



# The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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*Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind'  
Mark 2:27*

How has your summer been? Are you exhausted yet? I know I am. A week walking the streets of New Orleans at the ELCA Youth Gathering trying to keep up with six teenagers has just about done me in. But it was an amazing week! I saw alligators, rode a steamboat, heard testimonials that made me want to cry, and watched our kids (and 16,000 others) be filled with the Holy Spirit each day. The kids did service projects, jumped and clapped and sang, and worshipped the Lord at the top of their lungs. They made new friends, ate new food, and experienced new cultures. And their faith grew and grew and grew. It was glorious to behold! Thank you, Mindy, for doing all the planning, and you, Alisha, for holding everything together on the ground.

But time waits for no one. Arriving home at 6:00 am Sunday morning, I slept for three hours before taking my granddaughter back to Larned. Monday meant two doctors' appointments, two Bible lessons, and a children's book to be recorded. Tuesday found Mindy and I synching our calendars for the rest of the summer – county fair and a 4H parade on the August 6<sup>th</sup>, back to school blessing on the 11<sup>th</sup>, another doctor's appointment on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Hot Times on the on the 18<sup>th</sup>, another doctor on the 20<sup>th</sup>, school starts, and a Bethany Village Board meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> (oh yes, I have been elected to the board.)

Wait, my week's not done! Wednesday was a First Call Theological Education ZOOM meeting. Thursday was a committee meeting at Bethany Village to begin the process to find a new Chaplain. Is it any wonder I feel overwhelmed? Does that happen to you? As I contemplated writing my newsletter article in the midst of so much to do, God sent me the message from the Gospel of Mark, the Sabbath is made for man. There is a reason that God rested on the seventh day and gave us the Sabbath. God knows we need to rest even when we forget. The Sabbath is just as important as the creation of the stars, the animals, and man. God tells us to stop at least once a week and rest. Take the time to watch a sunset, the clouds passing overhead, to smell a flower, to stop and refuel from the magnificent glory of God's creation. So while you feel yourself caught up in the whirlwind of life, I invite you to enter into God's Sabbath of rest created just for you. Amen.



*Pastor Jaeger*

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer*  
(edited by Sarah Bessey)



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



Thank you for your offerings to date in 2024. Our average monthly offerings are \$11,881. Our monthly budget is \$15,227. Significant activities/expenses have been the Synod Assembly in June and the 5 youth with 2 sponsors who just returned from the ELCA Youth Gathering. Please continue to keep the church in your prayers and financial considerations as we begin our fall activities!

### Dillons Community Rewards

Dillons Community Rewards will donate to Immanuel based on the shopping you do everyday. Once you link your Plus card to Immanuel, all you do is shop at Dillons and swipe your Plus Card!

To link your Dillons Plus card to Immanuel:

1. Sign in to your digital account
2. Click on "Community Rewards"
3. Immanuel's organization number is RR469

So far this year we have received \$429!

### Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is always ready to pray for our members and others in need. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain, contact Sonja Johnson.



### Congregation Council Action from June 2024:

Approved special congregational meeting on July 21 for congregation to vote on exterior repairs.

Wind and hail damage to roof is being investigated.

At the **Special Congregational meeting on July 21**, the Council recommendation to proceed with the exterior repairs and renovations was approved. Thanks to all who attended this meeting!



Thank you so much Immanuel Lutheran for the scholarship opportunity and for having such supportive members who attended my graduation party!

*Isabelle Greenemeyer*  
(scholarship from Immanuel Foundation)



*Located in the Flint Hills near Junction City*

Immanuel has a long history of supporting the ministry of our church camp. We have sent many young people to summer camp and retreats. We've helped build a cabin and maintain it. We've attended fundraisers and work days. All these things we, the members of Immanuel, do are to help further the mission of the camp: *Explore Creation. Build Community. Build Faith.*

There are many ways you can support the ministry of Tomah Shinga:

1. We are looking for a volunteer Camp Representative. This person would be the point of contact with the camp, sharing the excitement of things that are happening out at camp with our congregation.
2. The HVAC unit in the Immanuel cabin required work this summer with repairs totaling \$1,350. If you would like to donate to this project, please note that on your gift.
3. The fascia and soffit boards of the Immanuel Cabin need some repairs. Volunteers are needed for this project.
4. Camp Tomah Shinga is committed to never turning a child away from camp. Donations made to the camp help provide opportunities for all campers.

If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact the church office.

### Flowers for Worship

Altar Guild offers two ways in which you can remember or honor loved ones and/or special occasions on Sunday mornings through floral arrangements.



Altar flowers may be placed in memory or honor of someone or occasion. Altar Guild has beautiful silk arrangements for you to choose from. A \$20 donation to Altar Guild is requested for this option.

A special bouquet may also be placed in memory or honor of someone or occasion. It is your responsibility to purchase and have the arrangement delivered by noon on Friday.

For either of these options, please sign up on the chart in the narthex. Questions? Contact Diana Looney.

**HOT WHEEL RACES!**

# Hot Times, Fun in the City Sunday, August 18

**CAR SHOW!  
CAKE WALK!**

**FOOD!**

4:00-7:00 pm	Food (donations accepted) & Car show
4:00-6:30 pm	Voting for car show People's Choice awards
5:15 pm	Cake walk
5:45 pm	Hot Wheel races
6:45 pm	People's Choice trophies awarded

If you would like to help, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. All proceeds will benefit Camp Tomah Shinga and Lutheran World Relief.



## Back to School Blessing Sunday, August 11



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

## Congregational Pool Party



**Thursday, August 15  
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us at the Komarek's Prairie Pool House for an evening of swimming fun & fellowship!

WELCA does not meet in August.

Altar Guild does not meet in August.

## Share Shed

Immanuel's Share Shed is in need of clean, gently used summer clothing, towels, wash clothes, deodorant, and hats. The shed is accessible 24/7 so items may be left in the shed at any time. For larger donations, please drop off at the church M-F mornings 8:30am-12:30pm.



## Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Send information to [office@immanuelssalina.org](mailto:office@immanuelssalina.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.

## September 4

**5:30-7:00 pm**

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Messy 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!

100 Lutheran World Relief school kits is our goal again this year! If you'd like to help gather supplies, items needed by September 15 are:

- 328 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college rule
- 156 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 302 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 50 boxes of 24 crayons

We will be ordering some items in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged. If you have questions, please contact Mindy Tillberg.



## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday, September 28**



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 see Kathy Herron, Clara Herbel, Connie Beisner, or Corlene Lange.

## AUGUST Worship Volunteers as of 07/25/2024

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
<b>Greeter</b>				
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>iPad</b>				
<b>Acolyte</b>				
<b>Cantor</b>	Henry Diehl			
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Henry Diehl			
<b>Lector</b>				
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>				
<b>Altar Guild Communion Care</b>	Carol Ann Sloo	Janet Ireton	Carol Ann Sloo	Corlene Lange
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>				

## SEPTEMBER Worship Volunteers as of 07/25/2024

	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
<b>Greeter</b>		God's Work Our Hands at Redeemer			
<b>Usher</b>					
<b>iPad</b>					
<b>Acolyte</b>					
<b>Cantor</b>					
<b>Assisting Minister</b>					
<b>Lector</b>					
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<b>Altar Guild Communion Care</b>	Monica Davis			Corlene Lange	
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>					