



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5

April is a month of endings and beginnings. Our Lenten journey ends as we follow our Lord through His joyous entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His painful procession to the cross, and His world-changing resurrection of Easter. What a rollercoaster of emotions Holy Week brings! Our old lives end as our Lenten journey ends but our new lives begin as we are raised with our Lord and Savior. We are Easter people! This season of Easter is who we are, transformed by grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. And this time of new beginnings and new life, is a good time to stop and take stock of our own personal spiritual practices.

What exactly are spiritual practices? They are the things we do in our lives that help us abide in Christ as Christ abides in us, that renew and grow and deepen our relationship with our Savior. Sometimes we need to review them. Sometimes we need to try new things until we find those practices that are just right for us, that help keep our minds on spiritual things, that remind us that we are in this world but not of this world, that bring us to an of Christ's presence 24/7. Not everyone's spiritual practices are the same.

I have tried many things that just didn't fit. Journaling? No, not for me. Fasting? No, couldn't quite keep it up. Devotional book? No, not quite right. So let me briefly share two of the spiritual practices that do fit me. The practice most meaningful to me is my prayer life. I have what I call my "big, formal" prayers and my "little" prayers. First thing in the morning before I crawl out of bed and the last thing at night I pray my big formal prayers. Then all during the day, I talk with God in my little prayers. I live alone so I can do that aloud, like a running conversation (which it is.) I also practice a Lectio Divina over the weekly lectionary. The Gospel on Mondays, 1st reading on Tuesdays, Wednesday the Psalm, and Thursday 2nd reading.

I have purposely kept my descriptions short, so if you want to come and talk with me about my spiritual practices, please do. Come and tell me about yours. What new practices would you like to try this Easter season to deepen your relationship with our Lord?

Pastor Jaegre



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Upcoming Events

Visit their website for more info:
camptomahshinga.com

Tough Camper Obstacle Run Saturday, April 15

Sponsored by local Genesis Health Clubs, Camp Tomah Shinga is hosting a tough mudder/obstacle course throughout camp's several acres. 3k and 5k obstacle races. Food and drinks provided. \$50 registration includes t-shirt. Prizes for top 3 finishers!

Annual Auction Saturday, April 29

From April 24-29 the Annual Auction will be held online so friends of camp near and far can be a part of this fundraiser.

On April 29, Camp Tomah Shinga will be hosting a smaller, semi-formal gathering at the Salina Country Club. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 per couple or \$35 for individual. Price includes live music, appetizers, and drinks.

Whether you attend in-person at the Salina Country Club or bid online, all invited to participate in this fundraiser for our church camp!

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 18-23**.



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.

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Share Shed

Have you noticed the new storage shed in the parking lot? It is home to Immanuel's new mission outreach to our community, the Share Shed! You are invited to help keep it stocked with coats, blankets, socks, shoes, personal hygiene items, etc.

*NO FOOD please (food items can be donated to St John's Blessing Box).



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

A Season of Hope

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 16.

Anniversary Planning Committee

Volunteers are needed to serve on the 155th Anniversary Planning Committee which will plan the 2025 celebration. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Congregation Council Action February 2023:

Approved midweek Lent offering to go to St John's Blessing Box, midweek Advent offering to Salina Shares, and Thanksgiving offering to Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank.

Approved to recommend changing quorum for congregational meetings to "60% of the average attendance of Sunday worship for the last 6 months". This constitutional amendment will be voted on at the November 2023 congregational meeting.



Wed, April 5
5:30-7:30pm
New Life in Jesus

Join us at Messy Church where all ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Pizza dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities begin at 6:00 pm.

Youth Group * April 8 & 9

The youth will gather Saturday from 9:00-11:30 am for Easter brunch and egg hunt preparations. On Sunday, please head to the kitchen immediately after worship to serve brunch.

Joint Youth Group * Sat, April 29

Immanuel, St John & Redeemer youth will gather to volunteer at the Salina Spring Spruce Up. Watch for more details.



Tuesday, April 11 at 1:30 pm

Join us at church for our monthly meeting and Bible study.

Assemble LWR Kits **Sunday, April 16**

We will assemble the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits following worship. Please come and help!

Altar Guild

Wed, April 19 at 5:15pm

Monthly meeting.



Combined Ministry Opportunities

Events at St John's or Redeemer that Immanuel members are invited to participate in:

Choir - Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at St John's. For more information contact Jessica Hako-da, 785-822-6407.

Quilting Group - Gathers on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 am at St John's. For more information contact Marty Ryan, 785-827-4282.

Women's Bible Study - For more information, contact Anna Prockish (Redeemer), call/text 785-212-0685 or email aprock7778@gmail.com.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:30 am

Service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7

7:00 pm

Readings and Prayers

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:30am ~ Service of Holy Communion

10:30 am ~ Easter Brunch

11:00 am ~ Sunday School

11:15 am ~ Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Brunch
April 9 at 10:30am



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

Electronic Giving

Immanuel now offers the ability to give electronically. Your generous giving helps us grow our mission of welcoming all, growing together in faith, and sharing Christ's love with others.

You may scan the QR code or simply visit immanuelsalina.org and click on the "Donate" button at any time to make a one-time donation. You may also set up an account and view your online donation history.



If you have any questions about electronic giving, please contact the church office.

April Worship Volunteers as of 03/24/2023

	April 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 16	April 23	April 30
Greeter	Corlene Lange	Tom Davis			
Usher	Tom Davis				
iPad					
Acolyte		Ty Tillberg		Ty Tillberg	
Cantor	Henry Diehl				
Assisting Minister	Henry Diehl				
Lector	Corlene Lange	Kathy Yosai		Kathy Herron	
Children's Sermon					
Communion Assistant		Diana Looney			
Altar Guild Set-up	Connie Beisner	Diana Looney	Corlene Lange	Kathy Herron	JoAnn Srna & Norma Hodge
Altar Guild Clean-up		Carol Ann Sloo	Carol Ann Sloo		
Fellowship Hosts	Yosai/Milleson	Youth Group Easter Brunch	Komarek		

May Worship Volunteers as of 03/24/2023

	May 7	May 14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	May 21	May 28 <i>Pentecost</i>
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Set-up	Connie Beisner	Corlene Lange		
Altar Guild Clean-up				
Fellowship Hosts	Stoppel			