



Silent No Longer

18 So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; 20 for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:18-20)

He is risen, Alleluia! Since the beginning of December we have been following our Lord's journey to Easter morn. We began in Advent, waiting and anticipating the coming birth of our beloved Baby Jesus. The Christmas story grew to Epiphany as our Savior began His ministry. Into Lent we followed as we experienced another period of waiting, this time in repentance and sadness as we knew our Lord was approaching His crucifixion. With the disciples, we followed our Messiah through the days of His last Holy Week on earth.



From Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Black Saturday. Finally, we reached the culmination of our entire church year – the glorious resurrection of Easter morning! AND NOW WHAT? It is easy to think of Easter as the ending. Easy just to slide along the rest of the year until we reach Advent and start all over again. But Easter was never meant to be an ending. It is, rather, a beginning. It is set in the early spring when creation is beginning to burst into bloom, when this old world is reborn. Our Great Teacher has not been silent as we have

journeyed together. He has been teaching us, forming us, and reforming us into His followers, calling us into being as His new disciples.

Christ has not left us. He remains ever present in Spirit if no longer in flesh. No longer in flesh because we are now called to be His body in the world. The disciples will not receive the Holy Spirit until Pentecost but we new disciples have already received the Spirit in the waters of our baptism. We at Immanuel declare in our Constitution:

The church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

Like those early apostles, having been set free through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard. It is for this our journey has been preparing us. Amen.

Pastor Jaeger

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

CAMP

TOMAH SHINGA Upcoming Events

Visit their website for more info:
camptomahshinga.com

Tough Camper Obstacle Run

Saturday, April 13

Grab your oldest pair of running shoes, and get ready to get muddy and sweaty. We will see if you have what it takes to be the toughest camper of them all. Join us for the 2nd annual "Tough Camper" obstacle race!



3k race- \$50; 5k race- \$65.

T-Shirt, food & water provided for all runners!

Prizes for top 3 finishers.

Annual Auction

Saturday, April 27

Join other camp supporters for this semi-formal gathering at The Farm & Odd Fellows in Minneapolis, KS. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Entertainment, appetizers and drink included. \$35 for individual, \$50 per couple, or \$90 for table of 4.

From April 22-27 the Annual Auction will be held online so friends of camp near and far can be a part of this fundraiser!



Summer Camp

Registration is open! Immanuel pays half of the Early Bird cost for our students to attend camp. Early Bird registration ends April 1.

PLEASE let Mindy know if you:

- register for camp (so the church can pay its share).
- need additional financial assistance.
- are a current 6th & 7th grader who should attend **Confirmation Camp June 2-7**.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to office@immanuelalina.org

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

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Cemetery Plot

Immanuel was gifted a Roselawn Cemetery plot which the Council has agreed to sell. The plot is for Section F, Lot 295, Space B. We are offering this plot to any member/friend of Immanuel for \$700 plus the transfer fee of \$125 of \$825. If anyone is interested, contact the church office know by April 30, 2024.

"The cross is both the symbol of our salvation and the pattern of our lives."

~ Brennan Manning



Thank You

Thank you for hosting our group while they volunteered at Ashby House. They had a wonderful time and accomplished a lot during their winter break.

Kelly Hasselbring, Illinois State University



Share Shed

Personal care items, shoes, and clothing are always needed for the Share Shed. Volunteers are also needed to help sort clothing. Donation items may also be purchased from our Amazon Wish List:

<http://bit.ly/ImmanuelShareShed>

Online Giving Available!

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

To get started, visit the church website at www.immanuelalina.org, locate the "Donate Now" tab, and click the "Donate" button.



You may also scan this QR code with your cell phone and you will be taken directly to our giving site.

The first time you give, you may select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete giving history.

Congregation Council Action

February 2024:

No minutes available at this time.



Wednesday, April 3 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.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF A Season of Hope

You are invited to share love with our neighbors around the world by getting your hands busy making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits! The kits and generous financial gifts our congregation will make deliver hope to our neighbors in need around the world.

Items needed are:

- Lightweight bath towels (between 20"x40" - 52"x27")
- Bars of bath soap (4 oz bars, in original wrapping)

Kits will be assembled Sunday, April 14.

WELCA

Monday, April 15 at 1:30 pm

Join us for our monthly meeting and Bible study.



Altar Guild

Wednesday, April 17 at 5:15 pm

Monthly meeting

Wired Word Adult Bible Study Sundays at 11:00 am

Join Pastor Jacque each Sunday morning for an adult education opportunity that relates current events to Scripture creating thought-provoking, stimulating discussions every week!

Synod Assembly

A voting member (female) is needed for the Synod Assembly June 6-8, 2024 at the Embassy Suites in Olathe, KS. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending!



Pastor Jacque Reads



Each Wednesday afternoon, Pastor Jacque will post on the church's Facebook page a video of herself reading a children's book based on the next Sunday's Gospel text. Please watch and

share these videos!



New Member Class

Please contact Pastor Jacque if you are interested in participating in this class!

Blessed are you

The Beatitudes receive little attention, lamented novelist Kurt Vonnegut. "But, often with tears in their eyes, [Christians] demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And, of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard [anyone] demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere."

Jesus' Beatitudes have much to teach about selflessness, mourning, peacemaking and more. Jim Berger, author of *Being Sermon on the Mount Christians*, explains that those teachings were once "viewed as a mandate for the faithful." Post-Reformation, they became less law-like and more of a "liberating directive." Berger writes, "For Jesus, being and doing are inseparable. The Sermon is at once theory and praxis. It is not enough to read it or hear it. Jesus intends it to be how we live."



April Worship Volunteers as of 03/22/2024

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon		Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care	Monica Davis	Corlene Lange	Carol Ann Sloo	Carol Ann Sloo
Fellowship Hosts				

May Worship Volunteers as of 03/22/2024

	May 5	May 12 <small>Mother's Day</small>	May 19	May 26
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care	Connie, Diana, Norma	Monica Davis		
Fellowship Hosts				