



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

February
2020

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The first full week of January is in the books and we have completed all of our ministry team meetings for this month. I attend all of them with the exception of Youth and Ed and so I cannot speak for that team, but there was a common topic that was brought up at each meeting. How do we get more people to participate on a ministry team?

I have to admit that I have no idea. We have shared what each team does and when they meet. We have invited at worship, bulletin, newsletter and congregational meeting. We have even done personal invitations. And year after year, we struggle with the same question. How do we get more people to participate on a ministry team?

There is a lot of ministry that happens at Immanuel and that takes a lot of people. The planning of what we do is just as important as the actual ministry that we do. We need to be intentional in what we plan and that takes different points of view. It takes people with different ideas because ministry is always changing. The needs of Immanuel's disciples and the needs of the communities from which we come are all constantly changing. That means that what we do as ministry is also constantly changing.

Some of our ministry seems to keep growing with very little change and other parts of our ministry needs to be tweaked from time to time. This ministry is ours to do together. It is ours to plan and implement so that we may proclaim God's love for all people.

As February comes, we will once again have our first of the month meetings. I invite or rather encourage you to give prayerful consideration as to where God is leading you. Please look over our ministry teams on page 2 and consider serving on one of them.

In Christ,
Pastor Kent



Ash Wednesday

February 26

12:15 & 7:00pm Worship

Join us as we begin the Lenten season with
Imposition of the Ashes and Holy Communion.

Midweek Lenten Offering

The special offering for our midweek Lenten services has been designated for Homestead. The Homestead is a safe, residential transitional care program in Manhattan, KS, for women 18 years & older who are survivors of the sex trafficking industry and have been through a measure of their healing and recovery. Homesteaders enroll in school or participate in a job apprenticeship, continue with support and recovery work, and begin to move from being under a 100% supervisory program to 100% independence, integrating back into mainstream society in a productive and life-giving way.

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



Deepen your Lenten experience by participating in this new partnership opportunity! Interested individuals will be paired with a partner to discuss and pray about the weekly Lenten theme. On Sundays, Pastor will provide questions/discussion starters for you to use with your partner before the Lenten service on Wednesday. You and your partner will decide how you will communicate, i.e. phone call, email, face-to-face, etc. The goal is to build a relationship with someone you may not connect with on a regular basis while exploring the topics of the Lenten series. If you are interested in joining this relationship building experience, please sign up by Sunday, February 16. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex or you can email [Mindy](#).



Thank you to all who contributed to the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Your response to our plea for donations in December was a blessing! We ended the year with approximately \$2,500 of unassigned cash on hand. Thank you for your generosity.

Congregation Council Action from December 2019:

Motion approved to research possibilities for remote monitoring of the HVAC system.

Motion approved for Mindy Tillberg to serve as the Synod Coordinator for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

Motion approved for Council to serve turkey & noodles at the January congregational meeting.

Motion approved for Youth & Education Team to gather information for the possible creation of a "playground" for young families in our worship space.

Flower Delivery



Volunteers and vehicles are needed to deliver Valentine's Day flowers for the Dillon's store on Cloud. If you would like to help on February 13-15, [click here](#) to sign-up online or use the sign-up sheet on the Youth bulletin board. Proceeds will benefit Happy Hearts Preschool scholarships and our trip to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Ministry Teams

Ministry Teams are the groups of volunteers that give life to our congregation! They are most effective when many people participate on them. If you have an interest, or passion, or simply want to help in any of these areas, please attend a meeting or speak with Pastor Kent.

Worship and Music: 1st Tuesday at 5:30pm. Selects hymns and plans worship services.

Youth & Education: 1st Sunday at 10am. Guides the youth & education opportunities.

Missions: 1st Wednesday at 7pm. Plans various mission events throughout the year.

Evangelism: 1st Monday at 5pm. Explores and implements various ideas for sharing the Gospel.

Stewardship: 1st Wednesday at 6pm. Lifts up ways of giving our whole self (time, talent & resources) as an offering to God.

Finance: 1st Monday at 6pm. Deals with the finances of Immanuel.

Memorials: Meets as needed. Manages the money that has been given as a memorial.

Property: 1st Thursday at 6:30pm. Oversees the care of the building, property, and parsonage.



Thank you for all that you do to make life better for others. You are making a lasting impact in the lives of many!
Thank you! *Michael Chambers, Salina Food Bank*

Thank you to our departing council members. Rick Gibson, Janet Ireton, and Jim Komarek have completed their terms on the Council. We appreciate their dedication to the mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church!



At the [ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#) in August 2019, the Assembly voted to [commemorate June 17](#) as a day of repentance in the ELCA for the deaths of the Emanuel 9, the nine people who were killed June 17, 2015 during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston, S.C.

Sunday Education Hour

Adult Bible Study meets in the Lounge for an intensive Bible Study. In the current “Honoring God” series, the class is studying how worship in its many forms honors God.

Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) will meet Sundays at 10:00am. All ages are invited to participate in this education opportunity!



Sunday, February 9 Noon–2pm

6-12th graders are invited for food, fellowship & fun! Bring \$2 for lunch.

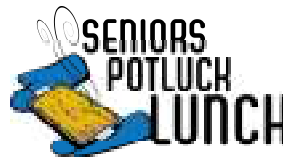


Altar Guild
Wednesday, Feb 19 at 5:15pm
Meeting is in the Library.

Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 23 * Noon-3pm

7th & 8th grade students - please bring your Bible, Manna & Mercy workbook, and binder!



Senior Lunch
Mon, Feb 24 at Noon
Please bring a dish to share.
Table service provided.

Ash Wednesday, February 26

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Evangelism: What NOT to Do

When traditional outreach misses the audience and “evangelism” becomes a dirty word, how can we share the Good News? Christians have hindered the work of evangelism in the following ways:

- * Being judgmental
- * Saying one thing and doing another
- * Excluding people who are different from them
- * Refusing to listen to new ideas or understandings about the Bible
- * Criticizing people who express doubts or questions about faith

Even in our jaded culture, people are still receptive to the Gospel—if they are given the right introduction. If we reflect on the list above and eliminate these barriers, who knows what God may do?



Welca Group

Thursday, Feb 13 at 2pm

Anna Group

Wednesday, Feb 19 at 1:30pm at Pres. Manor

Elizabeth Group

Wednesday, Feb 19 at 6:15pm at church

Mark your calendars now for **Hot Times** which will be Sunday, August 23 from 4:00-7:00pm!



Newsletter Distribution

The March Messenger will be emailed on February 21. To receive your newsletter by email, contact [Mindy](#). For those who opted for print copies, they will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Feb 23. If you do not pick yours up that day, it will be mailed to you.



Do you have an article for the next Messenger?

Please send information to mindy@immanuelsalina.org
Deadline for newsletter articles is the 15th of the month.

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