



The Messenger

April
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The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!*

*See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Zechariah 9:9



Our period of repentance and lamenting comes to an end on April 13th, Palm Sunday, the Sunday of Our Lord's Passion and the beginning of Holy Week. This is what we have been waiting for all year. The holiest week for us, our greatest festival because we are an Easter people. We proclaim a crucified and risen Lord. This is the story of our salvation by the grace of God through the love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We begin the week with our Palm Sunday celebration at 9:30 on April 13th. We will join in with a Palm Procession as we sing Hosanna in the highest. On this day we remember our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. We follow along as we read of The Passion of Our Lord According to Luke.

We rest then until Maundy Thursday and the beginning of The Three Days. Our Maundy service begins at 7:00 pm on April 17th. On this day our Lord gave us our sacrament of Holy Communion and tonight we receive His body and blood shed for us in remembrance of Him. The service ends with the stripping of the altar as we remember how Christ was stripped of his garments at the hands of the soldiers and was exposed naked to their insults. Within 24 hours of the Last Supper, our Lord will be crucified. We depart in silence to gather in silence on Good Friday.

We come together on Friday at 7:00 pm to witness Christ's crucifixion and Christ's victory over death on that very cross. We pray for the whole world for which Christ died during our Bidding Prayers. We read the Passion of Our Lord According to John. We honor the cross as our sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation through the Procession of the Cross and the Solemn Reproaches. We depart again in silence to return in glory on Easter morn.



Sunday, April 20th, begins our Easter service at 9:30. On this glorious day we can again sing Hallelujah as we are joined together with the risen Christ at the table. We celebrate hope. We celebrate rebirth. We celebrate the steadfast love of God. We celebrate the freely-given grace of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Won't you come and join us on this journey to salvation?

Pastor Jaegge

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



Lent may be a time of reflection, but it need not be one of inaction. Let's share love with our neighbors around the world by getting your hands busy making LWR Personal Care Kits! The kits and 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)
 - Adult size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Kits will be assembled Sunday, April 27.

Salina Souper Bowl

The Kansas City Chiefs didn't win Super Bowl LIX, but they did win our SOUPER BOWL!! Thanks to your generous donations we raised \$137.76 for the Chiefs and \$20 for the other team for a total of \$157.76. Your gifts were given to Project Salina's 2025 Souper Bowl of Caring.

2025 Annual Chili Cook-Off Results

Thanks to everyone who attended and those who made chili: Pastor Jacque Thornton, Corlene Lange, Monica Davis, Kathy Herron, Bob Buster & Ty Tillberg, Kim Jacobson, and Connie Beisner. Once the votes were counted, Pastor Jacque's chili was named the winner!

Congregation Council Action

February 2025:

Approved recommendations for special offering designations: Midweek Lent to Salina Shares, Midweek Advent to Sunflower Adult Day Center, and Thanksgiving to Food Bank.

Elected 2025 Council Officers and volunteered for Ministry Teams assignments (see above).



Have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to office@immanuelosalina.org
Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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2025 Congregational Council

Congratulations to our newly elected council members and officers!

- President: Randy Olson
- Vice-President: Dorothy Hanna
- Secretary: Alisha Cooper
- Treasurer: Gary Arpin

- Alisha Cooper - Youth & Education
- Rick Gibson - Property
- Dorothy Hanna - Evangelism, Finance, Stewardship
- Kathy Herron- Memorial, Missions
- Janet Ireton - Evangelism, Worship & Music
- Randy Olson - Memorial, Property
- Mark Roberts - Stewardship

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your continued love, support, and prayer. I have just finished my J-Term course *Ethics of Unmasking*. I learned about neurodiversity and how to foster a church of belonging for neurodiverse populations. My last semester will start in February! I will be taking *The Epic of Creation*, *Queer Symposium*, *Psalms: Song of the Spirit*, and *Ethics and Agency of Children and Youth*. I will also be taking one summer course and then the academic portion of my program will be finished. This semester I will also be interviewing for my internship site. I will know in late April where I am placed. After my internship, I will graduate in May 2026. Thank you again for your support during my seminary journey! I love and miss you all!

Love, Megan Mong

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church friends,
It means so much to be remembered from all at church. Thank you Liz for the lovely Valentine.

God's Blessings to All, Arline Sias-Agin

Dear Immanuel Lutheran ELCA,
Thank you, thank you, thank you for letting us stay here this past week. It was a wonderful feeling to know that we had a safe place to come back to that was also so welcoming. Huge thank you to those in the congregation who brought us air mattresses. Those were very appreciated by our whole group. Thank you!

Family Affairs Alternative Break Spring Group
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI



Candy Needed!

Individually wrapped candy is needed for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please have donations to the church by Sunday, April 13. Thank you!

Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesdays at 12:15 pm April 2 & 9

Join us we consider what it means to sit with our grief rather than try to push it aside. We will discover that many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. Lament is one of the more faithful things we can do. When we approach God with honesty and humility, and we admit that some things are too big for our hearts to bear, we will find there not a disapproving God but one who weeps with us. We will find a God who can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus' death on the cross—the place to which the season of Lent leads us—is the reason we never mourn as those without hope.



Midweek Lenten offering will be given to Salina Shares. A special basket will be in the narthex for these donations. Offerings may also be marked "Salina Shares" and mailed to the church.

Wednesday, April 2 5:30—7:00 pm

All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Enchiladas will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities begin at 6:00 pm.



Easter Tulips

Orders are due April 7. The cost is \$14 each. You may pick up your tulips after worship on Easter Sunday, April 20. They must be picked up no later than April 27. Please use the enclosed Order Form.

Cleaning Day Saturday, April 12 8:00 am-12:00 pm

In preparation for our 155th Anniversary celebration, everyone is invited to help clean the church! Please bring cleaning supplies to dust, clean windows and vacuum.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13

9:30 am

*Service of Holy Communion with
Procession of Palms*

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm

*Service of Holy Communion with
Stripping of the Altar*

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 pm

Bidding Prayers and Solemn Reproaches

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:30am ~ *Service of Holy Communion*

10:30 am ~ *Easter Brunch*

11:00 am ~ *Easter Egg Hunt*

Easter Brunch

April 20 at 10:30 am

The youth will be serving egg casseroles, biscuits & gravy, fruit, coffee and juice. Donations received will be used for youth events.

EASTER

SUNDAY

BRUNCH



WELCA

Monday, March 21 at 1:30 pm

Join us for our monthly meeting and Bible study.

Invitation



155th
Anniversary Celebration

Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 4th, 2025

255 South 7th St.
Salina, KS 67401

Church Service 9:30am
Tours and Dinner to Follow

Please **RSVP** by **April 15th** by calling the church office at (785)825-4750 or by email at immanuel.anniversary@gmail.com
The meal is provided, please indicate in your RSVP if your meal choice is vegetarian.

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA NEWS

Tough Camper Obstacle Race * April 12 * 8:00 am

Grab your oldest pair of running shoes, and get ready to get muddy and sweaty.

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!

3k race- Early bird- \$35. After April 1st \$50.

5k race- Early bird- \$45. After April 1st \$60.

T-Shirt, food, water, and drink ticket provided for all runners! Prizes for top 3 finishers.

Annual Camp Tomah Shinga Auction * April 26 * 6:00-9:00 pm

Please join us for our Annual Auction, a semi-formal event at The Farm and The Odd Fellows in Minneapolis, KS. Entertainment, appetizers and drinks included. Doors open at 6:00pm.

\$50 per couple. \$35 for individual.

The auction will be held online April 21-26, with viewing beginning April 14.

For more information about these and other Tomah Shinga events,
visit camptomahshinga.com

April Worship Volunteers as of 03/19/2025

	April 6	April 13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 18 <i>Good Friday</i>	April 20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 27
Greeter						
Usher						
iPad						
Acolyte						
Cantor			XX	XX	XX	
Assisting Minister			Dorothy Hanna			
Lector						
Children's Sermon			XX	XX	XX	
Communion Assistant			Dorothy Hanna	XX		
Altar Guild Communion Care				XX		
Fellowship Hosts	Yosai/Milleson			XX	Easter Brunch	

May Worship Volunteers as of 03/19/2025

	May 4 <i>155th Anniversary</i>	May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	May 18	May 25 <i>Memorial Weekend</i>
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
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