



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

May
2025

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever.
We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs
of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love,
and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations.
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Halleluia! On May 4th we celebrate our 155th Anniversary here at Immanuel. Above is our Anniversary Prayer of the Day. We have indeed been blessed with a beautiful building and a lasting legacy by our founding fathers (and mothers.) Many churches have come and gone in the last 155 years. But Immanuel remains as a beacon of Swedish heritage and now a congregation of believers from many different backgrounds.

We hope you will come and celebrate with us, whether you have ties to Immanuel or just enjoy a good old church celebration. Our Bishop will deliver the sermon at our 9:30 Anniversary service followed by a little history lesson, guided tours, and a complementary catered dinner. Join us, share our joy, and bring your memories. As we remember our past, may we also remember that our true foundation is not our building but our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. From our Anniversary service Psalm reading:

***Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.***

May also marks the start of spring and new beginnings. So, as we celebrate the past, may we remember that our Anniversary is not an end here at Immanuel but rather a new beginning. The Lord continues to renew, rejuvenate, and transform our church. "Come and see," we are told four times in the Gospel of John. We invite you to come and see the new things God is about to do here at Immanuel. All are welcome!

Pastor Jacque



Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ & Love

Synod Assembly Offering

Saturday, June 5-7

Synod Council has designated Lutheran World Relief & Lutheran Disaster Response in North Carolina, as the recipients of the offering collected during synod assembly and will divide the offerings evenly between these two ministries.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Lutheran World Relief

saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world. They partner with communities to create jobs and develop productive, inclusive and resilient economies rooted in agriculture. They promote sustainable farming practices so farmers and agribusinesses can improve productivity while conserving their natural resources. They also respond to natural disasters and complex crises, helping people recover, rebuild and reduce their vulnerabilities to future shocks.

Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas shares



LDR Carolinas

God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

Donations will be collected this month for the Synod Assembly offering. Please mark your donation for "Synod Assembly Offering" and place in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church.

Immanuel friends are invited to Jake Tillberg's high school graduation at 1:30 pm on May 17 at Ell-Saline High School, Brookville. A reception will be from 3:30-6:00 pm at Rolling Hills Zoo.

Congregation Council Action

March 2025:

No minutes to approve.

Have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to office@immanuelsalina.org

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

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The Evangelism Team is organizing a group of volunteers to serve home communion to our shut-ins. If you are interested in serving or know someone who would like to receive home communion, please contact Pastor Jacque.



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I just wanted to update everyone about my internship next year! I have interviewed at two sites. One was a church in Loveland, CO. The second site is a dual site of a church & preschool and then part-time at a nursing facility in Billings, MT. They are both amazing opportunities and I'm very excited! I will hopefully know my placement in mid-April. I am planning a harm reduction service and connect with the Southside Heroin Opioid Task force and other community partners in my area. I was also nominated by my school to go on the Young Adult Advocacy Immersion trip hosted by the ELCA and the Lutheran Office for the World Community. If I'm chosen for the cohort I will spend part of my summer advocating in Washington D.C. and in New York City at the United Nations' High Level Political Forum with the Lutheran Office for World Community and the interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. I am extremely honored to even be nominated!

Love, *Megan Mong*
Seminararian



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*



155th Anniversary Celebration Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday, May 4

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Brief history

11:00 am Anniversary picture followed by group tours

11:30 am Lunch

Reservations are accepted through April 22. Contact the church office.

Wednesday, April 7

5:30—7:00 pm

All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Pizza will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities begin at 6:00 pm.



WELCA

Monday, May 19 at 1:30 pm

Join us for our monthly meeting and Bible study.



Mother's Day Flower Delivery

May 9 & 10



We will be delivering flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud again this year! If you are able to help, contact Mindy or sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Sunday, May 11

Graduate Recognition



High school & college graduates will be recognized at worship on Sunday, May 11. Please let the church office know if there are graduates in your family.



Altar Guild

Wednesday, May 21 at 5:15 pm

Altar Guild Members, please plan to attend this meeting so that communion set-up schedule can be completed through the summer months. Altar Guild will not meet in June, July or August. Our monthly meetings will resume on September 17.



During the month of 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, Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas and Salina Grace.



Monetary donations are encouraged for three simple, yet very important reasons: 1) Project Salina can purchase in bulk and is tax exempt, making your dollar go even further. 2) Monetary donations allows 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.

May Worship Volunteers as of 04/17/2025

	May 4 <i>155th Anniversary</i>	May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	May 18	May 25 <i>Memorial Weekend</i>
Greeter		Tom Davis		
Usher	Tom Davis			
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor	Jeri Clouston			
Assisting Minister	Pam Michel			
Lector	Janet Ireton, Kathy Yosai	Janet Ireton		
Children's Sermon	XXXXXXXX		Liz Diehl	
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care	Kathy Herron	Janet Ireton	Kathy Herron	
Fellowship Hosts	Anniversary			

June Worship Volunteers as of 04/17/2025

	June 1	June 8 <i>Pentecost</i>	June 15 <i>Father's Day</i>	June 22	June 29
Greeter					
Usher					
iPad					
Acolyte					
Cantor					
Assisting Minister					
Lector					
Children's Sermon					
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care					
Fellowship Hosts					