



Notes from Nancy



“Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day, Declare his glory among all the people. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.” 1 Chronicles 16: 23-25

Lent, (Ash Wednesday is March 2nd) from its earliest beginnings, was kept as a time of preparation for baptisms at Easter. For those already baptized into the faith of the church, Lent was a season of baptismal renewal. This central baptismal focus of Lent continues for the church today.

Lent invites the believer to consider what baptismal living and dying means and how being baptized radically changes everything. Lent, then, is not a season of applied sorrow or forced sadness, but a time of growth, enabled by discernment for all Christians as they continually uncover the mysteries of baptismal living. *Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Publishing*

If indeed Lent is a time for growth, then we individually and as a congregation have work to do. How can we best live out our baptismal identity as individuals and as the church?

Jesus calls us one by one as people of the church to be his disciples. And that discipleship has something to do with community, compassion, comfort and commitment. We believe in and follow a God who loves us, who teaches us, who lives with us and suffers with us, and who gives us strength.

We are called to clothe ourselves with love. We are called to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, remembering always that we are called to the one body.

God awoke you and me this morning for this purpose: ***“Declare his glory among the nations (and communities), his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”*** (1 Chronicles 16: 24)

I think it would be time well spent, if during Lent, each of us would focus on:

Praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit – Sharing the Love of God – Telling all what God has done for us – Inviting all to share at the Lord’s Table.

I believe the results would be that individually and as a church we would grow deeper in faith and love towards others.

IT IS WHAT GOD CALLS US TO DO!!



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



LIVING LENT

As People of the Resurrection

Join us for Living Lent, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service will focus on a word to consider while living Lent as Easter people. Our first service begins with Purpose followed by People, Proclaim, Praise, Pain, Palms, Prayer, Passion and Paradise on Easter Sunday. Each service helps us see that we are always alive in Christ, who died and was raised.



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 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 24.

THANK YOU!!

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Thank you to everyone who helped deliver Valentine flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud. Your generosity helped raise \$803.85 for our youth ministry!

Congregation Council Action January 2022:

2022 Officer elections: Eugene Tillberg, President; Henry Diehl, Vice-President; Alisha Cooper, Secretary; Gary Arpin, Treasurer.

Approved organist pay schedule of \$125 for first service and \$25 for each additional service not including Lent and Advent, which will be \$50 each.

Approved purchase of Zimblestern for the organ to be paid through the memorial fund.

Midweek Lenten offering will be given to Serenity House, a recovery house based on abstinence, honesty, responsibility and accountability. A special basket will be in the narthex for these donations. Offerings may also be marked for Serenity House and mailed to the church.

Hearts of Hope

Salina Presbyterian Manor Chaplain, Mary Bridges, is looking for volunteers to create small hearts, to fit in a hand or pocket, to share with the employees at the Manor.



Employees are struggling emotionally with the long work hours in PPE, the COVID testing, and the ever-changing rules and mandates all while trying to balance their home lives. They are overwhelmed and, at times, feel ignored or forgotten. Hearts of Hope will remind them a community believes in them and their calling of care.

So, paint a heart. Whittle a heart. Sew a heart. They can be made of felt, fleece, quilted fabric, painted wooden or rock hearts. Be a spark to help light a fire of love to be shared with Salina Presbyterian Manor employees.

SCAM ALERT!!

No church staff member will ever text or email you requesting money or gift cards, for ANY reason. If you are not sure, please check the originating phone number or email address. They will NOT match the staff member's contact information. Any special requests will be made during Sunday announcements, in the monthly Messenger or Sunday bulletin, or in person. Not sure? Contact the church office!

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.**



Sunday, March 6
10:45 am Severe Weather Presentation
11:45 am Chili Cook-Off

Following worship, the Missions Team will be hosting a severe weather presentation by Henry Diehl. Henry will be sharing severe weather tips, safety, and websites. He will also share what he looks for when forecasting a severe weather event.



After Henry's presentation is the Chili Cook-Off! Bring your favorite chili recipe for others to sample and you might take home the "Best Chili" trophy! A sign-up for the cook-off is in the narthex.



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.

Daylight Savings
March 13

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night!



Ash Wednesday
March 2

12:15 pm & 7:00 pm
 Join us as we begin the Lenten season with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

March 5 at 9:00 am
Parsonage Clean-Up

Volunteers are needed to help with a light cleaning of the parsonage before it is placed back on the market. Yardwork will be done also. Please bring rags, gloves, rakes, etc.



MARCH 24

Donations will be collected for your favorite charities and they will be matched! Everyone

is encouraged to do one of the following:

- Donate in person at the Salina Fieldhouse, 140 N. 5th St. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Donate online at www.matchmadnessgscf.org - 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.
- Mail cash or check donations (with a completed donation form) to the community foundation at PO Box 2876, Salina, KS 67402-2876. These must be postmarked March 24, 2022.

The event will be held at the Salina Fieldhouse from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Events held throughout the day include: Donation Station, Watch the NCAA Tournament, Food Trucks, Nonprofit Booths, Free Throw and Half Court Shot Contest, and free snacks!

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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Youth Group * Sun, March 6
 during the Chili-Off to plan spring & summer events! All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend.

Midweek Lenten Worship
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6
12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

Holden Evening prayer will be used for these Wednesday services.



Altar Guild
Wed, Mar 16 at 5:15 pm
 Monthly meeting

Potted Tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. **Orders are due April 4.** The cost is \$12 each. You may pick up your tulips after worship on Easter Sunday, April 17. They must be picked up no later than April 24. Please use the enclosed Order Form to purchase your tulips.

