



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

September
2025

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore. Psalm 133*

September promises to be a busy month! We begin on Sunday, the 7th with God's Work, Our Hands. It is Immanuel's turn to host St. John's and Redeemer this year. We start with a combined worship service at our usual time of 9:30. Following worship, we will come together to fill gift bags for all the churches' homebound and nursing facility shut-ins. We will then divide up into teams to deliver the bags and spend time visiting with our beloved members who are no longer able to attend worship on a regular basis. "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" our Psalmist tells us. And how very good and pleasant it is when our three churches can spend time together and remember that we are all one family in Christ.

The end of the month brings us to our annual rummage sale on Saturday, the 27th. Our sale is always a popular event for the general public and an opportunity for us to show our church to the community. The sale is always a lot of fun for all involved. But it is also a lot of work and none of us are getting any younger. So, in addition to bringing us your treasures for the sale, we can also use your help in sorting, pricing, helping on the sale day, and the clean-up afterwards.

We finish the month with the installation of our new Central States Synod Bishop, Donna Simon, on Sunday, the 28th at 5:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park. With a new bishop comes change and, we pray, a new fire burning within all of us to serve God's will and share God's Word with a hungry world. Our Bishop-elect Simon sends us this message of hope and love:

I'm well aware of the enormity of the responsibilities I've accepted, but I'm wildly excited about this opportunity in ways that surprise even me. I know that the Holy Spirit is moving in our synod. I see that movement in congregations large and small. As more laypeople are activated for ministry, our church moves closer to the reality of that first church Luke wrote about: "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul" (Acts 4:32). I've seen our synod grow in love, in welcome for all people and in passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A few years ago, the ELCA Congregational Vitality team described vital congregations and ministries as "communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world." I know our congregations are following Jesus and working to nurture relationship with God and others. I will do all that I can as bishop to support our communities in following Jesus toward love, welcome and justice. The future depends upon our ability to do that well.

Pastor Jacque

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



While July's finances reflected a shortfall, we are deeply grateful for the generous contributions received during the first week of August. Your faithful giving sustains the ministries of Immanuel, and we prayerfully ask for your continued support and partnership. Monthly financial statements are available by contacting the church office.



On Sunday, October 12, following worship our ministry teams will present a "ministry fair" highlighting each team's work, followed by a lunch hosted by the Stewardship Team. This will be a kick-off event for observing a "Season of Gratitude" during the months of October and November. More information will be coming in future newsletters.

Pictorial Directory

We are still needing pictures from many of you! Please email the church office a digital picture or call Mindy for other options!



Congregation Council Action from July 2025:

Approved the transfer out of Mike & Cheryl Murray to First Covenant Church, Salina.

Declined usage of the building by Lifeline Screening due to accessibility and tax liability concerns.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Send information to 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.

You are invited to shower Del Herbel with well wishes in celebration of his 90th Birthday on Wednesday, September 17!

Cards can be sent to:

Del Herbel
2125 Edward
Salina, KS 67401

No gifts or gift cards please.



THANK YOU!

With deep gratitude, I wish to thank Immanuel Lutheran Church and its members for the bright and beautiful flower bouquet given in celebration of my 103rd birthday. They brought joy first to the church altar and then to my home. The special song shared by Jeri Clouston was a blessing enjoyed by all. I am also grateful for those who joined the fellowship after worship, giving us time to visit together. Your friendship is a true gift, and I pray God's blessings upon you all.

Ethel Diehl

The Missions Team would like to thank everyone who helped with our Hot Times and Car show Event - with the set-up, clean-up, making cakes and cookies for the Cake Walk, entering the cars for the car show, making and serving the food, and the hot wheel races. We could not have this without everyone's help.



Please join us

Sunday, September 28, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Atonement Lutheran Church
9948 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66212

For the installation service of

The Reverend Donna J. Simon

as the fifth Bishop of the Central States Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran in America



"God's work. Our hands." is a way for us to be church together. On this day we bear witness to the love and concern God's people have for one another. Acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: 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 7 members of Immanuel, Redeemer and St John's Lutheran churches will gather at 9:30 am at Immanuel for worship, fellowship, and community service. A noisy offering to benefit the Salina Food Bank will be collected during worship.

After worship, we will assemble and deliver goodie bags to our congregations' shut-ins and elderly. The supplies are being purchased by the churches. After assembly, we will split up into teams, each having at least one person from each congregation, and deliver the bags according to where recipients live and not which church they attend. We also ask that the teams not only deliver the bags but also take some time to sit down and visit with recipients. The goal is to promote community between the members of the three churches both through the combined teams and the interaction with the shut-ins. To make this work in a reasonable time frame, we need about 15 volunteers from each church to do the deliveries. If you wish to participate in the deliveries, please tell Tom Mertz (voice mail or text 785-577-9456; email tom.mertz@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday August 31, giving your name, church, and mobile number.

Wed, Sept 3

5:30-7:00 pm

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Fun Activities



Kick off the new school year at Messy Church! All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts, activities, and Biblical storytelling.

It's time to create LWR School Kits!

We will assemble Lutheran World Relief school kits on Sunday, September 14 at 11:00 am. If you'd like to help gather supplies, we still need 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college rule.



Women of the ELCA

Monday, September 15

1:30pm

Altar Guild will resume monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm. **September 17** is the next meeting.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 27



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 contact Corlene Lange.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation



On Sunday, October 19 our 3rd grade students will receive Bibles. If you have a 3rd grader, please contact the church office so we may plan accordingly!

October Worship Volunteers as of 08/21/2025

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Greeter				Reformation Sunday Joint Worship with St. John's and Redeemer
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				

SEPTEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 08/21/2025

	September 7 <small>God's Work Our Hands</small>	September 14	September 21	September 28
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor	Henry Diehl	Sydney Bacon	Henry Diehl	Sydney Bacon
Assisting Minister	Pam Michel	Sydney Bacon	Pam Michel	Sydney Bacon
Lector				
Children's Sermon		Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				