



# The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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*Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>3</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Luke 21:29-31*

Ah! Summer is finally here and everything will slow down. Right? I remember thinking that each spring when my children were in school. Then summer sports and Vacation Bible School and other summer activities would soon make my schedule just as frantic as ever. Now, one would think after Easter and Mother's Day and our 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that church would slow down and we could just relax all summer. Right? Wrong! The Kingdom of God is near and this is no time to take it slow.

The first day of June begins with an Ascension service. Ascension, the day our Lord Jesus rose to sit at the right hand of the Father, takes place 40 days after Easter. That means it always falls on the Thursday before and is celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. We acknowledge our Lord's Ascension in our Call to Worship, the Prayer of the Day, and the Preface of the Great Thanksgiving.

The next Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, is Pentecost. Be sure to wear your red this day. Pentecost is observed 50 days after Easter. This period is also known as the "Great 50 Days" and is a time of celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is considered the "birthday of the Church" and the beginning of the Church's mission to spread the Gospel.

No rest yet for the very next Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Holy Trinity. As we give thanks and glory to the Great Three-in-One and One-in-Three, we add a Holy Trinity Litany and a special Thanksgiving at the Table to our service. The Kingdom of God has indeed come near.

Oh, yes, and as we live our faith through the month of June, we cannot forget our Synod Assembly on June 5-7. This year is especially important as Bishop Candea retires and we elect a new Bishop. Pray for our voting members to discern God's will as we make decisions that will affect our church for the next six years. Join us in person or online as we continue to be the church this June and beyond.

*Pastor Jacques*



## While you're away...

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

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

Dear Friends,  
 I am excited to share that I have accepted an internship position in Billings, MT! My first day will be August 11th. I will be serving Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and helping with their preschool. I will also be serving at St. John's United, a long-term nursing facility. They serve 500 residents and have 700 staff members including 4 other full-time chaplains. I am truly excited to move there! It is also hard to believe I will finish my academic studies in Chicago this May. Three years have passed by so fast. I cannot thank you all enough for the love, care, and support you have shown me during my seminary journey. I cannot wait to celebrate with you all the next time I am home. In peace, love & excitement,  
*Megan Mong*



If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please email Corlene Lange at [corlene1208s@gmail.com](mailto:corlene1208s@gmail.com). If you do not have access to a computer, please call Corlene at 785-825-2352.

A Prayer Chain Covenant will be given to you. It must be signed and returned before you will be added to the prayer chain.

### **Congregation Council Action from March & April 2025:**

Approved sponsorship of obstacle for Camp Tomah Shinga Tough Camper race.

Approved Winter Weather policy.

Approved new signers for the checking and savings accounts, and the safe deposit box.

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

Please send information to [office@immanuelosalina.org](mailto:office@immanuelosalina.org)  
 Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

### **CONTACT US:**

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

## **Congratulations Graduates!**



**Jake Tillberg** graduated from Ell-Saline High School. He was a member of 4-H, National Honor Society, FFA, and the football, basketball, track, and trap shooting teams. Jake also served as the Ell-Saline Ag Ambassador to the Saline County Farm Bureau Association and as the student representative to the Brookville Community Foundation.

In addition to the scholarships he received, he is proud to be selected to play in the Kansas 8-Man Football All Star Division 1 game on June 7.

Jake will attend Hutchinson Community College this fall to study fire science. Jake is the son of Alan & Mindy Tillberg.

If you are, or know, an Immanuel member who has recently graduated, please let the office know.



*"I choose love ...  
 No occasion justifies hatred;  
 no injustice warrants bitterness."  
 Max Lucado*



Thank you so much for your generous donation to Salina Shares! We so appreciate your vote of confidence in who we are and what we do. Because of you we are able to continue to meet needs and enrich lives. Gratefully, *Salina Shares*  
*(This was our Lenten offering of \$341.10)*

Thank you to everyone who helped deliver Mother's Day flowers. We raised over \$1,000 for the youth ministry at Immanuel!

*Immanuel Youth Group*

Thank you for the recognition and gift for my high school graduation. The charging strip will definitely be used once I get to college. Your support means a lot to me. Thank you, *Jake Tillberg*



### **Summer Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
 8:30 am-12:30 pm

## Central States Synod Assembly

The primary focus of the 2025 assembly will be electing a new synodical bishop. We are pleased to have Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton joining us to guide us through the process. In addition to electing a new bishop, we will be approving a budget, compensation guidelines, and resolutions, as well as electing members to the synod council, consultation, and discipline committees.

The Synod Assembly will be June 5-7 in Olathe, KS. Please pray for Immanuel's voting members: Randy Olson, Monica Davis, Pastor Jacque Thornton, and Deacon Mindy Tillberg.

This year's Synod Assembly offering will be dedicated to Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas. If you would like to make a special gift, please mark your donation for "Synod Assembly Offering" and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, mail it to the church.

*Holy God, you sent your Spirit to bring creation into being and continue to renew the face of the earth. This Spirit continues to blow among us and renew your church so that we might proclaim the truth of the gospel, your love revealed in and through Jesus Christ. May you bless all voting members with your Spirit's presence and wisdom. Keep us steadfast in faith and united in love so that we might manifest your glory and participate in your reign of justice and mercy for all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

## Pentecost Sunday

**June 8**

Everyone is invited to wear **RED** on this Sunday as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension!



### Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of updating pictures for a new pictorial directory. There are three simple ways this can be done:

1. You submit a digital picture. Please send pictures to [office@immanuelalina.org](mailto:office@immanuelalina.org)
2. You provide a photograph that will be scanned and returned to you.
3. A picture can be taken of you/your family. Mindy Tillberg will be available in the library following Sunday worship during the month of June (or others times by arrangement).

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you for your help!

**Messy Church** will not meet in June, July, or August. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, September 3.

**WELCA** will not meet in June, July or August. Their next meeting will be Monday, September 15.

**Altar Guild** will not meet in June, July or August. Monthly meetings resume on September 17.

### How to submit a prayer request to the Prayer Chain:

All are welcome to submit prayer requests. We ask that you provide the specific language for the information you want shared. If you are including a name, we ask that you have permission from that person or their family to include any identifying information in your prayer request. We do not include pictures in our requests. Prayer requests may be submitted to the either Corlene Lange at [corlene1208s@gmail.com](mailto:corlene1208s@gmail.com) (785-201-2352) or to the church office during office hours at [immanueloffice1870@gmail.com](mailto:immanueloffice1870@gmail.com) (785-825-4750).



## July Worship Volunteers as of 05/22/2025

|                                      | July 6 | July 13 | July 20 | July 27 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Greeter</b>                       |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Usher</b>                         |        |         |         |         |
| <b>iPad</b>                          |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                       |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Cantor</b>                        |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>            |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Lector</b>                        |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>             |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>           |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b><br>Communion Care |        |         |         |         |
| <b>Fellowship Hosts</b>              |        |         |         |         |

## June Worship Volunteers as of 05/22/2025

|                                      | June 1      | June 8    | June 15     | June 22   | June 29 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| <b>Greeter</b>                       |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Usher</b>                         |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>iPad</b>                          |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                       |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Cantor</b>                        | Henry Diehl |           | Henry Diehl |           |         |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>            |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Lector</b>                        |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>             |             | Liz Diehl |             | Liz Diehl |         |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>           |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b><br>Communion Care |             |           |             |           |         |
| <b>Fellowship Hosts</b>              |             |           |             |           |         |