



Notes from Nancy



"Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matt 28: 19-20

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF YOUR CHURCH OR A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST?

Is your primary relationship with the congregation or with Jesus Christ? In and out of your church, what do you hear about the most: conversations about people and activities in our lives - or our relationship with Jesus Christ and what he is doing in our lives?

MEMBERSHIP - Members in a congregation are expected to:

1. Give money to support others who do ministry such as the pastor or a missionary.
2. Maintain the institution. Give enough money to keep the building heated, lights on, and maintained and to make sure that enough people take their turn on committees and council.
3. Live an upright life and be a good citizen of the community.

DISCIPLESHIP - Our primary relationship is with Jesus Christ, not the congregation. Although, the congregation is the community of people with whom this relationship is lived out and nurtured.

1. As disciples, we are commanded to have a deeper relationship with Jesus, become more like Jesus, and share the "Good News" with others.
2. Disciples think of the pastor and the congregation being in a "partnership" instead of thinking they "pay the pastor". They don't complain about what the pastor is or isn't doing but instead they understand that "ministry" belongs to all God's people.
3. A Disciple's life involves praying daily, reading scripture daily, going to church to worship weekly, tithing, serving others in Jesus' name. and sharing Jesus with the unchurched.
4. Disciples see that the church can't grow within the walls of the church.... They go out into the community to reach the unchurched, those in need, and those who have not gone to church in some time.

Nowadays, a lot of churches have few members and even fewer disciples. Therefore, Christ's call to discipleship is not an option but the livelihood of the church.

Our **VISION** should be on the Kingdom of God, **NOT** the church itself.

Are **YOU** a church member or a disciple of Christ?

As Christians, we are all called to be **DISCIPLES!!**

-thoughts from a Friend by Joanie Lawrence Cain

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

Immanuel members are 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 2022:**

Minutes have not been approved yet.



Thank you to all who provided kind words of comfort, cards and memorials at the death of my mother, Faryl Lange. They were appreciated.

Corlene Lange

We are so appreciative for all the volunteers who gave of their time to help deliver flowers for Mother's Day! The money raised will be used for youth events.

Immanuel Youth

Thank you for your financial contribution to Serenity Houses. We used it to help a man get medication. We would be happy to bring men to any of your groups to testify how the Lord has eased their addiction burden. Thank you again—blessing to your entire church!

*Todd White, Director
(\$312 from Lent 2022 offering)*

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 19-24: Emma Greenemeyer & Ty 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.

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 2022 Synod Assembly will be June 9-11 in Olathe, KS.

Please pray for Immanuel's voting members to the 2022 Central States Synod Assembly are Megan Mong, Corlene Lange, Nancy Mitchell and Mindy Tillberg.



Weary long-distance hikers sometimes encounter "trail angels" — people who offer food and drink, bandages, shoelaces and even a place to do laundry. Along the Pacific Crest Trail, one home, dubbed Hiker's Heaven, serves as a

mail drop. Trail angels say they find great joy in offering kindness to strangers.

Unexpected kindnesses — and regular rest stops — make any journey less grueling and more enjoyable. That's also true on the journey of life as we experience (and bestow) generosity and pause to spend time with God. After all, "It is God to whom and with whom we travel," said Elisabeth Elliot. "And while he is the end of our journey, he is also at every stopping place."



Congratulations Graduates!

Kaylee Cooper graduated from Salina South. She was a 4 year Honor Roll student. Kaylee will attend Arizona State University this fall. She is the daughter of Alisha & Don Cooper, granddaughter of Kim & Jr Lemon, and the great-granddaughter of Kay Swisher.



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



As of 4/30/2022:
Revenue \$52,259.96
Expenses \$72,943.31
Deficit \$21,683.35

WELCA will not meet in June, July, or August.
Altar Guild will not meet in June, July, or August.

Families Celebrate Summer is a colorful deck of 56 cards full of faith-based activities, rituals, reflections, and other ideas for families to try at home and on the go. Perfect for families with kids ages 3-12. The cards can be used all summer long.



Each card is color coded to show activity type: red for specific days, orange for at-home fun, yellow for ideas during travel, green for rituals to try, and blue for acts of service.

If you would like a deck of these cards, please contact Mindy Tillberg.

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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Wednesday, June 1

5:30-7:30pm

5:30 pm Gathering & Dinner

6:00 pm Messy Activities

7:15 pm Worship

Join us at Messy Church this month as we follow the “God’s Family, Our Family” theme from last month and become familiar with Joseph. All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Pizza will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities will begin at 6:00 pm, and worship will be done by 7:30 pm.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus’ disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus’ ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.



Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, “Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.”

Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

June Worship Volunteers

as of 5/20/22

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeter	Steve & Pam Michel			
Usher		John Swisher		
Acolyte				
Cantor	Pam Michel			Pam Michel
Lector	Steve Michel	Tom Davis	Liz Diehl	Kathy Yosai
Communion Assistant			John Swisher	
Altar Guild Set-up & Clean-up	Corlene Lange	Kathy Herron	Connie Beisner	Monica Davis

July Worship Volunteers

as of 5/20/22

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Greeter	Tom Davis		Janet Ireton	Alisha Cooper & Kim Lemon	
Usher					
Acolyte					
Cantor					
Lector	John Yosai		Janet Ireton	Eugene Tillberg	Liz Diehl
Communion Assistant				Eugene Tillberg	
Altar Guild Set-up	Carol Ann Sloo	Monica Davis	Corlene Lange	Corlene Lange	Jo Srna
Altar Guild Clean-up	Carol Ann Sloo	Monica Davis	Diana Looney	Corlene Lange	Norma Hodge