

# The Messenger

June 2024

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

<sup>12</sup> Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> 'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:12-14

At our May meeting, the church council voted to accept the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. for extensive restoration and repairs to the exterior of our church building. The bid includes miscellaneous masonry repairs, cleaning, and resealing including water repellant application to the original church building. In addition, the stucco window surround surfaces of the north elevation will be patched and painted.

We are blessed to have sufficient monies in our Building Fund from the Berkley Estate to provide the initial funding for this much-needed project. All these blessings ultimately come from God and God has indeed made our cup to runneth over. But we are also called to be faithful stewards of the gifts we have received from our generous Lord. So in keeping with our obligation as stewards of God's gifts, we are beginning a fund-raising drive to replace those monies we will use to finance the work.



Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to assist with this endeavor as you are able. You may make your gifts by earmarking them "Exterior Repairs." If you prefer to make a pledge in lieu of a one-time immediate gift, information will be forthcoming. Watch our bulletins and announcements for more details and future events. God is certainly at work here at Immanuel making all things new. May we all bring our unique time, talents, and gifts to the task at hand maintaining all that God has given us. Amen.

#### While you're away...



Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if

you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christs Love

#### **Financial Report**

The current financial status of Immanuel as of April 30, 2024, is as follows:

Year-to-Date Offerings Actual - \$45,972 Year-to-Date Offerings Budget - \$60,907 Average Weekly budget - \$3,513 Average Actual Weekly Offering - \$2,704

As noted above, our current giving is lagging behind our budget. We pray that you will continue to step forward to insure our ministry continues. Your support of our ministries such as Messy Church, Pastor Jacque Reads, the Share Shed, the Food Bank, Lutheran World Relief Kits and the upcoming Youth Gathering, are signs of your commitment to Immanuel in both words and actions.

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we can remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. Thank you for your prayers, your time, your talents and your resources.

~ Finance Ministry Team



#### **Share Shed**

Our Share Shed ministry reaches many of our most vulnerable community members who are looking for clothing and personal care items. A few of our highest need items are deodorant, men's clothing, socks, underwear. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with others!

# Congregation Council Action <u>from April 2024:</u>

Approved Randy Olson and Monica Davis as voting members to the Synod Assembly.

Approved transfer of Bill & Mary Jane Newingham to Bethany, Lindsborg.

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

Please send information to <u>office@immanuelsalina.org</u> Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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#### **Congratulations Graduates!**

Isabelle Greenemeyer graduated from Salina South High School. She was a member of the Drama Club, Art Club, Book Club, Scholar's Bowl, and Newspaper staff. She was a officer of the Drama Club and was a Writ-



ing Center Intern. Isabelle received the President's Academic Excellence Award and the Superintendent's Excellence Award for the Kansas Thespian Festival and Newspaper. She will attend Kansas State University majoring in English. Isabelle is the daughter of Theron & Zoë Greenemeyer.

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



## Exterior Repairs & Restoration

At the May Council meeting, a bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Company for exterior masonry repair, cleaning & water repellant application to the original church building, and patching/painting

stucco window surround surfaces on the north side of the building was approved. The total for these projects is \$46,551. There is money in the Berkley Fund (designated for building repairs/maintenance) to cover these expenses. As good stewards of the Berkley estate gift, the Council would like to recover as much of the cost as possible through member donations. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please note "Exterior Repairs" on your check. Thank you for preserving the religious, cultural, and historical significance of our church.

# TH thank you!

Thank you for your \$1,014 donation. Your support is deeply appreciated. Providing specialized services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is vital to our community's quality of life. Without your support and generosity, these services would not be offered by the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). Sincerely, *Andrea Quill, CEO* 

(This was our Lenten offering)

Thank you to everyone who helped deliver Mother's Day flowers. We raised almost \$1,000 for the youth ministry at Immanuel! *Immanuel Youth Group* 



### Joint Worship & Potluck Picnic Sunday, June 30 at 9:30 am Jerry Ivey Park Shelter



ALL are invited to this worship and picnic hosted by Immanuel, St John's, and Redeemer! The morning will begin with worship at 9:30 am followed by a time for fellowship and games. The Potluck Picnic will begin around 11:00 am. Homemade ice cream\* will be served.

Please bring lawn chairs, a dish to share, and yard games.

Table service and drinks will be provided.

Worship offering is designated for ELCA World Hunger.

\* Please let Pastor Jacque know if you can provide homemade ice cream.



#### **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 participate in worship and presentations designed to support the ministry we do together as a synod.

The 2024 Synod Assembly will be June 6-8 in Olathe, KS. Please pray for Immanuel's voting members: Randy Olson, Monica Davis, Pastor Jacque Thornton and Deacon Mindy Tillberg.

This year's Synod Assembly offering will be dedicated to ELCA World Hunger. If you would like to make a special gift, please mark your donation for "Synod Assembly Offering" and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, mail it to the church or visit the church website to donate electronically.



"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

~ John Lubbock

**Messy Church** will not meet in June, July, or August. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, September 4.

**WELCA** will not meet in June, July or August. Their next meeting will be Monday, September 16.

**Altar Guild** will not meet in June, July or August. Monthly meetings resume on September 18.



### July Worship Volunteers as of 05/23/2024

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting				
Minister				
Lector				
Children's				
Sermon				
Communion				
Assistant				
Altar Guild				
Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				

### June Worship Volunteers as of 05/23/2024

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Greeter					Joint Worship at Jerry Ivey Park
Usher					
iPad					
Acolyte					
Cantor	Henry Diehl	Jeri Clouston	Henry Diehl		
Assisting Minister	Henry Diehl		Henry Diehl		
Lector	Mindy Tillberg				
Children's Sermon	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl		
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care	Kathy Herron	Corlene Lange	Connie Beisner	Carol Ann Sloo	
Fellowship Hosts					