



# The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, we can relish the freedoms we take for granted, including freedom of speech, religion, and assembly. But we can also be mindful of Jesus' command that we love our neighbors as ourselves. Those three specific freedoms are what make it possible for us to worship whenever and wherever we choose free from the fear of reprisal or imprisonment. Those freedoms also allow all others to practice their beliefs whatever they may be. The freedom from fear is a blessing not everyone in the world enjoys. The right to practice the religion of their choice or to practice no religion at all is not a right everyone in the world can enjoy.

The Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Russia and the Ukraine are struggling during the ongoing conflict in the area. Many of our church personnel in Russia have fled to Germany. Those who remain live in constant fear of reprisal, imprisonment, even death. Although theoretically, our siblings are allowed to worship as Christians, they are not allowed to proselytize, to proclaim their faith to others, to spread the Good News we are all called to do as disciples of Christ.

The Christian churches in Palestine are also struggling to survive. We have four Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the West Bank. Although there are no Lutheran churches in the Gaza Strip itself, there are three Christian churches of other denominations there. For over a thousand years, Palestinian Christians, Muslims and even Jewish peoples have lived together and been free to worship God. All now worship in fear if they are able to worship at all.

So while we celebrate the birth of our country this month, let us be mindful of how greatly privileged we are to be able to worship free from fear and persecution. May we take the time to pray for all those around the world who do not have that luxury through no fault of their own. And may we realize what some people are willing to endure in order to worship our Lord and Savior, a right we too often take for granted.

*Pastor Jaegge*

“Dependence does not destroy human personality,” writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are “never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God.” Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
- That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.



And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God's plan.

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

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING \* SUNDAY, JULY 21

## Immediately following 9:30 am Worship



The congregation needs to approve the Council's recommendation to accept the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Company for exterior masonry repair, cleaning & water repellent application to the original church building, and patching/painting stucco window surround surfaces on the north side of the building. These projects total \$46,551. The Berkley Fund (designated for building repairs/maintenance) will cover these expenses but the Council would like to recover as much of the cost as possible through member donations. If you would like

to see the detailed bid from Mid-Continental, please contact the church office.



The current financial status of Immanuel as of May 31, 2024, is as follows:

- Year-to-Date Offerings Actual - \$55,810
- Year-to-Date Offerings Budget - \$76,134
- Average Weekly budget - \$3,513
- Average Actual Weekly Offering - \$2,657

### Congregation Council Action from May 2024:

Approved proposal from Solid Rock Audio Video to tune and provide training for sound system.

Approved proceeds from Hot Times be split between Lutheran World Relief and Camp Tomah Shinga.

Reviewed bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Company for exterior repairs and restoration.



The Church Office  
will be closed on Fridays  
July 5 - August 9.



### Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to [office@immanuelsalina.org](mailto:office@immanuelsalina.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

The sound system has been recently adjusted. Please let Pastor know if you are able to hear well during worship.



### ELCA Youth Gathering July 14-21



Please pray for Caidon Cooper, Kaylee Cooper, Emma Greenermeyer, Jake Tillberg, Ty Tillberg, Taylor Boucher, Alisha Cooper (adult) and Pastor Jacque (adult)

as they travel to and participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this month. Mindy Tillberg will be attending as a volunteer on the Interaction Team. To learn more about the ELCA Youth Gathering, visit [elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering).

If you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies during this time, please contact Pastor David Strommen (785) 275-2247.

### 2024 Synod Assembly



Randy Olson, Monica Davis, Pastor Jacque Thornton and Deacon Mindy Tillberg attended the 2024 Synod Assembly in Olathe, KS June 6-8. They elected members to the Synod Council, other synod committees and churchwide voting members, voted on a budget, and on resolutions that were presented to the assembly. They also participate in worship, Bible studies and presentations designed to support the ministry we do together as a synod.

To see a daily summary of the Assembly, visit [immanuelsalina.org/newsletter](http://immanuelsalina.org/newsletter) or pick up a copy at church.

## July Worship Volunteers as of 06/20/2024

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>Greeter</b>				
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>iPad</b>				
<b>Acolyte</b>				
<b>Cantor</b>				
<b>Assisting Minister</b>				
<b>Lector</b>				
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>			No Communion	
<b>Altar Guild Communion Care</b>				
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>				

## August Worship Volunteers as of 06/20/2024

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
<b>Greeter</b>				
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>iPad</b>				
<b>Acolyte</b>				
<b>Cantor</b>				
<b>Assisting Minister</b>				
<b>Lector</b>				
<b>Children's Sermon</b>				
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