



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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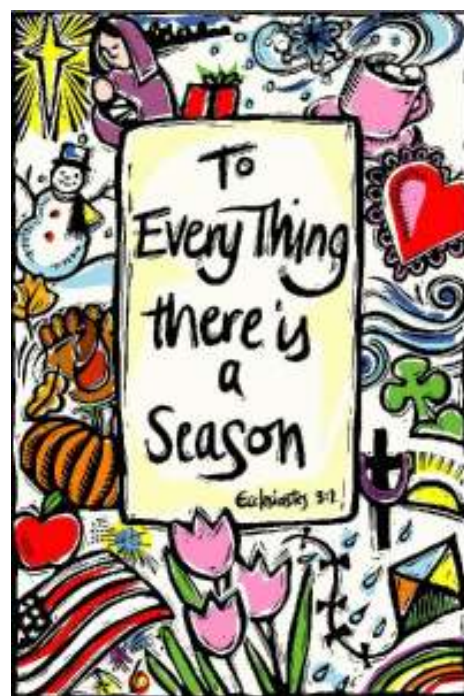
Ponderings from Your New Pastor

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Those are the words the Apostle Paul often uses to begin his letters to the churches. It seems only appropriate to begin our journey together with the same greeting. So, first, let me introduce myself. Since my ordination on Saturday, the 15th, I can now call myself Pastor. Pastor Jacqueline Thornton. Since my installation on Sunday, the 16th, I am now blessed to call myself your Pastor. Pastor Jacque.

I grew up in northeast Kansas in Atchison (known as the hometown of Amelia Earhart). After graduating from KU I came to Osborne where I married and raised my son and daughter. I served as a District Magistrate Judge there for 20 twenty years. When I retired in 2013, I moved to Larned to be closer to my only grandchild. I thought, "Now I have the time to serve the church." The more I volunteered at church, the more I found I wanted to try. Yet it came as a great shock when God called me to enter the seminary. And four years later, here we are! That, as my father would say, is the story in a nutshell.

It seems only right that we are beginning this journey together in the fall of the year. Autumn is my favorite season, as the trees blaze with color, then lose their leaves to prepare for the new growth coming in the spring. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," Solomon tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:1. This is a season when the old and the new come together. We celebrate the beginning of our Lutheran foundation on Reformation Day. We remember the Saints of our church on All Saints Day. Then we begin Advent, waiting for the new birth, the rebirth of our Lord and Savior.

As we remember and await, we are reminded that growth is cyclical. Growth comes from what has gone before. The new leaves in the spring grow from the branches that are already there, attached to the firm foundation of the trunk with roots that run deep. So it is with the church. We do not so much change as we do grow from what is already here. I look forward to learning from you how God is already at work here at Immanuel as we discover together what God has in store for our future.



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



As Christians, we believe that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. How do we respond to God’s call to do this? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Stewardship, in its simplest form, is the practice of gratitude and generosity; giving thanks to God and faithfully using what God has entrusted to our care – our time, our talents and our treasures – to love and serve our neighbors.

Included in this newsletter is a pledge card for 2023. Please prayerfully consider how you can share of your financial resources next year and help Immanuel continue it’s ministry of loving and serving our neighbors. Please return your pledge card by **Sunday, November 20.**



Financial Results through September 30, 2022

General Fund Income - Cash: \$128,393.26
 General Fund Expenses: \$152,426.87
 Deficit: \$24,033.61

**Congregation Council Action
 from September 2022:**

Approved recommendation from Finance Team to enter into agreement with Vanco to provide online giving options.

**The church office will be closed
 Friday, November 25.**



Do you have an article for the Messenger?

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

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On Reformation Sunday, October 30 members of Immanuel, Redeemer, and St John’s will gather together for a joint worship service at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 10:30 am. There will be no worship at Immanuel that day. All members are encouraged to worship at Redeemer that morning. Don’t forget to wear red!

There will also be a joint Reformation Sunday Choir. The choir will practice collectively on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 7:15-8:15 and then again on Sunday morning, Oct. 30 at 9:45am at Redeemer. You do not already have to be a member of a choir to join in for this event! If you are interested in singing with us, please contact Ann Metcalfe at annmetcalfe@gmail.com or (785-342-9516) for sheet music and other optional rehearsal times.



**All Saints Sunday
 November 6**

When we confess the Apostles’ Creed and proclaim our belief in the “communion of saints”, we remember all the saints, famous or obscure, who have died and are at rest with God. On All Saints Sunday, we especially remember those members who have died in the last year: Sally Olson, Vi Luehring, Melvin Jensen, Lucine Harris, Jo Olson, Doris Pruitt, Don Tillberg, Dale Anderson, Rachel Roberg, Delbert Tholstrup, John Gilpin, Peggy Tholstrup, and Mary

“Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow.”
 – Michael Ramsey



A volunteer or two are needed to help move the Lutheran World Relief boxes (Personal Care and School kits) over to St John's for the In-Gathering on Wednesday, November 2 any-time between 9:00am-12:00pm. Must have a truck or van and be able to lift 40lbs. Please contact Mindy if you can help!

**Wednesday,
November 2**

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! All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities will begin at 6:00 pm, and worship will be done by 7:30 pm.

Saturday, November 19

Live Nativity

1:00-2:00 pm

Pioneer President's Place lawn
(across the street from the church)

Volunteers are still needed!
Please see the sign-up in the narthex.

Parade of Lights

6:00 pm

Immanuel, Redeemer, and St. John's will have a shared float Parade! Volunteers are needed as: Float Decorators, Parade Walkers, Float protectors, Candy distributors, Choir members, and Technical "Stage hands". Each church is to decorate a 4-5 foot tree to be mounted on the float. A dry run for float assembly will be Saturday, November 12. Ann Metcalfe (Redeemer) will lead the choir. Questions? Contact Henry Diehl or Connie Beisner.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 20

Immediately following worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Elections will be held and the 2023 budget will be voted on. See the enclosed 2023 proposed budget.



**Daylights Savings
ends November 6.**

Make sure to set your clock back 1 hour Saturday night before you go to bed!



Welca Group

Thursday, November 10 at 2pm at church

Sunday, November 13

10:30--12:30pm

6-12th graders are invited for Brunch and activity planning!



Altar Guild

Wednesday, November 16 at 5:15pm

Please attend as we will not meet in December!

Wednesday, November 30 at 3:00pm

Decorate for Advent & Christmas.



THANKSGIVING EVE

Dinner & Worship

Wednesday, November 23

5:30pm Dinner (\$5/person)

7:00pm Worship with Communion

Menu includes: ham, turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, corn casserole, dressing, rolls, cranberry sauce and pie.

Reservations due by noon on Friday, Nov 18.

Call 825-4750 or email the church office.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, contact Mindy Tillberg if you can help.