



The Messenger

October
2021

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church



Notes from Nancy



"God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!" Ephesians 3: 20a

The next time you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in V formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way.

It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Christians who share a common direction and a sense of community can also get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust and uplift of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation, to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

No offence, but If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It pays to take turns doing hard jobs with people at church or with geese flying south. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Do we encourage as we speak?

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded, two geese fall out of formation and follows him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is able to fly or until he is dead; and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their original group.

Sharing with each other is both serving and giving. We believe that it is a joy and a privilege for the Christian to dedicate all we have and all we are to God.

As Scripture says, God can take our smallest gifts of time, money and abilities and multiply them many times over.

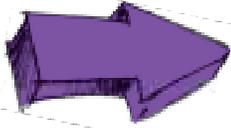
As we move into fall I encourage you to give thanks for all the blessings we have received from God. ----- See you Sunday

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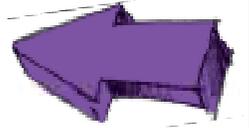
BELIEVES THE INCREDIBLE -

AND RECEIVES THE IMPOSSIBLE!!"

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



Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 AM



The congregation will vote on the recommendation from the Congregational Council to sell the parsonage. After discussion, you may vote:

YES to sell the parsonage

~ OR ~

NO to not sell the parsonage.

An open house of the parsonage is Sunday, October 3 from 9:30-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm.
This is for congregational members only.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Congregational Council members.

Joint Reformation Service October 31 10:45 am at St John's



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church, thus launching the Protestant Reformation. On October 30 at 10:45 am, we will join St John's Lutheran Church in a joint commemorative worship service. Worshipers are invited to wear **RED** this day! The 8:30 am worship will still be held at Immanuel.



Blessing of LWR Kits Sunday, October 3

Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or assembled Personal Care kits and School kits this year. We assembled 100 Personal Care Kits and 102 School kits! Join us on Sunday October 3 as we bless the work created by our hands and pray for those who will receive these gifts. On October 7, the kits will be taken to Trinity LCMS, Salina and loaded on the truck headed to the LWR Warehouse in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Sunday Fellowship Hour

occurs from 9:30-10:30 am. If you would like to furnish cookies, donuts or your specialty, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.



JOIN US FOR Education Hour Sunday Mornings 10:00 – 10:45 am

Preschool/Kindergarten class will be led by Liz Diehl.

Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) class for ages 6-99 will be led by a rotation of volunteers.

Financial Results through

August 31, 2021

General Fund Income: \$119,636.03

General Fund Expenses: \$128,357.23

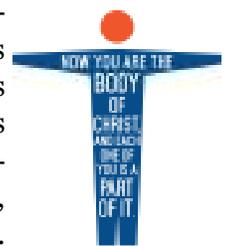
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The Rummage Sale Team has decided that it is in our best interests to postpone any 2021 rummage sale to 2022. Again, the hope is that the COVID numbers will decrease and we can safely have 100 people shopping at one time. Be watching for plans for the Year 2022.

The Christian does not go to the temple to worship. The Christian takes the temple with him or her. Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it his dwelling place, the place where he meets with us.

—Ravi Zacharias



1 CORINTHIANS 12:27 NIV

Sun, Oct 3 * Noon–2pm

6-12th graders are invited for food, fellowship, fun and event planning! Bring \$2 for lunch.



Registration forms for 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering are due to Mindy on October 15!

Women of the ELCA Welca Group

Thursday, October 14 at 2pm at church

Elizabeth Group

Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00 pm at church

Altar Guild

Wed, Oct 20 at 5:15 pm



St John's & Immanuel Joint Choir Practices

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at St John's.

In honor of **Rosella Cline's 95th birthday**, her family is hosting a card shower. Birthday cards may be sent to Rosella Cline, 4436 S. Kipp Rd, Gypsum, KS 67448.



Congregation Council Action from August 2021:

Minutes from the August meeting have not been approved.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

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

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Transition Team Update

We hope you have had a chance to review the results of our Congregational Vitality Survey and the Congregational Vitality Survey Report from Rev. Dr. Donna Simon. The transition team continues to gather data and is doing a few more meetings with Phase III Questions. Phase III Questions will conclude our formal questions and work on completing the Ministry Site Profile paperwork will begin soon. If you have not been contacted or had the chance to participate in this process, and would like to, please contact one of our team members for us to set up a phone discussion time with you. Thank you.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Arpin, Transition Team Member

thank you

Dear Immanuel,

August 17

Heidi & I would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards that you have sent to her. The last two years have been really hard for her. She went into the hospital on May 4 and was there for 5 weeks before going to a nursing home for rehab. It looks like she will be coming home at the end of the month. Thank you all again for your prayers as Heidi has continued to heal from this episode of her MS.

In Christ, Kent

(Editor's note: Heidi was released from the nursing home on Sept 9.)

Thank you for having Hot Times! My niece Belinda Rock and her great nephew enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Thanks to the crew that helped.

Sincerely, Peggy Tholstrup

Friends at Immanuel,

We thank you so much for allowing us to hold Cliff's funeral service and luncheon at your church.

Mardell Carlson & the family

Ashby House would like to take a minute and tell you how much we appreciate the work your group did for us. It is so nice to see the improvements. Again thank you!

Sincerely, Ashby House