



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I was visiting with a couple this morning and the topic of prayer came up. She said that she doesn't know how people get through life without God. For those who live in a relationship with God, it can be hard to understand how somebody who does not believe gets through life. But there are people who are able to get through this life without God being a central point for them.

Does our relationship with God make our life easier than those who do not believe? No. I personally can attest that I have been through some pretty nasty experiences that I would not wish on my worst enemy. But I did rely on God to help me through. Does my relationship with God grant me more good experiences in life? Again I would say no because I do not believe that God rewards or punishes us in this life because of our belief.

In times of stress, we often go to God in prayer asking for help as we struggle through whatever challenge we are facing on a particular day. Sometimes we know what we want to say and other times we struggle with the wording. But God understands our prayers at all times because the Holy Spirit speaks for us.

No matter how softly you whisper a prayer, God hears and understands. God knows the hopes and fears you keep in your heart. So place your trust in God.

In Christ,
Pastor Kent

Hot Times, Fun in the City Sunday, August 18



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| 4:00-7:00pm | Food (donations accepted) & Car show |
| 4:00-6:00pm | Inflatable for kids |
| 4:00-6:30pm | Silent auction |
| | Voting for car show People's Choice award |
| 5:00pm | Fishing game for kids |
| 5:30pm | Cake walk |
| 6:00pm | Hot Wheel races |

If you would like to help, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact [Pastor Kent](#). All proceeds will support the work of the Salvation Army and Megan Mong, who will be serving a year in Jerusalem/West Bank as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM).

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



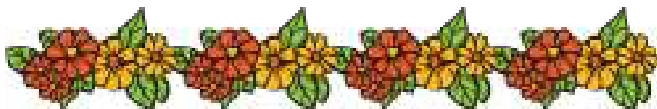
School supplies are on the shelves at all our favorite stores, and that means we are enrolling at Happy Hearts! Our MWF class is almost full, our last spot may be filled at by the time this newsletter is print-

ed. However, we have several spots to fill in our TTH class. I could use your help getting the word out. First, you can like and share our [Happy Hearts Facebook page!](#) Second, you can hang flyers at work or other locations. You can pick-up the flyers in the church office. Lastly, you can help us publicize by telling others about Happy Hearts!

Our classes begin at 9am and end at 11:30am. Our MWF class is \$90 a month and our TTH class is \$85 a month. We start September 3rd, the Tuesday after Labor Day. Our [applications are on the Immanuel website.](#)

We will have an Open House during Hot Times. I'm looking for a volunteer to help with crafts and cleaning that day. Thank you so much!

Choose Happy,
[Erica Arb](#)
Happy Hearts Director



of the **Women ELCA** 

There are no meetings until September.
Enjoy your summer!

Congregation Council Action from June 2019:

Approved new member Tom Davis, by affirmation of faith.

Approved Hot Times foreign mission recipient, Megan Mong, who is serving a year as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission.

Approved placement of the United States flag and the Christian flag in the narthex.

It's time to create LWR School Kits!



We will assemble 100 kits on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept 8. Because of your generosity, many items were leftover from last year. If you'd like to help gather supplies, here's what we need:

Items needed by September 1

- 60 Rulers - 30 centimeters
- 10 Scissors - blunt, safety w/embedded blades work well
- 83 Crayons - Boxes 16 or 24

Start watching your Sunday ads for good deals! We will be ordering some items in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged (\$1 will purchase drawing backpack and \$10 will purchase 144 pens). If you have questions, please contact [Mindy Tillberg.](#)



Generations in Faith Together



(GIFT) class will resume Sunday mornings at 10:00am beginning September 15.

150th Anniversary Planning Team



As the sesquicentennial of Immanuel Lutheran Church approaches in May 2020, we are looking for volunteers who would like to help plan our celebration! If you are interested in serving on the Anniversary Planning Team, please contact [Mindy Tillberg.](#)

thank you

I would like to thank Immanuel for thinking of me for my birthday through cards or notes. You helped me to have a wonderful day.
Pastor Heidi

The newly updated Immanuel website is live!

Check it out! <http://immanuelsalina.org/>



Tri-Rivers Fair Parade Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to walk during the parade carrying our sign and to hand out candy & flyers for Hot Times. Please let [Pastor Kent](#) know if you are able to help. We also need LOTS of non-melting candy to hand out! If you are able to donate, please leave it in the plastic tote in the church library. The parade route will be along 7th Street.

Camp Tomah Shinga Quilt Auction Saturday, September 14, 2019

11:00am Quilt viewing
Noon Lunch
1:00pm Auction begins



Quilt donations will be received between August 1-31 at First Lutheran in Manhattan. Questions? Contact Karen Spaeth (785) 539-1363 or kspaeth@cox.net

Can't make it to the auction? You can still donate! Some of the smaller quilts will be designated as an "Adopt-a-Quilt" and priced at \$25, \$50, or \$100. Sponsors will have the option to "adopt" one of these quilts ahead of time (if you cannot attend) or during the live auction. All proceeds from these quilts will go to Camp Tomah Shinga and the quilts will be sent to loving homes through Lutheran World Relief. Contact Karen Spaeth (above) for more information.



Newsletter Distribution

The September Messenger will be emailed on August 23. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let [Mindy](#) know! For those who opted for print copies, they will be available for pick-up on Sunday, August 25. If you do not pick yours up that day, it will be mailed to you on August 26.



Do you have an article for the September Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelsalina.org
Deadline for the next newsletter is August 15.

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Back to School Blessing

Sunday, August 11

All students & school district employees will be invited forward during worship for a special blessing.



Creation Care Team Sunday, August 25 10:00am

Reduce, recycle, and reuse are great beginnings for being earth-conscious, but we can do more! If you are interested in working with this team, we will gather in the library and explore other ways our congregation can better care for creation!



The [ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#) meets August 5-10 in Milwaukee, WI. Please pray for the churchwide staff, volunteers, and voting members (including Megan Mong) as they gather to do the work of our larger church.



As of July 14, 2019:

Amount received Year to Date	\$108,920
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$117,302
Deficit Year to Date	\$8,382