

IMMANUELITE

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Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. -Genesis 4:1-8

The distinction between Cain and Abel is apparent. Abel brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. Even though the fruit of the ground was an acceptable offering to God in and of itself (Leviticus 2) Cain did not offer his sacrifice in faith. Hebrews 11:4 states, "By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts." Abel's faith resulted in the offering of the firstborn of the flock and of their fat portions. Cain's lack of faith made his sacrifice, although ok according to the letter of the law, unacceptable.

What passes with less notice is that the Lord had

regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. Cain reveals that he is aware that the Lord regards Abel's offering because Cain's face falls. A fallen face is a Hebrew way of saying that he is angry and so the Lord asks Cain, "Why are you angry?" and then corrects Cain for his faithlessness. God promises that if Cain does right he will be accepted. That is to say that if Cain has faith, he will be accepted.

The fact that Cain knows that the Lord regards Abel's sacrifice, but does not regard Cain's sacrifice indicates that somehow the Lord made known to Cain and Abel whose sacrifice was acceptable and whose sacrifice was not acceptable. The Bible does not record the manner in which this was revealed to them, but one thing seems clear: it was revealed to them in the worship. Only the worship is recorded in Genesis 4. The only thing mentioned is the offering of the sacrifices so it is in the offering of the sacrifices themselves that God reveals for whose sacrifice He has regard. This is in keeping with the purpose of the sacrifices as recorded in Leviticus 1:3 which states, "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting that he may be accepted before the Lord."

Therefore it is in worship that God reveals who it is that He accepts. Specifically it is in the sacrifice of worship in which He reveals who it is that He accepts. John the Baptist reveals who the only acceptable sacrifice is when on two occasions (John 1: 29, 35-36) he states of Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

Abel was therefore offering a shadow of the Christ and according to the passage from Hebrews he believed that. For us the sacrifice of the Christ has already been made. He is already offered to God to make us acceptable. He is already crucified (Ephesians 5:2). Thus we no longer offer sacrifices

of animals because we no longer deal with shadows of Christ (Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 10), but with Christ Himself. What remains unchanged from Cain and Able until now is that God still reveals who it is that He favors with the sacrifice of the Christ in worship.

Because of Jesus,
Pastor



G.R.O.W., a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, October 7th at Broadlands 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 October include:

- 1- Richard mohr
Savana Andresen
- 3- Tari Wright
- 4- Dan Rothermel
- 5- Stephen Schultz
- 9- Art Snider
Paul Freebairn
- 10- Ruth Nelson
- 11- Lana Sanstrom
- 12- Carter Cromwell
- 14- Frank Beck
Phyliss Budde
- 17- Caleb Orwick
- 18- Marla Wienke
Ivan Orwick
Isabella Orwick

- 19- Emory Luth
- 20- Kristina Finney
Linda Winger
Brad Wakefield
Jim Neilson
- 21- Diane Bundy
- 22- Hannah Robinson
Paige Humphrey
- 24- Darci Struck
Genevieve Biggs
- 26- Jenny Kirschner
- 28- Roger Negangard
- 29- Mason Renfrow
- 30- Stacy Erdman
- 31- Joselyn Howell
Andrea Wolf



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!



The Knitting Group will meet Monday, October 15th 1:30pm. Please join us and help make blankets.





The following address changes are for the regular directory or the picture directory, so please make changes as needed:

Joann Stahl
1706 E. Amber Lane Apt 224
Urbana, IL 61802

Dustin Howell
313 April Ct
North Aurora, IL 60542-1201

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
Steve Stone- phone number
Hillary Wienke- phone number
Lauren Rardin- phone number
Tracy Cokley- phone number
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



Immanuelite articles will be due in the office on, Monday, October 22nd. 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.



QUARTERLY Meeting

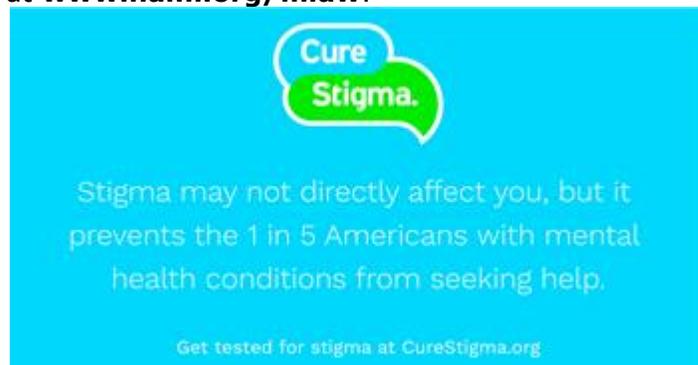
Sunday, October 28th we will hold our quarterly voters meeting after divine service. If you are not a voting member and would like to be see Pastor or Steve Smith.





Opportunity Dear Family and Friends, Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) is a national observance that was designated by the United States Congress and U.S. President in response to the increasing incidence of mental illness. It takes place during the first week in October. This week coincides with October 10th – World Mental Health Day. In addition to the U.S., Mental Illness Awareness Week is celebrated in Canada and Israel. One in 5 Americans is affected by mental health conditions. Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. However, mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. Despite mental illnesses' reach and prevalence, stigma and misunderstanding are also, unfortunately, widespread. Stigma is toxic to their mental health because it creates an environment of shame, fear and silence that prevents many people from seeking help and treatment. The perception of mental illness won't change unless we act to change it. Serious mental illness costs America \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year. Mood disorders, including major depression, dysthymic disorder and bipolar disorder, are the third most common cause of hospitalization in the U.S. for both youth and adults aged 18–44. Individuals living with serious mental illness face an increased risk of having chronic medical conditions. Adults in the U.S. living with serious mental illness die on average 25 years earlier than others, largely due to treatable medical conditions. Over one-third (37%) of students with a mental health condition age 14–21 and older who are served by special education drop out—the highest dropout rate of any disability group. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., the 3rd leading cause of death for people aged 10–14 and the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 15–24. More than 90% of children who die by suicide have a mental health condition. Each day an estimated 18-22 veterans die by suicide. In addition, as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week, National Depression Screening Day will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5. Organizations around the world

are encouraged to offer free, anonymous questionnaires that can help individuals identify potential signs of depression. Learn more at www.mentalhealthscreening.org/programs/ndsd. To take the #Stigma Free pledge, visit www.nami.org/stigmfree. NAMI offers information about mental illness conditions, symptoms and treatment at www.nami.org or through its Help Line at 800-950-NAMI (6264). Learn more about Mental Illness Awareness Week at www.nami.org/miaw.



Your Parish Nurse,
Tiffany Paul and Jody Farmer

Blood Pressure screenings will be available before and after church on October 14, 2018.

On October 20th St. John's Lutheran, Mattoon, IL will host the Central Illinois District evangelism workshop entitled, "Everyone His Witness" or E1HW. This workshop will focus on helping each and every Christian share their faith with their neighbor. Registration starts at 9:00 A.M. There is a 10 dollar registration fee which will cover the cost of lunch for the day. You may mail your registration fee in advance to St. John Lutheran Church 200 Charleston Ave. Mattoon, IL 61938 ATTN: E1HW. Books and materials for individuals and congregations may be purchased at <https://www.cph.org/p-31876-every-one-his-witness-workbook.aspx>.



Sunday, September 30, 2018 Dorothy Eloise Maher was baptized. Dorothy was born May 30, 2018 at Carle Hospital. She is the daughter of Edward and Anna Orwick Maher. Sponsors are Jacob and Kaylie Orwick.



The bike-a-thon will take place on October 14th right after Sunday School. After the course is completed, we will have a lunch in the fellowship hall.

All proceeds will benefit the Broadlands Food Bank.

The complete course is 10 miles; short course for younger riders is 4 miles; and a tiny tots course will be in the parking lot of the Church. Adult chaperones will ride alongside the children. A first-aid/water vehicle will transport children who do not complete the full course back to the church. Children are encouraged to set a reasonable goal based on age and fitness for number of miles to ride; this is not a race. Children must wear bicycle helmets and closed-toe shoes.

Please turn in funds and completed pledge sheets to Kate Boyer, 525 County Road 2400E, Broadlands, IL 61816

Organizers are Kate Boyer 217-369-8436; Abbie Smith 217-260-4694



Trunk or Treat will Sunday, October 21st at 4:00pm. Hot dogs and chili, apple cider and hot chocolate will be provided. Bring a dish to share. A Cemetery walk will at the beginning of trunk or treat. Come and join the fun.

