



June / July 2026 Newsletter



# THE SUMMER MESSENGER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA



## A Prayer for Summer

Lord, thank you for the beauty and warmth of summer. Thank you for the longer days, the sunshine, and the chance to enjoy your magnificent creation. As I embrace this season, grant my mind and body rest, and fill my soul with your peace. Guide my steps, keep my loved ones safe, and help me to see you in all I do. Amen. AMEN.

*Birthday Celebration  
for Liz Coker*



Join us for a drop-in on  
Saturday, June 27 from  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
501 East Creswell,  
Greenwood, SC

Your presence will be a gift

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**Announcing the inaugural  
Festival of Flowers  
Pickleball Round Robin**

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

Scan the QR code to the Right for details and to register.  
Court sponsors : Stretch Zone and Our Lady of Lourdes



**5:30pm on Friday, June 12  
Fiesta meal & images of  
Guatemala presentation**

Scan the QR code to the Left to purchase a ticket.

Event sponsors: Manning Law Firm, First Citizens, Tinsley & Adams





*Thank you!*

**FROM GOD'S GARDENERS  
FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE  
ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM**

- Erwin Finkbeiner - *Worship Center Entrance Gardens*
- John Kinard - *Church Sign Flowers and New tree*
- Danny Kinard - *Removal of Vines off Trees*
- Wayne & Jean Boozer - *Removal of Sticks in Parking Lot*
- Diane & Kevin Sponenberg - *Beautify Across the Street Parking Lot Across*
- Rachel Counts - *Taking Care of Rose Bushes*
- Vivian Ewart - *Front of Church Flower Beds*

*There is still time for you to Adopt-a-Spot!  
Contact Sue Frantz at 847.323.0633*



Thank you, Immanuel, for all the support you have shown during graduation for me. I appreciate all of your kindness and thank you for my gifts. - Nathan Shumate



## Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)

Each year WELCA selects a project in which to participate. This year we have chosen to collect shelf stable foods for {GAAP} God's Abundance for ALL People, an ecumenical food bank serving a wide area in and around Newberry. The GAAP is supported by churches including The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry.

The mission is to provide supplemental groceries to families in need by allowing them to shop freely and with dignity for groceries. We are asking for donations of shelf stable foods such as: shelf stable meat in pop top cans or in pouches such as beanie weenies for the homeless, meal in a can like Spaghetti - Os.  
cereal, grits, oatmeal. granola bars, etc.  
packs of Crackers/snacks and Rice or instant potatoes

Collection boxes will be placed outside the WELCA room and in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your support! **Donations will be collected through June 14.**

\*No WELCA meeting in July.

**Kinard Manor** needs the following items:

Ziplock Baggies all sizes

Clothes hangers

Kotex pads

Laundry pods

Fitted sheets white

Ibuprofen

Notebooks-spiral

Journals

Pens

\*Donations may be left outside the Dot Wise room.



## Announcing ILC's Summer Children's Programs

\*This year we will be hosting two programs that need volunteers.

### Day Camp June 15-19

On Sunday, June 14, five Lutheridge counselors will arrive to lead a week of day camp ministry for approximately 24 children from the local Boys & Girls Clubs.

#### Ways you can be involved:

1. Host Meals for the counselors (home or restaurant) Monday night AND Thursday night.
2. Prepare and Serve Lunch Monday – Thursday The kitchen crew can always use extra hands to prepare, serve and clean-up. Extra hands for a few hours or a few days are always welcome.
3. Provide a Thrivent Card that helps fund food, snacks, t-shirts and supplies for activities.

### Mini-MAD July 9 - 11

Dr. Will is coordinating a program of Music, Arts and Drama (MAD) the mornings of Thursday July 9 – Saturday July 11. Program hours are 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please scan the QR code to register.



#### Ways you can be involved:

1. Serve light lunch to participants each of the three days at 12:15 p.m.
2. Volunteer to help in the sessions or serve snacks during the morning (9-12)
3. Provide a Thrivent Card – helps fund food, snacks, and program supplies.

If you can help in any of these areas, please let me know.

In Christ's Service, Zeolean Kinard - 864-554-0957 - kinardz@yahoo.com



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/4 Barry Crowder  
6/5 Nancy Hogan  
6/6 Larry Cobb  
6/11 Parker Kinard  
6/13 Earl Womack  
6/17 Beth Krumwiede  
6/20 Charlsie Rudd  
6/21 Jenney Johns  
6/22 Sonja Crenshaw  
6/23 Freddie McClendon  
6/24 Leisa Hotchkiss  
6/27 Jim Wolfer  
Glenda Powell  
6/28 Liz Coker  
6/29 Mary Elizabeth Bowen

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 Dave and Maggie Slimmer  
6/2 Jeremy and Katherine Hodges  
6/8 Charles and Dot Hershey  
6/9 Ryan and Paige Johnson  
6/10 Will Stroup  
6/10 Dan Bacon  
6/11 Joe and Dianne Pitts  
6/16 John and Zeolean Kinard  
6/17 David and Beth Krumwiede  
Mary and Rick Pueschel  
6/19 Jim and Debbie Cochran  
6/23 Allen and Maria Ashlaw  
Mac and Linda Cobb  
6/25 David and Elaine Rosenbaum  
6/29 George and Linda Beveridge



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Ray Frick  
7/5 Cheryl Gagné  
7/8 Becky Koch  
7/11 Charlotte Ehney  
7/15 Andy Wanto  
7/17 Suellen Holmes  
7/18 Toni Justus  
7/20 Collin Ehney  
Pastor Chris Christopher  
7/21 Myrna Arnold  
7/22 John Leemhuis  
Dan Divilbiss  
7/23 George Beveridge  
7/24 Tracy Lopez-Oropeza  
7/26 Cile Davis  
7/28 Dianne Simmons  
7/29 YJ Ahn

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/12 David and Lynn Isenhowe  
7/15 Will and Rodney Cleveland  
7/17 Norm and Cheryl Gagne  
Joey and Suellen Holmes  
7/27 Ray and Barbie Frick  
7/31 Steve and Charlotte Ehney  
Rob and Courtney Christensen

June 2026 9 a.m. Sunday Service Calendar				
	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
<b>Liturgical Color</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green
<b>Lector/ Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Hammond	Kat Finkbeiner	Danny Kinard	Chandler Darling
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Karen Hammond Ruth Divilbiss Olive Divilbiss	Bo Bowman Danny Kinard Stacy Volpone	Max Divilbiss Ruth Divilbiss Olive Divilbiss	Lynne Presley Chandler Darling Stacy Volpone
<b>Ushers</b>	Jean Boozer Wayne Boozer	Kat Finkbeiner Erwin Finkbeiner	Lynn Isenhower David Isenhower	Irene Price Jim Wolfer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carl Monson	Kat Finkbeiner	Sue Kaufman	Kim Leemhuis
<b>Officer</b>	Will Stroup	Will Stroup	Kevin Reeder	Kevin Reeder
<b>Soup Kitchen Leaders</b>	Dianne Pitts	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis	Sandie Wanto	Dianne Pitts
<b>AV Team</b>	George Beveridge Ray Lorick	Larry Hammond Jim Cochran	George Beveridge Ray Lorick	Larry Hammond Jim Cochran

<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	Courtney Christensen	John Kinard	Sue Kaufman	Courtney Christensen
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The Divas are going to Maclain's Public House at 812 Montague Avenue on June 11, at 6 p.m. Come join in and experience Scottish, Irish and English cuisine. Sign up on the WELCA board or TEXT JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.



LMIM will not meet in June or in July and will resume in August.

July 2026				
9 a.m. Sunday Service Calendar				
	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
<b>Liturgical Color</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green
<b>Lector/ Assisting Minister</b>	Bo Bowman	John Kinard	Sue Kaufman	Kim Leemhuis
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sue Frantz Stacy Volpone Danny Kinard	Lianne Smith Chandler Darling Lynne Presley	Sue Kaufman Kim Leemhuis Bo Bowman	Max Divilbiss Ruth Divilbiss Olive Divilbiss
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Gilbert Jim Wolfer	Lynn Isenhower David Isenhower	Elaine Rosenbaum David Rosenbaum	Elaine Rosenbaum David Rosenbaum
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**Congregation Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 14, at 11 a.m.**  
**(McCombs Meeting Room)**

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
May 2026		
	9 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
<u>5/3</u>	75	14
<u>5/10</u>	86	123
<u>5/17</u>	96	7
<u>5/24</u>	88	8
<u>5/31</u>	82	7

**\*Totals include registered online viewers for the 9 a.m. service .**



Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code. **Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m.**



Worship on Sundays - 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Nave)  
Coffee Time and Adult Christian Education on Sundays - 10 a.m.  
(Old Fellowship Hall)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
\* Closed on Mondays

### CHURCH STAFF

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Sammy Hurley and Kristen Metts, Parish Custodians

John Kinard, Congregational President  
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### SERVING THE CHURCH IN GREATER CAPACITIES

The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, ELCA  
The Rev. Ginny Aebischer, Bishop, South Carolina Synod