
IMMANUELITE

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FROM THE PASTOR

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath, but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Romans 13:1-6

When a person initially starts to read a passage like the one above from Romans 13 one might think that the governing authorities could be ecclesiastical authorities, but then we get to verse 6 which talks about paying taxes then we know for sure that the "governing authorities" are the government.

In Romans 13 God lays out His vocation for the government. They are to be a threat to those who do wrong. They are to reward those who do right. That is the primary vocation that God lays upon the state. It dare not neglect it.

That is also why it is sinful to disobey the state. It seems odd in our country to say this, but it is nevertheless true. Speed limits and that odd red tape that all of us despise come with God's authority. Of course this is limited by God's own authority. If the State commands you to do something contrary to God's commands (eg if they told you not to speak the Gospel), then we are constrained by God's own authority to disobey the State (Acts 5:39).

What is even more peculiar is the immediate person to whom God is referring in Romans 13. The governing authorities at the time when God inspired Romans had the Emperor of the Roman Empire as its head. The Emperor did not believe in God and yet God commands that His people honor the emperor. In fact the Roman Emperor at the time when God told His people to honor the emperor was opposed to God in many ways. The Emperor endorsed the worship of false gods. He led many in his Empire astray into the worship of idols. Even so God even commands his people to pray for the emperor and to honor him (1 Timothy 2:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

This means that it is irrelevant to God whether or not a person in government believes in Him. A person may be in government who does not believe in Jesus Christ or who believes in Jesus incorrectly. While such a person is either not saved or their salvation is in jeopardy depending on how far from God's Word their beliefs deviate, they are nevertheless people that God may and will put in government and command us to honor them.

All people have the Natural Law written on their hearts (Romans 2:14-15). Therefore

all people have the necessary faculty from God to govern (assuming they have His calling). Luther himself is credited with saying that he would rather have an operation done by a Muslim doctor than a Christian butcher. When considering someone for a non ecclesiastical office what they believe about Jesus is of no import to God. All He cares about is the person's qualifications to do the job. Only when calling a preacher should folks be worried about what he believes about Jesus. When electing a president or other public officer the only concern should be their qualifications for office and whether they understand the difference between right and wrong morally speaking.

Because of Jesus,
Pastor



FIRST MONDAY SEWING

The next meeting of the sewing group will be on Monday November 7 at 9:00 am. We have started working quilts that we hope to send to LWR next year. This is along with our regular projects. It is nice to have Tracey back and an extra pair of hands is always welcome.

If you are looking for a project to help with please come and join us.

REMEMBER MONDAY

November 7 AT 9:00



The donut sign up sheet for November-December is on the bulletin board. Thanks to all who volunteered. Please pick a Sunday that you are able to pick them up. The donuts are available at the Homer Country Market. Thanks for helping with this and join us for Fellowship!



We have a collection box to help the schools by collecting Betty Crocker Boxtops. 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 at the guest registration podium in the entrance hallway.



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!



G.R.O.W., a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, November 6th 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.



Martyred for Their Faith



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

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 Heffelman
- 4- Deborah Block
Jordan Freeman
Elizabeth Peregrine
- 5- Johannah Goetting
- 6- Greg Finney
Abbie Smith
- 7- Matthew Joines
- 9- Christy Luth
- 11-JoEllen Farmer
- 12-Casey Long
- 15-Nicole Budde Wienke
- 16-Paul Messman
- 21-Barbara Negangard
- 22-Rebecca Rahe
Erin Luedke
- 27-Kathryn Struck
- 28-Adena Paul
- 29-Trenton Smith
- 30-Karl Gruschow



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Here are the directory changes to date. Thank you! The new directory is in but as always we have changes already. Here are a few changes that may not be in the new directory.

Bonnie Wienke
Amber Glen
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Urbana, IL 61801

Loretta Schultz
P.O. Box 13
Allerton, IL 61810
217-834-3381

Michael Mohr
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Los Angeles, CA 90004

Lizbeth Zumkeller
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Homer, IL 61849

I do not have correct address for the following. If you know how to reach them, please let the office know.

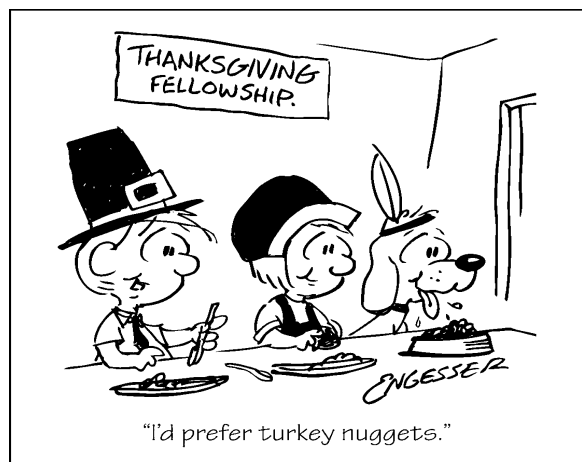
Kathy Richter
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Kelly
Rebecca Rahe
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Laws
Mr. & Mrs. Brian O'Donnell
Ryan Rahe
Brad Wakefield



The next meeting of the KnitWits will be November 21, at 7:00. We meet in the library. Come join us. Winter is just around the corner and there are going to be a lot of cold dreary days ahead. Knitting and/or crocheting are a great way to pass the time when you are snow bound. If you would like to learn, just stop by our next meeting and we can give you a few lessons. See you in November.



Immanuelite articles will be due in the office on, Monday, November 21st. 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!!





the two year bible reading, the website for the schedule is www.nelsonbibles.com/admin/uploads/pdfs/ChronologicalReadingPlan.pdf. If you have any questions, contact Linda Pierce.



CHURCH COUNCIL

It was announced that the O AFC group will be a part of our next Mission Festival and will be canvassing in the area. Also a church and community wide wiener roast/fun day is being planned for the end of October.

It was decided to replace the storm doors on the parsonage. So far the water tests have been good.

A report was given on a mega work day to be held by Empty Tomb for assembling furniture. Details will follow later.

The Board of Worship is working on getting the copy writes for the LUYH songs so they may be displayed on the screens. The Board is very grateful to have a choir director and three new AV operators. More AV operators can be used is you would like to help out.

The Board of Education will be working on a criteria list to be used for Scholarship applications. This will be submitted for approval by the Church Council and will be placed on file for use in the future. They have also started working on the Christmas program.

Notice has been received that the congregation will need to elect a delegate to attend the circuit forum and the district convention. This delegate will attend along with the pastor.



Special thanks to *Bill Taylor, Sharon Rothermel, LeAnn Benner, Inez Brewer, and Don Clem* for picking up donuts for August and October.



We would like to thank the congregation for supporting our fund raising car wash. We raised \$465.00. The funds will go to support our sponsor child, Tatiana. There is a letter at the back of the newsletter from Tatiana to our class.

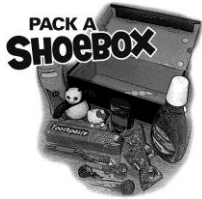
The 7th and 8th Grade Class



The men's club meeting will meet November 16, 2011 at the church at 7:00 PM. They are also planning to have the men's clubs clothing drive for the Fort Wayne Seminary or the St. Louis Seminary in November. I will let the congregation know when we will begin the drive and end it. Just for their information, please package clothing in boxes with lids or package clothing in garbage bags. This helps with loading and transportation. Monetary gifts for the seminaries are also encouraged and accepted and will be delivered when we deliver the clothes.



*Christ
the King Sunday*



"Operation Christmas Child" of Samaritan's Purse is underway for 2011. Please bring your boxes to the church this year by November 20th. Linda Pierce will see that they are delivered to the next stage of their travels.

Last year Immanuel provided 123 boxes for children around the world. How many shoe boxes will you plan to fill this year? Remember, you can choose the sex and age group of the child who receives your box. Do you have children who would like to pick out the gifts for you? At a time when many children in our area are thinking about "What am I going to get for Christmas?" this is a terrific teaching opportunity. If you would like to give but are unable to get out, you may give a check for \$20.00 to Linda and she will get the boxes filled for you.

FROM OUR DCO INTERN

Neighbor to Neighbor

"The most important one [commandment]," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mk 12:28-31

In Francis Chan's book *Crazy Love* he says this regarding Jesus' words in Mark, "Lukewarm people love others but do not seek to love others as much as they love themselves. Their love for others is typically focused on those who love them in return, like family, friends, and other people they know and connect with. There is little love left over for those who cannot love them back, much less for those who intentionally slight them, whose kids are better athletes than theirs, or with whom conversations are awkward or

uncomfortable. Their love is highly conditional and very selective, and generally comes with strings attached."

Immanuel, please do not hear in these words that I think you are doing sub-par job of loving others, this is not what I am getting at. Francis Chan has a point that applies to most Christians. Is it not easier to love those who love us back rather than those who spit in our faces; or, potentially even more awkward, loving those who we barely even know?

So what does it mean to love God AND to love your neighbor as yourself? To me there is a great connection between these two commandments. When the Holy Spirit touches our hearts an amazing love for God results. In Romans 15:13 we hear about His hope overflowing in our hearts; when this hope overflows it naturally reaches our neighbors. Imagine someone doing a cannon ball in a swimming pool, at least a few of the spectators will be getting splashed. This overflow of the Holy Spirit is what drives us to be kind, patient, and loving towards others. This month will you prayerfully consider how you have been a neighbor to those around you; or, in other words, how have those around you been splashed? This is what I will be reflecting on this month in my devotions which will be shared on Facebook weekly.

Then, on Saturday December 10th we are doing a Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) invitation to church for Christmas in celebration of this commandment. Yes, "our neighbors" includes our families and friends but God has called us to love even beyond this. "Our neighbors" actually does include our physical neighbors. N2N is a simple event that will help our members learn what being a neighbor can mean and let our physical neighbors in Newman know that we are here and they are welcome. We would love as many members as possible to be a part of this event. If 16 pairs go out we will be able to reach everybody in Newman. There is no age limit; the only requirement is a desire to let our neighbors know they are welcome at Immanuel. We will meet and prepare at 9:30 am, go out at 11, and come together for lunch at 12:30. If you have any questions or concerns don't be afraid to contact me!

SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2011
- Daylight-Savings Time ends, November 6, 2011
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2011
- Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2011
- National Bible Week, November 20-27, 2011
- Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011
- First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011



Membership Transfers

The Board of Lay Ministry and Church Council approved the transfer of Charles and Mary McDuffie from Trinity Lutheran Church in Urbana. We welcome the McDuffie's to Immanuel.

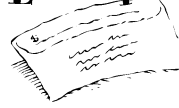
The Board of Lay Ministry and Church Council approved the transfer of Lynn and Karla Podoll to Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro. We will miss the Podoll's and wish them well.



The sign up sheet is on the bulletin for nut orders. The price for all nuts are \$9.00 a pound. We have pecan halves, pecan pieces, mixed nuts and cashews. The arrival date for the nuts is the end of October or first of November. Place your order today to have the nuts you will need for the holidays. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Rothermel.



Offering Envelopes



The sign-up sheet for 2012 offering envelopes is available for sign up. It is on the table in the library. If you would like yearly packet of envelopes, just sign up and we will order them. Thanks!!



LCMS Youth Sharing Jesus

Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ is having a weekend hosted by Immanuel, Broadlands, IL on Nov. 11-13th. This free weekend includes: singing, drama, Bible study, puppets, witnessing, personal witness. Ask an Evangelism Board member for more information. O AFC is a recognized service organization of our LCMS, Word Missions, sharing the Good News of Jesus suffering, death and resurrection for the forgiveness sins for all peoples. O AFC actively participates in the Ablaze effort of the LCMS to reach 100 million hearts with the Gospel message by 2017. To this end, O AFC has shared this saving message with 4,477 souls who have had no church home or were inactive in a church.



MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Sunday, November 13th we will hold our Final Mission Fest for the year. The Reverend David Goodine from RAI Ministries/ Camp Restore will be the guest speaker. He is associated with the New Orleans area and the church the youth group visited at the National Youth gathering a few years ago. Our Mission offering on that day will go to the RAI Ministries/Camp Restore. After the service the youth group will serve a Roast Beef dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Beef House rolls and homemade desserts. Join us for dinner. The free will offering will go to the Youth Group for their trips. Thrivent will match the funds for the youth.



Junior Disciples:

This month the Junior Disciples can look forward to two awesome events! First, on Friday November 4th the 1st-6th graders will be getting together for a movie night. We will watch two different movies with the 1st-3rd grade in one room and 5th-6th grade in the another, giving the 4th graders an option of which movie they would like to watch. The event begins at 5:30-8:30 pm with dinner and snacks provided.

Second, on Sunday November 20th the Junior Disciples will meet after church to create their own Thanksgiving cards and deliver them to the nursing home in Newman. The event will include lunch. If you have any questions or are interested in chaperoning at any Junior disciples events contact Katie Martin or Darci Struck.



Lock-In:

We will be hosting a Junior High lock-in from 6:00pm Nov. 5th- 9:00am Nov. 6th. Any 7th and 8th graders in the community are invited to spend the night and enjoy movies, food, games, and more! The night's devotions will be based on Matthew 5:14 and we'll learn about how we are the light of the world! Students should bring: sleeping bag, pillow, overnight toiletries, tennis shoes and Bible. What to wear: Comfy (modest) clothes they can run around in, sleep in, and wear to Church (that's right, church in our PJ's). Immanuel will provide supper, snacks, breakfast, and volunteers trained in risk management. Call Katie Martin for permission forms, if you are interested in chaperoning, or any other questions.



Dear Family and Friends,

We live in a time where we expect immediate gratification. We are impatient if we are put on hold. Our blood pressure begins to raise if we are in line at the drive-up for more than 2 minutes. Our Internet connections needs to be faster and

faster. We eat fast foods; we microwave our meals in minutes. We have a hard time enjoying the moment because we're already anticipating the next. This constant rushing keeps our body in a "fight or flight" stage. Our body adapts to the high levels of adrenalin coursing through our veins. But overtime this constant accelerated state can take its toll on blood vessel walls, on major organs and on our sense of well-being. Great athletes know that they must balance their workouts with ample of amounts of rest in order to give their best performance. Balance is the key. **On the seventh day even God rested!** While we are to be about the work God has for us to do we also need to pause and appreciate the beauty of His word 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."

Scriptures for the Day

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me..and I will give you rest."

Psalms 23:3 He restoreth my soul.

Psalms 62:1 My soul finds rest in God alone.

Isaiah 32:18 My people will live...in undisturbed places of rest.

Your Parish Nurse,
Tiffany Paul

Blood pressure screenings will be available before and after church on November 6

Vial of Life will be available November 20 before and after church in the Parish Nursing Office. This is a program that helps you organize your medical history on one form, and place it in a designated spot. This then helps emergency medical workers to use this Vial to provide the appropriate care that you require. If you have participated in the past, please come and receive a new sheet so you can update it. If you would like to participate, please come to the Parish Nursing office for a Vial. If you need help filling out the form, help will be provided.



Adoption Awareness Month