

# *Immanuel Messenger*

*“God With Us”*

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## *“Happy Sunday”*

*By Pastor Patrick Curley*

Is it me or is every other Tuesday some sort of celebration? As I write it is World Humanitarian Day (*whatever that is*). Every month is now designated by one thing or another to commemorate. It seems the possibilities are endless in our quest to salute ourselves. Originally these days were to recognize God and His goodness to us. They were holy days; or as we call them now, holidays.

The first such day was to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. We know it as Easter. At least in the Church which was for the most part the bigger part of Western society. Maybe some celebrated around that time the coming of Spring but we celebrate still that the tomb of Jesus is empty for He is risen! Just as at Christ’s Mass (Christmas) which followed later, some celebrated the Winter’s solstice. But we celebrate the incarnation of God who came to be our Savior. One person’s holiday is another’s turn of the seasons.

Of course, many historically celebrated the harvest in some fashion, be it praising God or the gods. Food and fertility were always reasons to be festive seeing as they are so fundamental for life. However, among Christians, recognizing the day a brother or sister died was much more important than when they were born. These were the origin of saints’ days. Through death believers enter the life which is everlasting and there is rejoicing. Yes, over time the calendar has gotten pretty crowded. I guess you have to become choosey over which days you will observe.

I’d like to make a case for a celebration that is very overlooked today. It is the Sabbath. Granted, in the Christian Church, most of us observe it on the Lord’s Day, Sunday, rather than when it was first given on the seventh day or Saturday. That’s because the “day of rest” (the meaning of Sabbath) became associated with both Christ’s resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, both Sundays. But as St. Paul argues, the day itself isn’t the point but that we rest in the confidence of our salvation through Jesus. That’s reason to celebrate if ever there was one.

The Christian Sabbath, the Lord’s Day, or simply Sunday doesn’t come with much fanfare anymore. That’s a shame, I think. It was given as a day of rest from labors in order to spend time with loved ones. It was given as a day to worship God and come to hear His precious Word. We all need that quiet time with God, family, and friends. We all need to cultivate faith and gratitude. Strive to recapture Sundays as a festive, holy day be it Christmas (as it will be this year), Easter, Pentecost or not. Maybe greet one another with a smile in church and say, “Happy Sunday!”

In your many choices of what days to celebrate, I hope you will always choose to celebrate the Sabbath on Sundays. Choice’s matter. Like this coming September 19<sup>th</sup>, I could choose to celebrate International Speak Like a Pirate Day (trust me, it is) or my wife’s birthday. Well, I’m no idiot. I won’t be singing “Blow the Man Down” but rather “Happy Birthday to You” as I celebrate another year our good Lord has given Lulu. *Happy birthday, Babe!*

## Chairman's Report

Hi everyone, and welcome to the end of the summer! As our summer wraps up, we have some things coming up really quick for our fall season. By the time you are reading this it will be less than 30 days before our Oktoberfest. Monica, our secretary, is attempting to grow this event this year, and with growth we can use more help! She will have more information and where help can be given shortly. If interested in helping with the group, we call Team Bratwurst let myself or Randy Fewins know. The goal this is year is to network with our neighboring Lutheran churches who do not have an Oktoberfest of their own (or even if they do).

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The new website looks nice and spiffy, the designer notified me on the 28<sup>th</sup> that he had pushed out the changes. There are still some things he is working on, but he did a great job on the design. Thanks to the Cline's for offering to take care of that!

Our possible cell tower is still in bureaucratic limbo. My update today is to say that we are still waiting for an update.

Personally, I want to thank everyone who has sent cards, emails, texts, and calls for well wishes. I have had several major health setbacks that have really run me down. I had a few days where walking 20 feet was agony. The fall I had a few weeks ago uncovered a few other health issues, so while it was a nasty fall it was a blessing in disguise, I guess would be the best way to look at it! I have missed seeing everyone terribly and appreciate the continued prayers, love and support!

In Christ,  
Jeff

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** September 18th, 2022, please consider attending these monthly meetings.

## Oktoberfest

**ALL** are invited so invite your friends, family, etc. If you would like to help out in a specific way to please email Monica at [Office.ImmanuelChino@gmail.com](mailto:Office.ImmanuelChino@gmail.com) (i.e., set-up, food, beer-garden, kids activities, entertainment, decorations, advertising, raffles, or even a financial donation) please let her know as soon as possible. The next page of the Messenger is the flier for the event. Pass it around to anyone you want to invite. **Let's make this the best ever!**

Blessings,  
Monica  
Office Manager  
Immanuel Lutheran Church



# Family Fun Oktoberfest

October 1st, 2022

1:00pm - 5:00pm

● LIVE MUSIC \* FOOD \* BEER

Face Painter \* Bounce House

Yard Games \* Root Beer Keg ●

RSVP at

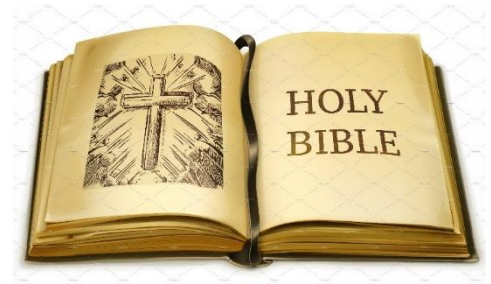
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## *Bible Study Classes*

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM on September 11 we will study the book of **Ephesians**.

Our church will be offering another “Wednesdays at 11:00 AM” Bible Study opportunity starting September 7. We will study **“The Seven Churches of Revelation.”**



We will meet in the classroom on the north side of the property between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please consider attending. Ask yourself... **why not?**

## *Shut-Ins*

Pastor Curley visits those on this list, but let's all remember them in our prayers. Maybe give them a call or drop them a card to let them know they are not forgotten.

Pete Busso (Chino)  
Pat Cook (Chino)  
Richard and Sharon Fiel (Rancho Cucamonga)  
Nyla Gibson (Ontario)  
Gretchen Johnson (Butterfield Ranch)  
Audrey Lensch (Rancho Cucamonga)  
Dick and Nancy Manning (Fountain Valley)  
Jane Pratt (Chino)  
Tim and Carolyn Rennegarbe (Rancho Cucamonga)  
Carol Gilkinson (San Dimas)



## *Property Report*

A new 4-ton A/C unit was installed covering the front office, church entry, child room and accessible bathroom. Two registers were added to service the rear pews of church. Total price was \$11,700 with \$5,000 donated by Bill Curley and vents of \$100 by Rob Vermons. Canyon Air will be back to check the system air flow. Warranty 1 year labor, 10-year parts.

The Fellowship roof is scheduled for replacement mid-October after our Oktoberfest Celebration. P.H. Roofing's bid of \$14,600 was accepted. Dry rot or termite wood damage is extra per price list in their bid. Warranty 10-year labor and lifetime prorated on shingles

As we do repairs and improvements if there is an item you wish to contribute to financially or is in your line of expertise, please contact me.

Doors and more Doors. We are starting an inventory of all our doors and locking systems. What doors need repairs, replacement or are redundant. After that we will 'look' into our windows.

In his service,  
Pam Vermons

## Financial Report

As of July 31, 2022, the General Fund had the following balances:

General Fund Checking	\$92,813.92
Dedicated Funds	<u>\$19,952.03</u>
Adjusted Balance	\$72,861.89

**Total income for the month of July was \$14,459.00 and expenses of \$17,007.97. The only item over budget was electricity (\$156.74).**

## Message From the Editor

I would love to have articles submitted from fellow members on any subject (past or present) you believe would be of interest to us all. We will always be open to suggestions on how to enhance or improve the "Messenger." Please don't hesitate to contact me at [trebleplus@yahoo.com](mailto:trebleplus@yahoo.com). My goal is to send the Messenger to our secretary the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month. I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with all of you and report the news at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Thank You,  
Becky Cholcher, Editor

### September Birthdays:

03	Nancy Fewins
05	Mark Petersen
08	Pete Busso
09	Eric Foelsch
12	Tammy Coleman
13	Lisa Vicario
14	Selena Thibodeau
19	Leticia Khamiseh
	Lulu Curley
22	Pat Cook

