



The Messenger

May
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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty; from your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney. You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening. (Psalm 104:1, 13-23)

Finally, it feels as though spring has truly arrived. Fifty degrees one day and eighty the next. May brings the changing of the seasons. School ends, graduation ceremonies abound. And May brings a changing of the church seasons as well. The Easter season ends on Sunday, May 17th, followed by Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Then begins our long liturgical season of Ordinary Time or the Green Season.

But right in the middle of May, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th, fall the ancient Rogation Days. While we seem to have stopped celebrating this old tradition, it would behoove us to pause and remember its importance. Rogation comes from the Latin “rogare,” which means to ask. The Rogation Days were a time for the church to honor God for the gift of creation. During those days we are called to pray for the land, the gift of labor, and the needs of all people.

One of the ministries of the church is the stewardship of the creation. God declared creation good and left its care to humankind. Although originally an agricultural celebration, we all depend upon the bounty of the earth and the fruits of human labor. Stewardship means more than financial support; it includes caring for all God’s gifts. In Thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every creature.

Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



Pastor Jaegge

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

Carpet & Cushion Cleaning – Week of May 4

Please be aware that pew cushions, chairs in the Fellowship Hall, and some of the carpeted areas in the church will be professionally cleaned during the first week of May.



Messy Church – Wednesday, May 6

We will gather at Oakdale Park for our end of the year celebration! Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m.



Mother's Day Flower Delivery - May 8 & 9

We will be delivering flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud. If you can to help, please contact Mindy Tillberg.

Altar Guild - Wednesday, May 20 at 5:15 pm

Altar Guild Members are reminded to attend this meeting so that the summer communion setup schedule can be completed. Altar Guild will not meet in June, July or August.

Monthly meetings will resume on September 16.



5th Sunday Special Offering * Sunday, May 31

Our 5th Sunday special offering in May will be a monetary collection to help support Project Salina.



Project Salina

During May, the Missions Team will be collecting monetary donations for Project Salina. Project Salina collects donations to purchase and distribute food to area residents who struggle to afford food. One of the times of greatest need is summer. During the summer months, when school is not in session, providing 3 meals a day for children is often difficult for many families. Donations for Project Salina are divided between Ashby House, Salina Food Bank, Salina Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, and Salina Grace.

Monetary donations are encouraged for three simple and important reasons: 1) Project Salina can purchase in bulk and is tax exempt, making your dollar go even further; 2) Monetary donations allow for purchasing food throughout the year reducing the amount of storage space required; 3) Purchasing throughout the year allows for better tracking of expiration dates, ensuring all food gets used.

Please mark your donations for "Project Salina" and place in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Synod Conference Meeting

Members of Central States Synod congregations are invited to attend the **Conference Gathering at Assaria Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 23** beginning at 10:00 am. While our synod assembly will be meeting online, we would like to take this opportunity to gather in-person at the conference level. Our day together will include worship, synod updates, and a listening post. Following lunch, Pastoral Leaders will have time to gather and meet with the bishop and synod staff. Lunch will be provided, and there is no cost to attend. Please don't wait to RSVP so we can better plan our day together. To register, visit <https://www.css-elca.org/conference-gatherings>

Synod Assembly Voting Members

We are looking for two voting members (1 male, 1 female) to participate in our **Central States Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 6** from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The Assembly is online this year.

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.

Thank You

Thank you very much for making Colt's First Communion so special. The time and attention that was put into celebrating this step in his faith journey was greatly appreciated. Colt will enjoy reading all of his cards and messages. Again, thank you!

With Love, *The Stoppels*

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls following my recent injury. I am thankful for your support.

Bob Buster

Thank you so much for your generous \$280 sponsorship to the Camp Tomah Shinga Tough Camper Obstacle Race. We are very grateful for all your support of our ministry.

Happy camping,

Jordan Pfeifer, Executive Director

Thank you to everyone who helped collect items and assemble the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits. On Sunday, April 12 we assembled 67 kits!

Youth & Education Ministry Team

Odds & Ends

Congregational Council action for March 2026:

Council officers were elected and ministry team assignments were made.



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.

	May 3	May 10 Mother's Day	May 17	May 24 Pentecost Memorial Weekend	May 31
Greeter					
Usher					
Acolyte					
Cantor	Pam Michel		Sydney Bacon		Sydney Bacon
Asst Minister	Pam Michel		Sydney Bacon		Sydney Bacon
Lector	Janet Ireton			Sydney Bacon	
Kid's Sermon					
Communion Asst					
Altar Guild					
Fellowship Hosts					

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Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					1 8:00 Men's coffee May Day	2
3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Youth & Ed Team 11:00 Bible Study	4 5:30 Finance Team Orange Juice Day	5 1:00 Worship Team	6 5:30 Messy Church at Oakdale Park 6:30 Missions Team	7 5:30 Property Team	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 Men's coffee ----- Mother's Day	9 Flower Delivery -----
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study Mother's Day	11 7:00 Council	12 Nurses Day	13	14 Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 Messenger Deadline 8:00 Men's coffee	16
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	18 Museum Day	19	20 9:15 Stewardship Team 5:15 Altar Guild	21 9:00 Evangelism Team	22 8:00 Men's coffee Solitaire Day	23 10:00-3:00 Conference Gathering at Assaria LC
24 Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 8:00 Men's coffee	30 Water a Flower Day
31 Holy Trinity 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	