



The Messenger

September
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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another. John 13:35-36*



September is a month for taking what we have learned in the church to the community outside our church. Most of our Lord's ministry occurred outside the walls of the synagogues and temples. Out in the street healing the sick, feeding the poor, eating with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus sent his disciples to do the same and that includes us.

On September 13th, we Celebrate "God's Work Our Hands Sunday" with a combined worship service of all three ELCA Salina churches at St. John's Lutheran Church. We will be gathering items for Salina Shares to be distributed to those in need in our community. "God's work. Our hands." is the ELCA's official motto. The annual day of service devoted to love of our neighbors and church was started in 2013 as part of the denomination's celebration of its 25th anniversary. This year, our hands-on activity will take place at the end of October. More on that later.

At the end of the month, your rostered staff will be attending the Fall Theological Conference in Kansas City. The theme for this year is "For Such a Time as This." The presenters will be focusing on skills to better encounter, understand, and serve our local community. We as Lutherans strive to live out our baptismal calling in service to others.

Of course, we serve our neighbors not just one day a year, but rather every day. On our 1st Sundays we collect a noisy offering for the ELCA Good Gifts program. On our 2nd Sundays, we collect items for the blessing boxes located at our neighboring churches. On the 3rd Sundays, we collect items for our own Share Shed which we keep stocked with clothing, hygiene, and first aid items for our neighbors in need. The collections from our Advent services, Lenten services, and Hot Times are dedicated for both local and international needs. By this may everyone know that we at Immanuel are indeed Christ's disciples because we have love for one another. Amen.

Pastor Jaeger



Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself. ~ Ned Erickson

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

God's work. Our hands.



God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 13 at 10:45 am St John's Lutheran Church

We will gather at St John's for joint worship with the Salina ELCA churches. We will be collecting items for Salina Shares. Items needed are:

Body wash (full size)	Laundry (liquid or pods)	Brooms	Toilet brushes
Conditioner (full size)	Multi-surface cleaning wipes	Dustpans	Toilet paper
Shampoo (full size)	Toilet bowl cleaner	Dish Soap	
Deodorant	Trash Bags (all sizes)	Sponges	
Tampons/Pads	Can Openers	Paper towels	

A second opportunity for the Salina ELCA churches to serve together will be the weekend October 24-25 during a Feed My Starving Children mobile pack at First United Methodist Church in Salina. Watch for details about how to sign up for this volunteer opportunity.

It's time to assemble LWR School Kits!

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

Church Rummage Sale * Saturday, September 26

Good, clean items are needed for the annual rummage sale. Donations may be brought to the church and put on the basement stage. **Please note:** We are unable to accept plastic water bottles, cups, or glassware. Thank you for helping us keep our donations useful and manageable!

It takes many volunteers for a successful event, so please consider helping with the Rummage Sale! There will be signup sheets available in September. Let us know if you are interested in helping and/or baking for a bake sale. For more info, see Connie Beisner or Carol Ann Sloo.



Out of Office

Deacon Mindy Tillberg will be out of the office September 15-17.

Pastor Jacque Thornton will be out of the office September 19-25. If you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies, please contact Parish Ministry Associate Dorothy Hanna at 785-420-0006.

Pastor Jacque and Deacon Mindy will be out of the office September 30-October 1 while attending the Synod's Fall Theological Conference in Kansas City. If you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies, please contact Pastor Jacque at 785-346-6117.

Pastor Jacque will be out of the office October 2-19. If you have any pastoral care concerns or emergencies, please contact Pastor Kim Frederking at 785-743-8309.

Share Shed Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help stock the shed. Please contact Pastor Jacque if you are able to help.

Love Makes Us Worthy

Unlike God, who loves unconditionally, humans often make choices and set limits when doling out affection. But Thomas Merton reminds us, “Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody’s business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.” As for how to develop and maintain that type of love? Merton shares, “It is in deep solitude that I find the gentleness with which I can truly love my [neighbors].”



Council Minutes Summary for August 10, 2026

Treasurers’ Report: Revenues exceeded expenses for July, 2026, by \$190. Year-to-date the expenses exceed revenue by \$21,849. The finance ministry team has cash on hand to make payments.

Old Business:

No action was taken at this time regarding a request from a Women’s NA group to use the church for meetings. Council will revisit the request in six months.

Memorial Team is investigating a new microphone that will work for soloists.

New Business:

The Council reached a consensus to include a summary of meeting minutes in the monthly newsletter.

It was approved to change the Council meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

The Council will request Kruse Corporation to provide a quote for a maintenance contract for the HVAC system.

	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Greeter		God’s Work. Our Hands. at St John’s		
Usher				
Acolyte				
Cantor			Jeri Clouston	
Asst Minister				
Lector	Corlene Lange			
Kid’s Sermon				Liz Diehl
Communion Asst				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:15 Worship Team	2 6:30 Missions Team Blueberry Popsicle Day	3 5:30 Property Team	4 8:00 Men's coffee	5 Hummingbird Day
6 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Youth & Ed Team 11:00 Bible Study	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	8	9	10 Swap Ideas Day	11 8:00 Men's coffee	12
13 9:30 God's Work, Our Hands at St.John's Grandparents Day	14 6:30 Council	15 Messenger Deadline ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Mindy	16 9:15 Stewardship Team 5:15 Altar Guild on vacation Sept 15-17	17 9:00 Evangelism ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	18 8:00 Men's coffee	19 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
20 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Assemble LWR kits with Rummage Sale set-up after ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	21 8:30 -12:00 Rummage Sale set-up ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	22 8:30 -12:00 Rummage Sale set-up ~ Pastor Jacque on	23 vacation Sept 19 - 25	24 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	25 8:00 Men's coffee 8:30 am Bake Sale items drop-off ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	26 8:00-2:30 Church Rummage Sale 2:30-4:00 Clean-up Salina Street Fair
27 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	28 Good Neighbor Day	29	30 Pastor & Mindy to Fall Theological Conference Sept 30-Oct 1			