

The Messenger

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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore. (Psalm 133)



Our Synod Assembly is by ZOOM this year and takes place on June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme, “Life Together,” is based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book by the same name. Bonhoeffer writes, “The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer.” During challenging times when our world and country are filled with so much division and conflict, it is more important than ever to treasure our relationships with fellow believers.

Our church and the fellowship we experience here should be a source of comfort and strength. But we spend only a small part of our lives within our church walls. We live the majority of our lives out in the world. A world full of both non-believers and those who actively scorn our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. That is why the strength we gain from our life together is so important on our faith journeys.

Bonhoeffer explains that in our Christian life together, we are called to serve each other in three specific ways. First, we owe each other the service of simply listening to each other. Not half listening while waiting for our chance to speak but listening patiently with open ears and open hearts. Our second service to each other is that of active helpfulness. God constantly interrupts our carefully laid out plans by placing the needs of others in our path. Helping each other as we are able is part of our life together. Finally, serving one another is bearing another’s burdens. Not just helping, but sharing in each other’s griefs and sufferings. We are all a part of the fellowship of the cross. Christ bore our burdens that we might bear each other’s.

Life together is the gift Christ gives us in His church. Whether you attend regularly, irregularly, or watch online, we are all a part of the fellowship created by our Lord. We each live better when we live together in unity, “for there the Lord ordained his blessing.” Amen.

Pastor Jacque



Former South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu had the gift of summarizing the role of Christians in God’s world. He made the point that we are to work with God as “agents of transfiguration.” We are to be God’s instruments, he believed, to change injustice into justice. We are also meant to exercise compassion, care, joy and laughter. If we will do that, the archbishop said, “There will be more togetherness in God’s world.”

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

Congratulations Caidon!



Caidon Cooper graduated from Salina South High School. His future plans include joining the workforce and building electrical substations. Caidon is the son of Alisha Cooper, grandson of Junior & Kim Lemon, and great-grandson of Kay Swisher.

If you are, or know, an Immanuel member who has recently graduated, please let the office know.

Central States Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly delegates will approve a budget, compensation guidelines, resolutions, and constitutional amendments. They will also be electing members to the synod council. The Synod Assembly will be online Saturday, June 6. Please pray for Immanuel's voting members: Dorothy Hanna, Pastor Jacque Thornton, and Deacon Mindy Tillberg.



This year's Synod Assembly offering will be designated for Central States Synod Campus Ministries. If you would like to make a special gift, please mark your donation for "Synod Assembly Offering" and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church.

Summer Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga

Summer Camp registration is now open! All Immanuel students receive a scholarship for half of the early bird price at Camp Tomah Shinga. For more information, contact Mindy Tillberg at 785-825-4750.



Hot Times, Fun in the City Sunday, August 23 * 4:00 -7:00 pm



Get your cars ready! Our car show is back for another afternoon of fun and friends!

Volunteers are needed. Please watch for the sign-up sheets.

All proceeds will benefit the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) and the Kote District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea.

Summer Calendar Changes

Messy Church will not meet in June, July, or August. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, September 2.

Altar Guild will not meet in June, July or August. Monthly meetings resume on September 16.

God's work. Our hands.

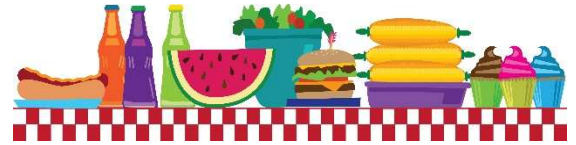
God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Two people are needed to serve on a committee to help plan God's Work Our Hands Sunday which will be September 13, 2026 at Redeemer Lutheran Church.



Sunday, July 12 ~ Worship & Picnic

Mark your calendars now for worship and a potluck picnic with St John's and Redeemer at Jerry Ivey Park!



Prayer Chain

If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please email Corlene Lange at corlene1208s@gmail.com. If you do not have access to a computer, please call Corlene at 785-825-2352. A Prayer Chain Covenant will be given to you. It must be signed and returned before you will be added to the prayer chain.

How to submit a prayer request to the Prayer Chain:

All are welcome to submit prayer requests. We ask that you provide the specific language for the information you want shared. If you are including a name, we ask that you have permission from that person or their family to include any identifying information in your prayer request. We do not include pictures in our requests. To honor privacy, we'll ask for permission before sharing any prayer requests with those outside the Prayer Chain. Prayer requests may be submitted to the either Corlene Lange at corlene1208s@gmail.com (785-201-2352) or to the church office during office hours at immanueloffice1870@gmail.com (785-825-4750).

Odds & Ends

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday ~ 8:30 am-12:30 pm; other times by appointment.

Congregational Council action for April 2026: Minutes not approved yet.

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.

	June 7	June 14	June 21 Father's Day	June 28
Greeter				
Usher				
Acolyte				
Cantor	Henry Diehl		Henry Diehl	
Asst Minister	Henry Diehl		Henry Diehl	
Lector				
Kid's Sermon		Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl
Communion Asst				
Altar Guild				
Fellowship Hosts				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Finance Team Go Barefoot Day	2 1:00 Worship Team	3 6:30 Missions Team	4 5:30 Property Team Cheese Day	5 8:00 Men's Coffee	6 9:00 am -3:00 pm Synod Assembly (Online)
7 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	8 7:00 Council	9 Donald Duck Day	10	11	12 8:00 Men's Coffee Smoky Hill River Festival	13 June 11-14
14 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study Flag Day	15 Messenger Deadline	16 7:00 Mutual Ministry Team	17 9:15 Stewardship Team	18 9:00 Evangelism Team	19 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 Men's Coffee Juneteenth	20
21 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study Father's Day	22	23	24 Pralines Day	25	26 8:00 Men's Coffee	27 Ice Cream Cake Day
28 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	29	30 Meteor Watch Day				