



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you ever wondered if what we do as the church really matters? From the day somebody is baptized, promises are made to help the one being baptized to grow in relationship with God. We, the parents, godparents, and congregation all make promises to help raise the child in the faith.

We, as a congregation, get the pleasure of watching them to grow through the terrible twos and on into the wonderful teenage years all while we help them to grow in faith. The old saying is true that it takes a village to raise a child. But, does it really matter? Is it important for us to continue to teach our children to grow in their faith? Or for that matter, is it important for us to continue to grow in our own faith?

At our May council meeting, those questions were answered as we talked about three of our young adults.



Megan just graduated from college and was accepted to participate in Young Adults in Global Mission or YAGM. She will be one of 85 young adults who are serving God through the ELCA in 11 different countries around the world with her destination being Jerusalem.

Megan writes, "I wanted to participate in YAGM since I was little and learned about the program. I loved the idea of traveling and helping people. I am super excited for the new foods I will get to try! I love falafel. I will be learning Arabic while teaching English to kids. I will also be serving within a church and helping with worship."

Eli is the outdoor specialist or outdoor education guy for this summer at Tomah Shinga. He said he wasn't sure what his official title is but he is up for it. In answering my question as to why he wanted to be a counselor, Eli said, "Because I went to camp so often when I was a kid myself, I love spending time out there. It's also fun to get to talk with kids about their faith and help them grow spiritually."



Kate is also in her second year with Tomah Shinga as a counselor.

Kate writes, "Camp Tomah Shinga has always been home for me. It's amazing to be part of the staff again this summer and helping kids grow in their faith and learn to work as a group."

So does our work really matter? At our council meeting, Mindy mentioned that we are the only church in the synod that has two of their young adults as camp counselors for Tomah Shinga and this is the second year for both of them. And then there is Megan who was accepted into the YAGM program. Everything that their parents and we, as a congregation, have done as they grew into young adults has helped to shape them as disciples of Christ.

Never underestimate what God does through all of us. We are in this journey together as we proclaim the risen Lord to all people.

In Christ,
Pastor Kent

Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ's Love

As opportunities arise to help Dorothy Hanna recover from her house fire, we will post them on the closed Facebook group and in Sunday bulletins. Please watch for these events!



The newly updated Immanuel website is live!
Check it out! <http://immanuelsalina.org/>

thank you

Thank you for the prayers, memorials, cards and all who helped with the luncheon. *The Family of Carol Olson*

Thank you so much to all of you for the concern, prayers and assistance you have provided (and continue to provide) since the loss of my house in February. In the midst of much loss it has been a blessing to know I am surrounded by such a caring community. I am truly grateful. *Sincerely, Dorothy Hanna*

Thank you to all who donated items and/or helped assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during Lent. We were able to assemble 58 kits! Thank you!



Online giving is a simple and easy way to make your financial gifts to the church. Through your own bank, you can setup automatic payments to Immanuel. This option allows you to continue to give to the church even if you are out-of-town for the weekend or for any other reason that keeps you away from church for a Sunday. If you would like more information about online giving to Immanuel, please contact Pastor Kent!

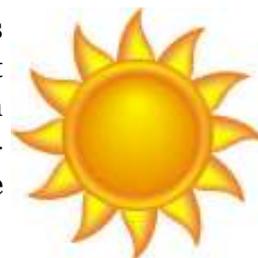
Adult Confirmation

An adult confirmation class will be offered this fall. This class will be open to anyone, especially those who want to: be baptized, learn more about Lutheran beliefs, and/or re-ignite their faith! If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kent.



We are so appreciative for all the volunteers to gave of their time to help deliver flowers for Mother's Day! The money that was raised will placed in our account for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering. *Immanuel Youth*

St. Francis of Assisi — perhaps best remembered for his love of animals and his belief that God cares about them in special ways too — was said to have lived with an exuberant “attitude of gratitude.” He wrote, “Such love does the sky now pour, that whenever I stand in a field, I have to wring the light out when I go home.”



As summertime begins, what natural wonders amaze you and make you grateful: sweet-smelling grass? warm, gentle rain? blooming flowers everywhere? pristine, blue skies? Just for fun, write an exclamation like that of St. Francis, glorifying God for his creation.

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

***There are no meetings during
June, July, and August.
Enjoy your summer!***

Congregation Council Action from March 2019:

Unanimous approval of new member, Jessica Gengler by affirmation or faith.



Camp Tomah Shinga Quilt Auction Saturday, September 14, 2019



11:00am Quilt viewing
Noon Lunch
1:00pm Auction begins

Quilt donations will be received between August 1-August 31 at First Lutheran in Manhattan.
Questions? Contact Karen Spaeth (785) 539-1363 or kspaeth@cox.net

Central States Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the synod and is charged with electing members to the Synod Council, other synod committees and churchwide voting members, voting on a budget, and on other resolutions that are presented to the assembly. In addition to conducting the business of the synod, voting members and visitors gather for worship, presentations, and workshops designed to support the ministry we do together as a synod.

The 2019 Synod Assembly will be June 6–8, 2019 at the Marriott Kansas City/Overland Park, and will include the Bishop's Election.

Please pray for Immanuel's voting members to the 2019 Central States Synod Assembly are Gary & Karla Arpin, Deacon Mindy Tillberg, and Pastor Kent Happel.



Newsletter Distribution

The July Messenger will be emailed on June 21. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let Mindy know! For those who opted for print copies, they will be available for pick-up on Sunday, June 23. If you do not pick yours up that day, it will be mailed to you on June 25.



Do you have an article for the July Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelosalina.org
Deadline for the July newsletter is June 15.

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Harvest Worship June 9 at 7:00 pm

(Location to be announced)

Join us for worship and fellowship as we pray for a safe and bountiful wheat harvest.



Congregational Vitality Workshop Embracing Change and Leadership Saturday, June 22 from 10am-3pm Redeemer Lutheran, Salina

Research has shown that the most effective leadership is “leadership that inspires others.” What does that look like in the church, on the council, in the pastoral office? How do we exercise leadership in ways that embrace change, that inspires others, that facilitates growth and transformation in the church?

Leadership is **vital** to congregational **vitality**. At this workshop, we will explore:

1. Shared Leadership (council & pastor, committees & lay leaders, synod staff & congregations)
2. Change Theory (congregations can bend, but do not break them)
3. Inspiring Leadership
4. Adaptive Leadership

We would like to have a group from Immanuel attend this workshop. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kent.



Congregational Pool Party

Friday, July 26 from 8-10pm
at the Lindsborg Pool.