



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

August
2023

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7)

God is hard at work here at Immanuel. Looking ahead for the next few months, we have a busy schedule, full of new events, old traditions, and old traditions reshaped. August 20th brings what used to be called “Hot Times,” our traditional car show, cake walk, hot wheel races, and good food. With the skyrocketing cost of having the city close off the street, we will no longer have the car show, but all the other activities are full speed ahead. September brings both a wedding and a spaghetti feed fund raiser (date yet to be determined) for the automatic accessible north door project. Come join in fellowship whether you are able to contribute or not. October is our rummage sale on the 7th, a jointly-sponsored Chorale presentation at Redeemer on the 24th, and a joint Reformation Service here at Immanuel on the 29th.

And these are just our church-related events. We also have vacation plans, back-to-school preparation, summer sports tournaments, the county fair, and on and on. God does not only work through our church. God is fast at work in our homes and community, too. Our lives can easily become chaotic and overwhelming. Our Gospel readings for the past month have been about the parables of Jesus. Parables that tell us what the kingdom of heaven is like. These busy times may make us feel that the kingdom of God is like a merry-go-round that is spinning out of control.

It is important to remember in the midst of our busy schedules that God is in charge. It is important to remember that even God stopped every once in a while, to look around and see that God’s work is good. It is important to remember that God only worked six days a week and then rested on the seventh. It is important to remember that God is God and we are not. It is important to remember that, like Solomon, we are only little children that, without God, do not know how to go out or to come in.



Wherever God takes us in our busy lives, all we do is better when we begin and end our endeavors with prayer. There is no right way or right place to pray. We can pray standing up or lying down. We can pray sitting still and looking up or while we walk around. When we pray we can come to God just as we are. In silence or in speaking. As we enter in to these next few months, may we remember that the kingdom of heaven has come near and God is always with us. And life is so much more joyful when we take a moment to stop, look around at all that God is doing, and thank God that it is good. Amen.

Pastor Jacque



Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ & Love



Thank you for your generosity during the month of June. Our envelope offerings were \$13,294 which is significantly higher than the first five months average of 2023 (\$9,639). Our monthly budget is \$13,976 so continue to keep us in your prayers as we finish up the summer and start the fall activities.

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce.
Proverbs 3:9

Congregation Council Action from June 2023:

Recommendation approved that no contribution to Camp Tomah Shinga be made at this time.

Recommendation approved to transfer \$10,000 from Savings to General Fund.

Recommendation approved to move the remaining funds in the 9/11 Event Fund to General Fund upon approval of the two major donors.

Recommendation approved to have a silent auction of the coins from the Gladys L. Heminger Trust.

Approved motions for constitutional revisions.

Approved Pastor Jacque's vacation July 26-Aug 6.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the generous gift which will go towards the cost of my clinical pastoral education component. I will be volunteering at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, OH as a chaplain while also taking a chaplaincy class. Thank you again for your continued support as I continue through my seminary journey. Love & blessings, *Megan Mong* (\$2,000 scholarship from Immanuel Foundation)

Thank you for your loving generosity! Your support is essential to achieving our goal of removing barriers, restoring lives, and realizing a future where community-based services are accessible to all. *Brittany Miller, Salina Grace Foundation* (2022 God's Work Our Hands offering of \$251)

Your contribution to our 150th Celebration is greatly appreciated. *St John's Lutheran Church* (use of coffee carafes)



Pastoral Care

Pastor Jacque is on vacation July 26-August 6. Please contact Pastor Del Strecker (785) 822-4355 if you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies during that time.

Coin Auction

The silent auction of coins and tokens from the Gladys L. Heminger Trust is open. Items are displayed in the trophy case near the handicap bathroom in the upper hallway. Bid sheet is on a clipboard by the display. Bidding ends August 31, 2023

Flowers for Worship



Altar Guild offers two ways in which you can remember or honor loved ones and/or special occasions on Sunday mornings through floral arrangements.

Altar flowers may be placed in memory or honor of someone or occasion. Altar Guild has beautiful silk arrangements for you to choose from. A \$20 donation to Altar Guild is requested for this option.

A special bouquet may also be placed in memory or honor of someone or occasion. It is your responsibility to purchase and have the arrangement delivered by noon on Friday.

For either of these options, please sign up on the chart in the narthex. Questions? Contact Diana Looney.

Share Shed



Immanuel's Share Shed is in need of clean, gently used or new summer clothing, socks and women's underwear. The shed is accessible 24/7 so items may be left in the shed at any time. For larger donations, please drop off at the church M-F mornings 8:30am-12:30pm.

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is always ready to pray for our members and others in need. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain, contact Sonja Johnson.



Missions Festival

Sunday, August 20

4:00-7:00 pm

Support
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Hot wheel races, cake walk,
hamburgers and hotdogs by donation.

Proceeds will benefit Camp Tomah Shinga and Lutheran World Relief.

It's time to create LWR School Kits!

100 Lutheran World Relief school kits is our goal again this year! If you'd like to help gather supplies, items needed by September 10 are:

- 400 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 500 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 10 erasers, 2 .5" long
- 100 boxes of 24 crayons

We will be ordering some items in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged. If you have questions, please contact Mindy Tillberg.



Joint Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 pm

Council members are reminded of the meeting with St. John's and Redeemer on August 8 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 743 E Magnolia Rd. Please let Janet Ireton know if you are not able to attend.



Back to School Blessing

Sunday, August 13



All students & school district employees are invited forward during worship for a special blessing.

Women's Mini-Retreat

St. John's Lutheran Church, Russell
August 17 * 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

The women of Immanuel are invited to this retreat where the Gather Magazine Bible study will be used. Presenters are Pastor Teri Sutherlin, Pastor Brenda Rodger, and Pastor Jacque Thornton.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 7



Good, clean items are needed for the annual rummage sale. Donations may be brought to the church and put on the basement stage. It takes many volunteers for a successful event, please consider helping with the Rummage Sale! There will be signup sheets available in September. Let us know if you are interested in helping and/or baking for a bake sale. For more information see Kathy Herron, Clara Herbel, Connie Beisner, or Corlene Lange.

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Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to office@immanuelsalina.org
Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Wednesday, Sept 6

5:30-7:00 pm

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Messy Activities



Join us at Messy Church as we begin our 7 month journey through the creation story! All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts, activities, and Biblical storytelling.

WELCA does not meet in August.
Altar Guild does not meet in August.

AUGUST Worship Volunteers as of 07/28/2023

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Greeter			Tom Davis	
Usher	Tom Davis		Tom Davis	
iPad				
Acolyte		Tom Davis		
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector			Emily Komarek	Monica Davis
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care	Connie Beisner	Jo Srna Norma Hodge	Kathy Herron	Monica Davis Diana Looney
Fellowship Hosts				

SEPTEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 07/28/2023

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				