enjoy basketball, volleyball, track and field, reading, and sewing. My pets are Annie, Mary, Jeff, and Dave.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

- 2 Chad Benner
Tracy Hageman
- 3 Travis Hockett
Ahlyssa Garwood
- 4 Susan Messman
Tyler Rohl
Roy Wakefield
Drake Robards
- 6 Zachary Orwick
Maria Hopkins
- 7 Rebecca Rothermel
- 8 Erin Brya
Steve Messman
- 9 Grace Renfrow
- 12 Taylor Wienke
- 13 Ava Teague
Max Baker
- 14 Morgan Rothermel
Gary Cromwell
Kendra Cromwell
- 15 Haley Hallett
Alan Wienke
- 16 Jennifer Buchanon
- 20 Aric Roberts
- 22 Stephen Glasgow
Aaron Luth
- 23 Tiffany Paul
- 25 Addison Dahlenburg
- 26 Katlyn Masters
Emma Taylor
James Roberts
- 27 Stacey Garwood
Kyley Rothermel
Creighton Pierce
- 28 Mitch Sonsteng
Paige Dalton
- 29 Kerry Wienke
- 30 Jason Smith
Justin Smith
Amy Markstahler
- 31 Anya Knecht Rothermel
Coen Andresen



Parish Nurse

We live in a time where we expect immediate gratification. We are impatient if we are put on hold. Our blood pressure begins to rise if we wait in a drive up more than two minutes. Our internet connections need to be faster and faster. We eat fast foods; we microwave our meals in seconds. We have a hard time enjoying the moment because we're already anticipating the next. This constant rushing keeps us in a "flight or fright" stage. Our body adapts to the high levels of adrenalin coursing through our veins. But over time this constant accelerated state can take a toll on our blood vessel walls, on major organs, and on our sense of well being. Balance is the key! On the seventh day even God rested! While we are about the work God has for us to do, we also need to pause and appreciate the beauty of His world and His people around us. Perhaps if we slowed down for even a moment we might hear God speaking to us, "Be still and know that I am God".
 Matthew 11:28 "Come to me ...and I will give you rest".
 Psalm 23:3 "He restores my soul".
 Psalm 62:1 "My soul finds rest in God alone".

In Christ your Parish Nurses, Jody Farmer and Tiffany Paul



Minutes of 03/21/19 Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by John Naese

Devotions by Pastor

Defer approval of minutes from last 2 months to next meeting.

Board reports-

Evangelism:

- Church picnic moved to June 16, communion moved to June 30.
- Discussion on who buys/where to buy stuff for picnic.
- Discussion on July 4 parade.
- Discussion on putting Easter service info in the paper. All these are up to the Evangelism Committee to decide.

Stewardship: None

Lay Ministry:

- Pastor vacation April 23-27, back service 28. Also gone July 7 (has someone to fill in)
- Concern about changing communion Sundays. They ask to please be mindful when planning events that will need communion Sunday changed and ask the BOLM ahead. Luckily there are 5 Sundays in June so it works out this year but many members don't like this changing.

Trustees:

- No one to give report but Pastor says they repaired the doorbell on the parsonage.
- Discussion about looking into the copper section of roof that has come off above the choir loft and some light bulbs not operating in the sanctuary.

Worship:

- Meeting next week
- Josh got camera fixed and we can now record sermons with that camera. All tech is updated at this point.

Education:

- Would like to apologize for communion issues. With a big set-up for VBS it is necessary to have the 2 Sundays around it to be non communion. Is this a problem? Jed gave a description of what the layout and schedule for VBS will be. They have put a lot of work into the planning!

- Easter egg hunt is April 13 Palm Sunday (1 pm to avoid confirmation questioning at 3:30 pm)
- June 30-most likely last day of Sunday School.

Treasurer:

- The Glens are no longer in Ferguson, MO. We need to choose someone else to use support with Together in Missions. Synod has sent us 4 options. Bob will put together a comparison of the 4 choices so we can better decide. This is \$3500 that has not been pd. for 2019.
- Reviewed balance sheet noting checking and savings down a little. LLF fund down a little due to market change end of 2018. Overall net loss same at end of Feb 2019 as Feb 2018.

Motion to approve Ron Bergmeier. Second by Kent Luth.

Pastor's Report:

Administration for the congregation's Facebook has been adjusted. Loretta had taken herself off and others previously on have now been taken off. Now included as administrators are Jackie Teague, Sarah Andresen, Kate Boyer, Chris Kirschner, Crystal Ball, and Pastor. Pastor will send an email to these people reminding them to make sure to get approval for events from Pastor and other boards/people involved before posting the event to Facebook.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to close by Bob Goetting, second by Jim Roberts.

Closed with blessing by Pastor

Respectfully submitted by
Sarah Andresen-Secretary



Minutes of 04/25/19 Council Meeting

John called the meeting to order at 7 pm

John opened the meeting with a prayer

Minutes from 2/21/19 and 3/21/19 council meeting were reviewed. Robert moved to approve the minutes. Steve seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

Board reports-

Evangelism:

- Church picnic June 16 at 10 am.
- Looking into getting Immanuel's information on the church page in the News Gazette.

Stewardship: Absent

Lay Ministry:

- Pastor is on vacation and will be returning Sunday 4/28/19. Pastor Ehlers is contact.
- June 8 at 11 am Pastor will be doing a private baptism.
- July 7, Pastor will be absent; a substitute has been lined up.
- August 22, Pastor will celebrate 20 years of being ordained into ministry. Would like to do something special for him, still discussing the planning. Pastor also just celebrated 10 years at Immanuel on Good Friday.

Trustees:

- Spring workday at end of march-successful
- Some wind damage to church-ridge cap replaced.
- White Roofing will be doing some repairs on some missing fascia on east side of Church, roof may be approaching end of lifetime.
- Braces still need to be put on the cross. Working on getting back in contact with American Dowell.
- Our current AED is under recall and is approximately 10 years old. The replacement we were looking into is still on back order and could possibly have up to a year wait time. Tiffany Paul looked into another option and she feels it is suitable as well. It has an 8 year warranty, comes with 12 pads, and a carrying case. The cost would be \$716.80. Robert made a motion to go with the new AED option. Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Worship:

- Recruiting more ushers and some youth is going to college.
- Vicki G Luth will no longer be in charge of greeters. Worship is deciding if they want to continue doing it or how to proceed. We have the same 6 couples that volunteer.

Education:

- Babylon set is finished for now.
- WBGL has a webpage with Vacation Bible School, Jackie should be seeing about getting it added.
- Need a meeting to nail down dates for the last day of Sunday School and Rally Day.

Treasurer:

- The treasurer's report was reviewed.
- Together in Missions-Discussed our four options to support. (Rev Anthony DiLiberto is helping rebuild the same church our youth group helped build back in 2005.)
- Bob made the motion to support Rev Anthony & Jamie DiLiberto-Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Rev. Anthony & Jamie DiLiberto
 - Puerto Rico
 - Helping to rebuild a congregation that lost many members after the major hurricane a couple years ago, and plant a new church in an area with no Lutheran presence.
 - Long-term disaster relief efforts providing basic supplies and food to community members.
 - Previously served in Peru following their efforts providing basic supplies and food to community members.
 - Previously served in Peru following their 2008 earthquakes.
 - Have 3 young children.
 - LCMS started in Puerto Rico in 1993.

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

Pastor: absent

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Short of Ushers, the idea was mentioned to include women serving as ushers if interested.

Steve made motion to adjourn, Robert seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Andresen



Minutes of 04/28/19 Voters Meeting

John called the meeting to order at 10:16 am

Pastor gave opening devotions [Colossians3]

Roll call was completed

66 Members present

Minutes from the 1/27/19 meeting were reviewed. Kevin Block moved to approve the minutes. Brian Taylor seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

Board reports-

Evangelism: None

Stewardship: None

Lay Ministry: Keith Rohl

- June 8 at 11 am, Pastor will be doing a private baptism.
- July 7, Pastor will be absent; A substitute has been line up.
- August 22, Pastor will celebrate 20 years of being ordained into ministry. Would like to do something special for him, still discussing the planning.
- New Church Office hours for Crystal will be 9am-2pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Trustees: None

Worship: Kent Luth

- Recruiting more ushers and some youth is going to college.
- Would like to thank Vicki G Luth for her years of service taking charge of greeters. Worship is deciding if they want to continue doing it or how to proceed.
- Camera is not recording again, so will reach out to Josh to troubleshoot the issue.

Education: None

Treasurer: Bob Goetting

- The treasurer's report was reviewed.
- Together in Missions-Our old TIM Missionary (Micah Glenn) is no longer serving as a missionary in Missouri. Church Council reviewed four options to support and voted to support Rev. Anthony DiLiberto in Puerto Rico. (Rev. Anthony

- DiLiberto is helping rebuild the same church that our youth group helped build back in 2005.)
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Kent Luth moved to approve the board reports. Steve Smith seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Pastor gave his report

Old Business: Tiffany Paul

Our current AED is under recall and is approximately 10 years old. The replacement we were looking into is still on back order and could possibly have up to a year wait time. A different AED is available and is suitable as well. It has an 8 year warranty, comes with 12 pads, and a carrying case. The cost would be \$716.80. She's confident that through a Carle program we can get the cost reimbursed.

Also, all the new First Aid Kits we have, have been provided on behalf of the Carle parish nurse program.

New Business:

- Church Picnic at Homer Lake is June 16, at 10 am.
- Short of Ushers, the idea was mentioned to include women serving as ushers if interested.

Admit new voting members-None

Robert Benschneider made motion to adjourn, Steve Smith seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by
Sarah Andresen-Secretary