



The Messenger

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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Summer is coming to an end as we all finish our summer vacations, end our days at the lake, and prepare to for the new school year. Church attendance is notoriously low during the summer months as we just have too much happening! So, as our routines return to normal and church attendance once more increases, let us take this time to recognize all volunteers who use their Spirit-given gifts to make our Sunday worship services possible.

Some of our worship assistants are quite visible. They are even listed in our worship bulletins. Our ushers and greeters are waiting to welcome you as you come to worship. Our organists and pianists lead our worship songs. The acolytes light and extinguish our candles. The cantors and assisting ministers assist the pastor with the liturgy. The lector reads our scripture selections. Others give the children's sermon. Communion assistants help serve at the table. And our fellowship hosts provide our refreshments after the service.

But the ones that are listed and that you see are only the tip of the iceberg of those who make our weekly worship possible. Long before the Sunday service, the Altar Guild has met and made arrangements for the candles, paraments, flowers, robes, communion set-up and clean-up. The Worship Team has met and selected the worship settings and special services. Someone has come early to unlock the doors and turn on the lights and sound system. The Property Team and custodian have made sure the church building is maintained and safe. Another person has come and posted the hymn numbers on the hymn board. The secretary has prepared the bulletins, emailed them to the homebound, and provided the lectionary to the lectors. Another volunteer collects the offering and makes sure it is deposited in the safe. And, of, course, someone has run the IPAD for those watching at home.

It takes a village to make each Sunday worship service possible. And there is always room for more who would like to help. In recognition and honor of all who serve:

Gracious and loving God, we lift up to You our faithful worship volunteers. Thank You for their hearts of service and the time they dedicate to Your house. Pour out Your abundant blessings upon them, their families, and their daily lives. Grant them physical strength, renewed energy, and the peace that surpasses all understanding. May they feel Your presence deeply as they serve, and may their efforts reflect Your love and glory to everyone they encounter. Amen.

Pastor Jacques

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



Back to School Blessing * Sunday, August 9

All students & school district employees are invited to receive a special blessing.

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 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea.



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 is be **September 13, 2026** at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please let Pastor know if you are interested.

It's time to create LWR School Kits!

100 Lutheran World Relief school kits is our goal again this year! If you'd like to help gather supplies, items needed by September 15 are:

- 500 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 500 unsharpened #2 pencils

Many items will be ordered in bulk, so monetary donations are also encouraged. Kits will be assembled Sunday, September 20 after worship. If you have questions, please contact Mindy Tillberg.

Church Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale will be **September 26, 2026**. Bring your clean and operable items to the church by September 21, 2026. Furniture goes in the former pre-school room. Other items go to the Sunday school area in the basement.



Flowers for Worship

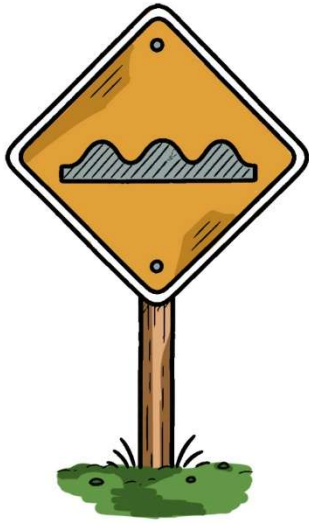
Altar Guild offers two ways in which you can remember or honor loved ones and/or special occasions on Sunday mornings through floral arrangements:



1. Altar flowers may be placed in memory or honor of someone or occasion. Altar Guild has beautiful silk arrangements for you to choose from. A \$20 donation to Altar Guild is requested for this option.
2. A special bouquet may also be placed in memory or honor of someone or occasion. It is your responsibility to purchase and have the arrangement delivered by noon on Friday.

For either of these options, please contact Diana Looney.

When the Road Gets Rough



It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, “Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles,” he braced himself.

Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again.

Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Notice He doesn’t say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard.

Notice that Jesus didn’t say we “might” have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope.

The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.

Odds & Ends

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

Congregational Council action for June 2026: No significant action taken.

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.

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Greeter					
Usher					
Acolyte					
Cantor		Henry Diehl	Pam Michel	Henry Diehl	
Asst Minister			Pam Michel		
Lector			Kathy Herron		Kathy Herron
Kid’s Sermon	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl
Communion Asst					
Altar Guild Communion Care	Carol Ann Sloo	Connie Beisner	Monica Davis & Diana Looney	Carol Ann Sloo	Kathy Herron
Fellowship Hosts					

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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Sunflower Day

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9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
11:00 Bible Study
Noon-4:00 Fellowship
Hall reserved

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5:30 Finance Team

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1:00 Worship Team

Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

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6:30 Missions Team

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5:30 Property Team

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8:00 Men's coffee

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9:30 Worship w/ Back to
School Blessing
10:30 Fellowship
11:00 Bible Study

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7:00 Council

Smores Day

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School starts USD 305 &
USD 306

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8:00 Men's coffee

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Messenger Deadline

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9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
11:00 Bible Study

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7:00 Mutual Ministry
Team

School starts USD 307

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9:15 Stewardship Team

School starts Salina
Catholic schools

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9:00 Evangelism Team

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8:00 Men's coffee

Fantasy Football Draft Day

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9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
11:00 Bible Study
4:00-7:00 Hot Times

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Waffle Day

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8:00 Men's coffee

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Chop Suey Day

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9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship
11:00 Bible Study

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