



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

January
2020

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I sit here with Heidi while she is watching something on tv, Christmas is still 13 days away and 2019 is quickly coming to an end. With 2020 just around the corner, there is an opportunity for new things or changes as we think back on 2019. We look at our life and think about what we liked and didn't like about what all happened. That is what the new year's resolutions are all about. People see something in their life that they would like to change and so they make a resolution to make a change.

You don't really need to make a resolution to make a change because we always receive opportunities throughout our lives and not just when we start a new year. God is always at work throughout the entire year to bring exciting things to all of us.

What is the best way to live in those things? Live in a relationship with God and allow God to lead you in everything you do. As 2020 begins, God is present. God is at work. The only thing God does not control is how you respond. That is ultimately left up to you.

How you minister to those around you is up to you. How you share the gospel or share how God is active through you is up to you. How you respond to God's guidance is all up to you.

As you think back on 2019, do you like everything you did? Did you live in a relationship with God to the fullest of your ability? Or are you in need of change? Beginning a new year is a good time to make changes. God is waiting for you to act and step out in faith. What decision will you make?

In Christ,
Pastor Kent

2020 Council Members

Congratulations and thank you to the volunteers who lead us in mission and ministry!

President: Greg Hubbard

Vice-president: Jeri Clouston

Secretary: Eugene Tillberg

Treasurer: Gary Arpin (this is a non-council position)

Worship & Music: Jeri Clouston and Mike Tillberg

Property: Greg Hubbard and John Swisher

Parsonage: Terry Oehmke

Youth & Education: Cheyanne Gibson

Missions: Terry Oehmke & John Swisher

Evangelism: Open

Finance: Corlene Lange

Stewardship: Eugene Tillberg

Council members will be installed on Sunday, January 12 at the worship service of their choice.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 26

12:00 pm Turkey & Noodle Lunch

by freewill offering

12:45 pm Meeting begins

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

Year End Reports

As 2019 comes to an end, Ministry Team chairs and organizations need to submit year-end reports to [Gloria Tillberg](#) by Friday, January 10.



- Send a care package to someone who's in college or the military.
- Make blankets or scarves for homeless people.
- Collect coins for a charity or cause.
- When you can't attend an event, give the tickets to strangers.
- Provide tutoring or mentoring in your field of expertise.
- Offer to babysit or pet-sit for free.
- Send a note of appreciation to someone who's made a difference in your life.
- Share your gifts of music, reading or conversation at a nursing home.
- Donate old sports equipment to schools.
- Give someone the benefit of the doubt — maybe even a family member or yourself!



Winter Weather

As we enter the season of winter weather advisories, please know that any cancellations of church activities will be posted on the congregational Facebook group ([private](#)) and page ([public](#)), [KSAL.com](#) and local radio/TV stations that we are able to contact. If you feel the roads are not safe to travel on, please stay home!



Congregation Council Action from November 2019:

2020 proposed budget was approved for recommendation to the congregation.

**If you would like to see a copy of the full minutes from the congregational council or ministry team meetings, please contact the [church office](#).



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, please contact Mindy Tillberg. Monies raised will be used for youth events.

Please notify the church office when...

- ...You or a family member is hospitalized. Also, let the hospital chaplain know you would like visit from Pastor.
- ...You have a change of address.
- ...Your phone number has changed.
- ...Your email address has changed.
- ...Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.



Time and Talents

We are always looking for volunteers to help further the mission and ministry of our church. Here are just a few ways you can help:

Ushers, Greeters, Readers, & Communion Assistants

Worship volunteers are a constant need. Please contact the [church office](#) if you can help!

Sunday Coffee Hour

9:30-10:30am

Coffee & fellowship is enjoyed by all who attend! Please volunteer to help by signing up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all who donated at the Chili Supper we served in November. We raised \$172.66! *Youth Group*

Heidi, Tori and I would like to thank you all for thinking of us during Christmas. Your prayers, thoughts, cards and gifts were greatly appreciated. *Pastor Kent*

Thank you for the cards and kind words for my birthday and during the holidays. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing to me and my family! *Mindy Tillberg*



At the [ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#) in August 2019, the Assembly presented a [Declaration to People of African Descent](#) to representatives of the African Descent Lutheran Association. The declaration is an expression of confession of this church's bondage to the sins of slavery, racism, discrimination, white supremacy and quietism. "This apology is a recommitment to the process of right and equitable relations within this church, and the flourishing of Christ's church universal," Bishop Eaton said after the declaration was read.

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 it's 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!



Women of the ELCA

Welca Group
Thursday, Jan 9 at 2pm

Anna Group
Wednesday, Jan 15 at 1:30pm at Pres. Manor

Elizabeth Group
Wednesday, Jan 15 at 6:15pm at church



Newsletter Distribution

The February Messenger will be emailed on Jan 24. To receive your newsletter by email, contact [Mindy](#). For those who opted for print copies, they will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Jan 26. 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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Altar Guild

Wednesday, Jan 8 at 3:00pm

Take down Christmas decorations.

Wednesday, Jan 15 at 5:15pm

We will gather in the Library to welcome new members, elect 2020 officers and decide committee assignments.

Friday, January 10

Annual reports are due to the [church office](#)!

Sunday, January 12

Noon-2pm

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



Confirmation Class

Monday, January 20 * 9am-3pm

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



Senior Lunch

Mon, Jan 27 at Noon

Please bring a dish to share. Table service provided.

Seeking the Best

"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing — that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred."



- Fred Rogers