

# IMMANUELITE

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## From the MINISTER

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. –Hebrews 4:14

The word confession means to “say the same thing as.” That is why in English we talk about “confessing our sins.” We confess our sins because to call our sins “sins” is to say the same thing about them that God says about them. Also in English we talk about “confessing our faith.” That means to say the same things that God has said about everything about which God has said anything. Therefore in the Church we also have “confessions”, not confessions of sins, but rather documents that confess what we believe God has spoken. In the Lutheran Church these confessions are gathered together in a book called *The Book of Concord*.

At Immanuel Lutheran Church we justify the word “Lutheran” in our congregation’s name by officially subscribing to the confessional documents of the Lutheran Church.

Article II of Immanuel’s constitution states: “The purpose of this congregation shall be that of a religious organization, more specifically, that of a Christian organization, established and maintained not for profit, but for the express purpose of disseminating the gospel truth according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church, the Book of Concord of the year 1580....”

Article III of our congregation’s constitution states: “This congregation recognizes, acknowledges, accepts and confesses all the

canonical books of the Old and New Testament as the divinely and verbally inspired and clearly revealed Word of God, and acknowledges and accepts all the Confessional Writings (or Symbolic Books) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580, to be a true and sound presentation of Christian Doctrine taken from and in full agreement with the Holy Scriptures. This congregation shall neither teach nor tolerate any doctrine which is at variance with these Confessional Standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and all doctrinal and religious controversies which may occur, shall be judged and adjusted on the basis of said Standards. These Confessions (or Symbols) are:

1. The three Ecumenical Creeds (The Apostles’, The Nicene, and the Athanasian.)
2. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession
3. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession
4. The Smalcald Articles
5. Dr. Martin Luther’s Large Catechism
6. Dr. Martin Luther’s Small Catechism
7. The Formula of Concord”

This is quite the claim! Our congregation claims that these documents of the Book of Concord of the year 1580 are in full agreement with the Holy Scriptures! If that is the case, then they command our attention especially if these are the documents that specifically identify us as Lutherans. How many of you actually know what these documents say? Or have ever read them? We know the Small Catechism, but what about the others?

In Germany for this summer the Germans are celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. My information indicates to me that most of the celebrating in Germany already ended in September in spite of the fact that the actual 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation is October 31, 2017. The reason this is so is because Germany is celebrating the Reformation during the



G.R.O.W., a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Newman Christian Church. 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 November include:

- 2- Alicia Laws  
Macey McKee
- 3- Sara Smith
- 4- Deborah Block  
Jordan Freeman  
Elizabeth Peregrine
- 5- Johannah Goetting
- 6- Abbie Smith
- 7- Matthew Joines
- 8- Emily Bushman  
Arianna Ray  
Patrick Chapman  
Isabella Bushman  
Shea Bushman
- 9- Christy Chandler
- 11- JoEllen Farmer
- 12- Casey Long
- 15- Nicole Wienke
- 16- Paul Messman  
Hannah Ireland  
Emmett Orwick  
Cassiday Orwick
- 21- Barbara Negangard
- 22- Rebecca Rahe  
Erin Luedke
- 27- Kathryn Struck
- 28- Adena Paul
- 29- Trenton Smith
- 30- Karl Grushow

summer tourist season and they know that after September the tourism will fall off as the summer is concluded. Most of the publications in Germany have nothing to do with what the Reformation was about, but rather with its place in history. There are entire concerts and events devoted to Martin Luther without ever considering what he actually taught which is what started the Reformation to begin with. The Germans are celebrating the Reformation in a secular fashion the way that England might celebrate Queen Elizabeth or the French might celebrate Napoleon.

But are we any better? Are we aware of the issues that surrounded the Reformation? Are we aware of their relevance to our contemporary American scene? Are we able to make the same confession that our Lutheran forbears did in risking their lives to maintain the confession that we are justified by faith apart from works of law? (Romans 3:28) Do we know what our Lutheran confessional documents say? Because whatever they say they are what we say that the Bible says. And how could the defense of the simple proposition that we are justified by faith apart from works of law have generated an entire book on the subject?!

If you wish to do something about this the Board of Lay Ministry has a Book of Concord study on the third Saturday of every month at 7am. It lasts an hour and a half. While it began as a study for the Board of Lay Ministry once it appeared on the congregation's calendar other members of the congregation have chosen to attend. The Board of Lay Ministry does not mind other members of the congregation attending or even anyone who is interested. We typically meet in the church library, but if we get enough people it will not be hard to go up to the parish hall.

I invite you to come and find out the fullness of what the Reformation is all about. You will find it to be relevant to your own life today and how it is that you and God relate to each other through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor





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!

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  
 Rebecca Taylor



The Knitting Group will meet Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30pm. Please join us and help make blankets.



Dear Family and Friends,  
 November is National Healthy Skin month. Skin cancer is an abnormal growth of skin cells. It most often develops on areas of the skin exposed to the sun's rays. Skin cancer affects people of all colors and races, although those with light skin who sunburn easily have a higher risk.

What does skin cancer look like?

- Actinic Keratoses (AK): These dry, scaly patches or spots are precancerous growths. People who get AKs usually have fair skin. Most people see their first AKs after 40 years of age because AKs tend to develop after years of sun exposure. AKs usually form on the skin that gets lots of sun exposure, such as the head, neck, hands, and forearms. Because an AK can progress to a type of skin cancer called squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), treatment is important.
- Basal cell carcinoma (BCC): This is the most common type of skin cancer. BCCs frequently develop in people who have fair skin, yet they can occur in people with darker skin. BCCs look like a flesh-colored, pearl-like bump or a pinkish patch of skin. BCCs develop after years of frequent sun exposure or indoor tanning. BCC are common on the head, neck, and arms, yet can form anywhere on the body, including the chest, abdomen, and legs. Early



Here are the directory changes to date.

Marianna Taylor  
 217-918-4606  
 Thomas Poe  
 217-530-1536

Helen S. Luth has moved to Chrisman Nursing Home

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- phone number  
 Steve Stone- phone number  
 Hillary Wienke- phone number

Lauren Rardin- phone number  
 Steve Block- phone number  
 Tracy Cokley- phone number

diagnosis and treatment for BCC is important. BCC can invade the surrounding tissue and grow into the nerves and bones, causing damage and disfigurement.

- Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC): SCC is the second most common type of skin cancer. People who have light skin are most likely to develop SCC, yet they can develop in darker-skinned people. SCC often looks like a red firm bump, scaly patch, or a sore that heals and then re-opens. SCC tend to form on skin that gets frequent sun exposure, such as the rim of the ear, face, neck, arms, chest, and back. SCC can grow deep in the skin and cause damage and disfigurement. Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent this and stop SCC from spreading to other areas of the body.
- Melanoma: Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. Melanoma frequently develops in a mole or suddenly appears as a new dark spot on the skin. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial. Knowing the ABCDE warning signs of melanoma can help you find an early melanoma.

A= Asymmetry (One half is unlike the other half.) B= Border (An irregular, scalloped or poorly defined border.) C=Color (Is varied from one area to another; has shades of tan, brown or black, or is sometimes white, red, or blue.) D= Diameter (Melanomas are usually greater than 6mm (the size of a pencil eraser) when diagnosed, but they can be smaller. E= Evolving (A mole or skin lesion that looks different from the rest or is changing in size, shape or color.)

If you notice a spot that is different from others, or that changes, itches or bleeds, you should make an appointment to see a dermatologist.

Your Parish Nurse,

Tiffany Paul and Jody Farmer

Blood pressure screenings will be available on November 5 and 19. Please turn in any unused, expired meds for safe recycling.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



### **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**

Please make sure to have your boxes at church by Sunday, November 19. We will be taking all of the boxes to the drop off location in Champaign after church and Sunday school that day. Thanks for all of your time, donations and effort to make this a great Christmas for the kids who will receive the shoeboxes. May Jesus bless you with a peaceful, joy-filled Christmas season! If you have any questions, please see Bob or Sally Goetting.



Immanuelite articles will be due in the office on, Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.



Sewing Day in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 6  
9:00 to 3:00

Bring a dish to pass for noon lunch

Come have fun with us!

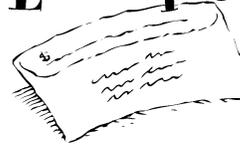


The youth group will be going to Adventures in Time and Space Escape Room on Sunday, November 5. Please meet at Jed's house at 3:45 pm to drive to Urbana together. We have two rooms booked for 4:30 pm. Following our escape we will be going out for pizza and fellowship. Please let Jed or Annette know if you will be able to attend.



*you welcomed me*

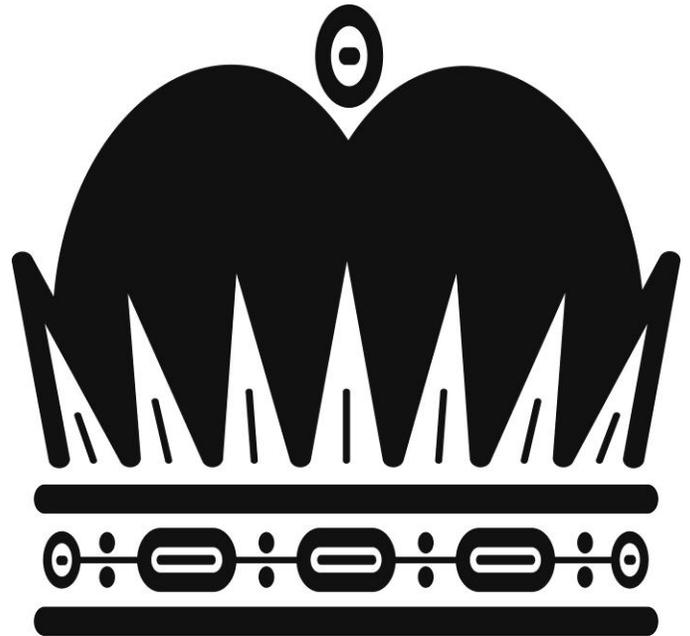
## Offering Envelopes



The sign up sheet for offering envelopes is on the table in the library. If you would like offering envelopes, please sign up by November 13th.

## SPECIAL DATES

- \*All Saints Day, November 1, 2017
- \*Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 5, 2017
- \*Veterans Day, November 11, 2017
- \*Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017
- \*Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2017



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...Sunday, November 12th we will have a special offering for "Mission Fund". The money will go to "Lead a Child". Please put "Lead a Child" in the memo line with your number.

...Sunday, November 5th, we will have our final special offering for "Building Fund". This money is used for repairs and maintenance of the building. Use the "Building Fund" envelope in the bulletin. Put "Building Fund" in the memo line with your number.

...November 22nd at the Thanksgiving Eve service our plate collection will go the Concordia Theological Seminary- Ft Wayne.

...Sunday, November 26th we will have a special offering for "Children's Christmas Treats". This is used for the treat bags the children are given at the Christmas Program. Please put "Children's Christmas Treats" in the memo line with you number.



St Paul's Lutheran Church of Mattoon, 2 miles east of Doran's will be having their annual Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, November 4th serving 4:30pm-7pm. A free-will offering will be taken. Monies received will go to medical expenses of Joseph O'Brien, son-in-law of Pastor Paul & Joan Hopkins.

