



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Notes from Nancy



One of my favorite authors is Sister Joyce Rupp. As I reflect on our ministry together, I found one of her litanies especially meaningful. It is taken from her book *May I Have This Dance?* Grab a cup of hot coffee or a glass of cold iced tea and as you read; Reflect, Mediate, Enjoy!!

God who sings through us, we Thank you.

For... Our talents and gifts

For... Faith in our Hearts

For... People who are instruments of God

For... Moments with God

For the times when your goodness made music through us.

God of goodness, help us to trust in you.

When... Fear rises and we do not believe enough

When... Business takes precedents over God

When... We doubt your presence

When... We lose sight of God

When emptiness, loneliness, and other struggles keep us from hearing your melody of love.

God of Love, sing your song through us.

As... We grow and believe

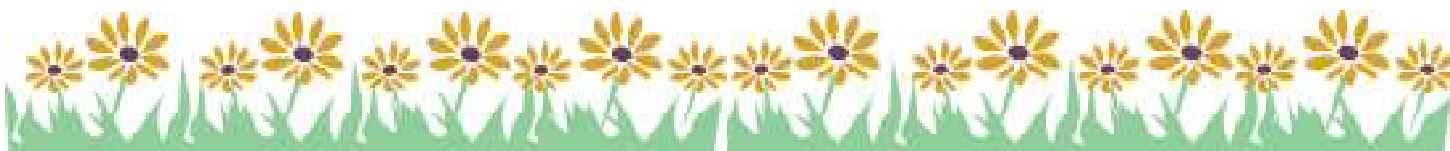
As... We allow more and more of ourselves to be influenced by you

As... The song of your love grows within us

As... We struggle to know how and when to share Your love.

As we go forth from here with the desire to be your instruments of love.

Here we are already moving into fall schedules and calendars reflect up-coming events. Yes, that is part of what being in ministry is about - being busy! Together, we continue on our journey.....



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

Hot Times, Fun in the City

Sunday, August 22

4:00-7:00 pm.



Activities will include car show, hot wheel races, food by donation and cake walk. Proceeds will benefit Sunflower Adult Day Services and Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are needed,

please see Terry Oehmke or Connie Beisner if you can help.

Youth Group Kansas City Trip August 9-10

Join us for a final farewell to summer! 6th-12th grade students were invited to this overnight. The group will enjoy a Kansas City Royals game and a day at Worlds of Fun. Contact Mindy Tillberg for more info!



Christians are like the several flowers in a garden, that have each of them the dew of heaven, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other's roots, whereby they are jointly nourished, and become nourishers of each other. - John Bunyan



Sunday, Aug 15

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



Confirmation Camp at Tomah Shinga

Left: Emma with her rock for the Rock Cross.

Right: Caidon attacking the 25ft climbing wall.



Sunday Morning Fellowship

Hour occurs from 9:30-10:30 am. If you would like to furnish cookies, donuts or your specialty, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth..

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing”. Psalm 100

We are so thankful that we are again praising our Lord with joyous singing during worship. The Worship team, primarily Don Johnson at this time, select the hymns based on the Scripture readings for the day, the seasons of the church year, holidays and suggestions from church resources.

We also appreciate suggestions from you!! Everyone has favorite hymn or music they have heard at a different worship service. This is your invitation to help us with the hymn selection. Please list below some of your favorites by title. If you know the author or book where it is found, that would be greatly appreciated. You may place this in the offering plate or leave in the office.

Thank you for your time and your singing.

Worship and Music Team

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



It's time to create School Kits!

We will assemble at least 100 kits again this year! Because of your generosity, many items were leftover from previous years. If you'd like to help gather supplies, here's what we need:

Items needed by September 1

- 100 Rulers - 30 centimeters
- 84 Scissors - blunt, safety w/embedded blades work well
- 440 Pencils - unsharpened #2 with erasers
- 415 Pens - black or blue ballpoint (no gel ink)
- 69 Boxes of crayons - 16 or 24 count
- 81 Erasers - 2.5"

Start watching ads for good deals! We will be ordering some items in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged. If you have questions, please contact [Mindy Tillberg](#).



The joint St John's & Immanuel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 pm. The choir practices weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at St John's.

Congregation Council Action from June 2021:

Approved motion to appoint Gary Arpin to Council to complete Michael Tillberg's term.

Approved motion to pay Central States Synod Leadership Developer Agreement from a memorial gift.

Approved motion to purchase new firewall/router.

Approved motion to lift mask wearing expectation during worship and return to congregational singing.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelsalina.org

Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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Transition Team Update

Since the last update, the transition team has met with the Synod and Kansas Leadership Center representatives, Pastor Dave Whetter and DJ Whetter, several times. A bulletin board has been developed to help keep members apprised of the actions and progress of the transition team. The bulletin board is located outside Pastor Nancy's office for your reference. The team continues to gather data to add to the Vitality Survey to develop our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The team met with council for a special session on 7-5-21 to ask questions and gather data. The same questions were asked and data was gathered at the fellowship gathering, sponsored by the team, on 7-11-21. 28 members of the congregation were present and participated. Also, on Sunday, 7-11-21, team member Zoe Greenemeyer, gave temple talks at both services to update the congregation on the progress of the team and to encourage support from all members throughout the transition process. **In August, the team will host small group discussions about the future of Immanuel. The sign-up sheet for the small groups will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, AUGUST 1, please be watching for it, and please sign up to participate.** Information/questions will be different than what was covered at the fellowship gathering as we are moving forward through the process. Our church family needs your input, about our congregation's purpose, to collect the best data for our MSP. Please sign up to participate in the small group discussions. Thank you.

Karla Arpin, transition team member



On June 27, Immanuel gifted to First Methodist Church many items and resources for their preschool that is opening this fall.

Pictured (L to R): Erica Arb, Mindy Tillberg, Pr Richard Fitzgerald, Nancy Mitchell

