



NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

August 29 - following the 8:30 worship & prior to the 11:00 worship

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the recommendation from council to consider the financial implications of selling the parsonage now when the real estate market is high. The meeting will begin at the end of the 8:30 am worship and will recess until the beginning of the 11:00 am worship. Please plan to attend!

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).



As you’re enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: “Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God’s best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone

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



This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Immanuel, Redeemer and St John churches will join to share God's love with the community and Lutheran World Relief.

Sunday, September 12
9:30 am Gather at Ashby House
 to work on projects
10:00 am Gather at Immanuel
 to assemble LWR school kits
10:00 am Gather at Redeemer
 to assemble LWR layettes

**There will be no late services at any of the churches that day.

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Results through July 31, 2021
 General Fund Income - Cash: \$107,260.32
 General Fund Expenses: \$114,122.35
 Deficit: -\$6,862.03

Info Meeting * Sun, Sept 19 * 10:00am
 8-12th grade families are invited to attend this informational meeting about the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis MN, July 24-28.

Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) class will meet Sundays at 10:00am starting September 26. **GIFT**



Youth Group Trip to Kansas City
 On August 9-10, the youth group took a fun trip to Kansas City to watch the Royals play and spend a day Worlds of Fun. Thanks to Megan Mong for serving as an adult leader!

Top: Caidon, Ty, Jake
 Bottom: Raegan, Kaylee, Isabelle, Emma, Megan

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

- Items needed by Sept 1**
- 61 Rulers - 30 centimeters
 - 53 Scissors - blunt, safety w/embedded blades work
 - 281 Pens - black or blue ballpoint (no gel ink)
 - 51 Erasers - 2.5"



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.



Women of the ELCA

Welca Group

Thursday, Sept 9 at 2pm at church

Altar Guild will resume monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm. The next meeting is September 15.



The joint St John's & Immanuel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 pm. The choir practices weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at St John's.



Thanks to Shane & Kathy; Connie; Terry, Kathy & their granddaughters; and Nancy for promoting Hot Times at the Tri-Rivers Fair Parade!

Congregation Council Action from July 2021:

Approved motion to continue use of prepackaged communion sets and offering worshippers the option to go to communion rail to take communion.

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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Transition Team Update

We have been a hard working congregation and transition team since our last update. Members of Council and the Transition Team attended the Joint Council Retreat with St. John's at Camp Tomah Shinga that was led by Synod staff. Emily Komarek gave temple talks on 8-1-21 to update the congregation on where we are as a congregation in the transition process and to encourage everyone to sign up for and participate in the upcoming small group discussions. Signup sheets were provided at the church as well as on line. Five small group discussions took place with members providing vital information about our congregation. Information was gathered about where we are as a church, where our focus is, dreams for our church and mission for the future, and how to get there. **Be watching, if you have not already received the results of the Vitality Study, you should receive them shortly.** The results were sent via email or postal service, whichever method you have requested to receive the church newsletter. If you do not receive it by the end of August, please contact the church to have another sent to you. Hard copies will also be available in the narthex. Transition Team members have also begun making phone calls to members that physically could not make it to one of the small discussion groups to get each member's input. If you have not been contacted or had the chance to participate, and would like to, please contact one of our team members for us to set up a phone discussion time with you. Thank you for your continued participation in our transition process.

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Respectfully Submitted,
 Karla Arpin, Transition Team Member



Thank you to everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during Delores' illness and at the time of her death. We so appreciated the many prayers, cards, visits, calls and food. Thank you to WELCA for preparing and serving lunch at the service. All of your love and care has been so appreciated and will long be remembered.

Eyler Anderson and Family