



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

James 13:18

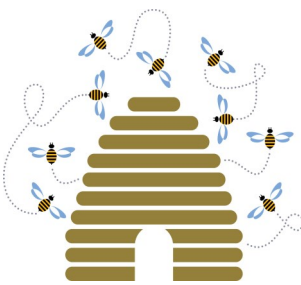
By the time you read this, harvest will be coming to an end for another year. Whether we are farmers or not, we are all part of this repeating cycle of life ordered by God as Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden. The preparation, the seeding, the tending, the growing, and, finally, the harvest. Each season we pray the rain will come at the right time, the sun will bear down and ripen the grains at the right time, and that the summer storms will not bring the heavy winds and hail. And then, God willing, we pray prayers of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. Both in our fields and in our lives.



July should be a month of thanksgivings. First for a successful harvest and then for a joyous Fourth of July. Because, yes, it is perfectly alright to thank God that we are in a country that was established on a dream of opportunity and freedom. One of our greatest freedoms is our freedom to worship or not worship as we choose. Not everyone enjoys that great privilege. Our sister churches in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and Far East struggle to survive. The Ukrainian Lutheran Church, our Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem in the West Bank, and the Christian churches in Gaza all long to be able to worship in peace. May we remember them as we celebrate.

No, our country is not perfect. Nothing created by humans is. Only God is perfect. But we have always been a beacon for the rest of the world. As we thank God on the 4th for being able to live in this country, may we also pray that we continue to be that beacon and that God's justice reign in all the earth. Thank you Lord for Your many blessings this season and all the yearlong. Amen.

Pastor Jaegre



Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church's health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul's words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?

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

HOT WHEEL RACES!
FOOD!

Hot Times, Fun in the City Sunday, August 17

CAR SHOW!
CAKE WALK!

4:00-7:00 pm	Food (donations accepted) & Car show
4:00-6:30 pm	Voting for car show People's Choice awards
5:15 pm	Cake walk
5:45 pm	Hot Wheel races
6:45 pm	People's Choice trophies awarded

Volunteers are needed! Watch for the sign-up sheets.
All proceeds will benefit Ashby House and Lutheran World Relief.

Faithful Giving in Every Season

As summer arrives and our schedules shift with vacations, family gatherings, and outdoor activities, we're reminded that God's work continues—rain or shine, season after season. Our church remains a place of worship, comfort, outreach, and community all year long, including the summer months.

While attendance often fluctuates during the summer, the needs of our ministries, staff, missions, and facilities stay consistent. Therefore, we are requesting both prayer and financial support.

We kindly ask you to consider how you can remain faithful in your giving during the summer. Whether it's through in-person offerings, mailing in your gifts, or setting up recurring online donations through Vanco, every contribution helps us continue the work God has set before us. Your generosity empowers ministry, changes lives, and helps us be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Let us each prayerfully ask: "Lord, how can I give back to You this season?"

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and love. May your summer be filled with God's peace, joy, and purpose.

In Christ's love, *Finance Ministry Team*



Pictorial Directory

We are still gathering pictures for a new directory! You may submit a digital picture, drop off a picture (will be returned to you), or have Mindy take a picture of you/your family. For more information contact the church office 785-825-4750 or office@immanuelsalina.org.

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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2025 Synod Assembly



Randy Olson, Monica Davis, Pastor Jacque Thornton and Deacon Mindy Tillberg attended the 2025 Synod Assembly in Olathe, KS June 5-7. They elected a new Central States Synod Bishop, Rev. Donna Simon. They also elected members to the Synod Council, other synod committees members, voted on a budget, and on resolutions that were presented to the assembly. To see a summary of the Assembly, visit immanuelsalina.org/newsletter or pick up a copy at church.

Congregation Council Action from May 2025:

No minutes to approve.

July Worship Volunteers as of 06/25/2025

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Greeter		Tom Davis		
Usher	Tom Davis			
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl	
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts	Kathy H. / Amy V.	Dorothy H.	Connie B. / Kathy H.	Carol Ann S. / Diana L.

August Worship Volunteers as of 06/25/2025

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Greeter					
Usher					
iPad					
Acolyte					
Cantor					
Assisting Minister					
Lector					
Children's Sermon					
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care					
Fellowship Hosts					