



# The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## One Body

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)*

As we begin this Lenten season, it is time for us to prepare for Christ's journey to the cross. We prepare by reflecting on our baptism, the event that has united us as the body of Christ. We celebrate our membership in the body of Christ each time we come together to worship. Yet it seems that fewer and fewer of us participate in making that worship happen. So let us begin this Lenten journey by looking at two worship positions that often go unfilled – assisting minister and children's message – and the questions you have asked me about them.

*Q: Why do we have an assisting minister? Isn't that the pastor's job?*

A: No. The pastor's "job" is to proclaim the words of forgiveness during the Confession and Forgiveness, preside at the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion), and supervise the sermon (either by preaching or supervising whoever is preaching). Worship is not performance. It is participation. It is what we all do together to thank and glorify God.

*Q: Then what does an assisting minister do?*

A: Technically, assisting ministers are everyone who assists with the worship service – ushers, greeters, acolytes, lectors, cantors, altar guild, communion assistants, musicians, etc. But we usually refer to the assisting minister as the representative of the assembly who leads the prayers of the people – the Prayers of Intercession, the Offering Prayer, the Prayer after Communion – and dismisses the congregation at the end.

*Q: Do I have to do it from the lectern?*

A: No. You can do it from your pew with a handheld mic.

*Q: Do I have to cantor?*

A: No. Some of our assisting ministers do cantor also. But we can have both an assisting minister and a cantor separately. If we don't have a cantor, the pastor can speak the words instead of cantoring.

*Q: Why can't the pastor do all the children's messages?*

A: The pastor can gladly do all the children's sermons. But when the children were baptized, the congregation promised to "support them and pray for them in their new life in Christ." It is good for the children to interact with others in the church and to know that we all value them and are there to help them in their faith journey.

*Q: Would I have to write an original children's sermon?*

A: You are welcome to write a message yourself. But the pastor can also provide a resource for a children's message. If you would rather read a book to the children, the pastor can provide that as well.

Do you have more questions? My door is always open. I welcome all who are interested in serving as assisting minister or delivering the children's message. Are you ready to try something new this Lenten season while we worship our Lord and Savior together as one body?

*Pastor Jacque*

*Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ & Love*



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 16.

### Combined Ministry Opportunities

Events at St John's or Redeemer that Immanuel members are invited to participate in:

#### Choir

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at St John's. For more information contact Jessica Hakoda, 785-822-6407.

#### Quilting Group

Gathers on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 am at St John's. For more information contact Marty Ryan, 785-827-4282.

#### Women's Bible Study

Meets Thursdays, March 9 & 30 at 1:00pm to study the Ten Commandments. For more information, contact Anna Prockish (Redeemer), call/text 785-212-0685 or email aprock7778@gmail.com.

### Congregation Council Action January 2023:

No new action taken.

Two voting members (male & female) are needed for the Synod Assembly June 3, 2023. The Assembly will be by Zoom.

**THANK YOU!!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped deliver Valentine flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud. Your generosity helped raise \$1,069 for our youth ministry!



Worship is a vital part of our ministry! Please consider the ways you can share your gifts in worship.

Greeter ~ Welcomes worshippers.

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

iPad ~ Starts and ends the Facebook livestream.

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 treats 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 any of these opportunities, please contact Pastor Jacque.

### Online Giving Now Available!

Immanuel is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings.

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

To get started, visit the church website at [www.immanuelasalina.org](http://www.immanuelasalina.org), locate the "Donate Now" tab, and click the "Donate" button.

You may also scan this QR code with your cell phone and you will be taken directly to our giving site.



The first time you give, you may select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!

## Sunday, March 5

### 10:15 am Congregational Meeting

All are welcome to this celebration of our 2022 ministries!



A shortened worship service begins at 9:30 am with the meeting immediately following.  
*Forty (40) voting members are needed to approve the year-end reports, so please attend!*



### Stay after the meeting for the Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Bring your favorite chili recipe to the competition or just come to taste and vote.  
Sign-up sheet for chili entries is in the narthex.



### Midweek Lenten Worship

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

**The Book of Job:**

**Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!**

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we will explore this book about suffering and loss and learn how to apply its lessons to our lives. We all suffer, personally and privately. We need the book of Job to help guide us through life's dark valleys.

**Midweek Lenten offering** will be given to St John's Blessing Box. A special basket will be in the narthex for these donations. Offerings may also be marked "Blessing Box" and mailed to the church.

### Summer Camp at Tomah Shinga

**Registration is open!**

[camptomahshinga.com](http://camptomahshinga.com)

Immanuel pays half of the Early Bird cost for our students to attend camp. Early Bird registration ends April 1, 2023.



**summer  
camp**

*PLEASE let Mindy know if you:*

- register for camp (so the church can pay its share).
- need additional financial assistance.
- are a current 6th or 7th grader who should attend **Confirmation Camp June 18-23.**

### Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to [office@immanuelsalina.org](mailto:office@immanuelsalina.org)

Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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### Wednesday, March 1

5:30-7:30 pm

**"I am the Good Shepherd"**

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.

### Confirmation Class

**Friday, March 10**

Students meet 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.



### March 12 \* Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins

Don't forget to set your clock ahead 1 hour on Saturday night!

**Tuesday, March 14**

**1:30 pm**

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

Join us for our monthly meeting and Bible study.



### Altar Guild

**Wednesday, March 15 at 5:15 pm**

Monthly meeting

**6th-12th graders:** Watch for more info from Mindy about an event during Spring Break!

Potted Tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. **Orders are due March 27.** The cost is \$14 each. You may pick up your tulips after worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. They must be picked up no later than April 16. Please use the enclosed Order Form to purchase your tulips.



## March Worship Volunteers as of 02/23/2023

	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>March 19</b>	<b>March 26</b>
<b>Greeter</b>		Tom Davis		
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Davis			
<b>iPad</b>				
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Greenemeyer	Tom Davis	Gus Diehl	Ty Tillberg
<b>Cantor</b>				
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Henry Diehl			
<b>Lector</b>	Monica Davis	Karen Olson	Kathy Herron	Janet Ireton
<b>Children's Sermon</b>				
<b>Communion Assistant</b>				
<b>Altar Guild Set-up</b>	Connie Beisner	JoAnn Srna & Norma Hodge		
<b>Altar Guild Clean-up</b>	Diana Looney	JoAnn Srna & Norma Hodge		
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Chili Cook-Off		Herron's	

## April Worship Volunteers as of 02/23/2023

	<b>April 2</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>April 9</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>April 30</b>
<b>Greeter</b>		Tom Davis			
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