



The Messenger

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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Notes from Nancy

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10: 25

Food for thought ---

Someone once wrote a letter to the local newspaper that said, "Ministers seem to feel their sermons are very important, so they spend a great deal of time preparing them. I've been attending church regularly for over 30 years, and I've probably heard about 1,500 sermons. The awful truth is that I can't remember a single one! I wonder if a minister's time might be better spent on something else."

That Sunday, the Minister read the letter to her congregation and said she'd be interested in any replies the congregation might wish to send to her.

The following Sunday, the minister reported that she'd received many responses, most of them expressions of indignation aimed at the anonymous letter writer. She thanked the church members for the responses but said she was most thankful for one in particular, which she then read to the gathering.

"I have been married for 30 years. During that time, I have eaten well over 32,000 meals - mostly my wife's cooking - but I can't remember the menu of a single meal. Of course I can recall some of my favorite dishes, but not the menus. And yet, I received the nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago."

Summer is upon us with lots of warm sunshine filled days and beautiful evenings. We are encouraged to spend as much time as possible with family enjoying the outdoors.

Too often we use "family time" as an excuse to not come to worship. But as the above story reminds us, without spiritual nourishment our faith dies, and God is saddened that his children no longer have the time to give him thanks, hear his word or share his meal.

The church is the place where both our church family and our individual families can grow and learn to live in love. It is the place where all of God's children give thanks for the many blessings we have received.

God's work and the work of the church continues each day. I would encourage you to take the time to enjoy the summer, to marvel at God's creation and to spend family time worshipping with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

See you on Sunday!!!!

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

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team is currently conducting the Congregational Vitality Survey. The purpose of this anonymous survey is to gather information about our current ministries at Immanuel. We need your help to complete this next step in our transition process and it is very important that we collect as many surveys as possible to gain a perspective from a majority of the congregation.

Every confirmed member of the church received the survey with a self-addressed, stamped, return envelope. Please complete the survey by completely filling in the bubble with your response in pen or pencil. Completed surveys need to be returned by **May 27th**. Once all of the surveys have been received, the team will mail the surveys to the Center for Community Research and Development at Baylor University. The surveys will be analyzed and then a report will be prepared for our congregation based on your responses. The Transition Team will review those results with our synod liaison and the information gathered will help us navigate the next steps in the transition process.

This will not be the only time the Transition Team reaches out to you for information but it is very important that we hear from you as a congregation member. We want to hear your thoughts, ideas, and concerns as we continue to discern the next steps for our congregation. Also, continue to pray for our Transition Team as we continue to serve this congregation and listen to God's direction leading us forward in ministry.

Emily Komarek, transition team member



Thank You

Thank you to all who donated items and/or helped assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during Lent. We were able to assemble 58 kits! Thank you!

We are so appreciative for all the volunteers to gave of their time to help deliver flowers for Mother's Day! The money raised will placed in our account for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering.
Immanuel Youth

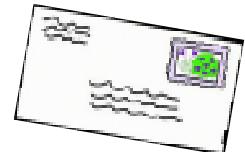
Summer Camp

Immanuel has two campers attending Confirmation Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga this summer. They love getting mail! Let's show them our support and encouragement by sending them positive, upbeat messages.

June 20-25: Caidon Cooper & Emma Greenemeyer
Send mail to:

Camper First & Last Name
c/o Camp Tomah Shinga
7821 E. Kyon 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.



Beginning June 6, Sunday worship will not be live-streamed on our Facebook page. Sunday worship will be videotaped and posted as soon after the 8:30am worship service as possible.



Central States Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the synod and is charged with electing members to the Synod Council, other synod committees and churchwide voting members, voting on a budget, and on other resolutions that are presented to the assembly. In addition to conducting the business of the synod, voting members and visitors gather for worship, presentations, and workshops designed to support the ministry we do together as a synod.

The 2021 Synod Assembly will be June 4-5 and will be held virtually by Zoom.

Please pray for Immanuel's voting members to the 2021 Central States Synod Assembly are Dorothy Hanna, Michael Tillberg, Nancy Mitchell and Mindy Tillberg.



Families should have received in the mail summer resources for sharing faith at home. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact Mindy Tillberg.

Immanuel members have been invited to help supply the Blessing Box at St John's Lutheran Church. The Blessing Box is a free food pantry that allows users to get help anonymously. Persons can take what they need and also donate items, "Take what you need. Give what you can." There are several Blessing Boxes located throughout Salina but the box at St. John's is the only one in the downtown area.



Please keep in mind the blessing box is outside and so items should be able to withstand extreme weather. Items in glass jars will not be accepted.

Items needed are:

Pasta, rice, cereal, oatmeal
Canned goods (fruit, veggies, jelly, meat, coffee)
Bread, buns, bagels, English muffins, etc.
Mac and Cheese (boxed or microwave containers)
Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, etc.)
Personal hygiene products (band aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper)
Peanut butter (no glass jars)
Cookies, Crackers, Chips , Tea, juice

Congregation Council Action from April 2021:

Treasurer reported that our PPP loan has been forgiven.

Motion passed to participate in Project Salina.

Motion passed to donate one Hot Wheels track to St Mark's Lutheran Church in Emporia, KS.

Motion passed for Hot Times to be held August 22 and that donations be split between Lutheran World Relief and Sunflower Adult Day Care.

Motion approved to collect special offering for Synod Assembly offering.

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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Congratulations Graduates!

Cheyanne Gibson graduated from Salina Central. She was a 4 year Honor Roll student and member of the National Honor Society her junior & senior year. Cheyanne was also a Thespian member and a volunteer with SRL All Breed Dog Rescue. She served on our Church Council and participated on the Youth & Education Team. Cheyanne will attend Hutchinson Community College this fall. She is the granddaughter of Steve & Tracy Schneider and Rick & Kandie Gibson.



Eli Truhe graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University, double majoring in Business Management and Accounting. He was tennis team captain, Fellowship of Christian Athletes President, and Top 10 in the DECA International Business competition. He will be moving to Texas to be the Assistant Director at Boerne Tennis. Eli is the son of Doug Truhe and Pastor Amy Truhe.

If you are, or know, an Immanuel member who has recently graduated, please let Mindy Tillberg know.



As they proudly processed across the stage to receive their diplomas, each graduate heard two messages from the principal:

"Congratulations!" (in a loud voice) and "Keep moving" (in a whisper).

Although the administrator was merely trying to facilitate the flow, she was actually offering sound advice to the young adults: Don't stop or stagnate! Proceed from here and continue learning. This is the beginning, not the end, of a journey. Keep moving!