



The Messenger

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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

*Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

Psalm 126:6

As you read this, we are deep into the season of Lent. It is traditionally a season of solemnity, a time of self-examination and repenting. Sometimes even a time of weeping and lamenting at how short we fall of who created us to be. But it is also a time of renewal and anticipation of the hope that is to come. In March, we see the first hints of spring, the first robin, the first hint of green leaves, the first blossom. And we see in the not-too-distant-future, the coming of the resurrection on Easter morn.

Inspired by Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber in her “40 days of Joy”, I invite you into a Lenten practice of gratitude, thanksgiving, and blessing. Lent teaches us that despite our unworthiness, God’s grace showers us with undeserved blessing after blessing. Each of these 40 days of Lent, lift up and give thanks to God for a different blessing God has placed in your life.

I will begin. On this day I thank God for the gift of my church here at Immanuel. Oh, not the building, although it is indeed beautiful. I thank God for what truly makes Immanuel a church, its people. I am so deeply grateful and so unbelievably blessed to be able to serve as your pastor. I watch you caring for each other, for our community, and for me. Oh, we are certainly not perfect as a church anymore than we can be perfect as humans. But I see our people being transformed each day into kinder, more caring, and more generous children of God. My cup runneth over. On this day of Lent, for what undeserved blessing are you grateful?

Pastor Jacque



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

Lent, Holy Week & Easter at Immanuel

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, beginning February 25 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us as we journey through the season of Lent under the theme, “With Awe and Love”. Based upon Luther’s Small Catechism, we will explore the Ten Commandments, the Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion.



Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Our worship on this day is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God’s astonishing work.



Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

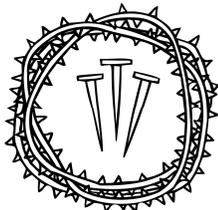
On this night we remember Christ’s last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal, loving one another in humble service.



Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life.



Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m.

We gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus— which brings new life for us all! Stay after worship for a light brunch and a children’s Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Youth!



A Season of Hope

Lent may be a time of reflection, but it need not be one of inaction! Again this Lent, we are putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Across the globe, families have been suffering from compounding crises such as war, violence, natural disasters, disease and extreme weather. We want to announce to the world that Christ makes a new season possible: a **Season of Hope**. We're excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year. Kits will be assembled on Sunday, April 12 during Fellowship time.

Items needed are:

- Lightweight bath towels (between 20"x40" to 27"x52")
- Bars of bath soap (4oz bars in original packaging)
- Adult size toothbrushes (in original packaging)



Midweek Lenten Offering



Our midweek Lenten offering is designated for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

A special basket will be in the narthex for these donations. Offerings may also be marked "Salvation Army" and placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the church office.

Messy Church – Wednesday, March 4

All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts, activities, music, and Biblical storytelling! Our theme for March is "*Jesus: All About Love*". Walking tacos will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. and activities will start at 6:00 p.m.



Easter Tulips



Potted tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Orders are due by Monday, March 23. The cost is \$15 each. You may pick up your tulip after worship on Easter Sunday, April 5. Tulips must be picked up no later than April 12. Please use the enclosed order form to purchase your tulip. Thank you for beautifying our church for Easter Sunday!

Stewardship Events

The Stewardship Ministry Team will be hosting two congregational events in March following Sunday worship. The first, on **March 8**, will focus on life style: **Choices and Strategies for Living Simply**. The second, on **March 15** will address wealth management: **Strategies to Be Wise Stewards of Our Resources**. A light brunch will be provided for both events. Please plan to attend!

Camp Tomah Shinga

Help Immanuel sponsor an obstacle for the **4th Annual Tough Camper** obstacle race! Donations may be placed in the can that is located in the narthex or mailed to the church office. Please note "Tough Camper" on your donations.

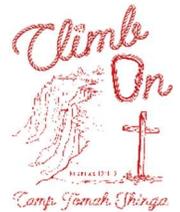


Want to participate in the race? Grab your oldest pair of running shoes, and get ready to get muddy and sweaty on April 11 at 9:00 a.m. We will see if you have what it takes to be the toughest camper of them all! Join Manhattan Brewing Company at the finish line to celebrate together. Get a free drink ticket when you leap over the fire! T-Shirt, food, water, and drink ticket provided for all runners. Prizes for top 3 finishers. Register online at <https://camptomahshinga.com/toughcamper>



On April 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tomah Shinga will host their **Annual Auction & Open House**. There will be an open house, tours of camp, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new office, a dinner, and auction to support the ministries of camp. You can purchase dinner tickets and view the online auction by visiting www.camptomahshinga.com/auction. All are welcome to this evening of celebrating all that God is doing through Camp Tomah Shinga!

Summer Camp registration is now open! All Immanuel students receive a scholarship for half of the early bird price at Camp Tomah Shinga. For more information about summer camp at Tomah Shinga visit <https://camptomahshinga.com/schedule>. For more information about Immanuel's scholarship contact Mindy Tillberg at 785-825-4750.



Favorite Hymns



The Worship & Music Ministry Team invites you to submit your favorite hymns for the Easter season (Easter Sunday, April 5 through May 17). You may write your selections on your Connect Card during Sunday worship or email your selections to pastorjacque@immanuelsalina.org

The only trouble with Easter coming soon is that we have to walk through a graveyard to get there.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Chili Cook-Off: The Results are in!

The Mission Team would like to thank everyone who participated in the Chili Cook-Off on February 15. Special thanks to the eight people who brought chili to the contest. Congratulations to Melanie Pruitt who took home the trophy for best chili! Thank you again for your support for this fun event.

Thank You

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of \$156.00. Your support is vital to our mission of providing support and care to individuals while also providing a welcome break for their caregivers. We are grateful for your support and look forward to celebrating our 21st year of service in Salina.

Lindsay Huenefeld, Director of Sunflower Adult Day Services
(\$156 from our midweek Advent offering)

Thank you to all who helped deliver Valentine flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud. Your generosity helped us deliver 100 floral arrangements over two days! We should be receiving a check for \$700 soon. Funds raised will be used for youth activities. Thank you again.

Mindy Tillberg, Deacon

Odds & Ends

Congregational Council action for January 2026: Minutes have not been approved yet.

Do you have an article for the Messenger? Please send information to office@immanuelosalina.org.
Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

	March 1	March 8 Daylight Savings	March 15	March 22	March 29 Palm Sunday
Greeter					
Usher					
Acolyte					
Cantor					
Asst Minister		Henry Diehl		Henry Diehl	
Lector			Kathy Herron		
Kid's Sermon		Liz Diehl			Liz Diehl
Communion Asst					
Altar Guild Communion Care	Carol Ann Sloo Diana Looney	Connie Beisner	Corlene Lange Carol Ann Sloo		
Fellowship Hosts	Bacon's				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Youth & Ed Team 11:00 Adult Bible Study	2 5:30 Finance Team	3 1:00 Worship Team	4 12:15 Lenten Worship 5:30 Messy Church 6:30 Missions Team	5 5:30 Property Team Cheese Doodle Day	6 8:00 Men's coffee	7 Flapjack Day
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Stewardship Event 11:00 Adult Bible Study Daylight Savings	9 7:00 Council	10 Napping Day	11 12:15 Lenten Worship	12	13 8:00 Men's coffee Good Samaritan Day	14
15 Messenger Deadline 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Stewardship Event 11:00 Adult Bible Study	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 9:00 Stewardship Team 12:15 Lenten Worship 1:00 Altar Guild	19 9:00 Evangelism Team	20 8:00 Men's coffee Spring Begins	21
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Youth & Ed Team 11:00 Adult Bible Study	23 Tamale Day	24	25 12:15 Lenten Worship	26 Manatee Appreciation Day	27 8:00 Men's coffee	28 Black Forest Cake Day
29 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Adult Bible Study	30	31 Crayon Day				