



The Messenger

November
2024

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Do you wonder what Mindy and I are doing when we are gone at Theological Conferences? One of our parishioners asked me to share our activities so I thought this Newsletter would be the perfect place. Our theme this year was *Spirit Breathed; Spirit Blown*. Too often the important role played by the third person of the Holy Trinity, The Holy Spirit, is overlooked.

At our Conferences we enjoy the companionship of our fellow clergy, ordained, PMAs, SAMs, and Synod staff. We dine together, share our mutual problems, and offer each other solutions and comfort. But our Conferences are far more than social occasions. The bulk of our time is spent worshiping and learning. Because I am in my first call, I came early for an extra day of First Call Theological Education. We covered such areas as discerning our calls, discerning our churches' calls, the future of the church, and the purpose of preaching.

The first day of the full conference began with an opening worship followed by the first presentation, "Deliverance from Captivity in the Gospel of Paul." We are all born slaves. Slaves to sin, slaves to the flesh, slaves to death, and slaves to the elemental powers of the cosmos. Slaves as a result of the first man, Adam. Only Jesus Christ can grant us freedom. It was not only Christ that was crucified. The old world was crucified and a new world was born.

Our 2nd presentation was entitled "Christian Justice of the Common Good." We Americans are an individualistic people. Our individual rights are and have been a foundational part of our country. But we, as Christians, are called in the Scriptures to a commitment to and service of the common good. In the words of Paul, "I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some." (1 Cor 9:22). Freed from slavery by the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, we are freed to be a servant to all God's creation.

Our third presentation was "Spirit Breathed, Spirit Blowing," reflecting on the Holy Spirit alive and active in our world today. Our fourth was "Tradition and Nicaea," a study on the Nicene Creed. Our final presenters were our Bishop Associates discussing "Growing Vitality," "Growing with Purpose," and "Growing through Hospitality." Our time together concluded with a closing worship.

As you can see, it was a very busy week and this is but a small taste. I would love to discuss any of the presentations with you in greater detail. From Romans 12:2:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Amen.

Pastor Jaegre



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

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your contribution to Project Salina's Souper Bowl of Hope. Your donation of \$363.63 allows us to continue to support the following agencies in the Salina community: Ashby House, DVACK, Salina Food Bank, Salina Grace, Salina Rescue Mission, and Salvation Army.

Thank you for your support of our Hot Times Missions fundraiser. We recently sent checks for \$851.02 to Camp Tomah Shinga and LWR from the net proceeds. *Missions Team*

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$851.02 to Camp Tomah Shinga. We greatly appreciate the support and opportunity to do ministry together! Happy Camping, *Jordan Valentine*

Thank you so much for covering the HVAC repairs (\$1,350) in your cabin at Camp Tomah Shinga. We greatly appreciate your help!

Happy Camping, *Jordan Valentine*
(money given by 2 private donors)

Your kindness means the world to me. Thank you so much for the "goody bag". So enjoyed the visit with Janet Ireton. I miss my church.

God's Blessings to all, *Arline Agin*
(bags created on God's Work Our Hands Sunday.)

Thank you so much for the bag of small things. I can use them all. Also thank Janet for her visit. I really enjoyed it all.

An old member, *Rosella Cline*
(bags created on God's Work Our Hands Sunday)

Thank you to everyone who donated items, made baked goods, helped set up and clean up for our annual Rummage and Bake Sale on September 28. We had 271 people come to shop and we made \$1,430 for the church's general fund. It was a good time for everyone. *Rummage Sale Committee*

Budget Report

Financial Results through September 30, 2024

Year-to-Date Offerings Actual - \$115,542

Year-to-Date Offerings Budget - \$137,041

Average Weekly Offerings Actual - \$2,963

Average Weekly Offerings Budget - \$3,514

Dear Immanuel friends,
Thank you so much for your continued support of my seminary journey, I am in my third and final year of academics! I am taking the Life and Letters of Paul, Public Church 2, and Emotions, Justice, and the Church. Later this fall I will take the next step in the candidacy process, Endorsement. Once I am endorsed, I will get to start interviewing for internship spots. This school year I am still serving on our Master's School Association Finance Team, throwing weekly movie screenings, helping with the Thesis 96 group, and planning prom. I miss you all! Thank you again!



Peace, *Megan Mong*

Picture: Megan serving as Assistant Minister for Rev. Veronica Mwaksungura at the LSTC Chapel .



The Finance Ministry Team is building the budget for the calendar year 2025. Because of our new constitution, the congregation will not be voting on the budget until the January 2025 annual meeting. Therefore, we have been able to delay the budget decisions a month. At the November Finance Ministry Team meeting we will be voting on a budget to recommend to the Council. Council will then vote on the budget for consideration by the congregation. You will receive a copy of the proposal prior to the annual meeting in accordance with the constitution. If you have any suggestions for the budget, please contact one of the Finance Ministry Team members now. In addition, you are welcome to attend our next meeting on November 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the church. The Finance Ministry Team members are: Gary Arpin, Treasurer; Eugene Tillberg; Steve Michael' Corlene Lange; and Pastor Jacques.

Congregation Council Action from September 2024:

No minutes approved yet.

“FRAGRANT BEAUTY”
A Women’s Retreat and Get-away
Friday, Nov. 1 – Saturday, Nov. 2
Camp Tomah Shinga
 Depart Friday at 10:00 am
 Return Saturday at 4:00 pm
 Cost: \$50

Have you ever considered the various fragrances in the Bible? The “Fragrant Beauty” Women’s Retreat focuses on the many fragrances of God’s story; through Biblical history and present in creation. Participants will have the opportunity to breathe in many Biblical fragrances, create a painting, and explore God’s word reflecting on the definitions placed upon “beauty”.

Questions? Pastor Kim Frederking at 785-743-8309 or kimmigo@ruraltel.net

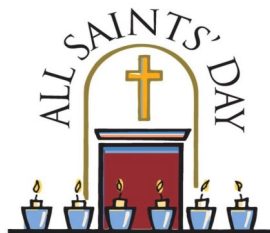


Daylight Saving ends November 3.

Make sure to set your clock back 1 hour Saturday night before you go to bed!

November 3

When we confess the Apostles’ Creed and proclaim our belief in the “communion of saints”, we remember all the saints, famous or obscure, who have died and are at rest with God. On All Saints’ Sunday, we especially remember those members who have died in the last year: Jesse Lampe, Rick Cline, Ellen Vaupel, Randall Carlson, Junior Dent, Doug Olson, and Robert “Bob” Rickard.



Wednesday, Nov 6 **5:30-7:00 pm**

5:30 pm Dinner - hamburgers
 6:00 pm Messy Activities

Come, journey through the creation story! All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts, singing, and Biblical storytelling.



WELCA

Monday, November 18

All women are invited to this
 1:30 pm gathering at the church.



Altar Guild

Wednesday, November 20 at 5:15pm

Plans for Advent and Christmas will be made!

Saturday, November 23

Live Nativity * 1:00-2:30 pm

Pioneer President’s Place lawn
 (across the street from the church)
 Volunteers are needed!

Please see the sign-up in the narthex.

Parade of Lights * 6:00 pm

Immanuel, Redeemer, and St. John’s will have a shared float Parade! Volunteers are needed as: Float Decorators, Parade Walkers, Float protectors, Candy distributors, Choir members, and Technical “Stage hands”.

Sunday, November 24

A Festival of Festivals:

Celebrating the Reign of Christ in the Season of the Church

This service, for Christ the King Sunday, tells the story of Christian faith by moving through the liturgical year with Scripture, song, liturgical colors, and commentary. Children will be invited to participate. A few readers are still needed, contact Pastor Jacque.



Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship Wed, November 27

5:30 pm Dinner (\$5/person)

7:00 pm Worship with Communion

Reservations due by noon on Friday, Nov 22.

Call 825-4750 or email the church office.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, contact Mindy Tillberg if you can help.

**The church office will be closed
 November 11 and November 28-29.**

NOVEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 10/24/2024

	Nov 3 <i>All Saints/Daylight Savings</i>	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24 <i>Christ the King</i>	Wed, Nov 27 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>
Greeter	Tom Davis				
Usher		Tom Davis			
iPad					
Acolyte	Amy	Tom Davis			
Cantor	Pam Michel				
Assisting Minister	Pam Michel				
Lector	Pam Michel	Karen Olson	Monica Davis		
Children's Sermon					
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care	Kathy Herron	Kathy H. & Diana L.	Monica Davis	Corlene Lange	Dorothy Hanna
Fellowship Hosts					

DECEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 10/24/2024

	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Tues, Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Dec 29
Greeter						
Usher						
iPad						
Acolyte						
Cantor						
Assisting Minister						
Lector						
Children's Sermon						
Communion Assistant						
Altar Guild Communion Care	Carol Ann Sloo	Janet Ireton	Connie Beisner	Kathy Herron		
Fellowship Hosts			Yosai/Milleson			