



The Messenger

October
2026

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

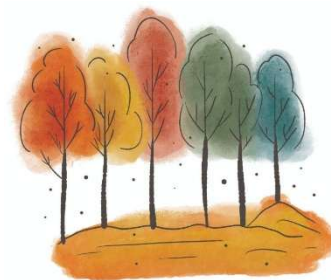
*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you.*

Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:7-10

Greetings from the great Northwest! As I enjoy the splendor of the ocean, cliffs, and lakes, mountains and forests of Oregon and Washington, I find myself wondering whether the people who live here are as struck by the wonder of God's creation as I am. Each place carries its own created beauty. But I am afraid we all become too accustomed to the wonders of creation that surround us each day right outside our front doors.

God's gifts are abundant and glorious. The Lord gifts us with forgiveness, salvation, and grace upon grace. But God also gifts us with the glory of creation wherever we are. When I was young, we had a custom called The Sunday Afternoon Drive. Before air conditioning, livestreaming, endless television, and social media kept us shut in behind closed doors, we found our entertainment and joy out in nature. Taking that family Sunday drive, watching the fields and trees change with the seasons, did we appreciate the world around us more?



Even those who couldn't make those Sunday drives had another custom, Sitting on the Front Porch. Watching the squirrels and birds, the flowers blooming, the thunderstorms rolling in. And visiting with the neighbors walking by. As this month of October arrives with (hopefully) cooler temperatures, I challenge everyone to slow down and witness again the amazing creation with which God surrounds us. Let's bring back those old customs to enjoy God's gifts of creation and relationships.

The last Sunday of the month, we will come together with St. John's and Redeemer to celebrate Reformation, the movement that began our Lutheran faith. In the words of Martin Luther:

The power of God is present at all places, even in the tiniest tree leaf. Do you think God is sleeping on a pillow in heaven? ...God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you. (Luther Works 37:57)

God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field. (Luther Works 37:61)

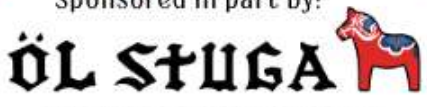
This October, may we celebrate God's glory in nature and in each other. Amen.

Pastor Jaeger



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Celebration GALA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM
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**DUELING PIANOS,
SILENT AUCTION,
& MEAL**

Estate Planning Workshop * Sunday, October 4

The Stewardship Team is hosting an informational workshop on estate planning and wills following worship on Sunday, October 4. Brunch will be served.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering * Thursday, October 22

The 2026 LWR Ingathering is Thursday, October 22 from 9:00 am -Noon at St John's Lutheran Church.

A couple of volunteers are needed to take the personal care and school kits to St John's.

Must be able to lift a 40 pound box. Please let the church office know if you can help.

Reformation Sunday October 25 * 9:30 am

Joint Worship at Immanuel

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church, thus launching the Protestant Reformation. On October 25 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**!



Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

Sunday, October 25 * 1:00-3:00 pm



Volunteers are needed to hand-pack scientifically formulated **MannaPack®** meals made of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and a nutritional blend of vitamins and minerals. These are shipped to distribution partners in nearly

70 countries to feed malnourished children. People of all abilities and ages (age 5 up to 100+) work together in energetic, two-hour shifts wearing hairnets. It will be at First United Methodist Church, 122 N 8th St, Salina. Reservations are required to volunteer! Contact the church office to reserve your spot.



To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

~ Martin Luther



Thank You

Thank you to Connie Beisner and Corlene Lange who came to visit me and brought me communion. I enjoyed our visit.
Thank you, *Dannie Tillberg*

Thanks to all the volunteers that made our Hot Times Car Show such a success. We had 46 cars registered for the car show, 31 cakes donated for the Cake Walk, 16 faces painted during our new Face Painting event, 14 kids entered in the Hot Wheel Races and lots of hamburgers and hot dogs were eaten. We received \$1,546 in donations which will be divided between Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea. Thank you again!

Missions Team

Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or helped assemble the 104 Lutheran World Relief School Kits that were created on September 20!
Youth & Education Team

Out of Office

Pastor Jacque and Deacon Mindy will be out of the office September 30-October 1 while attending the Synod's Fall Theological Conference in Kansas City. If you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies, please contact Pastor Jacque at 785-346-6117.

Pastor Jacque will be out of the office October 2-19. If you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies, please contact Pastor Kim Frederking at 785-743-8309.

Council Minutes Summary for August 10, 2026

Treasurers' Report: Revenues exceeded expenses for August 2026, by \$5,074. Year-to-date the expenses exceed revenue by \$26,639. We have \$30,178 of General Fund cash as of August 31, 2026.

Old Business:

Property Team reported that seven units in the sanctuary are now working well.

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.

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25 Reformation Sunday
Greeter				
Usher				
Acolyte				
Cantor		Henry Diehl		Henry Diehl
Asst Minister		Henry Diehl		Henry Diehl
Lector				
Kid's Sermon	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl	
Communion Asst				
Altar Guild	Carol Ann S	Kathy H & Amy V	Connie B	Carol Ann & Diana L
Fellowship Hosts				

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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pastor & Mindy to Fall Theological Conference Sept 30-Oct 1 5:30 Property	2 8:00 Men's coffee ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	3 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Play Outside Day
4 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Youth & Ed Team 11:00 Estate Planning workshop ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	5 5:30 Finance Team ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Get Funky Day	6 5:15 Worship Team ~ ~ ~ Pastor Jacque	7 6:30 Missions Team out of the office	8 October 2-19 ~ ~ ~	9 8:00 Men's coffee ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Moldy Cheese Day	10 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	12 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 Council ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 ~ ~ ~ Pastor Jacque	14 out of the office	15 Messenger Deadline 9:00 Evangelism Team October 2-19 ~ ~ ~	16 8:00 Men's coffee ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	17 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Pasta Day
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	19 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	20 7:00 Mutual Ministry Team ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Chicken & Waffles Day	21 9:15 Stewardship Team 5:15 Altar Guild	22 9:00-Noon Ingathering at St John's ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Make a Dog's Day	23 8:00 Men's coffee ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	24 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
25 Reformation Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 1:00-3:00 FMSC MobilePack	26 Noon Foundation mtg	27 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	28 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Chocolate Day	29 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	30 8:00 Men's coffee ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	31 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Halloween