



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ever since I brought dad's car to Salina, it has been plagued by a tranny leak. Dad had the tranny rebuilt many years ago and it still leaked. I replaced the pan gasket last year and the leak continued. Last Saturday, I had a few hours to work on her and dropped the pan and removed the old gasket. After cleaning the pan and the bottom of the tranny where the pan bolts up, I put some new stuff on the pan and bolted it in place. As of right now, it has not leaked one drop of tranny fluid but I also have not put any more in it. As far as I am concerned, when I put tranny fluid back in her, it will be a miracle if it does not leak. This is just my humble opinion because it has leaked for so long. What is the name of this possible miracle working substance? It is called "The Right Stuff".

Since I plan on switching cars around on Thursday, I guess I will find out if it is the right stuff. There are many things in this world that promises to be the right stuff to take care of whatever we are looking for. Most of the self help things that are available say that their product is just what you need to improve your life. But many times, the results fall a bit short of expectations. For the most part, I don't care what self help thing you are working with because I don't believe they work as well as they promise.

For me, there is only one option for having the right stuff in life. Too many times people put their hope in life in things other than God. God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus loves us so much that he actually did die for us and then after he rose from the dead and before he ascended to heaven, Jesus promised to send another who would be our advocate. And that brings us to the Holy Spirit who was sent to us by Jesus. Out of love for God, the Holy Spirit lives within us and helps us throughout our lives.

God has proven time and again how much HE loves us. God is always faithful to us even when we do not give HIM the time of day. Even though God is the right stuff for us, there are many times that we prefer to put our faith not in God but in some other person or thing that can only offer empty promises.

As you face whatever struggle that is before you, put your faith in the one who is always with you. God is the only one who can provide you with what you need to overcome the challenges that are before you every single time.

In Christ,
Pastor Kent



Often when we talk about living as a missionary, debate arises about whether we are to minister locally or go globally. The phrase *glocal Christians* means we're to be both local and global in our mission. Jesus lays down a challenge that isn't either/or but both/and.

Being glocal involves being aware of your surrounding community as well as your larger world, and then entering into it with the love of Jesus. God is already at work out there. Our job is simply to have our eyes open to see him and join in that labor.

As you and your church decide what part in God's story you're being asked to play, don't fall into the debate about whether it's in local ministry or global ministry. Be radical followers of Jesus in both.

—Rev. Mike Paulson

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

Recent Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates:

Megan Mong graduated from Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH) with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. In August, she will travel to Jerusalem/West Bank for a year to serve as a Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) for the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA). Megan is the daughter of Bob & Bev Mong.



Colin Truhe graduated from Washburn University with degrees in communication studies and mass media with an emphasis on public relations. He also minored in leadership. Colin is currently working as a marketing intern for the Stormont Vail Events Center. He is looking to start a full-time position at a university or marketing agency this fall. Colin is the son of Doug and Pastor Amy Truhe.



If you are, or know, an Immanuel member who has recently graduated, please contact mindy@immanuelsalina.org with your info.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

There are no meetings until September.
Enjoy your summer!

Congregation Council Action from May 2019:

Motion was approved to maintain membership records electronically.

Faith Comes from God

“Your faith comes from God, not from you. And everything that works faith within you comes from God and not from you.”

Martin Luther

Our Summer Camp Staffers & Campers

Immanuel has two Camp Tomah Shinga staff members this summer as well as two campers. They love getting mail! Let's show them our support and encouragement! Send positive, upbeat messages to:

Summer Staff: Kate Sundell & Eli Truhe

July 14-19: Isabelle Greenemeyer & Jake Tillberg

Send mail to:

Camper First & Last Name

c/o Camp Tomah Shinga

7821 E. Lyon Creek Rd

Junction City, KS 66441-7531



If you would like to send an email message, please send it to: tomahshingacampers@gmail.com and include the camper's name on the subject line.

Pastor's Office Hours



As work begins on Hot Times, Pastor Kent will be visiting businesses on Wednesday mornings instead of having office hours. He will continue to have office hours on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 -7:00 pm. Additional office hours will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings. Member visits, especially for the homebound, will be on Tuesdays. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call him!

thank you

Thanks again to everyone who helped deliver flowers for Mother's Day! We raised \$1,000 for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering and \$41.51 for the general youth checking account.

Immanuel Youth

Without the support of our wonderful volunteers, we would not be able to offer Vacation Bible School. Thank you to: Monica Davis, Karen Olson, Cheyanne Gibson, Megan Mong, Pastor Kent and Mindy Tillberg for all their work! (Check the church website for pictures from VBS!)

Youth & Education Ministry Team

The newly updated Immanuel website is live!

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

Congregational Pool Party

Friday, July 26 from 8-10pm

Lindsborg Pool

Friends and family are invited to this evening of FREE swimming fun!



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 August Messenger will be emailed on July 19. 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, July 21. If you do not pick yours up that day, it will be mailed to you on July 23.



Do you have an article for the August Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelosalina.org
Deadline for the next newsletter is July 15.

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Tri-Rivers Fair Parade

Tuesday, August 6

7:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to walk during the parade carrying our sign and to hand out candy & flyers for Hot Times. We also need 3 cars as our entry. And LOTS of non-melting candy to hand out! Please let Pastor Kent know if you are able to help. Parade route will be along 7th Street.

Hot Times, Fun in the City

Sunday, August 18

4:00-7:00 pm.

New date, same fun! Cake walk, silent auction, inflatable, Hot Wheel races for all ages! Hamburger meal will be served, donations encouraged. This benefit will support the work of the Salvation Army and the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission, specifically Megan Mong. If you would like to help or donate an item for the silent auction, please contact Pastor Kent.



Swedish Hymnal Needed



The Library Team is preparing a historic display in the trophy case in the hallway outside the preschool. They are looking for a Swedish Hymnal to borrow. It would be locked in the case and would be returned after use. Please contact the church office if you have one you are willing to lend the Library Team. Thank you!