



Notes from Nancy



"I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead: he lives my ever-living head. He lives all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!"
ELW 619

Pastor, Theologian, Author, Rev. Walt Wangerin writes: "At the center of Easter is Jesus. At the center of the Christian church there can be nothing but Christ. At the center of any true and durable human justice - as its source and its purity - must be the love of God made manifest in the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the center of our faith: Jesus! At the center of our lives: Christ"

Many people think of Easter as a one-day event, but the season of Easter lasts many weeks, fifty days in all. It is not just one day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but a reminder to celebrate every morning!

In fact, Martin Luther suggested that we should make the sign of the cross each morning as a reminder of *whose* we are and of the great gift of new life that we have received as Easter people.

If the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection does not change your life- if it does not cause you to give thanks for the gift of God's Son, then maybe you need to look again into the empty tomb and listen to Mary's words; "He is risen - for you and for me!"

We have been so blessed by God's wonderful gift of new life and His gracious activity in our lives that we need to respond with faithfulness and generosity. When we share with others, God will abundantly shower us with more blessings. All that we have and all that we are given each day are gifts from God to be used in service to Him.

"Remember, at the center of all we do: Jesus. The center of our every act: the motive for all our relationships; the delight in which we rise of a morning: the peace we enter every night: Jesus!

The Lord Jesus! The Lord Jesus Christ! Him! Him Alone!"

LET EASTER BE MORE THAN A DAY,
LET EASTER DEFINE OUR LIVES TOGETHER. ALLELUIA!!

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

Fundraiser for Amanda Mong

Amanda Mong, a lifelong member of Immanuel, has aortic stenosis and will have aortic valve repair at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She and her parents will travel to Mayo in early April for the surgery. If all goes well, they should be in Minnesota for 9 days. Anticipated recovery time for Amanda is 8 to 12 weeks.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AMANDA:

- ** Pray for Amanda and her family
- ** Send her messages of care and concern
- ** Donate to help her cover expenses for surgery & recovery

Donations may be made by:

1. Selecting a heart from the bulletin board at church with an amount you are willing to donate
2. Sharing note of support for Amanda on the back of the heart
3. Returning your donation and paper heart to the church

All donations received by Immanuel will be given to Amanda. To receive a tax receipt, please make checks payable to "Immanuel Lutheran Church" and in the memo line put "Amanda Mong". Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 255 S 7th St, Salina, KS 67401. Any assistance you can provide will lessen the financial burden for Amanda and her family.

Camp Tomah Shinga Fundraiser Saturday, April 23, 2022



From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm the Annual Auction will be held VIRTUALLY so friends of camp near and far can be a part of this fundraiser.

That evening, Camp Tomah Shinga will be hosting a smaller, semi-formal gathering at the Salina Country Club. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the fun begins at 7:00 pm! Tickets are \$50 per couple or \$35 for individual. Price includes a meal, a drink ticket and live music.

Whether you attend in-person at the Salina Country Club or virtually on Facebook Live that evening, all invited to participate in this fundraiser for our church camp!

Church Anniversary Update

The Congregational Council, in consultation with the Anniversary Planning Team, has decided to cancel our 150th celebration. Instead, the Team will regroup at a later date to begin planning our 155th anniversary in 2025.

Congregation Council Action February 2022:

Approved midweek Lent & Advent offerings to go to Serenity House.

Approved Thanksgiving offering to go to Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank.



Lent may be a time of reflection, but it need not be one of inaction. 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 will deliver hope to our neighbors in need around the world.

Items needed are:

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

Kits will be assembled Sunday, April 24.

Summer Camp at Tomah Shinga Registration is open!

Visit <https://camptomahshinga.com/summer-camp>



Immanuel pays half of the Early Bird cost for our students to attend camp. Early Bird registration ends April 1, 2022.

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 19-24.**



Tulip Orders due April 4

Potted Tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12 each. You may pick up your tulips after worship on Easter Sunday, April 17. They must be picked up no later than April 24. Order forms are available on Sunday mornings or from the church office during the week.

Midweek Lenten Worship April 6 at 12:15 pm & 7:00pm

Holden Evening prayer will be used.

Wed, April 6 5:30-7:30pm

At Messy Church, all ages meet together to learn about Christ through games, crafts and activities, music, and storytelling from the Bible. A foundational ingredient of Messy Church is to gather around a table for a meal and build relationships with each other, God, and the world. Families and those young at heart are encouraged to come, have fun and learn at Messy Church!



Join us for our first Messy church on April 6!

- 5:30 pm Gathering & Dinner
- 6:00 pm Messy Activities
- 7:00 pm Lenten Worship



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 10

9:30 am

Service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 15

7:00 pm

Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 17

9:30am ~ *Service of Holy Communion*

10:30 am ~ *Easter Breakfast*

11:00 am ~ *Sunday School*

11:15 am ~ *Easter Egg Hunt*



Candy Needed!

Individually wrapped candy is needed for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please have donations to the church by Sunday, April 10. Thank you!

Youth Group * Sunday, April 10

The youth will gather from 10:30am-12:30pm for event planning, and Easter Egg stuffing. All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend.



Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelsalina.org

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

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Easter Brunch April 17 10:30am

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

Altar Guild

Wed, April 20 at 5:15pm

Monthly meeting.



Women of the ELCA

Immanuel's WELCA will meet **Thursday, April 21 at 2:00pm**. Please join us for monthly study of our Lutheran liturgy and the importance

of worship for our daily lives.