



Call Committee Update

On Sunday, August 14, members of the congregation were able to greet Pastor Jacqueline Thornton, the candidate for Immanuel's pastor position, and ask questions. At the congregational meeting a quorum was present, and **the congregation voted to call Pastor Thornton to the position**. In addition, the financial package was approved. We thank Pastor Gary Teske and his wife, Linda, for joining us for the activities as the representative from the Synod office to complete the Vote Verification Form. Eugene Tillberg, Council President, has been in contact with Pastor Thornton and Pastor Dave Whetter of the Central States Synod Office to inform them of the vote. The next steps are:

1. Complete the Letter of Call and other required documents.
2. Send documents to the Bishop for review and attestation.
3. The Bishop then sends the Letter of Call to the candidate who has up to thirty days to respond in writing to the congregation's call.
4. Once Immanuel receives the candidate's written response, council president Eugene Tillberg will notify the congregation.
5. When the call is accepted, plans begin for the candidate's move and installation.
6. The council also works with the candidate in consultation with the bishop to arrange an agreed-upon date for a Service of Installation.
7. The council and the candidate agree upon a start date.
8. A mutual ministry team is established. To get the ministry started, often times three or four members of the call committee are to serve in this capacity for the first several months of the pastor's call. During that time, the pastor can be involved in selecting the committee's new members. The mutual ministry team provides feedback and can be a sounding board for the pastor as she acclimates to the new culture of the congregation.

As we go through the next few months, we request the congregations' prayers and support.



Change agents

A cartoon depicts a man at a podium firing up a crowd. "Who wants change?" he shouts. You can almost hear the excitement and urgency. "We do!" the listeners cry, all raising their hands.

But the next frame features a follow-up question: "Who wants *to* change?" The audience is silent and somber, with their hands down.

The gospel Jesus announced and lived out promises monumental change: life instead of death, healing from sickness, hope to replace despair, peace and justice instead of war and oppression. Although God could wave his hand and make the world perfect, God chooses to work through humans. That means we must be willing to change too. Change can be scary, but God's newness will so transform the world — and us — that we'll never miss our old, broken reality.

— Heidi Mann

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.

On Sunday, September 11 Immanuel, Redeemer and St John churches will join together for worship and to share God's love with our community .

Sunday, September 11
9:30 am Worship at Immanuel
10:30 am Options:

- Gather at St John’s to assemble shut-in baskets
- Gather at Oakdale Park for river clean-up
- Gather at Salina Shares to help clean (6-8ppl)

Watch for more info about these service opportunities on September 11.

LWR School Kits

- Items needed by September 4 are:
- 340 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
 - 60 unsharpened #2 pencils
 - 10 erasers, 2 .5” long
 - 53 pairs of blunt scissors
 - 37 rulers with 30 centimeters
 - 46 boxes of 24 crayons

We will be ordering some items in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged. Kits will be assembled September 18 during fellowship hour.



Megan Mong made it safely to Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). She is settling in, preparing for classes, and searching for a job. As part of her sending and blessing service, Immanuel gifted her with a Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) pew hymnal, the ELW Pastoral Care book, and the ELW Occasional Services for the Assembly book. These gifts are resources she will use during her studies at LSTC and in her ministry after seminary. Please continue to keep Megan in your prayers!



BUDGET REPORT

At the congregational meeting on August 14th, the current financial status was highlighted. If at any time you want to review the monthly financial statements, have questions, or would like to join the team, see one of the Finance Ministry Team members: Steve Michel, Gary Arpin, Eugene Tillberg or Corlene Lange. Our actual offering through July 31, 2022, is trailing our budget (\$89,566 compared to \$123,043) while our expenses are less than budget but the result is a \$30,000 deficit. Salaries and benefits for all staff through July 31, 2022 is \$81,822 and is slightly below budget. We are on track with synod benevolence of \$1,750 to date. Worship supplies including organ and piano tuning/maintenance, advertising, music licensing and internet domain and website costs is \$1,404. Education and youth including the synod assembly costs and seminary support is \$2,705. Office expenses including postage (which went up) is \$2,112. Building expenses including utilities, telephone and internet, insurance, and transfers for future housing allowance is \$31,356. Utilities included in this total is \$15,875 and it doesn’t include the July utility expense. The Council approved the transfer of the proceeds from the parsonage fund (\$307,657.50) to the Foundation. This transfer has taken place.

Financial Results through July 31, 2022
 General Fund Income - Cash: \$89,566.20
 General Fund Expenses: \$121,149.44
 Deficit: \$31,583.24

Congregation Council Action
from July 2022:

No minutes approved.

Altar Guild will resume monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm. The next meeting is September 21.



Faithful Innovation

Over the last couple of years, I know that many of us have been asking “As we listen to God, one another, and our neighbors, what future do you imagine God is bringing forth in our midst?” I noticed a brochure from the Central States Synod on Faithful Innovation which addresses this question. There are three training sessions over a nine month period and a coach is available to guide us. Please read the attached brochure and prayerfully consider joining a team. Pastor Thornton expressed interest but we need 4-6 members on the team. Please consider and let Corlene or the Church Office know by September 6, 2022, if you would willing to join the team.

Thank you for your consideration. *Corlene Lange*

Always room in God’s kingdom

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in,” the host said, “so that my house will be full” (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: “This is what God’s kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said *yes*. And there’s always room for more.”

We’re all “outcasts and oddballs” in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we’re hungry.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelosalina.org

Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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Wed, September 7

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.



Mrs. Liz will be leading the preschool through 3rd grade Sunday school class again this year. Classes will start September 18.



Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with our rummage sale. We made \$1,430.60. The leftover items went to the following missions: DAV, Salina Rescue Mission, Salina Animal Shelter, students and teachers, and to children in the Ukraine. Thank you again. *Rummage Sale Team*

Thank you so much for the school supplies for South High. All of the supplies will be put to great use. With gratitude, *Students & Faculty at Salina South High School*

Thank you for your gift of \$285.20 to The Gideons International. *Gary Jordan, Salina North Camp*

My appreciation to the members of the call committee for their time and dedication over the last eight months. There were many prayers, discussions, telephone calls, meetings, texts, interviews, and messages as we went through the call process. We also thank the congregation for their patience, questions, comments, and prayers as we went through each of the steps. The call committee members were Diana Looney, Jeri Clouston, and Kaylee Cooper, Jeremy Diehl, and Terry Oehmke. *Corlene Lange, Chair*

Thank you for blessing service and worship resources you gave me before I left for seminary. Your support of my call to ministry means the world to me. Thank you! *Megan Mong*

September Worship Volunteers

as of 8/24/22

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeter	Tom Davis		John Swisher	
Usher	Terrell Olson	Terrell Olson	Terrell Olson	Terrell Olson
Acolyte		Gus Diehl & Liz Diehl	Gus Diehl & Liz Diehl	Gus Diehl & Liz Diehl
Cantor	Pam Michel	Henry Diehl	Pam Michel	Henry Diehl
Lector	Karen Olson	Liz Diehl	Jeri Clouston	Karen Olson
Communion Assistant	No Communion	Eugene Tillberg	Jeri Clouston	
Altar Guild Set-Up	No Communion			
Altar Guild Clean-Up	No Communion			
Fellowship Hosts		Mindy Tillberg		

October Worship Volunteers

as of 8/24/22

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Greeter				Gary & Karla Arpin	
Usher					
Acolyte	Ty Tillberg			Ty Tillberg	
Cantor		Henry Diehl	Henry Diehl	Henry Diehl	Dorothy Hanna
Lector	Janet Ireton	Kathy Yosai	Janet Ireton		Monica Davis
Communion Assistant		John Swisher	Jeri Clouston		
Altar Guild Set-Up					
Altar Guild Clean-Up					
Fellowship Hosts					