



New and Renewed

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:19

As we begin a new year, our church begins both a time of creating new things and a time of renewing old things. Our years with Covid changed many things in our churches. Some may be changed forever but a new year is a time to renew what can be renewed, including several opportunities to serve which existed pre-Covid.

Prayerfully consider whether you may be called to serve as an Assisting Minister. Traditionally, the Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people (the Intercessory Prayers), the prayers after the offering and communion, and speaks the words of dismissal. The Assisting Minister can lead the prayers from the lectern, the altar, or even from their seat. Or perhaps the Lord has gifted you with the ability to lead the Children's Message. You are invited to write your own or I can provide you with material. If an actual message does not appeal, you might consider reading a children's book for the message. We have a source for books that go along with the lectionary each week.

It's time to have a 1st Communion class again. If your child is in the 1st through 4th grade and already communing or you want them to have a class before communing, visit with me for the details. If you would simply like a refresher course on the fundamentals of Lutheran beliefs around the sacrament of the eucharist, you, too, are invited to join. It's also time to renew our efforts to bring our Constitution up to date. There are currently only three of us involved in renewing this project and we could certainly use some more warm bodies.

Looking for something new? This coming year will see many more opportunities for joint projects with our other two ELCA congregations in Salina. The women of Redeemer are inviting our interested women to join them for a joint Bible study. If the idea of Bible studies interests you, I will be doing a pilgrimage to the Holyland from January 3-18. When I return I will offer a Bible study to travel across the Holyland with me through pictures and Scripture. Seeing the actual places described in the Scriptures will make the Bible come alive. Is there any interest in adding some special worship services, perhaps on Wednesday evenings before the Lenten season begins? Our Lutheran heritage is rich with services for healing, grieving, blessing, and renewal.

Where do you perceive God doing a new thing here at Immanuel? Where do you perceive God doing a new thing in your life?



Pastor Jaegre

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



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, 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: Manages the finances of the church.

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

Missions: Plans various mission events.

Property: Oversees the care of the building and property.

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.

2023 Congregational Council

Congratulations to our newly elected council members and officers!

President: Janet Ireton
Vice-President: Henry Diehl
Secretary: Alisha Cooper
Treasurer: Gary Arpin

Gary Arpin - Finance
Alisha Cooper - Youth & Education, Memorial
Henry Diehl - Missions
Rick Gibson - Property
Dorothy Hanna - Evangelism, Stewardship
Janet Ireton - Worship & Music
John Swisher - Property
Eugene Tillberg - Finance

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and kind words for my birthday and during the holidays. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing to me and my family.

Mindy Tillberg

Thank you to the musicians who provided music during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The sharing of your gifts has been a blessing to us all!

Sunday Volunteers Needed

Please consider sharing your gifts in our worship!

Greeter ~ Welcomes worshippers.

Usher ~ Hands out bulletins, collects offering, directs worshippers to the communion rail.

iPad ~ Starts and ends the Facebook live-stream.

Acolyte ~ Lights the candles.

Cantor ~ Song leader for the liturgy.

Assisting Minister ~ Reads all the prayers and the dismissal.

Lector ~ Reads the lessons.

Children's Sermon ~ Prepares and leads the children's sermon.

Communion Assistant ~ Serves the wine during communion.

Fellowship Hour Host ~ Prepares and serves coffee and treat following worship.

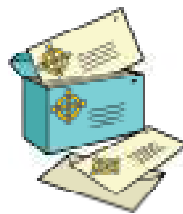
Altar Guild ~ is always looking for new members to help prepare the sanctuary for worship.

Worship volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office. For questions about Altar Guild, please contact Monica Davis.

2022 Annual Reports Due

Ministry Team and organizational leaders: year-end written reports are due Friday, December 30. Financial reports are due Friday, January 20.

2023 Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2023 are available for pick-up in the narthex. Help is needed to deliver envelopes that do not get picked up.

End of Year Giving

One way to live out the meaning of the holiday season is to carefully and prayerfully consider the gifts we give and to remember Immanuel Lutheran Church on our gift list. When the church year ends in a solid financial position, we fulfill our commitment to the budget we passed 12 months earlier. More importantly, it ensures continuity of the ministry we are faithfully working to accomplish.

Please prayerfully consider Immanuel in your year-end giving. Contributions dated and received by December 31, 2022 will be considered as gifts for 2022.



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!

Women's Bible Study

Immanuel, St John, and Redeemer women are invited to participate in a combined women's Bible study which meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:00pm at Redeemer Lutheran (743 E Magnolia, Salina). For more information, contact Anna Prockish at aprock7778@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Registration Open!

All Immanuel students receive a scholarship for half of the Early Bird price! Current 6th & 7th graders will attend Confirmation Camp, June 18-23, 2023. Visit camptomahshinga.com for more information.

Congregation Council Action November 2022:

Approved motion to update Elizabeth Group checking account signors.

Approved motion for signors on a new account that will have a debit card.

Approved membership transfer of Pastor Jacqueline Thornton.

Approved motion to host Synod Professional Development Training on February 9, 2023.

Approved motion to return to serving wine and juice for communion.

Approved motion to allow a group from Illinois State University to stay overnight/use our facility January 8-14, 2023. The group will be serving at Ashby House.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

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

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Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 am

Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News.

Altar Guild

Wednesday, Jan 4 at 3:00pm

Take down decorations

Wednesday, Jan 18 at 5:15pm

Monthly meeting



Wed, January 4

5:30-7:30pm

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.

January 8-14, Immanuel will be hosting a group of students from Illinois State University who will be serving at Ashby House. Please welcome and thank them for volunteering in our community!



Thurs, January 12
2:00pm.

Join us for our monthly meeting and Bible study.

Congregational Meeting

Sun, January 29 * 10:15 am

All are welcome to this celebration of our 2022 ministries! Worship will be shortened and the meeting will follow immediately at 10:15 am.



Sunday, January 29, during worship, Gus Diehl will receive his 3rd grade Bible from the congregation. Congratulations Gus!

6th-12th graders: Watch for more info from Mindy about combined youth group events with Redeemer & St John's!

January Worship Volunteers as of 12/16/2022

| | January 1 | January 8 | January 15 | January 22 | January 29 |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| Greeter | | | | | |
| Usher | | Tom Davis | | | |
| iPad | | | | | |
| Acolyte | | Emma Greenemeyer | Tom Davis | Emma Greenemeyer | Gus Diehl |
| Cantor | | | | | |
| Assisting Minister | | | | | |
| Lector | | Monica Davis | Janet Ireton | Kathy Herron | Karen Olson |
| Children's Sermon | | | | | |
| Communion Assistant | | Monica Davis | | | |
| Altar Guild Set-up | JoAnn Srna | Corlene Lange | Janet Ireton | Corlene Lange | |
| Altar Guild Clean-up | Norma Hodge | Corlene Lange | Janet Ireton | Corlene Lange | |
| Fellowship Host | | | | | |

February Worship Volunteers as of 12/16/2022

| | February 5 | February 12 | February 19 | February 26 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Greeter | | | | |
| Usher | | | | |
| iPad | | | | |
| Acolyte | | Ty Tillberg | | Ty Tillberg |
| Cantor | | | | |
| Assisting Minister | | | | |
| Lector | | | | |
| Children's Sermon | | | | |
| Communion Assistant | | | | |
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| Fellowship Hosts | | | | |