



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

May
2019

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May tends to be a time of excitement for many students as they graduate from school. Some are graduating from elementary school and heading on to middle school. There are those who are graduating from middle school and will now be going to high school. Others are graduating from high school and taking some time off from school, going to tech school or going to college. And then there are those who are graduating from tech school, college or some type of master's degree and are considering their next step in life.

With each graduation, a new adventure in life begins with new challenges to overcome. Some of those challenges may seem overwhelming while others not so much. But through them all, we grow. We are shaped into the person that we are by the experiences we have and everything we overcome.

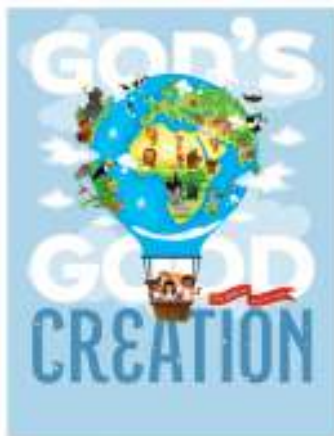
As we journey through life, we do not do so by ourselves. We have family and friends who are at our side to help and support us in everything. They help us to succeed in school. They rejoice as we begin a job. They listen to and support us as we face earth shattering news that shakes us to the core.

The longer you live, the more you realize that God has placed people in your life to help you through life. Sometimes we take that for granted or we don't make the connection. I know I have been guilty of that. But that does not mean that God doesn't care or isn't present; it just means that we are not paying attention and recognizing God in our life.

Life is one adventure after another. Each day is different. Our faith is challenged and grows because of what we experience. And God continues to be a part of our life each and every day. Nothing happens to us without God knowing and helping us through it.

Allow God to continue to be a part of your life knowing that HE has placed people around you to help in all circumstances that you face.

In Christ,
Pastor Kent



God's Good Creation Vacation Bible School

May 29-31

9:00am-12:00pm

Immanuel & St John's are hosting a joint VBS this year !

Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone,
and you will be taken directly to the online registration.

Questions?? Contact Mindy Tillberg.



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



Summer Camp

Immanuel pays half of the Early Bird cost for our students to attend camp at Tomah Shinga. Register online at

<http://tomahshinga.com/summercamp>

PLEASE let Mindy know if you:

- register for camp (so the church can pay its share).
- need additional financial assistance.
- are a current 6th & 7th grader attending **Confirmation Camp July 14-19.**

VBS Donations

Please watch for the VBS donation board! From snack to craft supplies, there will be many items that you can donate to help keep our VBS costs down. Donated items are needed on or before Sunday, May 26. Thanks!

Your prayers and consideration are requested as we enter the Easter season! April is the month for our quarterly insurance payment of \$4,000. Your generosity is appreciated in covering this expenditure as well as our regular monthly costs of approximately \$19,000.

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

of the
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Welca Group

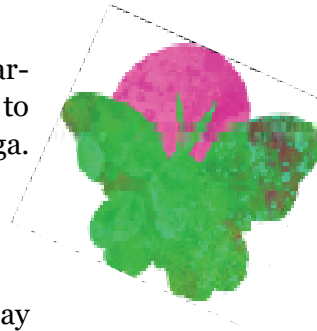
Thursday, May 9 at 2pm
at church

Anna Group

Wednesday, May 15 at 1:30pm
at Presbyterian Manor

Elizabeth Group

Wednesday, May 15 at 6:15pm
at church



Christ has Triumphed!

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger.
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right.
Faith and hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks

Help Immanuel collect canned vegetables for Project Salina during May!



Project Salina's purpose is to collect food for distribution to Salina's population who struggle to afford food. We target the time of greatest need – summer. During the summer months, providing 3 meals a day for school-age children is often a burden for many families. Collecting and distributing food items in May-June provides much needed assistance. Food collected is divided between Ashby House, Emergency Aid/Food Bank, Salina Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Domestic Violence Assoc. of Central Kansas.

The newly updated Immanuel website is live!

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

thank you

Thank you to all who helped with Carol's funeral.

Doug & Sally Olson

We would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, gifts, and well wishes following the birth of Tobin James Komarek. We are blessed by your kindness and generosity.

Jim, Emily, & Tobin

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to teach education classes this year! Your service and witness is truly a blessing to our education ministry. *Youth & Education Ministry Team*

Mother's Day Flower Delivery

We will be delivering Mother's Day flowers for the Cloud Street Dillon's store from May 9-11. If you can help deliver flowers, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Mindy Tillberg.



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 2019 Synod Assembly will be June 6–8, 2019 at the Marriott Kansas City/Overland Park, and will include the Bishop's Election.

Please pray for Immanuel's voting members to the 2019 Central States Synod Assembly are Gary & Karla Arpin, Deacon Mindy Tillberg, and Pastor Kent Happel.



Newsletter Distribution

The June Messenger will be emailed on May 24. 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, May 26. If you do not pick yours up that day, it will be mailed to you on May 28.



Do you have an article for the June Messenger?

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

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Graduate Blessing

Sunday, May 5

High school and college graduates will be recognized at worship on Sunday, May 5. Please let the church office know if there are graduates in your family!

Altar Guild Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 at 5:15pm

ALL members need to attend this meeting as Altar Guild will not meet during the summer! Communion duties will be scheduled through September. Altar Guild will meet next on September 18.

Harvest Worship

Our Harvest Worship service will be on a Sunday evening sometime in late May or early June. If you have a field with decent wheat and close parking that we could gather near for worship, please talk to Pastor.



Congregational Pool Party

Friday, July 26 from 8-10pm
at the Lindsborg Pool.

There are no **GIFT** classes May 19 through August 8.
GIFT classes will resume September 15.

Senior Lunch group will not meet from May through August. Please join us again in September!