



Notes from Nancy



“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility, and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4

As we continue to move through this transition time we continue to discern what God is calling us to do – to be. We know that God is already at work in the world and if we listen, we will hear God continually inviting us to join in the mission at hand. We don't have to invent something new, we need to listen and look at what is already happening.

“Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me’.”
(Matt 9:9)

Our God is a promise-making and promise-keeping God. He has committed himself to us and rescued us. Now we are summoned to live in the light of that rescue.

The kept promises of God shape the life of each believer into a promise to keep. Because he has come, I must go. Because God has been found, I must seek. Because God loves, I too must love.

Whether you are eight or eighty, the call is still, “Follow me.” Jesus calls us to a challenge continually new. To follow him is to participate, not just observe; to get involved in new experiences and responsibilities.

We all think of ourselves, it is a natural as breathing, and it is not necessarily bad. But I need to think things through in terms of God's gift to me. I need to remember that I am not called by Christ to compete. I am not expected to take another's place but to find my own.

When Jesus says, “Follow me”, he offers me the freedom of the integrated life; he gives me himself in a loving fellowship which involves me in worthy causes and offers channels for all my energies.

For most of us, God's command doesn't take us away from what we are presently doing. It fills our lives with new significance by reordering our priorities and requiring us to submit our activities and plans to the test of Christian concern and love.

Tomorrow will be another of God's days. People will rouse themselves to get back into the harness. Today, and tomorrow too, there is Jesus. He inhabits the next moment, filling it with explosive potential. He calls me and he calls you, not to desert our work, but to transcend it by making it his. Tomorrow, as today, if we listen we will hear him say. “Follow me.”

-Gerhard E. Frost – “Journey of the Heart”

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



2022 Congregational Council
 Congratulations to our newly elected & installed council members and officers (new members are noted with an *)!

President: Eugene Tillberg
 Vice-President: Henry Diehl*
 Secretary: Alisha Cooper
 Treasurer: Gary Arpin

Gary Arpin—Finance, Parsonage
 Jeri Clouston - Worship & Music
 Alisha Cooper - Youth & Education, Memorial
 Henry Diehl* - Missions
 Dorothy Hanna - Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship
 Janet Ireton* - Worship & Music
 John Swisher - Property, Memorial
 Eugene Tillberg - Finance



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

Evangelism: Explores and implements various ideas for sharing the Gospel.

Finance: Deals with the finances of Immanuel.

Memorials: Manages the donations that have been given as a memorial.

Missions: Plans various mission events throughout the year.

Property: Oversees the care of the building, property, and parsonage.

Stewardship: Lifts up ways of giving our whole self (time, talent & resources) as an offering to God.

Worship and Music: Selects hymns and plans worship services.

Youth & Education: Guides the youth & education opportunities.

Mark you calendars:

March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 13	Daylight Savings begins
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Sunday



Women of the ELCA
 Immanuel's WELCA meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. We are having discussions each month on our Lutheran liturgy and the importance of worship for our daily lives. We invite you to join us.

Flower Delivery Volunteers

Volunteers and vehicles are needed to deliver Valentine's Day flowers on February 14-15 for the Dillon's store on Cloud. If you would like to help, please contact Mindy Tillberg. Monies raised will be used for youth events.



Altar Guild
 Wednesday, Feb 16 at 5:15 pm
 Monthly meeting

Sunday, February 20

Jacob Spilker, Executive Director of Camp Tomah Shinga will be preaching during worship and leading education hour. Come and learn more about what's happening at our church camp!



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.**



Office Update

Mindy will be at a training and continuing education event February 8-11 and February 17. Thank you to Karen Olson and Carol Ann Sloo for covering the church office those days. The church office will be closed February 14-15 for the Dillon's Floral Delivery fundraiser.

Corlene Lange saw an invitation to participate in the ELCA Vital Congregations RE-BOOT Camp and decided that Immanuel needed someone to attend this so she signed up. The first Zoom meeting was Thursday, January 14, 2022. Corlene didn't know exactly what to expect in the 1 1/2 hour session and what a surprise! Corlene states "I was so excited when the session ended that I wanted to call everyone at Immanuel and personally invite you to future sessions!"

The material speaks directly to Immanuel on our transformational journey! Any kind of transformation begins with spiritual transformation. Therefore, we began our time together focusing on the Holy Spirit. Congregational transformation or renewal is often fueled by transformation and renewal in the leaders in the congregation. All of you are one of these leaders. Think of it this way, "Transformation begins with me." They encouraged us to focus on our spiritual growth during these next eight weeks and beyond. How might you develop or expand daily devotional practices? How might you take time in your daily schedule to notice the Spirit at work in the world? How is the Spirit inviting you to join in this work?

We learned from a panel of experienced practitioners about the transformation in their congregations. Their experiences and learnings applied to our congregation or ministry. While there might not be a direct correlation, listen for practices and principles underneath the stories that could be utilized for revitalization in our context.

Unfortunately, registration has closed but once Corlene gets a recording link of each session that can be shared with you. Please take the opportunity to watch it.

Prayers of expectation and anticipation as the Holy Spirit joins us in Immanuel's journey through the Call Process. Blow, Spirit, Blow!

Congregation Council Action November & December 2021:

Transition Team shared draft of Ministry Site Profile and requested feedback from Council members.

Approved recommendation to accept offer from ILC Foundation to assist with funding the salary of a full-time pastor at \$20,000 annually for 3 years.

Approved 6 month covenant agreement with Nancy Mitchell.

Approved motion to pull parsonage off the market until late winter/early spring.

Approved motion to establish Call Committee: Jeri Clouston, Kaylee Cooper, Jeremy Diehl, Corlene Lange, Diana Looney, and Terry Oehmke.

Approved motion for Annual meeting and meal on January 23, 2022.

Approved motion to move to one Sunday worship at 9:30 am.



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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Thank you to Karla Arpin, Zoe Greenemeyer, and Emily Komarek for serving as our Transition Team last year. We are thankful for the many hours of hard work that you have given to this ministry. Your faithfulness and dedication to gathering the information needed to create our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is a blessing to our congregation. Thank you!

Thank you for the cards, memorials, and kind words of comfort in the passing of my father, Ray Lange. They were all appreciated.

Corlene Lange

Thank you for the surprise celebration, beautiful necklace, cards, and many kind words in recognition of my 25 years of ministry at Immanuel. Your continued support is a blessing to me.

Mindy Tillberg

Thank you for the thoughtful and generous gift from the Hot Times fundraiser. Your support for the care and therapeutic activities provided at Sunflower enrich the lives of those who need care during the day, while providing a welcome break from their caregivers. Thank you.

Lindsay Huenefeld, Sunflower Adult Day Services