



The Messenger

October
2023

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13:7-9

October marks an important milestone for me. October 15th is the one-year anniversary of my ordination. As I was searching for a scripture for one year, the story of the fig tree popped up. So, have we, you and I, born fruit together during my first year here at Immanuel? Let us look back as we look forward.

I have enjoyed learning Immanuel's traditions. Some have remained the same and some have transformed. Advent, Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Easter services and traditions have continued. This year we added the Solemn Reproaches during Good Friday. After missing several years, the Harvest Blessing Service was brought back. Hot Times without the cars has transformed into a Missions Festival. The Living Nativity was again held with the addition of hot chocolate.

Our joint float in the Parade of Lights was representative of our evolving relationships with our sister ELCA churches. Together with Redeemer and St. John's, we have held joint services for Thanksgiving Eve, Reformation Sunday, a Longest Night Service, and God's Work Our Hands. We look forward to jointly sponsoring the Cornerstone Chorale later this month. We also hosted the Synod Professional Development Day.



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LUKE 13:9, NIV

And we have borne new fruit. We have been blessed to have had two baptisms, a confirmation, and a wedding. Sadly we have also experienced six funerals and memorial services. We have begun the Share Shed ministry which has grown to receive support from and serve the greater community. We have drafted an updated Constitution that has received the Bishop's approval and will be presented for vote at our next Congregational Meeting. I record and post two Bible lessons online each week for everyone's use. We have just installed an accessible entry at the north door. Later this month we will enjoy a spaghetti fund-raising dinner for the new door. We will also be adding an accessible door to the family restroom. And we have added new ways of thanking and giving each Sunday through noisy offerings, donations to the blessing boxes and Share Shed, and Thank-you Sunday.

This past year has indeed been fruitful here at Immanuel. And continuing to work together with God's blessing, the best is yet to come. I'm not too keen on the manure part, but we, like the fruit tree, can still stand some digging around and special care to become all God has created us to be. What do you see God doing here? Amen

Pastor Jaegge

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

Financials through August 31, 2023

General Fund Income - Cash: \$130,131.70

General Fund Expenses: \$153,117.11

Deficit: \$22,985.41

Bethany Home Auxiliary



We are looking for a member or two to serve on the Bethany Home Auxiliary. The Auxiliary meets six times a year. They help with activities and provide cakes and cookies for Bethany Home residents. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as Immanuel's representative on the Auxiliary.

Addresses Needed!



Church
ANNIVERSARY

The 155th Anniversary Committee is asking for names and addresses of family and friends who once attended Immanuel or those who would like to attend the anniversary celebration on May 4, 2025. Please send the addresses to the church office by email or drop them by the church office.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On Sunday, October 22 our 3rd grade students are scheduled to receive Bibles. If you have a 3rd grader, please contact the church office so we may plan accordingly!



Congregation Council Action from August 2023:

Approved recommendation to move savings and CD account balances to a new account with better interest.

Approved recommendation for NexTech invoices to be auto-paid.

Approved motions for constitutional revisions.

Approved recommendation for special weekly offerings: 1st Sunday noisy offering for ELCA Good Gifts, 2nd Sunday food for Blessing Boxes, 3rd Sunday items for Share Shed, 4th Sunday thank you notes.



Thank you...

... to everyone who donated items and/or helped assembled the **105** Lutheran World Relief School Kits that were created on September 17!

Recommended Constitutional Changes



Beginning October 1, members may preview a draft of the revised constitution that will be posted on the church website. Hard copies will be available

upon request. The constitutional revisions are recommended by the Church Council and will be voted on at our November congregational meeting (date to be determined). Questions regarding the revisions may be directed to Pastor Jacque.

Altar Flowers

There are many Sundays available to sponsor altar flowers! Please check the flower chart in the narthex.



Special Monthly Offerings

1st Sunday

Loose coins for ELCA Good Gifts

2nd Sunday

Food items for the Blessing Boxes at St John's & Redeemer

3rd Sunday

Clothing & personal care items for our Share Shed

4th Sunday

Thank you notecards





Wednesday, Oct 4
5:30-7:00 pm
5:30 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Messy activities

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

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
Saturday, October 7
8:00 am – 2:30 pm



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! Signup sheets are in the narthex. 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.



Pastor Jacque will attend a First Call meeting and the Central States Synod Fall Theological Conference October 9-12 in Kansas City. Mindy will also be attending the Fall Theological Conference as well. Thank you to Carol Ann Sloo for covering the church office that week!



Monday, October 16 at 1:30pm
 WELCA will begin meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1:30 pm at the church.



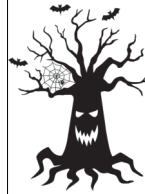
Altar Guild
 Wednesday, October 18 at 5:15 pm.

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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 Mindy Tillberg, Deacon.....office@immanuelsalina.org
 Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Youth Group

Saturday, October 14
 Beginning at 8:00 am we will help with the Salina Fall Fix-Up.



Saturday, October 21
 We will attend the Falun Salemsborg Lutheran Parish Haunted Forest.

Watch for messages about these events!

Cornerstone Chorale & Brass

Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church

A nationally auditioned professional ensemble of 20 singers, 6 instrumentalists and a narrator present more than a concert – words of inspiration in a rich musical setting.

Immanuel will need host families for 10 members of the Cornerstone Chorale and Brass. Hosts will provide transportation to/from Redeemer, overnight accommodations on Tuesday, October 24 and breakfast on Wednesday, October 25.

Redeemer, St John's and Immanuel need to raise \$3,000 to bring the group to Salina. \$2,100 has already been raised.



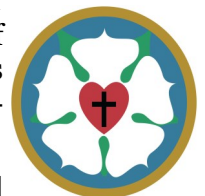
The 2023 Lutheran World Relief Ingathering is **Thursday, October 26** from 9:00 am-Noon at St John's Lutheran Church. A volunteer is needed to help Bob take the personal care kits and school kits that we have assembled to St John's. Must be able to lift a 40 pound box. Please let Bob or the church office know if you can help.

Reformation Sunday

Joint Worship at Immanuel

October 29 at 9:30 am

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church, thus launching the Protestant Reformation.



On October 29 at 9:30 am we will gather with our friends from St. John's and Redeemer for a joint worship service at Immanuel. Don't forget to wear **RED!**

OCTOBER Worship Volunteers as of 09/22/2023

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29 Reformation Sunday
Greeter		Tom Davis			
Usher	Tom Davis				
iPad					
Acolyte	Tom Davis		Tom Davis		
Cantor					
Assisting Minister					
Lector					
Children's					
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care	Connie Beisner	Corlene Lange	Kathy Herron	Connie Beisner	Carol Ann Sloo
Fellowship Hosts	Yosai & Milleson				Herron's

NOVEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 09/22/2023

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting				
Lector				
Children's				
Communion				
Altar Guild Communion Care	Kathy Herron & Diana Looney	Monica Davis		
Fellowship				