



# The Messenger

September  
2023

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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*For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*

Romans 12:4-5

If the above passage sounds familiar, it may be because it is part of the lectionary for September 12. Using our God-given time, talents, and resources together to serve God and our neighbors is all part of God's purpose for us. It is called stewardship, a word that we are not always fond of, and yet it is a practice that can bring us extraordinary joy as we live out our faith. September is a month full of old and new stewardship opportunities here at Immanuel.

September 10<sup>th</sup> is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Together with our siblings from Redeemer and St. John's, we will have a joint worship service and service projects. The day will begin with coffee and donuts at 9:00 at St. John's followed by worship. Pastor Kim has graciously invited me to preside at the service. Our three service projects will consist of packing and delivering lunches to those living on the downtown streets, completing hygiene kits for the blessing boxes and high schools, and cleaning at Salina Grace Community Resource Center. For the service projects, we are collecting small shaving creams, hand sanitizers, and small shampoos or 3-in-1 body wash/shampoos.

Our opportunities to serve God and the community are not just limited to one day as our Stewardship Team has chosen ways to make service a part of our Sunday worship. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, we will collect a noisy offering in addition to our usual offering. Bring your loose change to make plenty of noise as the kids collect the coins in coffee cans. The children will use the noisy offerings to choose an animal (Chick, rooster, honeybees, etc.) from the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog for a



needy family. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, we will collect and bless food items for the Blessing Boxes at Redeemer and St. John's. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, we will collect and bless items for our Share Shed. Watch and listen for a list of needed items for the Blessing Boxes and Shed.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be a special Thank You Sunday. We will have note cards and a special "mailbox" available in the narthex. We encourage you to watch for people in our congregation that you would like to thank. Write them a note, sign your name or leave it anonymous, put it in the "mailbox," and we will quietly deliver the notes to the recipients. That leaves the occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, doesn't it? Any ideas for more ways to spread the joy of God's abundant and steadfast love as we work together as the body of Christ?

Glory to God for choosing us to be a part of God's great plan! Amen.

*Pastor Jaegge*

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

## Financials through July 31, 2023

General Fund Income - Cash: \$110,402.60

General Fund Expenses: \$127,550.35

Deficit: \$17,147.75



### 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.

### 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!



### 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.

**THANK YOU!**

We want to take a moment and express our heartfelt gratitude for your cards, food, visits at the house, your presence and support during this challenging time. Your love, prayers and acts of kindness have been a source of comfort.

Warmest regards, *Carol Ann Sloo*

Thank you to everyone who helped with our activities for the Missions Festival - making cakes for the cake walk, cooking and serving the food, helping with the hot wheel race and the corn hole game. We had a lot of fun!

*Missions Team*

### Congregation Council Action from July 2023:

No minutes approved.



*Megan (left) with her chaplaincy cohort.*

Greetings from Ohio! I have spent my summer as a chaplain at the Christ Hospital in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. I have learned a lot this summer, both about myself and ministry that will help me in my future contexts. I have learned how to sit comfortably in the uncomfortable moments of life.

I will be back at seminary in Chicago soon. I am excited to be in our new building which we will be sharing with two other Christian seminaries. I am most looking forward to my Ministry in Context class. I have been paired with Resurrection Church and will have the opportunity to preach and lead their various ministries throughout the school year. I am also taking a preaching class and a history of Christianity class.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting me through this journey! I would not be able to do this without your support and prayers.

Peace & Blessings, *Megan Mong*



**Be  
kind**



### 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

See Pastor Jacque's article for more information about these special offerings!





CELEBRATING  
**10**  
YEARS

**“God’s work. Our hands.”** Sunday



September 10, 2023

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

On Sunday, September 10 Immanuel, Redeemer and St John churches will join together for worship and to share God’s love with our community!

**Sunday, September 10**

**9:00 am Donuts & Fellowship at St John’s**

**9:30 am Worship at St. John’s**

**10:30 am Service options:**

- \* Gather at St John’s to pack and deliver lunches for homeless people downtown
- \* Gather at Salina Grace Community Resource Center to clean.
- \* Donate items for high school students in need: Deodorant and 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo.

Watch for more info about these service opportunities!



**Do you have an article for the Messenger?**

Please send information to [office@immanuelsalina.org](mailto: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.

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

**WELCA Group**

Thursday, September 12 at 1:30pm

**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 are (as of 8/23/23):



- 370 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 140 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 10 erasers, 2 .5” long

We will be ordering some items in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged. If you have questions, please contact Mindy Tillberg. Kits will be assembled on **Sunday, September 17.**

**Altar Guild** will resume monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm. The next meeting is September 20.



**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.



## October Worship Volunteers as of 08/24/2023

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29 Reformation Sunday
Greeter					
Usher					
iPad					
Acolyte					
Cantor					
Assisting Minister					
Lector					
Children's Sermon					
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care					
Fellowship Hosts					

## SEPTEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 08/24/2023

	September 3 Labor Day weekend	September 10	September 17	September 24
Greeter		God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9:30 am Worship at St John's		
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte	Tom Davis			
Cantor	Pam Michel			
Assisting Minister	Pam Michel			
Lector				Jeri Clouston
Children's Sermon	Liz Diehl			Liz Diehl
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				